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"I never knew an appeal to them for honour, courage or loyalty, that they did not more than realise my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England, they will be found the Country's Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St Vincent.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.



Private, 1664

EDITORIAL.

1922.—A RETROSPECT.

A year which sees the strength of the Corps reduced to below 10,000, a number which we should imagine is the lowest in the recollection of any living member, serving or retired, can hardly be one of very cheerful memories. We hear rumours also of still further reductions in the ensuing year, but we understand that throughout the whole history of the Corps it has always been a case of reductions in strength at the end of every war and the greater the war, the more wholesale the reductions so we may venture to hope that the tide will soon turn and that then we may gradually return to the high-water mark numbers of pre-war years. While on this subject we think it would be of great interest to our readers if we could publish a graph of the strength of the Corps at the various periods of its history; the records are presumably to be found at the R.M.O., and if one of our hard-worked Staff could find time to make one out and send it to us we should have much pleasure in publishing it.

Despite the reduction in numbers we are proud to say that the Corps has fully held its own in the various branches of sport in which it competes with the other Services.

In Shooting at the Bisley Meeting we won the United Service Cup for the first time for some years. A retired member of the Corps, Mr. J. R. King (late Armourer-Sergt. R.M.A.), tied for the King's Prize and was only beaten by one point in the shoot off. The Bargrave Deane Challenge Shield was won by Portsmouth Division, the Steward Cup by the Depot, the Mappin Cup by the R.M.A. and the Watts Bowl by the Chatham Cadets. Later in the year the same Cadets won the King's Shield for the second year in succession.

At the Royal Tournament the R.M.A. carried all before them in the Team Competitions, winning the two Tug-of-Wars, the Bayonet Combat Team and the Field Guns Crews Competition.

At Football the R.M.A. won the Navy Cup (Association) after a strenuous fight and replay with the Plymouth Division.

At Cricket we ran a Corps Team for the first time for very many years; two matches were played one against the Eastern Command on the Depot ground and one against the I.Z. at Chatham, both of which were won after most pleasant games.

This is only a very brief summary of the principal events and we must apologise for any sins of omission that we may have incidentally committed. The only other outstanding event of interest was the despatch of the 11th R.M. Battalion at not more than a week's notice to the Near East, where it still remains; at present it does not appear probable that their services will be required for any actual fighting, but, whatever they may have to do, we feel sure that they will worthily uphold the credit of the Corps, and we take this opportunity of wishing them all a happy New Year and a speedy return to the Old Country.

"UNDER TWO FLAGS"—AND A PENDANT.

By "Bartimeus."

I.

They were two Naval Signal Flags. In repose they occupied docketted compartments in a wrought iron flag locker on the starboard side of the Light Cruiser's lower bridge with the remainder of the alphabet, numerical flags, and pendants of all significations. Their bald interpretation would not interest you. Individually one was a number; the other a letter of the alphabet. Collectively—that is to say flying together at the mast head with a Compass Pendant between—they meant a great deal. They spelt a message that the Navy had been waiting for through a good many arduous years:—

"The enemy is in sight, bearing North."

It was a grey still afternoon 'somewhere in the North Sea' when the two flags, with their hand-maiden the Compass Pendant, made History. The Light Cruiser onboard which they lived was one of a scouting force moving swiftly from the southwest. The sea was a vast grey disc beneath a lowering sky, and one of those rare, treacherous periods of clear visibility held sea and sky and the faculties of the watching men like a tense spell. The Chief Yeoman who had been staring ahead steadied his glass against the bridge rail, and stiffened motionless as a hewn statue. No word passed: but as a tremor of the aether had communicated some soundless message to the bridge, glasses and telescopes masked one by one the wind-puckered, tired eyes behind him. Ten seconds . . . twenty seconds passed. The yeoman turned his head, glanced at the Flag-Lieutenant, and resumed his motionless scrutiny of the horizon.

Somewhere a voice said ungrammatically, out of the hissing of exhausts and hum of wind through the aerials, "That's them!" The Admiral nodded at the Flag-Lieutenant and the Captain bending over the azimuth mirror put out a gauntletted hand and patted the Navigator's shoulder.

The Flag-Lieutenant leaned over the rail, jerked out a cryptic sentence to the lower bridge, and a Leading Signalman, with the stalk of a match between his teeth and a gas mask hanging round his neck like the muzzle of a truant terrier, leaped at the flaglocker. One end of the masthead halliards was in his hand: with the other he snatched at the brass clip dangling at the edge of the pigeon-hole where the first flag lay, cunningly rolled into a little bolster. Snick! The halliard was clipped to the tack of the flag. "Compass! quick!" a mate snapped the pendant to its links, a third joined the lowest clip to the other end of the halliard. "Right!" he yelped, and before the word was past his teeth the flags were jerked from their retreat, unfurling as they came. "Hoist!" For a second the billows of soft bunting swirled about the narrow confines of the bridge. They leaped past the men's faces, bellied against stanchions and shrouds, soared skyward untrammelled, rigid as painted tin in the wind of the ship's passage, vivid against the grey Northern sky . . . .

The exhausts carried up from below the jarring of the telegraph gong calling for full speed. The enemy was in sight. His smoke was creeping, infinitely faint above the horizon, in an orderly array of tiny plumes.

The rest was an affair of a few hours as we see things now, or, as they may appear later, a thousand years. Anyhow you probably know all about those ensuing hours that Victory crowned. They concerned battle and sudden—very sudden death, things we want to forget for a little while. I have only referred to them at all because I had to show how the Two Flags did their bit.

II.

The Post War Disposition of the Fleet found the Light Cruiser on a very distant foreign station. The Two Flags, patched up in places and darned, but still serviceable, went with her, as did the Admiral and his Flag-Lieutenant.

Now the station was a wide one, but the multiple gearing of the Empire's Foreign Policy worked in such wise that the Light Cruiser remained continuously for the space of nearly two months at the principal of what we will call the Hither Islands.

Much can happen in two months. To the officers and men of that Light Cruiser, going through (although they did not know it) that inevitable reaction which is the bye-product of war, much that was unforeseen did happen. *Inter alia*, as lawyers say, the Flag-Lieutenant fell in love with the Governor's daughter.

The stages by which he found himself in this phenominal state need not be enumerated. She was slim and dark-eyed with a delicate profile and a very perfect mouth. Two moonlight picnics—her eyes in the aforesaid moonlight certainly held witchery enough to do the trick unaided—and sundry rides along mountain bridle paths scented with tropic foliage and eloquent with the trickle of unseen streams, may be regarded as contributing factors to an end which filled him with a kind of awed elation.

He was a self contained young man, however, not given to wearing his heart on his sleeve. The maiden may have betrayed some responsiveness, some change of colour, a pensiveness apart. But between the pair of them they did no more than arouse a vague suspicion in the bosom of the Governor's wife.

Had it been more than vague suspicion, the next mail-steamer for England would have included the damsel amongst its list of passengers, weeping it may be, but safe from entanglement with a penurious Naval Officer.

By the rules of story-telling this Governor's wife should have been a Dragon in appearance, large, of a commanding presence, condescending on the world through lorgnettes that missed nothing. In point of fact she was a little white haired lady of gentle mien: only in the droop of an eyelid—a fractional straightening of the line of the upper lid—and in the manner her mouth closed on a decree, could you divine her iron will and unalterable obstinacy. The Flag-Lieutenant was not versed in such portents and it happened that her iron will willed her daughter to marry the Colonial Secretary. He was a youngish man, prematurely bald, who had already held two Acting Governorships with distinction. He had a future that was rumoured to soar to Vice-Regal possibilities and a certain humility of manner that doubtless added to his desirability as a son-in-law in her eyes.

Fortunately for her peace of mind the Colonial Secretary was entirely at one with her in this ambition. As far as his rather academic manner permitted he showed every sign of being hopelessly enamoured. Opportunities to press his suit fell about him like leaves in autumn. That he failed to secure the consummate moment in which to declare the state of his feelings can only be ascribed to the Diana-like elusiveness with which maidens, under like circumstances, can avoid the inevitable. This is a great mystery and for no masculine pen to attempt in detail. Suffice it that the Governor's daughter and the Flag-Lieutenant exulted in secret and exquisite melancholy over their undeclared mutual love: the Colonial Secretary redoubled his attentions to the Governor's wife and smoked more that is good for a man of sedentary habits. The The Governor's wife played the part of Duenna with unrelaxed vigilance whenever the Flag-Lieutenant was in the neighbourhood. The Governor, a genial man of the world whose one wish was the happiness of his little girl, continued, as was his custom, to see much and say little. That is if you except the throaty chuckles he exchanged over the second glass of port with the Admiral after dinner one night at Government House. The Admiral returned to his Flagship and the following morning decreed it was high time the Light Cruiser gave a Small Dance. And all this time, if you will believe me, not one word of what was so plainly uppermost in the minds of all these participators in the drama, was spoken aloud.

III

The task of decorating the quarter deck and its environs on the eve of a dance onboard a man-of-war falls to the lot of the signal department. Accordingly in the first dog watch, after tea, the Chief Yeoman summoned his satellites and detailed them for their tasks; two he selected for the more delicate business of arranging sitting-out places. These he addressed in person.

"Now, Nicholls," quoth he to the leader of the pair, a Leading Signalman, "when I says 'carry on an' rig huggin' hutches, I means you to construct places where officers can take ladies without risk of offence. Last dance the officers gave, the Flag-Lootenant got onto me an' made out that the starboard battery looked like a perishin' *Yoshiwara*. We don t want no ladies singin' out 'Honi soit' an' all that. What we wants aboard this ship is Taste."

Mr. Nicholls disclaimed the slightest intention of provoking protest on the part of ladies. At Hoxton, where his home was, he attended subscription dances nightly when on leave-functions of the highest refinement. If it was Taste the Chief Yeoman wanted, he, Leading Signalman Nicholls, was the man to display it. He and his assistant departed aft with their arms full of multi-coloured bunting and the acolyte, and Ordinary Signalman who had never been to a dance of any sort, was given to understand that at these Hoxton affairs, so acute was the refinement that no one even dreamed of sitting out.

"One more an' then we've finished," said the Leading Signalman an hour later, surveying the work of his hands. "How many more flags is there?" His assistant examined the small heap of bunting remaining on the deck.

"Two," he replied. "Two Flags, an' the Compass Pendant."

The Leading Signalman eyed them thoughtfully and glanced along the battery for further possibilities. "There's room abaft the torpedo tubes—'tween them an' the H.A. gun. "Give us one of them flags an the twine . . . . ."

Five minutes later the Two Flags hung down on either side of a snug recess, and, meeting overhead, were fastened to the battery awning by deft hitches of sailmaker's twine secured from clip to clip. In the rear of the alcove, that the destiny of all three might be fulfilled, the Compass Pendant was draped. The result was a clever colour scheme of red, white and blue.

"How's that for Taste?" demanded the Leading Signalman.

The Ordinary Signalman opined that it left nothing to be desired, or words to that effect.

Precisely six hours later the Flag-Lieutenant and the Governor's daughter occupied the shadowy alcove. His arm was about her waist and her head rested in the hollow of his shoulder so comfortably that it seemed to both as if that hollow had been fashioned for no other end.

Which, of course, is nonsense.

The light from a Japanese lantern shone fully on his aiguillettes and showed her dark eyes to be unfathomed pools of happiness.

"It's all so wonderful," she breathed, "isn't it? When did you first—?"

"Right from the beginning. How could I help it? And you're the first, darling—the very first . . . . . "

She lifted a warm ungloved hand and stroked his cheek half timidly. "Mother is going home to England next week. She is taking Stella to school. *Then* we can tell father and publish our engagement."

The Flag-Lieutenant took a valiant breath. "But why wait? Why shouldn't we go along now and find your Mother? I'll tell her."

She shivered. "No-oh, no, you mustn't. She'd take me home too. Then I shouldn't see you again for years and years."

The bare thought of such a catastrophe sent a shudder through the Flag-Lieutenant's frame. He put his other arm about her and drew her close to him. She raised her perfect mouth . . . . .

It was at this moment that the Governor's wife set off on the arm of the Colonial Secretary to look for her daughter. She had found that worthy man sunk in depths of gloom not altogether unjustifiable. Two of his dances had been cut by the Governor's daughter.

"I think, nay, I am certain," he bloated, "that I saw her pass under that Japanese lantern over there, quite twenty minutes ago." He indicated the entrance to the Flag-Lieutenant's lair.

"Then let us go and see what she is doing" commanded the Governor's wife.

Now miracles, as of course you know, are always easily explained—being in fact brought about by the operation of one or more of the Laws of Nature. It will therefore be plain that when a sudden gust of wind bellied the battery awning with a jerk, the strain on

the sailmaker's twine securing the clips on the Two Flags, was too much for it, and it snapped. The brass clips, released from support, fell, obedient to the Law of Gravity, with some force, one on the back of the Flag-Lieutenant's head, the other on the bare shoulder of the Governor's daughter. The Two Flags, also in obedience to the same law, followed suit and draped themselves about the startled lovers. The Flag-Lieutenant released the Governor's daughter and sprang to his feet. The damsel, after one affrighted squeak, sat upright and patted some slight disarrangement of her hair.

The Flag-Lieutenant attempted to restore the Two Flags to their former position and in so doing his eye fell upon their joint significance.

" Jove ! " he murmured, " that's rum ! "

" What ? " enquired his companion, turning in her chair.

" Well, these Two Flags overhead and that Pendant at the back—" he indicated the swaying Compass Pendant—mean ' The Enemy is in sight, bearing North ! '

" Fancy," replied the maiden rather absently. It is conceivable that her mind was occupied with other matters, but, womanlike, she tried to sustain interest in what interested her beloved. " I wonder in what direction the North is ? "

" Over there," said her swain and turning to indicate it, with the Seaman's unfailing sense of the Cardinal points, found his outstretched finger pointing at the Governor's wife and the Colonial Secretary.

" Well, Mother dear," said the former's daughter, smiling calmly and a little reproachfully, " we were just coming to look for you both. The Flag-Lieutenant has been so interesting, telling me all about the meanings of the Flags . . . . . Mr. Deering—" she smiled bewilderingly on the Colonial Secretary—" *surely* this is our dance ? " And swept away on the eagerly proffered arm.

Ten days later the engagement of the Flag-Lieutenant to the Governor's daughter was announced, no man (or woman) saying them nay. A year later they were married, and consequently cease to be interesting to anyone but each other.

The Two Flags and the Compass Pendant went the way of all bunting and in due course were condemned as being unfit for further service (Fair Wear and Tear). One was turned over, in fragments, to Captains of Guns in need of cleaning rags. The other Flag, together with the Compass Pendant, survived a little longer and were then disposed of at a Dockyard sale, to a rag merchant who ultimately sold them to a pulp factory to turn into blotting paper.

I don't know what happened to the blotting paper or the cleaning rags. I comfort myself with the reflection that they still remain matter, and that matter is indestructible.

" CABBAGE."

One is driven at times to wonder if the individuals whose lot it is to administer Government Stores, etc., do not become *dehumanised*, at any rate while performing their possibly tiresome duties.

Our torpedo Lieutenant had occasion recently to demand some " small padlocks " for a certain purpose, the demand was referred back " not understood," he sought a personal interview in the Dockyard, and then discovered that " locks-pad " were the only articles of this kind known !

Another Officer preferred a travelling claim which included Porter, 6d. ; Cab, 2/6, this was referred back with the suggestion that if " porterage " was substituted for " porter " the claims might be considered. In order to be on the safe side both words were duly amended and the claim returned reading " Porterage, 6d." ; " Cabbage, 2/6 ! ! " J.M.S.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The only news received of the 11th R.M. (Medn.) Battalion since our last issue is as follows :—

1ST NOV.—Ch. Pte. A. King, buried at Crimean Cemetery, Haidar Pasha.

2ND NOV.—No. 2 and 4 Companies proceeded to Asiatic side and took over line from 3rd Coldstream Guards.

6TH NOV.—2 officers and about 120 men R.M.A. left to join Naval Heavy Batteries under Major Tripp.

11th NOV.—General Armistice Day Parade. Weather wet and cold

17TH NOV.—Major Bamford returned from Inter-Allied Mission at Adrianople.

22ND NOV.—Heavy blizzard.

1ST. DEC.—Returned to Constantinople and relieved 3rd Coldstream Guards. Another M. G. Section has been formed and so completed the Platoon. M.G. Section, R.M.A. remain with the Battalion ; remainder of the Company are with the Batteries in Gallipoli, where they are working with Heavy Artillery Groups.

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The half-yearly report of the R.N. and R.M. Sports Control Board shows that in the six months ended on Oct. 31st, £729 was awarded in grants to associations and commands, ranging from £200 to Portland Depot, to £5 to the gunboat flotilla on the Rhine ; £240 was advanced as a loan to Portland for two hard tennis courts ; and £392 was devoted to ' welfare services." Work is proceeding on the big United Services' recreation scheme at Chatham, which provides for some eleven playing pitches. A number of lawn tennis courts have been provided for members of the lower deck under this scheme, and have proved immensely popular. The subscriptions received from playing members have just been sufficient to run the courts. At Rosyth, the men's recreation grounds and the canteen erected thereon have been closed down and the local sports committee disbanded.

On foreign stations, the Board is also affording assistance whenever possible, and recreation grounds are being, or about to be, reconditioned at Gibraltar, Bermuda, and elsewhere. The lack of facilities on the East Indies Station is receiving special consideration ; and £500 has been sent to the S.N.O. on the Yangtse River for the crews of the gunboats to be given recreational facilities.

The Sports Control Board assisted the battle-cruiser squadron to uphold the prestige of the Navy in the international sports at Rio on its recent visit for the Brazilian Centenary, and the successes were greater even than were anticipated, the squadron winning the cup offered to the champion nation at athletics. The work of the Board is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions.

Our hearty congratulations to Lieut.-Col. the Right Hon. Leslie Wilson, C.M.G., D.S.O., for winning the Bye-Election for Portsmouth (South) Division recently by an overwhelming majority, thus enabling him to return to the House of Commons to resume his duties of Government Chief Whip.

Our best thanks are due to that distinguished author "Bartimeus" for his great kindness in contributing a short story to the paper this month. This is his first appearance in our columns and we hope that it will not be the last.

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The re-entry of men in the Royal Marines discharged under the reduction orders of last spring was suspended recently, but has again been opened, with certain restrictions. Men of good character under 25 years of age, with former naval or Marine service, discharged under Admiralty order 1359, may only be entered in the lowest rating of classes for which recruiting is at present open on the understanding that previous service would not count for seniority, pay, or pension.

Men discharged from the Royal Marines under the same order re-enlisting in any branch of the corps are to be similarly treated, except that the limit of age will be under 27. These are the only conditions under which men so discharged can be accepted for re-entry or re-enlistment. They would retain their gratuities.

New standards for recruits for the Royal Marines Artillery and Light Infantry came into force on Wednesday, the height varying from 5ft. 5½in. for age 17 (R.M.L.I.) to 5ft. 7½in. for over 20 (R.M.A.).

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It has been decided with the approval of H.M. the King, that Service Chevrons, Wound Stripes and Silver War Badges for Services Rendered are no longer to be worn in uniform.

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Their Lordships have approved that the senior Artificer in the Gun Drill Batteries at each R.M. Division should be granted the rank of Armourer Sergeant with the pay of that rank as follows:—

On appointment as Armourer Sergt.	10s. 0d. per diem
After 3 years	10s. 6d. per diem
After 5 years as Armourer Sergt., with 10 years total service (Armourer Qr.-Mr.-Sergt.)	10s. 6d. per diem

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Commissioned Officers appointed to the R.M. Police will now receive a consolidated salary of £600 per annum, to which service accommodation or allowance in lieu will be in addition; retired pay will not be payable during the tenure of their appointment in the Force.

UNVEILING & DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL TABLET.

On Sunday 17th December, 1922, a very impressive ceremony was carried out in St. Michael and All Angels' Church at the Depot, R.M., when a Memorial Table was unveiled and dedicated to those who gave their lives while serving with the 8th Battalion, Royal Marines in Ireland from 1919-1922.

This Memorial is somewhat different to the many which have been unveiled throughout the country during the past two or three years in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War. In as much that these Royal Marines laid down their lives, not fighting a common foe, a foreign enemy, but were killed by our own countrymen whilst preserving the law in Ireland. These men added lustre to their gallant Corps in steadfastly carrying out their duty in a land where they knew not who their enemy were nor whence they came.

The ordinary morning service was held, with the Matins taken as far as the third Collect, when Hymn 221 "Let Saints on Earth in concert sing" was sung, during which Rev. J. W. Evans, R.N. Junior Claplain of the Depot followed by Venerable Archdeacon C. W. C. Ingles, D.D. (Chaplain of the Fleet); Major General H. E. Blumberg, C.B., (Adjutant General Royal Marines) Colonel Commandant H. D. Farquharson, C.M.G. Colonel L. W. Miller and Lieut.-Colonel, F. E. B. C. Chicester (Commanding Officers late 8th Battalion, Royal Marines), proceeded to the Memorial erected on the East wall near the S.E. Entrance of the Church. On the conclusion of this Hymn, Major General H. E. Blumberg, C.B., unveiled the memorial in these words: "To the Glory of God and in Memory of R.M. Gunner Cameron, R.M.L.I.; Gunners B. Francis, W. Parker, P. V. Starling, R.M.A., Corporals C. B. Yates, W. J. Wilkie, E. Williams, Privates H. Chandler, J. R. Bolton, R. J. Muir, W. Entwistle, R. Murch, L. S. Robson, E. A. Whyman, who gave their lives at the call of duty while serving the 8th Battalion, R.M., in Ireland, I unveil this Memorial Tablet." The "Last Post" was then sounded by the Buglers of the Depot on the Silver Memorial Bugles. The Venerable Archdeacon C. W. C. Ingles, D.D. (Chaplain of the Fleet), then dedicated the Memorial. The congregation remained standing while the concluding prayers were offered. Three verses of Hymn 437 "For all the Saints who from their labours rest," were sung, after which "The Reveille" was sounded by the Buglers. Colonel Commandant H. D. Farquharson, C.M.G. and Colonel L. W. Miller placed wreaths at the foot of the Memorial, which concluded this ceremony. The remainder of the Morning Service was then concluded. The Venerable Archdeacon Ingles D.D., preached a very eloquent sermon during which the men of the Corps were exhorted to maintain the grand traditions of the Royal Marines, and were inspired to be good soldiers of Christ as well as of our earthly King.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS AT THE DEPOT

Some very excellent Amateur Theatricals were given by The Officers' Dramatic Club in the Depot Theatre on Nov. 30th, December 1st. and 2nd.

These were the last to be given under the very able stage management of Major Hickson, who has now left the Depot on giving up his appointment of Brigade Major and, though we have been fortunate enough to see most of the theatrical entertainments which he has produced there, these were undoubtedly the most successful.

The piece staged was "*Mr. Pim Passes By*" by *A. A. Milne* and the Caste was as follows:—

Characters (in order of appearance).

Anne...	Miss J. Finlaison
Carraway Pim	Major K. O'Callaghan
Dinah (George's Niece) ...	Miss D. Farquharson
Brian Strange	Capt. A. B. Alcock, D.S.O.
George Marden, J.P.	Major G. R. S. Hickson, C.B.E.
Olivia (His Wife)	Miss Quill
Lady Marden (His Aunt)	Mrs. G. R. S. Hickson

We do not propose to give any detailed criticism of the various players; most of the principal parts were entrusted to such skilful players as Miss Quill, Major and Mrs. Hickson, Major O'Callaghan and Capt. Alcock, who from their varied experiences in many of Major Hickson's former productions can always be depended upon for a most finished performance of any part portrayed by them. Suffice it to say that on this occasion they all surpassed themselves but we hope that we shall not be accused of invidious distinction if we do pick out for special mention, Miss Farquharson who took the part of Dinah. She had had very little previous stage experience and as many of our readers know inherits the somewhat shy and nervous disposition of her distinguished father, but she quite surprised and electrified the audience by enacting the part of the naturally vivacious and flirtatious ingenue as if to the manner born and we offer her our hearty congratulations on a most successful debut.

Miss Finlaison had little to do in the part of the maid except to look very chic and charming which she had no difficulty in doing.

After the performance on the last night the Company and many of the audience adjourned to the Officer's Mess for light refreshments and Major Hickson was presented with a silver rose-bowl in commemoration and appreciation of his valued services as Stage Manager on so many occasions.

The proceeds of the performances £50 2s. 5d. have been allocated as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Theatre Fund	17	12	5
Depot Cadet Corps	10	0	0
Depot Girl Guides	7	10	0
Depot Brownies	7	10	0
Mayor of Deal's Soup Kitchen	7	10	0

"BRITAIN S SEA SOLDIERS"

The first of the 20 parts of "Britain s Sea Soldiers" is now well in hand for issue in January.

Although a month may elapse between the earlier parts, it is intended to lessen the periods as production progresses.

The Committee desire to express their grateful thanks for the most generous, prompt and general aid given by the Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., who have already sent

£100 from the Canteen
£25 ,, Sergeants Mess
£90 ,, Officers Library Fund
£20 ,, Recreation Room Fund

in addition to the many personal subscriptions for copies.

The Fund has now received £900 out of the estimated £2,000; and will be especially grateful for EARLY aid, given to lessen the continuous strenuous effort now falling on the few working to get things done.

Also, will everyone who has valuable or interesting material in connection with the Corps up to 1914, please communicate direct with

Colonel C. Field, R.M.L.I.,
The Gate House, Gateacre, Liverpool.

to verify and ensure that it has not been overlooked.

HUGH D. C. O'SULLIVAN,
Lt.-Col., R.M.L.I.
Chairman.

Depot, R.M.
18/12/22.

EXPERIENCES OF A BRITISH CONSUL IN SMYRNA.

The following extracts from an article "A Consul in the Making" in the December number of Blackwood's Magazine is printed by kind permission of the Author, Mr. A. C. Wratislaw, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E. and the publishers.

The first occupant of the new prison in Smyrna was a British Marine, not in the capacity of captive, but as an honoured guest. The Levant squadron was in port at the time, and one afternoon I received a call from two Royal Marine Artillerymen who had a request to make. They said that their pal, whom they had left downstairs, was grievously overcome by liquor, and would I allow him to sleep it off in one of my nice new cells until it was time to catch the leave boat and return on board? After inspecting the patient, I ventured to express a doubt whether it were humanly possible for one in so helpless a condition to recover and walk down to the quay at 5.30, it then being a little after three. One of the men drew himself proudly up and rebuked my lack of faith with the words, "Sir, he's not a Blue Marines if he can't!" And the event fully justified this superb confidence in a famous corps. This was not the only time that our prison served a similar beneficent purpose.

Smyrna was one of the places at which general leave was given, and then the town became excessively alive with several thousand bluejackets on the spree. Of course there were always a certain number of drunks; indeed the wonder is there were not many more, considering the vile quality of the liquor sold to our unfortunate men for a shilling a bottle, just bad alcohol with a little colouring matter and labelled "Rum" I played an unwilling part in one such incident. One day, while seated in my office, a Turkish police officer burst in on me with a lack of ceremony which indicated a serious emergency. "Come, Consolos Bey, come quickly. The British soldiers are massacring the population." It was hardly any business of mine if they were, but like an idiot I left my legitimate occupations and accompanied him. He led me at the double to a shabby pub on the quay, whence arose the sound of British oaths and the shattering of glasses. A crowd was gathered round the entrance in pleased expectancy, but it scuttled hastily away as six or seven local civilians came tumbling out, behind them in pursuit one small Marine, capless, beltless, and with the flush of alcohol and indignation on his face. The last of the fugitives was an elderly man and lame, who could not keep up with the others, and to him Her Majesty's Jolly shouted "Don't run, you old fool. I'm a British Marine, and I wouldn't hit an old man. But," as he caught sight of me, "here's a young 'un." And with that he doubled his fists, and advanced on me in an attitude of deadly menace. Here was a pretty predicament. My left hand had been accidentally injured lately, and was bound up. The way of retreat was barred by the spectators, who had reassembled at the delightful and unwonted prospect of a Consul in a tight place, while the policeman had prudently disappeared after leading me into it. An advantage of two or three inches in height over my prospective adversary was much more than counterbalanced by a

game-hand, and there seemed nothing before me but ignominious defeat, when another Marine forced his way through the crowd, and seizing the warrior in his arms, carried him off kicking and protesting. But it was a near thing. A couple of days afterwards I happened to be standing alone by the gangway of one of the ships of war when a smart-looking Marine sidled up to me and whispered, " I am very grateful to you, sir, for not reporting that little incident on the quay. I was that boozed that I can remember nothing about it, but they tell me I behaved something horrid." It was my enemy, though I hardly recognised him.

AN INSURANCE KIT.

The *Queen's Own Gazette* prints the following amusing article on insurance :—

As we are anxious to be up-to-date, and are full of concern lest any of our readers should be out of pocket as a result of any accident, we are THINKING of instituting a Free Insurance Scheme on the following lines :—

£5,000 if the reader is killed by an accident (1) When riding on duty or for pleasure in a troop train, troop ship, motor lorry, Ford van, Quartermaster's handcart, or wheelbarrow. (2) When on coal fatigue.

£500 per annum (or the Q.O.G. for life) if the reader is rendered totally incapable of doing any work as a result of any of the accidents mentioned above.

£1,000 if the reader is killed by an accident whilst on a route march, C.O.'s parade, Adjutant's parade, R.S.M.'s parade, or on any rifle range, when bayonet fighting, when on early morning parade, or whilst scrubbing canvas.

£50 a week for not more than ten consecutive weeks (or six days' leave, in Southern Ireland) if such accident prevents the reader from following his usual vocation.

£500 if the reader is killed by an accident whilst playing football, cricket (except on the Depot ground), hockey, handball, billiards, shove-half-penny, " house," or " O'Grady says."

£10 a week for six weeks (or a coffee-bar supper) if such accident prevents the reader going on pass.

£100 if the reader is killed by an accident whilst in his Mess, Barrack room, office, cook-house, gymnasium, recreation room, dining-hall, bath room, or a guard detention room.

£5 a week for three weeks (or a copy of Infantry Training) if such accident renders the reader unable to proceed to the Canteen (wet).

£50 for every occasion on which a soldier, by reason of being detailed for duty, is unable to leave Barracks to take his girl to the pictures, pop the question, get married, get buried, or get his hair cut.

£5 a day (or 14 days' detention) for every day spent by the reader on guard, fatigue, in hospital, on C.B., or in detention, or for every day for which pay is forfeited for absence.

£5 (or three rounds with Jack Dempsey) for every stoppage of pay, for losses of public and personal clothing and necessaries, Barrack damages, or fines for drunkenness.

PROVIDED (and this is where the catch comes in) : (1) We have enough money to pay. (2) The accident takes place within 500 yards of the R.A.T.A. room. (3) Death or disablement is notified to the Editor within five minutes of the accident, to enable him to visit the scene of the tragedy and write a full account for the Q.O.G. (4) Where an alternative payment or award is offered the lesser one must be accepted. (5) No sum shall be payable for any accident (whether fatal or not) due to or consequent upon the eating of coffee-bar sausages, over consumption of minerals, blowing wind instruments, swallowing artificial dentures, breaking into or out of Barracks, failure to have " gun-fire " tea or cocoa, failure to wear a body belt in hot climates, volunteering to do coal fatigues, or any other duty, answering back the Sergeant-Major, or foot and mouth disease. (6) Every claimant must be able to prove to the satisfaction of the Editor that he actually paid for his copy of the current number of the Q.O.G., and did not pinch his pal's for the purpose of getting killed or injured. (7) If the accident occurs whilst on active service, that the death or disablement is not due to, or consequent upon any shell, bullet, bayonet or bomb (hand, rifle, mortar, or aeroplane), tank, gas (cloud or shell), either hostile or friendly, or sheer fright.

WHO'S WHO IN THE R.M.O.C.A. (London).

THE President, Lieut.-Col. W. P. Drury, C.B.E., R.M.L.I.

Should you ask any one member of the Royal Marines Old Comrades Association to whom it owes its popularity, its long life and its undoubted standing he will surely answer you " The President " and of course he would be quite right.

Col. Drury's magnetic personality, his charm, his lively interest in the affairs of the Association makes him revered by all.

The President joined the Corps in 1880 and after varied services up and down the Seven Seas was invalided in 1901.

Col. Drury's claim to fame is based not only on his services as an officer of the Corps but also as an author, playwright and poet of the first water, his books and plays are well known to us all, many happy hours has the present writer spent with the former.

Col. Drury became President of the R.M.O.C.A. on its formation in 1908 and has remained President ever since and indeed it is the ardent wish of everyone that he will remain so *in perpetuo*.

Col. Drury was Chief Organiser of the National Service League of which Field Marshal Earl Roberts (" Bobs ") was President. The President rejoined the Corps on the outbreak of war in 1914 and was on the Intelligence Staff of both the Commander-in-Chief Devonport and the G.O.C. ; no doubt Col. Drury could unfold an interesting story about his war experiences but up to the present so many people are writing to tell everyone else how the war should have been fought that Col. Drury probably thinks a soothsayer like himself would hardly get a hearing !

C. J. MOYNIHAN

Next Month : Mr. W. H. Grant, Vice-President.

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WINNERS OF ROYAL MARINES CUTTERS RACE.

1st Battle Squadron Regatta, Loch Ewe, 18-19th October, 1922.



BACK ROW—Gr. Cotterell. Gr. Alexander. Gr. Trodd. Gr. Hanson. Pte. Hill. Gr. Lloyd.
SECOND ROW—Gr. Hocking. Clr.-Sergt. Hiscock, R.M.L.I. Lieut. Robertson, R.M.A. Capt. Law, D.S.C., R.M.L.I. Lieut. O. C. Jones, R.M.L.I. Gr. Snape.
FRONT ROW—Gr. Wakely. Gr. Bassett. Sergt. Gordon, R.M.L.I. Pte. Burke. Pte. Thacker.

FLEET NOTES.

H.M.S. *Lowestoft,"*

AFRICA STATION.

Since our return from an all too short cruise up the East Coast, the ships of the Squadron have been together and the ammunition allowance worked off, a short period of frightfulness in the Gunnery line has set in. While the experts were taking breath and analysing the results, the majority of us took the opportunity of working up for the pulling regatta, the disgusted carpenter ratings watching with anxiety our lighthearted efforts to break up the boats and oars.

So as not entirely to degenerate into " Wet Bobs," we had a tactical exercise with the *Dublin's* Detachment up in the hills on November 8th. This entailed a stiff climb of 1500 ft., and manœuvring over some very rough country in the Klaver Valley. The pangs of hunger having been satisfied on the field of battle, the entertainment was concluded with a rifle match between a *Lowestoft* team and the *Dublin's* Marines. The latter won by 19 points, in spite of the fact that the officer conducting the operations (who happened to be on the other side) had taken the precaution to thoroughly shake them up in the forenoon by giving them the heaviest going obtainable in the district.

The scores were low ; but both sides unanimously agreed that this was due to bad conditions.

The results were as follows. Best 8 to count.

Dublin.		Lowestoft.	
Lieut. Smith	81	Major Trench	77
Cpl. Master	75	Surgn.-Lt.-Comdr. Wright	68
Sergt. Emery ...	70	C.P.O. Cockerill ...	64
Pte. Butler	66	P.O. Fyson	79
Pte.. Tull	76	L.S. Fletcher ...	72
Pte. Hillier	78	A.B. Arnold	67
Pte. Glover	76	Sig. Harper	77
Pte. Greenwood ...	64	Tel. Dougherty ...	63
Pte. Spencer ...	52	C.P.O. Westacott ...	58
Pte. Hill	50	Midn. Bassett ...	59
Total	688	Total	684
Best 8 :—	586	Best 8 :—	567

B. F. TRENCH,

20th November, 1922. Major, R.M.L.I.

Morning Post,
24th October, 1922.

ASCENSION ISLAND.

AN UNIQUE NAVAL STATION

(By Our Naval Correspondent.)

The forthcoming transfer of the control of Ascension Island from the Admiralty to the Colonial Office, announced in these columns on Saturday, will mark the disappearance of an unique naval station whose history extends for a period of over a century.

Like Tristan da Cunha, lying some two thousand miles to the southward, Ascension was taken possession of by the British when Napoleon was exiled to St. Helena in 1815. Both islands were furnished with small garrisons, but in 1821 Ascension was turned over to the Admiralty, the garrison then consisting of a company of Marines. The Royal Marines are intimately connected with the history and development of Ascension, as it is men from that renowned corps who have in the main developed the island into its present state. Batteries have been erected, roads made, ground cultivated, a farm established, the harbour developed, and, lastly, the settlement itself has been built by Royal Marines, assisted by Kroomen from West Africa, there being no natives of the island.

From time to time the Admiralty have sent out cattle, sheep, and other live stock, which, under a Marine known as the " farm ranger," have thrived exceedingly, resulting in an ample supply of fresh provisions. The island thus became to be a sanatorium for the crews of ships serving on the West Coast of Africa, which came over to Ascension at intervals to recuperate their ships' companies. The sanatorium itself was established on Green Mountain, known by that name as it is the only green spot on the island, and the healthy sea breezes and fresh food worked wonders.

FEMININE PRECEDENCE.

Viewed from the sea, Ascension Island, which lies seven hundred miles north-west of St. Helena, presents an uninviting and rugged appearance. This ruggedness is due to the large number of cone-shaped hills which are extinct craters, Green Mountain being surrounded by craggy peaks, having between them deep gorges and dark ravines filled with scoria, pumice stone, and other igneous products.

Amidst these unattractive surroundings a small naval colony, comprising some two hundred and fifty souls, has had its existence Three years was the term of service in pre-war days, but this has latterly been reduced to two. Up to within a few years of 1914 the isolation of this colony was almost complete. There was no telegraph cable and no wireless, the only communication with the outer world being the occasional visits of a man-of-war and the regular once a month call by the homeward-bound Union Castle liner from the Cape. The colony had, therefore, perforce to be self-supporting, and had to provide their recreation and amusements amonst themselves. To-day there is telegraph and wireless communication, and a mail steamer calls once a month on both the outward and homeward voyage.

At the present moment the Governor is a major of Marines, but for a considerable period the island was under the command of a captain of the Royal Navy. The routine carried out was strictly naval, and for all intents and purposes the island might have been one of his Majesty's ships. But the presence of officer's wives introduced a novel factor in naval discipline. In so small a community, cut off from the outer world there was much feminine jealousy—it took at least three months to obtain a new hat or gown from England, and consequently a jealous rival was cut out from competition for that period. Wives were apt to claim and assume a commanding position amongst other wives in proportion to their husband's rank. The lot of the commanding officer was not a happy one in this respect, although one bachelor genius ensured peace during his *regime* by laying down the rule that female precedence should be governed by age.

THE HOME OF TURTLES.

The establishment has never been a naval base in the strict sense of the term, but a small supply of fuel is maintained, and in pre-war days minor repairs to engines could be effected. As, however, nowadays ships no longer remain on the West African coast for long periods, and as the small type of war-vessel has disappeared from those waters, there appears no justification for the continuance of Admiralty control over Ascension, though the Lords of the Admiralty may miss the turtles, one of the perquisites of Admiralty control.

Turtles abound on the island, and homeward-bound men-of-war usually carried some live turtles, in a canvas tank, consigned to the Admiralty. Turtle-turning on the beach at moonlight was great sport in the old days, some fifty or more sometimes being secured in one night during the season.

BIRTHS.

Hicks.—At Birkenhead, St. Omer Road, Guildford, on 17th December, Dorothy, wife of Capt. J. S. Hicks, R.M.L.I., of a daughter.

OBITUARY.

Howe.—On 3rd Dec., 1922 at the Tavistock Hospital, James Howe, late Clr.-Sgt., Plymouth Divn., R.M.L.I., aged 58 years.

The late Cr.-Sgt. Jas. Howe (one of 6 brothers all of whom served in the R.M.L.I.), enlisted in the Royal Marines 1878, and was discharged 1903.

Served in Egypt during the Egyptian War, being awarded the Egyptian Medal and Khedive Star. Later awarded the L.S. and G. S. Medal.

Mr. Howe served as Bugle-Major of the Plymouth Division, from 1891 to 1898, vacating this appointment for the Office of Divisional Librarian, which post he held until his retirement in 1903.

At the outbreak of the Great War, he was recalled to the Colours and took up his former post of Librarian, which he held until demobolised in April, 1919.

Settling in Bere Alston after final retirement, Mr. Howe took an active interest in the welfare of the Village, and endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.

His very unexpected death (after less than a week's illness) was a great shock to all who knew him.

The esteem in which he was held was manifested at his funeral which took place at the Village Churchyard, Bere Alston, on the 7th December. The Church was practically filled and the Vicar (the Rev. Sharpe) paid an eloquent tribute to a " Comrade who had been so tragically taken from amongst them." The address of the Vicar was most touching and deeply moved the congregation.

Thanks to the kindness of the Colonel Commandant, Colonel G. J. H. Mullins, C.B., R.M.L.I., and the volunteers from the Sergeants' Mess, our old Comrade was borne to his last resting place by members of his Old Corps. The " Last Post " was sounded by a Bugler from Head Quarters and was most impressive.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes was a wreath from the President and Members Sergeants' Mess, Plymouth Division. R.M.L.I.

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Captain M. S. Innes, Reserve of Officers, R.M., 25/26th Oct., 1922.

EIGHTH R.M. BATTALION MEMORIAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from Hd.-Qr. Canteen Fund after donation of £100 to R. Seaman and Marine Orphan Home	36	6	1
Deposit Interest		5	6
Subscriptions from Commanding Officers' towards additional cost			
Col. 2nd Comdt. Morgan	1	0	0
Col. 2nd Comdt. Miller		10	0
Lt.-Col. Chichester	5	13	5
	£43	15	0

	£	s.	d.
Cost of Memorial from A. and N. Stores	43	10	0
Carriage and Fixing		5	0
	£43	15	0

F. E. Chichester, Lt.-Col.

FOOTBALL

CHATHAM.

R.M.L.I. *v.* Sittingbourne, Kent League Div. 1.

Saturday, 2nd December, 1922. Played at home. Result, won, 2-1. On paper we were in for a big defeat, as our opponents are the only team who have beaten the crack Maidstone Team up to date in the Kent League. But the unexpected happened much to the disappointment of the large following of the Sittingbourne supporters who had travelled up to see their favourites win. Our Team as a whole played well, the game was clean and fast up to the final whistle and we retired worthy winners by the above score, both goals were scored by Clr.-Sgt. Hibben from centres from the outside left Pte. Miles.

R.M.L.I. *v.* Blenheim, Navy Cup, Port Final.

Wednesday, 6th December. Played at the R.N. Barracks. From the start the Blenheims' were outclassed, but at half-time the score was blank the Blenheim Goalkeeper having played a really wonderful game. Within 10 minutes after the interval we were two goals up, scored by Clr.-Sergt. Hibben, one from a centre from Pte. Miles and the other from a pass from Pte. Harris, 5 minutes later Sergt. Watts, our centre half received a severe cut on the forehead and was prevented from taking any further part in the game, despite this handicap we maintained our lead, our goalie Corpl. Wheatly saved a penalty for a mild infringment of hands, the kick was well taken by A.O. Mills the force of which completely knocked out Wheatly for a time.

Our further interest in the Navy Cup is shown in the following draw :—

Navy Cup Competition Proper—Draw.

(*a*) *Conquest v.* 9th Flotilla. To be played at Port Edgar.
(*b*) R.N. Barracks, Devonport *v. Resolution.* To be played at Plymouth.
(*c*) R.M.L.I., Chatham. Bye.
(*d*) *Vernon.* Bye.

First round to be completed by 20th December.

Semi-final.—Winner (*a*) *v.* Winner (*c*). Winner (*b*) *v.* Winner (*d*).

Ground and date for semi-final will be notified later.

Four of our players have been honoured by playing for the Kent County at Yarmouth against Norfolk on Saturday, 16th December. Clr.-Sergt. Hibben, Sergt. Mercer, L/Corpl. Herron and Pte. Piddock (reserve).

PLYMOUTH.

Since writing last month, football for us has been very strenuous, for in addition to the ordinary league games we have played the 2nd and 3rd Rounds of the Royal Navy and the Devon Senior Cup Competitions respectively. In the former our opponents were the Royal Naval Barracks, Devonport, and the game ended in a win for them of 2 goals to nil. The contest took place at Home Park but it was not such a good exhibition of football as one generally gets when " Joe " and " Jack " get to grips. However, we tried our hardest, but all will agree that the best team won on the day's play. In the Devon Senior Cup Competition we were drawn to play Plymouth St. Thomas, away, a team of no mean abilities and from whom we have taken 4 points in the Plymouth and District League games. We duly turned up on the appointed date and when half-time came changed ends with the score of 2 goals to 1 in our favour. The gods, however, did not smile upon us, the game was not to be ours, we lost by 3 goals to 2. There is little doubt that we ought to have won the game, but the gentleman who was in charge of the game could not see the things he ought to have seen and in heaps of cases saw the things that never happened, he spoiled a good game, and we all sincerely hope we shall not meet again under such circumstances. One fact cannot but present itself and that is we were the only Service Team left in the Competition. So pass yet two more Cups we shall not have the pleasure of drinking from this season.

Our first Plymouth and District League Match this month was with Looe on their ground, which we lost with the score of two goals to nil. The following week we met Torpoint on our ground beating them by 4 goals to nil, this result being a little better than we expected. On 2nd December we met Green Waves on our ground and after a very plucky fight we lost by 2 goals to nil our opponents scoring during the last minutes of the game. We had a weakened team out that day as had been the case for the previous three Saturdays, both Shewbrook and Skipper, our two wing men, being greatly in demand for representative teams both for the County and The League. In the match at Home Park, Royal Navy and Royal Marines *versus* The Army, we had no less than five of our players picked. The Senior Service won by 4 goals to nil. Again on 13th December, in the match United Services *versus* Plymouth Argyle, two of our players were picked for play. The game was very good, revealing some very fine football, however, the Services lost 3 goals to nil. We have now come to a stop for this year, our next fixture being January 6th, 1923. We are looking forward to a great improvement in our team and our aims are to do the best in League Games.

RUGBY

On Nov. 29th—Kingsteignton were met (at Kingsteignton) ; the Claycutters proved too strong, winning by 16 pts. to 4 ; it was a fine open game, South dropped the goal which proved the only score ior the R.M.L.I.

Dec. 9th—*v* Brixham (at Brixham). Considering the team now playing really amounts to a scratch side as so few are left at Hd.-Qrs. the team put up a good show having a fair share of the play. Result—Brixham 28 pts. R.M.L.I. 5. Lt. Westall was the scorer.

Dec. 13th—*v* Fleet Reserve at Longroom.—This proved a fast and interesting game ; the Fleet team included several who play for Devonport Services. Barrington scored for the visitors soon after the start with a fine dropped gool. Capt. Sergeant scored for the home side who were one point down at half-time.

The second half proved much the best and fine bouts of passing were seen ; Capt. Sergeant scored from one of these, but the try was not converted. Silby kicked a fine penalty goal from near the half-way line. Result—R.M.L.I. 9. Fleet Reserve 3.

EASTNEY

Officers *v.* Sergts. Mess. This match, was played on 8th Dec. at Eastney. Formerly an annual fixture, it has been in abeyance since 1916, when the game took place on Christmas Day.

Unfortunately bad weather prevailed, and the game was played in a steady downpour of rain which converted the ground into a veritable quagmire. The Sergts. fielded a good eleven, also the Officers ; the latter would, however, have done better had they been better acquainted with the rules of Association Football.

The Sergts. pressed from the start and Lieut. O'Donnell, who spent a pleasant ¾ of an hour swimming about in the liquid mud in front of the goal, came to the surface to effect some really brilliant saves. He was beaten after 15 minutes play by a shot from Bandmaster Ship of the School of Music. The Officers backs then became formidable and Lt. Thomas equalized. The forwards " also ran " but their shooting was erratic, to put it mildly. Just before half time the Sergts. took the lead through Sergt. Arnold. The second half saw some more energetic play from the Officers backs, Major Brooks and Lieut. Thomas. Leaving their positions they put vigour and skill into the attack ; the latter had hitherto been somewhat lacking. After a while, the Sergts. broke away and Sergt. Arnold scored again, but on the whole, the pressure was well sustained by the Officers.

Opportunities of scoring by the Officers were lost in the second half. On one occasion the right wing centred and the forwards and halves who were drawn up as a squad in single rank in front of the Sergts. goal, rushed forward and kicked at the ball with the unison of a well drilled chorus. They missed it completely and the incident closed amid the helpless laughter of the spectators and referee. The resolute spirit of the backs told at last and just before time Major Brooks gave Capt. Harris an opportunity of scoring for the Officers. A very pleasant and enjoyable game ended with a victory for the Sergeants, the score being 3-2.

Teams :—Officers. Lieut. O'Donnell Major Brooks, D.S.O., Lt. Thomas, Capt. Grover, Capt. Leech-Porter, Lt. Viner, Capt. Whitworth, Lt. McSlater, Capt. Fawckner, Capt. Harris, Lt. Giddy.

Sergeants. Q.M.S.I. Kimber, Q.M.S.I. Attwood, Cr.-Sgt. Hales, Sgts. Mc.Ewen, Jones, Asher, Paget, Arnold, Grantham, Bd.-Masters. Green, Ship.

HOCKEY.

Officers *v.* Sergts. Mess.—Smarting under the sting of their defeat at football on 8th Dec., the Officers came to the field on 12th Dec. prepared to conquer or die.

Major Bourne opened the scoring for the Officers and the Rev. Robinson followed suit with a stinging shot. Sergt. Tilley who was formidable on the right wing scored for the Sergts. at the commencement of the second half and Capt. Leech-Porter

scored the last goal for the Officers. The Officers team was strong in the attack, Major Brooks and the Rev. C. L. Robinson working together in perfect style. The final score was 3-1 for the Officers, who thus avenged their football defeat.

Teams :—Officers. Lt. Thomas, Lt. O'Donnell, Capt. Grover, Major Bourne, Capt. Leech-Porter, Lt. Slater, Lt. Campbell, Lt.-Col. Raikes, Major Brooks, Rev. Robinson, Capt. Fawckner.

Sergeants. Q.M.S.I. Attwood, Q.M.S.I. Hayward, Cr.-Sgt. Sinclair, Cr.-Sgt. Plumb, Sgts. McEwen, Grantham, Rogers, Tilley, Asher, Jones, Butcher.

RUGBY.

The R.M.A. Rugby Football Team has been playing regularly this winter under the leadership of Capt. Leech-Porter. Amongst old members who remember the great days of Major H. C. Harrison, D.S.O., are Sergt. Jones, Sergt. Matthews Sergt.-Major Ellis, Cpl. Wyatt, Cpl. Harris, and Gunr. Truman. The XV has met with fair success, seeing that some of the pack are entirely new to the game and at all events we have the pleasure of knowing that we are keeping fit, giving good games to our neighbours, and upholding the honour of the Corps in the present dark days.

The results of games played during the last month are as follows :—

Nov. 11th—*v.* U.S. " b ", lost 27-5.
Nov. 15th—H.M.S. *Dolphin*, won 20-0.
Nov. 22nd—*v.* Old Portsmouthians, won 20-3.
Nov. 22nd—R.A.F., Gosport, lost 41-6.

DEPOT.

RUGBY.

Depot R.M. *v.* School of Education, Shornecliffe.

Played at Deal on 13th December. A very close and interesting game ended in a win for the visitors by 13 points to 11.

HOCKEY.

Results of matches played since last report.

Depot *v.* Wye College ...	...	Draw	1—1
Chatham Divn. ...	...	Won	1—2
10th Hussars ...	...	Won	2—1
Duke of York's School	...	Lost	1 8
Folkestone	...	Lost	1—3
S.A. Sch., Hythe ...	...	Lost	1—7

FORTON.

Hant's County League—
R.M.L.I. 2. Harland and Wolffs 2.

Hant's Junior Cup—
R.M.L.I. Reserves 1. Gosport Town 4.

Navy Cup—
R.M.L.I. 1 H.M.S. *Excellent* 3

Amateur Cup—
R.M.L.I. 1. H.M.S. *Excellent* 3.

Hant's Senior Cup—
R.M.L.I. 2 Portsmouth Amateurs 0

Portsmouth Senior Cup.
R.M.L.I. 2 Havant 1.

(From Our Local Correspondents).

FORTON

Theatrical Entertainment. A very successful theatrical entertainment in aid of the Divisional Benevolent Fund was held in the theatre on Friday 24th November. The caste consisted of a few of the officers of the Division and their friends. The house was practically packed.

The first item was an amusing one-scene curtain raiser which was repeated and done backwards.

This was followed by a series of musical turns. The opening chorus was followed by a song from Lt. Clanchy. Then came a very clever little composition at the piano by Lt. Hume. " Pennsylvania " was given as a duet by Capt. Simpson and Lt. Clanchy, followed by two songs from Capt. Johnstone. Lieut. Pym took the part of an old man giving a recitation which was constantly interupted by various sources. The part was very cleverly presented and brought the house down. A quartet gave us a bolshevik song " Down with the whole damned lot." This was concluded by a very pretty song " Wenches " by Lieut. Clanchy.

Part two of the programme was a 3-scene play entitled " Wrecked by Love, or Why Did She Do What She Did." This caused roars of laughter from the audience from beginning to end, the majority of them going away holding their sides which were aching through laughter.

Cadet Corps. The Cadet Corps held their annual display and prize giving in the Drill Shed on Wednesday 13th December. The whole programme was excellent, and great credit is due to those who worked so hard to produce these results. Last year's programme was good, but this one excelled any previous display that the Corps has given.

The programme opened with a march past by the combined Boys and Girls Corps headed by the band. The marching was very good indeed and shewed improvement on last year. This was followed by a troop by the band under their instructor Cpl. Gutteridge, who got some very good work out of them. The Girls then gave a very neat series of dances with skipping ropes. Q.M.S.I. Board then put a squad of boys through a short table of pyhsical exercises. This was very neatly carried out, the boys working with plenty of vim and precision. Their marching in particular was very good. Another section of the girls then danced the Scotch Reel, which was followed by a display of semaphore signalling by a small section who had been very well trained by Clr.-Sgt. Hibberd in a very short time. The boys reflected great credit on their instructor. Two more dances were given by the girls. A squad of boys who have all joined the Corps during the last three months gave a display of squad drill. Special praise is due to Q.M.S.I. Hatcher for the excellent work that he got out of them. Then followed the final item of the programme, which was certainly the best and was very much appreciated. A squad of boys under Cpl. Sampson gave a display of physical training. It consisted of a series of tabeaux and vaults on the parallel bars and box horse, and was concluded by an exhibition of various methods of self defence. The boys put up a most excellent display, and considering that their average age was only about 12 the standard of their ability was extraordinarily good. The very greatest credit was due to the boys for the amount of hard work that they had put in, and their instructor was worthy of special mention for the excellence of his work.

The commanding officer of the corps then made his speech in which he gave a brief outline of the objects and work done by the corps during the past year. He complimented the instructors of both corps on the energy that they had displayed and the splendid results that they had obtained.

Capt. Shephard then said a few words about the physical training of the corps. He emphasised the fact that the display was the result of hard voluntary work by the boys every day for months past, and said that he hoped that as many parents as possible who had witnessed this display would encourage their sons to join the squad.

The presentation of prizes was then carried out. The Zeebrugge Cup, £4 in savings certificates and medal awarded to the best all round boy in the Corps for the year was won by Cpl. G. R. Stevens. Lt.-Col. Langford, the donor of this cup, said that it gave him the very greatest pleasure to present it to the winner, and he hoped that he would always live up to this reputation which he had now obtained.

Other prizes were then presented as follows :—

Col.-in-Chief's prize for the second best all round cadet—Cpl. H. G. Chapman.

Meade Cup for the next best boy—Cpl. W. Gibbs.

Fanshawe Medal for the best boy under 1 year's service—Cdt. Mulrooney.

Commanding Officer's prize for the best shot—Cpl. L. Budd.

Seafield Park Trophy and second in command's prize for the best all round boy at games was won by Cpl. G. R. Stevens, but as he has been awarded the Zeebrugge Cup it goes to Cdt. J. G. Bevis.

Musketry Officer's prize for the second best shot—Cdt. S. Vallance.

Adjutant's prize for the second best recruit under 1 year's service was divided between two boys—Cdts. C. Ryman and A. E. Gibbs.

Shooting Medals :—
Bell Medal.....Drm.-Mjr. Saunders
Robert's Medal.....Cpl. H. G. Chapman
Express Medal.....C.S.M. J. C. Naldrett
Daily Telegraph Certificate.....Q.M.S. F. Watley
Daily Mail Certificate.....Cpl. L. Budd.

and other prizes for good attendance, conduct and cleanliness.

GIRL'S CORPS.

Trotman Cup for best girl in corps—C.S.M. Violet Green.
Col.-in-Chief's prize for second best—Sgt. Muriel Harrop.
Commanding Officer's prize for next best—L/C. Patricia Watts.
Prize awarded to most popular girl—Cdt. Flossie Collett and other prizes for physical training, infantry, swimming, dancing, skipping, needlework, attendance and good conduct.

The Col.-in-Chief, Col.-Comdt. St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G. then made his speech in which he remarked upon the great improvement that he had noticed in all their work of both corps during the year. He said that it gave him the utmost pleasure to be their Col.-in-Chief after having witnessed such a fine display. He also complimented the instructors on their work.

PORTSMOUTH AND DISTRICT AMATEUR BILLIARD LEAGUE.

AT HOME, NOVEMBER 14TH.

Sergeants' Mess	Break	v. Points	British Legion No. 2.	Break	Points
Name			*Name*		
Cr.-Sgt. Lunn		110	Mr. Oxford	45	150
C.S.M. Holness	48 & 37	150	Mr. Moyce		53
Cr.-Sgt. Thorpe		112	Mr. Williams		150
Sgt. Ryans		150	Mr. Newnham		144
Arm.-Sgt. Dolphin		150	Mr. Martin		81
Cr.-Sgt. Beard		150	Mr. Timbury		75
Total		822		Total	653

Sergeants' Mess 5 Points. British Legion No. 2. 2 Points.

AWAY, NOVEMBER, 21ST.

C.S.M. Holness		150	Mr. Taylor		62
Arm.-Sgt. Dolphin	37	150	Mr. Martin		108
Cr.-Sgt. Lunn		150	Mr. Oxford		127
Cr.-Sgt. Thorpe		45	Mr. Newnham		150
Sgt. Ryans		135	Mr. Williams		150
Cr.-Sgt. Beard		150	Mr. Timbury		141
Total		780		Total	738

Sergeant's Mess 5 Points. British Legion No. 2. 2 Points.

AT HOME, NOVEMBER 28TH.

Sergeants' Mess.		Southsea Liberals.		
C.S.M. Holness	150	Mr. Straker		88
Arm.-Sgt. Dolphin	150	Mr. Foster		121
Cr.-Sgt. Lunn	127	Mr. Pitt		150
Sgt. Ryans	43	Mr. G.A.H.	66	150
Cr.-Sgt. Thorpe	148	Mr. Shaw		150
Cr.-Sgt. Beard	150	Mr. Tuck		149
Total	768		Total	808

S3rgeant's Mess 3 Points Southsea Liberals 4 Points.

WINNERS OF LEAGUE 3 YEARS IN SUCCESSION.

Southsea Liberals Club		Sergeant's Mess.	
Mr. Pitt	150	C.S.M. Holness	88
Mr. Tuck 48	150	Arm.-Sgt. Dolphin	101
Mr. Shaw	150	Cr.-Sgt. Thorpe	74
Mr. Harding 55	143	Cr.-Sgt. Lunn	150
Mr. G.A.H.	150	Sgt. Ryans	86
Mr. Foster	150	Cr.-Sgt. Beard	112
Total	893	Total	611

Southsea Liberals 6 Points. Sergeants' Mess 1 Point.

CHATHAM.

We are indebted to the Chatham Standard and Rochester Journal for the following account of the very successful Sergeants' Mess Re-union Dinner which took place on Saturday, 28th Oct.

One of the happiest re-unions ever known to the past and present members of the Sergeants' Mess, Royal Marines (Chatham Division) was that which took place on Saturday. It was a re-union dinner and concert, the first of its kind since 1913. The war stopped that annual function, as it did everything else, but now that it has been revived, it will, in all probability, be held again every year. But there seemed a special significance about last Saturday's function. It was, by the way, the 258th anniversary of the establishment by Charles II. of the "Maritime Regiment on Foot"—otherwise the Marines—and the function was further noteworthy for the exceptional large attendance of N.C.O's of the retired list. Wonderfully old men these, but more about them anon.

To carry out this re-union, a special committee had been elected by the Mess, consisting of Colour-Sergt. Cooke as President; Sergt. Weaving as Hon. Sec., and Acting Q.M.S.I. French, Col.-Sergt. Pawley and Col.-Sergt. Sturgeon. This quintet worked splendidly. In fact, from what we have heard and personally seen of Col.-Sergt. Cooke, he is a born organiser. Almost everybody wore medals; some had no fewer than seven, but the majority averaged three, the decorations ranging from the Egyptian Star to the medals of the last Great War. As the diners entered the banquetting hall a note was made of the honours they were wearing, and it was subsequently stated that the company of 130 were in possession of no fewer than 353 decorations.

The chair was taken by Q.M.S. F. Freeman, W.O. II. (President of the Mess), who was supported on his left and right by some of the "more ancient" veterans. There were about sixty old comrades present, prominent figures amongst these being ex-Q.M.S. McQuillan, who enlisted in October, 1863, and ex-Pay-Sergt. Norman Phillips, who enlisted two months later. Both of these were discharged in 1888. We are not going to give away the ages of these "old soldiers," that is for those who have a turn of mind that way to work out for themselves. Suffice it to say they won't see the prescribed three score and ten again. Other old comrades included: Messrs. C. W. Ripley (1864-1889); Mr. Miller (1870-1891); D. T. Young (1870-1897); R. Harvey (1871-1916); T. Case (1872-1919); J. Hirdle (1874-1895); J. Gunn (1876-1916); D. Rowson (1876-1915); H. Hayward (1877-1919); C. Lane (1877-1898); C. Y. Brown (1881-1919); J. F. Crozier (1881-1906); F. Oliver, H. W. Thompson, R. Sompson, F. W. Elvins, J. Benson, G. F. Stallwood, T. W. Littlewood, J. E. Fleming, F. G. Hurn, G. Mohr, G. H. Bruce, J. C. Cook, J. W. Greenaway, E. Liston, W. Fowler, J. W. Widdowson, F. Pye, G. E. S. B. James, H. H. Crozier, B. T. P. Collins, G. H. Hill, E. Barnett, A. W. Ripley, F. Rosser, G. Hearn, A. E. Mitchell, H. T. Burgess, W. H. Pardy, W. Goodall, W. H. Day, G. Lawford, F. C. Wyld, J. Tilsley, J. Sutherland, B. E. Tompkins, H. G. Mugridge, L. G. Bacon, A. Riddiford, T. Patrick, A. Tushaw, S. Doley, C. B. Taylor, H. D. Roberts, and N. Rogers. The last six-mentioned have been discharged this year. Another interesting fact was that Col-Sergt. W. Wadley, a former popular games secretary—to say nothing of a comedian—appeared for the last time in uniform, there being then but three days of his discharge leave to expire.

The first toast of the evening was "Our Colonel-in-Chief, H.M. King George V.," and in submitting it, the Chairman stated that the Mess had that day sent a telegram to His Majesty at Sandringham informing him of their re-union dinner, which would be attended by many who had served with His Majesty, and assuring the latter of their loyalty and devotion to their Colonel-in-Chief (applause).

The toast was drunk with loyal enthusiasm, the singing of the National Anthem being hearty and full-lunged.

A little later in the evening the Chairman read the following reply, which had just been received from Sandringham:—

The King has received with much pleasure the loyal message from the past and present members of the Sergeants' Mess, Royal Marine Light Infantry, assembled at their re-union dinner to-night at Chatham. His Majesty is interested to know that many present this evening served with him afloat, and the King trusts that all will spend a very happy evening together—Clive Wigram.

The Chairman, in giving the next toast, "The Commandant and Officers," said that in view of the lengthy programme before them, they intended reducing speech-making to a minimum. The speeches would therefore be like a lady's dress—long enough to cover the subject and short enough to be interesting (laughter). With the permission of the company, he proposed to send a message of respect to their Commandant and Officers.

Later in the evening, a reply was received from Colonel-Commandant A. H. R. Hutchison, acknowledging the kindly message. He thanked the Mess most sincerely, and trusted that they would all have a good evening (applause).

The next toast, " Past and Absent Members," was also in the hands of the Chairman, who said that it was with diffidence that he undertook that task. When he looked round and saw such a galaxy of old warriors, he wanted to be under the table, For he felt like a mere boy compared to them. They were meeting that night on the anniversary of an important historic event. Some 258 years ago that day—on October 28th, 1664, Charles II. gave permission for the formation of the first " Maritime Regiment on Foot," and he (the speaker) imagined that then Jimmy McQuillan and Norman Phillips had their names on the candidates' book ! (loud laughter). These old comrades reminded them of Tennyson's " Brook." Men came and men went, but these seemed to go on for ever. He thought it was owing to what those men had done that the Marines were what they were to-day, and they owed their old comrades a debt of gratitude. They had handed down traditions, and though many in that room remembered having had many a wigging from some of their elders, they were better men to-day for it, and for what these old comrades had taught them. He hoped that they would live long to enjoy their well-earned pensions. There were many comrades absent that night—with the Fleet, and with the 11th Battalion. God speed them and give them a safe return.

The toast was given a bumper reception, and after " Jolly Good Fellows," the company broke into " Auld Lang Syne," followed by the inevitable " Old Soldiers never die ! "

Mr. J. McQuillan, who met with a rousing reception, was the first veteran to reply. He thanked them all very much for drinking to the dear old Corps. He had spent 25 years amongst them, but that night was one of the finest nights in his life. He had been made a corporal in October, 1867, so that he had been a N.C.O. for 21 years and 10 days. He had had varied experiences in the Corps. He knew the Hotel de Grace as well as the Hotel de Doorstep ! They must always bear in mind that they belonged to the Royal Navy. There was no Navy in the whole of that little world that had such a Corps. Then they must bear in mind that they were Royal Marines, and there was no finer Corps in the World, nor were there greater travellers than they were. There was not a corner on the edge of the world that that they had not seen. It was a unique gathering that night. There were four of them—Ripley, Case, Phillips, and himself—in possession of the Meritorious Service Medal and annuity. Those four might never meet again. He (the speaker) might be in heaven in twelve months' time. This was his first introduction to their re-union, but he meant, if he were alive, to be there again next year (applause). After all, blood was thicker than water. He appreciated them all, and thanked them all for what had been said about the old comrades, whom he would now ask to be upstanding, and to drink to the health of the serving members (applause).

Mr. Norman Phillips next spoke, addressing the company as " Comrades of the First Division." During his time a sergeant was always looked up to, both by those above and those below him. When he came into their Mess he realised that the old traditions were going forward, and that the old Brigade was going forward. He missed the faces of some of their dear old pals who were at the last dinner in 1913, but he trusted that they had gone to heaven. He was particularly pleased to see Mr. McQuillan, popularly known in the Division as " Jimmy." If there were anything that a sergeant wanted in the olden days he did not want for it long when he went to " Jimmy," the Quarter-Master. That evening was one that would be remembered. When the old comrades came into the Mess, they felt that the shake of the hand that awaited them was a welcome. He saw the splendid emblems and trophies around them that evening, but he would like to see, amongst those, the King's Shield. The old comrades had passed the meridian of life, but the present generation were bringing that trophy along, and they had those in the cradle who would bring it along. He saw the young Marines outside every day. They were young gentlemen. They could scarcely be otherwise and have the training of a young Marine. His heart went out in thankfulness for what the present generation were doing. The older ones could not be much longer here, but they had the consciousness that if they were on the sick bed they would be cheered by the remembrance of having spent such a happy night (cheers, and the singing, once again, of " Old Soldiers never die ! ").

A few minutes before midnight the company rose, linked hands, and sang again " Auld Lang Syne " and " The King." The five hours had literally flown amidst song, speech, jest, and social intercourse. It was an evening, as several of the speakers had said, that would be remembered for the rest of their lives—a jolly one, in the best of good company.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Band Cpl. Sidney Dennis has been awarded The Worshipful Company of Musicians Silver Medal as the best student for the year, 1921-22.

The Medal was presented to him at the Company's annual dinner, held at Stationers Hall on 30th October.

Two Students from the school have been accepted, and are attending the forthcoming examination for L.R.A.M. Bandmastership at the Royal Academy.

Three rooms in the R.M.A. Divisional Schools have been allocated to the School of Music for reading rooms, and it has been decided to utilise them as libraries and studies, one each rank, *i.e.*, Bandmasters, Corporals and Musicians, the Band Boys already having their study in the Band Boy's reading room.

A general meeting of all ranks was held in the Concert Hall, and it was decided to equip each room as a musical library and study. A committee has been elected and a fund started to pay for the furnishing of the rooms in a comfortable style, and to supply books in the library which will be both educative and interesting to all who have the best interests of their profession at heart.

All ranks at the school are contributing 6d. per week towards the fund until such times as enough money has been raised to get the rooms in use, when the subscription will be reduced to about 3d. per month.

It is hoped that all ranks afloat do their utmost to assist and foster this scheme, thereby showing their interest in the further advancement of the School of Music of which they are representatives.

All contributions should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, R. N. School of Music, Eastney, Portsmouth.

A most successful Ball was held at the R.M.A. Gymnasium on the 1st December in connection with the above library, it was responsible for augmenting the Fund by well over £30.

The Balance shown in favour up to December 7th was £109 4s. 0d.

On the 23rd November the School was honoured by the visit of Lieut.-Col. J. McKenzie Rogan, C.V.O., Mus. Doc. when he gave an interesting Lecture (illustrated by lantern slides) entitled " The Romance of Martial Music." After the Lecture he gave a short speech in which he assured everyone present of the keen interest he had in the R.N. School of Music, and at any time he could be of any assistance he would be only too pleased to render it. The Superintendent thanked him on behalf of the School for his kindness.

The following day he visited the School again to see the organization, etc.

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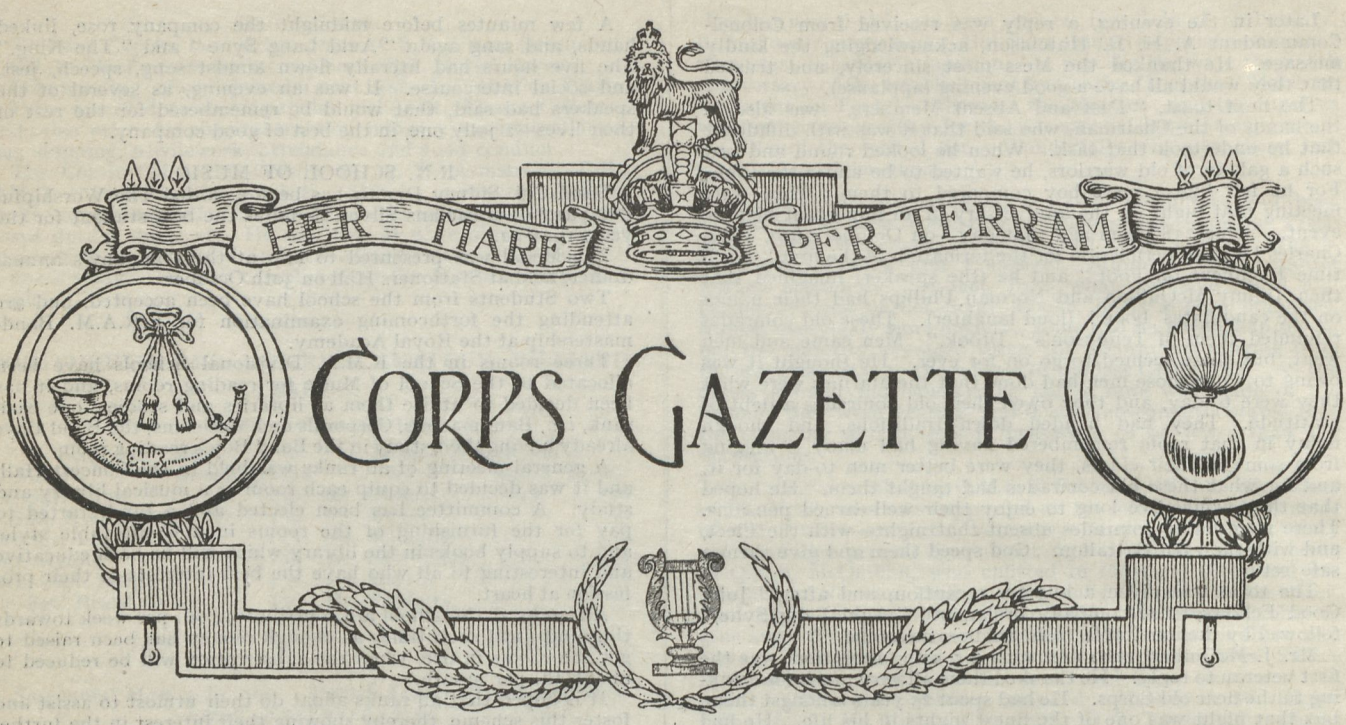

CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Surg.-Lieut. J. C. Brown, R.N. to H.M.S. *Vivid* for Plymouth Division *vice* Surg.-Lieut. W. E. Heath, R.N., 5th December, 1922

Major C. A. Tennyson, R.M.L.I. to U/T and posted to Plymouth, 27th January, 1923.

The undermentioned have qualified in the subjects specified for promotion :—.

Subject D.—Captains R. C. Sturges, J. A. Bath, D.S.C., W. B. F. Lukis, and A. H. E. Reading, R.M.L.I.

Subject D.—Sub.-heads (d.II), (d.III) and (d.V).—Captain W. F. S. Fawckner, R.M.A., Captains E. Bowring, E. G. M. Roe and R. MacDonnell, R.M.L.I.

Subject B.—Lieuts. H. E. F. Shackleton, G. W. Viner, B. Baseby and B. G. Mitchell, R.M.A., Lieuts. R. L. Harris, A. J. Clanchy, A. B. Woodhall, B. R. Reiss-Smith and F. B. Pym, R.M.L.I.

Subject B.—Sub-heads (b.I) Parts 1 and 2 (b.II) and (b.III).—Lieuts. G. H. Morris and E. C. Hoar, R.M.L.I.

Subject B.—Sub.-heads (b.I) Parts 1 and 2 (b.III) and (b.IV)—Lieut. F. W. Bass, R.M.L.I.

The undermentioned Officers have been promoted to Proby. Lieuts. :—

Proby. 2nd Lieut, R.M.A., R.M. Giddy, 1st October, 1922.

Proby 2nd Lieuts. R.M.L.I.. R. G. Giles, J. G. Hume, L. C. Edwards, J. C. Westall, R. H. F. Godley and H. E. Balls, 1st October, 1922.

Proby. 2nd Lieuts. R.M.A., T. E. N. Knox and R. A. K. Hill, 31st October, 1922.

Major F. W. Home, apptd. to *President* additional 1st January, 1923, and as Head of W/T Board, *vice* Major and Bt.-Lieut.-Col. B. C. Gardiner, C.B., R.M.L.I., 15th January, 1923.

Major E. Gillespie, D.S.O., apptd. to *President* additional, 16th January, 1922, and for Duty with A.C.R. *vice* Home, 1st January, 1923.

Major E. G. Cheesman, apptd. to H.M.S. *Victory*, additional for Signal School, 2nd December, 1922, and *vice* Gillespie, 16th December, 1922.

Capt. A. J. Mellor, apptd. to *Pembroke* additional for Cleethorpes W/T Station.

R.M. Gunners, W. A. Young and H. Puxley promoted to Commissioned R.M. Gunner, 21st. December, 1922.

Major P. Owen, R.M.L.I., apptd. Brigade Major Depot, R.M. Deal, *vice* Hickson.

Captain C. Coode, R.M.L.I., apptd. Instructor of Musketry, Portsmouth Division, *vice* Williams, 11th December, q922.

Proby. Lieut. R. Starkey, R.M.L.I., confirmed in the rank of Lieut, 1st September, 1922.

Major-General C. McN. Parsons, C.B., R.M., promoted to Lieut.-General, R.M., 11th December, 1922.

Col.-Commandant G. R. Poole, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., R.M.A., promoted to Major-General, R.M., 11th December, 1922.

Colonel 2nd-Commandant P. Phillips, C.M.G., M.V.O., R.M.A., promoted to Colonel-Commandant, 11th December, 1922.

Colonel-Commandant P. Phillips, C.M.G., M.V.O., R.M.A., apptd. A.D.C. to His Majesty the King, *vice* Poole, 11th December 1922.

Lieut.-Colonel E. W. Harding, R.M.A., is promoted to Colonel (Ret)., 29th December, 1922.

Capt. H. R. Lambert, D.S.C., R.M.A., passed in Subject (c) for promotion at Hong Kong, March, 1922.

Capt. A. P. Dawson, R.M.L.I., passed in Subject (c) for promotion, July, 1922.

Major W. Sinclair, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., apptd. Instructor in Intelligence duties, R.N. College, Greenwich, *vice* Major C. B. Mullins, R.M.L.I. (borne in *President*)., 1st January, 1923.

Approval has been given for the appointment, by the War Office, of Capt. and Bt.-Major H. C. Harrison, D.S.O., R.M.A., as General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, at Singapore, for a period of 2 years.

The Revd. C. J. E. Peshall, D.S.O., M.A., R.N., apptd. to H.M.S. *Victory* for Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., *vice* Moore, 1st January, 1923.

Capt. G. Underhill, D.S.C. (R.O., R.M.), apptd. to R.M. Police and posted to Plymouth Division, 21st December, 1922.

Capt. M. R. Yeo, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., returns to Corps duty from Seconded List, and is borne supernumerary and relinquishes grading G.S.O. 2nd Grade, and posted to Portsmouth Division. 14th December, 1922.

Surg.-Commander Frederick E. Anley, R.N., apptd. to H.M.S. *Victory* for Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., *vice* Tuck, 1st January, 1923.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. A. L. S. Harris, R.M.A., apptd. to H.M.S. *Ramillies*, *vice* Capt. C. W. Adair, R.M.A., to disembark to Headquarters. 1st January, 1923.

The following appointments to H.M.S. *Hood* are notified :—

Major G. R. S. Hickson, C.B.E., R.M.L.I. (and as Squadron R.M. Officer, *vice* Major G. C. Woodcock, O.B.E., R.M.A.

Lieut. B. G. B. Mitchell, R.M.A., vice Lieut. C. C. Fell, R.M.L.I 3rd January, 1923.

R.M. Gunner J. W. Clifton to H.M.S. " *Royal Sovereign.*

R.M. Gunner W. H. Harvey to H.M.S. *Revenge.*

R.M. Gunner W. F. Weightman to H.M.S. *Repulse.*

The remaining R.M. Officers for H.M.S. *Benbow* on recommissioning will be:—Lieut. S. G. B. Paine, R.M.A., Proby. Lieut. T. A. Smythe, R.M.L.I., and R.M. Gnr. A. V. C. Kemp (now in ship, to remain). The R.M. Gnr for H.M.S. *Barham* on re-commissioning will be: F. C. Waters (now in ship, to remain).

RETIREMENTS.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) W. Starling, R.M.A. placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 1358/22., 7th December, 1922.

Lieut. R. Starkey, R.M.L.I. at own request, 20th November, 1922, and appointed to Reserve of Officers, R.M.

Major T. A. MacN. Bourchier, R.M.A. placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 1358/22 and appointed to Reserve of Officers, R.M.

Lieut.-General L. T. Pease, C.B., R.M., placed on Retired List on account of age, 11th December, 1922.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major W. Sinclair, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., is selected to attend Intelligence Course No. 16.

The following Officers and N.C. Officers, R.M.L.I. qualified at the R.N. Gas School, Chatham, 1st December, 1922.

Capt. J. S. S. Tuppen 94%, Proby. 2nd-Lieuts. K. Hunt 100%, J. H. Moxham 98%, and Ch/16543, Sergt. R. Trim 96%.

The Adjutant General, R.M. notes with satisfaction the high standard obtained by these Officers and N.C. Officers.

PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Impregnable"—Cpl. Graham, Pte. Hole. **"H.Q.E. Deal"**—Sergt. Underhill, Pte. Hogarth. **"On Command, Chatham"**—Cpls. Bryant, Carpenter.

"Emperor of India"—Clr.-Sgt. Russell, Sergts. Standlick, Wells, Cpls. Willis, Keery, Ewings, Bethell, Bugler Edmonds, Ptes. James, Gregory, Lambert, Webb, Collier, Brimblecombe, Bloomfield, Atkinson, Robins, Warren, Allnutt, Johnson, Wallbridge, Copeley, Mansfield, Perkins, Dewar, Pinnock, Johnson, Berrick, White, Gourd, West, Taylor, McKee, Bourton, Grace, Barker, Strange, Pople, Shimmings, Gibbs, EdwardsA., Edwards T., Evans, Peploe, Meat, Austin, French, Berry, Bruce, Taylor R. J., Bishop, Stott, Sowden, Webb C. S., Withers, Roper, Miles, Pengelley, Rowberry, Challis, Thorn, Galling, Dellar. **"Curlew"**—Cr.-Sgt. Squires, Sergt. Connolly, Cpls. Pughe, Dempsey, Godwin, Bugler Wennacott, Privates Brightman, Cowlin, Hine, Huggins, Weston, Fletcher, McSweeney, Graham, Cousins, Glenn, Hill, Halliday, Hepson, Lang, Phipps, Hunter, Reynolds, Talbot, Lawrence, Hutchinson, Penney, Jermyn, Pike, Craig, Prescott, Colense, Moody, Ash, Bond, Fraser. **"E.L. Portsmouth"**—Pte. Douglas. **"Vivid IV."**—Sergt. Dillon, Pte. Smith. **"Hood"**—Sergt. Cook, Cpl. Buckley Pte. Featherstone. **"Glorious"**—Pte. Hunt.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Ascension Island"—Ptes. Sams, Foster, Culverwell, Richardson, Milligan, House, Woodhatch. **"Depot R.M."**—Cpl. Buckley. **"Impregnable"**—Cpl. Carpenter, Pte. Baker. **"Glorious"**—Pte. Bidgood.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension, Cr.-Sgt. Baker, Ptes. Moore and Reakes.

Invalided, Pte. Clayton.

EMPLOYMENT.

Q.M.S. Scott, *clerk, Commdts. Office, Chatham Division*, Ptes. Wheeler, *clerk, 2nd Q.M.'s. Dept.*, Woodhatch *Divisional Carpenter.*

PROMOTIONS.

Cr.-Sgt. Scott *to Q.M.S.*, Sgts. Reynon and Squires *to Cr.-Sgt.* Sgt. Mathews *to senior Band-Sergt.*, Cpl. Ross *to Sergt.*, Band-Cpl. Wicks *to Sergt.*, L/Cpl. Blacker *to Cpl.*

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Po. Pte. Bedford, *attd. to Major Hickson.* Po. Sgt. Ames, *Infy. Drill Instr.* Ply. Pte. Wilmshurst, *groom to Col.-Comdt. Farquharson.* Po. Cpl. Jerred and Ch. Cpl. Ferneyhough *to Instrs. P.R.T. Recruit Staff.* Po. Sgt. Burnett *to Musky. Instr.*

CHANGES IN DISPOSAL.

To Hd.-Qrs., Ply. Cpl. Buckley, Pte. Hall.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Courageous" Pte. Gibson. (Ply.)

MEDALS.

L.S. and G.C. Po. C. Sgt. Shill and Po. Sgt. Ames.

Life Saving Society's Bronze Medallion and Certificate, Po. Pte. Green.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Qualification obtained—P.R.T.I's. 1st Class. Po. Sgt. Hunting and Po. Cpl. Jerred. Ch. Cpl. Ferneyhough.

Anti-Gas, 1st Class Instr., Ply. C. Sgt. Wilson.

G.C. BADGES.

3rd Po. Musn. Lawes and Crawford. 2nd Po. Pte. Gerrard.

PROMOTIONS.

Ply. Sgt. Beynon *to C. Sgt.* Po. Cpl. Waskett *to Sgt.* Po. C. Sgt. Barfield *to Hosp. Q.M.S.*

DISCHARGES.

Po. C. Sgts. Knight and Thornton *to Pension.* Po. Pte. Blackmore, *Invalided.*

CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Royal Sovereign."—Ptes. Clark, Dunkerley, Birket. **"Dragon"**—Pte. Grain. **"Shotley, T.E."**—Ptes. Thompson, Perkins. **"Castor"**—Pte. Smith, Cpl. Bryant. **"Hawkins"**—Cpl. Goodwin. **"President"**—Pte. Cuchney. **"Ramillies."**—Pte. Wraight.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Ascension.—Cpl. Marsh, Ptes. Knight, Cusick, Kingston, Redman. **"Royal Sovereign"**—Ptes. Williams, Smith. **"Agamemnon"**—Cpl. Surgey, Ptes. Hulett, Taylor, Thompson, Hawkes, Skinner. **"Dunedin.**—Sgt. Dixon. **"Shotley, T.E."**—Ptes. Campbell, Bristow, Smith, Rock, Chaplin, Warner, Heverson, Thompson. **"Blenheim"**—Cpl. Leslie, Ptes. Dumble, Millar, Gooch, Watts. **"Calliope"**—Ptes. Jackson, Sigston, Hayson, Honeyball, Marsh, Holloway, Heath, Thewlis, Higgs. **"Hawkins"**—Pte. Witham. **"Royal Oak"**—Pte. Leaning. **"Ramillies"**—Pte. Hatton.

DISCHARGES.

Bonus on Reduction, Ptes. Hunt, Shufflebotham, Theed, Bellworth.

PENSION.

Cr.-Sgt. Konigsfeld, Cr.-Sgt. Savill, Q.M.S. Eade, Pte. Cruse.

LIMITED ENGAGEMENT.

Pte. Goodwin.

INVALIDED.

Pte. Knight.

APPOINTMENTS.

Pte. Fry *transferred from Drafting Office to Allotment Office for training as clerk.* Pte. Hulett, *attchd, Pay Office for training as Clerk.* Cr.-Sgt. Wright, *apptd. C.Q.M.S. of "E" Coy.* Cr.-Sgt. Privett *will perform the duties of C.Q.M.S. "E" tempy.)* Cr.-Sgt. Cooke *attchd. "G" Coy. for duty as C.S.M.* Pte. W. E. Peckham, *apptd. Bathhouseman, Main Barracks.* Pte. S. Beard *apptd. attdt. to Capt. MacDonnell.* Pte. A. G. Bird, *apptd. attdt. Recn. Room, Main Barracks.* Cpl. A. Heslop *to be Clerk, 6d. per diem in Paymaster Dept. (Allotment and Marriage Branch).* Pte. Smith, *apptd. Boatman, Boats Crew.* Pte. Warminger, *reappointed Pioneer for Central Heating Boilers.* Ptes. S. Herron and F. Knill. Bglr. Ward, *apptd. Lce-Cpl., Lce.-Cpl.* Herron is *apptd. Clerk, 1st Qr.-Mrs. Dept.* Cpl. Draper *confirmed in appointmnt as 2nd Clerk, 2nd Qr.-Mrs. Dept.* Pte. Sandys, *apptd. Storeman, Central Signal School.* Q.M.S. (W.O.II.) Freeman *is apptd. Bk. Q.M.S. (W.O.II.) vice* Eade. Sgt. Pepper *is apptd.* 3rd *Clerk, 1st. Qr.-Mr. Dept. vice Cpl. Orme to duty.* Pte. Scollick, *attchd Comdts. Office for training as Printer.* Cr.-Sgt. Cooper, *apptd. Clerk, Comdts. Office for one month on probation.* Cpl. Quarrington, *attchd. Bk.-Mrs. tempy. as Electrician.*

PROMOTIONS.

To be Cr.-Sgts, Sgt. G. Hughes, Sgt. Roots. *To be Sgts.* Cpls. Cuckney, Watkins. Cr.-Sgt. W. G. Scott, D.C.M., *promoted Q.M.S. for duty as 2nd Clerk. Comdts. Office vice* Freeman *apptd. Bk. Q.M.S.*

EASTNEY.

APPOINTMENTS.

Cpl. J. Harris *to Ledger Clerk, Pay Office.* Gnr. H. C. King *to Clerk, Pay Office.* Gnr. G. Coley *to Clerk, Pay Office.* Gnr. W. E. Marshall *to Musketry Marker.* Gnr. R. T. Rasell to *Blacksmith (Smith Gunner).* Cr.-Sgt. W. A. Jones *to Sgt. Instructor of Swimming.* Gnr. Reynolds *to Senior Mess Attendant, Officer's Mess.* Gnr. E. Warren *to Mess Attendant, Officer's Mess.*

PROMOTIONS.

Sgt. Stanley Sparkes and Sgt. Arthur Everett *to Cr.-Sgt.* Cpl. F. A. Weeks *to Sgt.* Cpl. W. G. Blunden *to Actg. Sgt.* C.S.M. J. E. Hayward *to Q.M.S.I. (P. and R.T.)*

DISCHARGES.

Free—Gnr. J. C. Cooper. *Transfer to Ply. Divn.*—Gnr. A. E. Eptlett. *Having completed time for Pension*—Gnr. G. Jupp. *Invalided*—Gnr. A. Beckingham and Gnr. W. E. Ewence. *Free*—Cpl. P. C. H. Duley. *By Purchase*—Bug. H. J. Camp.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Valiant"—Gnr. R. S. Allen. **"Warspite"**—Cr.-Sgt. F. G. Sheldrick. **"Queen Elizabeth"**—Bug. W. E. H. Yates. **"Courageous"**—Gnr. J. C. Whitecross.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Warspite"—Cr.-Sgt. W. A. Jones. **"Hood"**—Cpl. P. C. H. Duley. **"Resolution"**—Gnrs. W. E. Marshall, A. E. Eptlett. **"Ascension"**—Gnrs. R. Cuthbert, A. T. Hopkins, H. Pearce, V. J. Penney, F. J. Treagus. **"Valiant"**—Gnrs. V. E. Perkins, E. G. Warren. **"Queen Elizabeth"**—Gnr. A. W. Lighting, Bug. W. J. Camp. **"Royal Oak"**—Gnr. W. E. Ewence.

PORTSMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Agamemon"—Pte. R. W. I. Sparshott. **"Assistance"**—Sgt. A. P. Wright. **"Barham"**—Pte. A. W. Wiggins. **"Canterbury"**—Sgt. F. Holman, Ptes. A. J. Hobbs and E. E. Ireland. **"Victory"** (ship)—Cpl. W. G. Miller. **"Fisgard"**—Pte. T. Molloy. **"Renown"**—Pte. B. T. Ritty. **"Iroquois"**—Cpl. H. T. Harrington, Ptes. A. E. Finch, R. A. New, F. J. Standen, A. R. J. Buckingham. **"Vernon"**—Pte. F. W. L. Morgan. **"Fisgard"**—Cpl. H. Peplow. **"Barham"**—Pte. F. Hughs, Cpl. H. Goodwin. **"Victory"**—Cpl. C. H. C. Greenham, Pte. E. R. Young. **"Queen Elizabeth"**—Cpl. G. W. P. Nason.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Courageous"—Pte. J. E. Challoner. **"Isle of Ascension"**—Sergt. L. Coppin, Pte. U. Bostock, and A. E. Harris. **"Assistance"**—Clr.-Sgt. C. Hatch. **"Canterbury"**—Sgt. H. C. Barker, Cpl. H. Peplow, Bug. W. G. Francis, Pte.s F. Hughs, G. W. Sawyer, J. Wild, T. Molloy. **"Dragon"**—Pte. E. Stares. **"Victory"** (ship)—Cpl. H. Goodwin, Pte. W. L. Johnson, Cpl. G. Geary. **"Pembroke"**—Pte. C. C. Wright. **"Fisgard"**—Pte. C. S. Payne, Cpl. Curtis. **"Renown"**—Ptes. F. W. L. Morgan, E. Brown. **"Courageous"**—Pte. A. C. Taylor, Cpl. I. H. V. Bessant. **"Barham"**—Pte. J. H. Mills, Cpl. C. H. Greenham. **"Vernon"**—Ptes. E. R. Ray, F. T. Partridge. **"Champion"**—Pte. W. L. Trodd. **"Curacoa"**—Pte. T. Wright. **"Greenwich"**—Pte. W. Tinkler. **"Dolphin"**—Cpl. W. R. Cherriman. **"Victory"** (R.N.B.)—Pte. C. A. Tawney. **"Hood"**—Cpls. E. E. Davey, R. O. Cawthraw, Pye. R. O. Parnell. **"Cormorant"**—Sgt. H. A. Stone.

TRANSFERS.

Clr.-Sgt. G. L. Barfield, Ptes. W. Sale, H. Howes, J. L. Lawrence, W. S. Crowson, H. J. N. Mealing to Chatham Division.

PROMOTIONS.

Sgt. H. Eyres *to Clr.-Sgt.* Cpl. A. A. R. Waskett *to Sgt.*

DISCHARGES.

Cpl. W. Seymore, Ptes. T. W. Walton, T. Sweatman, F. V. Orme, Ptes. H. V. Young, S. Scase, Clr.-Sgt. W. T. Thornton *to Pensions on Reduction.* Ptes. G. M. Graham, J. Connolly, H. Coleman. V. W. Ribbons, W. R. Smith, *with Bonus on Reduction.* Cpl. E. H. Townsend *to Pension on Reduction.* Musician H. Luther *by Purchase.* Pte. C. H. Williams *to Pension.* Pte. Pte. E. A. Reeves, *Invalided.*

APPOINTMENTS.

Cpl. A. F. Cartwrift *to Hosptl. Sergt.* (*as Cpl.*). Cpl. H. Headland *to R.F.R. Clerk.* Cpl. Jeavons *to 8th Clerk Staff Office.* Sergt. J. A. Thomas *to Postman.*

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKED.

"Emperor of India"—B.M.II. Walter Fleming, Band Cpl. H. G. D. Kerslake, Muscns. Fredk. Reed, E. F. Jordan, H. E. Bunt, C. F. Read, W. C. Jamieson, J. W. Miles, Dudley Sleigh, Albert Preistley, Chas. Hayes, Mark Burton, A. J. Turner, T. A. Webb, J. A. Gurnett, **"Lowestoft"**—Musn. F. T. Howell. **"Impregnable"**— B.M.II. Elsom Clayton. **"Calcutta"**—B.M.I. R. T. Jackson, Band Cpl. W. J. Thompson, Muscns. F. W. Turner, J. H. Gregory, Richard Penn, W. P. Tams, George Nelson, F. T. Cotrell, James Williams, W. T. Shipp, W. D. Wilmot, J. J. Harwood, Harry Rotherham, Roland Page, J. E. Baker, F. H. Stoner, F. P. W. Holyer.

DISEMBARKED.

"Impregnable"—B.M.II. W. A. Weaving.

DISCHARGES.

Musn. Hugh Harris to *Pension.*

ADVANCED TO MUSN.

Band Boy R. G. Perratt, W. A. Harding, H. E. Pickett.

PROMOTIONS.

To Bandmaster 2nd Class, Band Cpls. F. T. Rose, S. H. Rendell, Herbert Wright. The following Cpls. are promoted (conditional on passing the prescribed examination held in 1923), Band Cpls. T. A. Murray, P. E. Barnacle, J. E. Burnett.

To Band Cpls., Musns. E. R. Long, P. F. Grace, J. S. Stenning, Job Allen, F. P. Harrison.

FIRST CLASS CERTIFCATES OF EDUCATION.

B.M. II. G. W. Hooper (Full) Musn. R. E. Compton (Group 2).

APPOINTMENT.

B.M. II. F. G. Stagg is confirmed in the appointment of Drum-Major, R.N. School of Music.

"BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS" FUND.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Col. Field's Book :—Previously acknowledged, **£650 7s. 11d.**

LOANS—Officers' Mess, Library, Chatham Division, **£90 0s. 0d.** Reading Room Fund, Chatham Division, **£20 0s. 0d.**

£2 from Officers' Mess, Depot, R.M., Capt. R. C. G. Glunicke, Recreation Room, Chatham Division. £2, General Sir J. F. Daniell, J. R. H. Oldfield, A. G. Tatham, T. F. Dunscombe Bridge, Vice-Admiral Sir D. Nicholson, Colonels L. Miller, L. S. T. Halliday, F. C. Edwards, G. V. Robinson, Lt.-Colonels C. L. Mayhew, W. T. C. Jones, A. P. Grattan, R. C. Temple, P. Molloy, W. B. Dauntsey, G. A. L. Rawstorne, G. L. Raikes, E. G. Wilkinson, R. M. Byne, R. Cator, H. Y. Hext, Majors D. J. Gowney, P. Owen, A. G. Grant, P. W. Malcolm, G. C. Wainwright, C. D. O'Harmar, Captains A. Eden Smith, H. T. Newman, L. S. Wilkinson, L. C. Hollis, G. M. Crick, G. F. Haszard, R. Matthews, C. W. Adair, Lieuts. J. S. Nicholson, H. M. A. Day, E. J. O. Ellison, Warrant Officers' Mess, Forton, Officers' Mess Library, Forton, Warrant Officers' Mess, Plymouth, Junior N.C.O's. Club Depot, Sergeants' Mess, Forton, Cpl. A. F. Booth, Messrs. T. H. Stephens, S. Carter, G. W. Edgecock, P. Cowlin. **£1 18s. 0d.,** Mr. C. Keen. **£1 17s. 6d.,** General C. E. Curtoys, Colonel W. S. S. Harvest, W. P. Drury, Captain G. Allan, G. Underhill, Sergt.-Major M. J. Stacey, Sergt. S.J. Marsh, Cpl. N. G. Stacey, Mr. H. J. Carpenter, J. Paine, E. C. Saunderson, Officers' Mess Library, Plymouth, Sergt-Major G. E. Wills. **£1 15s. 0d.,** Capt. F. W. Dewhurst. **£1 12s. 6d.,** Lieut. C. Hoby. **£1 10s. 0d.,** Mr. H. Muller. **£1 1s. 0d.,** (Donation) General C. S. F. Fagan. **£1 0s. 0d.,** Lt.-Col. L. Wilson, Major C. Shelton. **10s. 0d.,** Co. Sergt.-Major H. Redford. **6s. 3d.,** Pte. A. Potts. **2s. 6d.,** Mr. W. O'Mara, Corpl. J. Henderson. Total, **£903 13s. 2d.**

J. A. TUPMAN, LT.-COL.
15/12/22. *Hon. Treasurer.*

MARINE PENSIONERS.

Whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st Oct., 1922.

Name	*Rank*	*Divn.*	*Official No.*	*Date of Death*
Austin, F.	Pte.	Chat.	29 Co.	12/10/22
Bailey, F.	Cpl.	Ports.	1018	16/10/22
Bayman, C.	Sgt.	Ply.	1144	19/10/22
Cheeseman, W.	Gr.	Ports.	RMA. 10051	9/10/22
Elliott, J.	Pte.	Ply.	1628	6/10/22
Green, G.	Cpl.	Ports.	2339	21/10/22
Grundy, W.	Pte.	Ply.	8240	14/1/22
Hall, J.	Pte.	Chat.	33 Co.	24/10/22
Husband, J.	Gr.	Ports.	RMA. 6966	25/4/22
Isaacs, T.	Bd. Sgt.	Ply.	2929	16/10/22
Jays, R.	Pte.	Ply.	11302	16/9/22
Jones, D. J.	A/Cpl.	Ports.	RMA 1668	8/10/22
Kelly, J.	Pte.	Ply.	3550	10/10/22
Mann, W.G.	Cpl.	Ports.	9055	14/10/22
Matthews, J. W.	Cpl.	Ports.	13399	24/10/22
McGregor, D.	Gr.	Ports.	RMA. 1796	10/10/22
Moore, A. J.	Cr./Sgt.	Chat.	1807	25/10/22
Mundy, E.	Musn.	Ports.	6357	5/10/22
Newman, G.	Gr.	Ports.	RMA. 101 Co.	8/10/22
Pymont, M.	Pte.	Ports.	10960	24/10/22
Sims, A.	Cr.-Sgt.	Chat.	302	9/9/22
Taylor, A. Y.	Pte.	Ply.	8469	24/10/22
Upton, G.	Pte.	Ports.	932	17/10/22
Wade, W. J.	Pte.	Ports.	2924	29/9/22
Wright, W.	Pte.	Gosp.	18295	11/10/22

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Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

With this number we must once more return to the vexed and most obnoxious problem of finance. In the first place, we are sorry to announce that our suggested scheme of all N.C.O.s and men, when in barracks, subscribing twopence a month, the details of which have been promulgated at the various Headquarters, has not received sufficient support to allow of its adoption. The Depot and two of the Headquarters have reported that they are all about equally divided for and against the scheme; the other two Headquarters have not, so far, sent in any reports; but even if their reply were favourable, this would not affect the issue, as the verdict would have to be unanimously in its favour before we could recommend its adoption.

We are sorry, as we still think that our scheme would have proved the most satisfactory solution of our difficulties, but it was too much to expect it to be carried without far more efficient propaganda than we had either the time or opportunity to effect.

Anyhow, it is no good crying over spilt milk, so we will at once proceed to our next proposition, which we regret must be more in the nature of an ultimatum than a suggestion. To enable us to free ourselves from debt and to make a fresh start with a small sum in reserve, we must ask each Headquarters and the Depot to send us £25. Where the money is to come from is not for us to say, but must be decided by the people principally concerned; we would merely make a tentative suggestion that the Divisional Funds might be approached, with a view to their paying a proportion of it. If the various Sergeants' Messes, Junior N.C.O.s' Messes and Recreation Rooms would like to pay their bit towards it, we should be quite willing to provide them with a certain number of copies free of further charge.

But this is not all; as we have said before, we have the strongest objection to making these perennial appeals for charity, and we must therefore ask for a guarantee that the same amount will be forthcoming annually in future from each Headquarters and the Depot, if required. We hope that this will not be wanted, and if the paper were to receive the support to which, quite apart from its merits, it is entitled, we are sure that we should not require so large a sum next year, but, as we cannot rely upon this necessary support, we must feel ourselves in a position to demand this sum annually without any "with your leave" or "by your leave." We should like this £25 *and* the guarantee, if forthcoming, to be sent to the Treasurer by the end of February, to enable us to make our plans for the future.

If they are not forthcoming there are two alternative solutions, one being that another editor must be found, to whom we would resign our chair with the greatest of pleasure, and offer our best wishes and utmost commiseration; the second alternative is that the paper will cease to exist.

It is just a year since the table of our circulation in H.M. ships and a rough tally of the number of our subscribers from other quarters was last published, and we think it will not be out of place to repeat this to enable a comparison to be made.

We have about 1,350 regular subscribers, which are made up as follows :—

About 775 from R.M. Detachments afloat.
About 275 from Officers (including retired).
About 50 from R.M.O.C. Association.
About 250 from other subscribers.

In addition, about 75 are sent each month to each Headquarters and the Depot for sale in the canteens ; but out of these a few are usually returned. The following table shows our circulation in H.M. ships :—

Ship.	*No. of Copies.*	*Ship.*	*No. of Copies.*
Ajax	12	Island Guard (Wei-hai-Wei)	16
Ambrose	12	King George V.	12
Benbow	16	Maidstone	9
Barham	11	Malaya	26
Constance	14	*Repulse	60
Cormorant	3	*Ramillies	42
*Carlisle	25	Revenge	26
*Capetown	31	Resolution	6
Courageous	12	Royal Sovereign ...	12
Ceres	12	Shotley T.E.	18
Centaur	16	Southampton	10
Caradoc	9	Thunderer	14
Cardiff	19	Tamar	6
Carysfort	7	Vindictive	18
Cairo	7	*Valiant	71
Calcutta	14	St. Helena	8
Caledon	4	Cambrian	—
Calypso	21	Castor	—
Curlew	6	Centurion	—
Diomede	12	Colombo	—
*Dauntless	30	Concord	—
Dunedin	11	Curacoa	—
*Danae	33	Durban	—
Despatch	14	Egmont	—
Diligence	10	Emperor of India ...	—
Dublin	6	Glorious	—
Delhi	7	Lowestoft	—
Dragon	2	Marlborough	—
Hawkins	20	Queen Elizabeth	—
Hood	25	Warspite	—
Iron Duke	4		

From this it will be apparent that the circulation in H.M. ships has increased by about 50 per cent. in the last 12 months, a result which is presumably very largely due to the eloquent appeal in the last February number ; there is, however, still room for improvement, and, as a result of our experience afloat, we believe that this could easily be effected if officers and N.C.O.s in command of R.M. Detachments, which do not at present subscribe, would bring their personal influence to bear and appeal to the " esprit de corps " of their men.

As regards officers' subscriptions, we regret that these have decreased in number by about 75 in the last 12 months. The reduction in numbers of the Corps is not sufficient excuse for this, as we are sorry to say that the decrease is more among the serving than the retired officers. We consider that every officer on the Active List should make it his duty to subscribe to the Corps Journal, and we believe that the reason why so many officers do not do so is because it is too much trouble for them to send a 4s. P.O. or to ask the Mess Sergeant for a Banker's Order form to fill in and send to the Treasurer. As these perennial appeals appear to have no effect on these individuals, we think that local arrangements might be made at each Headquarters for these officers to be asked to subscribe 6d. a month ; this amount could be charged in their Mess bills and the amount thus subscribed be sent to the Treasurer every quarter. If this were done, the Mess Sergeant would have to send a list of officers subscribing in this way to the Secretary every month to ensure that copies should be sent to them.

In our advertisements it is regretted that Messrs. H. & G. Simonds Ltd. name has been spelt wrongly. It is corrected in this issue.

* Our hearty thanks are due to " Valiant," " Repulse," " Ramillies," " Danae," " Dauntless," " Capetown," and " Carlisle " for the very generous support which they afford us.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Major-General H. E. Blumberg, C.B., Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, on being awarded the K.C.B. in the New Year's Honours List.

Congratulations to Pte. E. R. Gardner, R.M.L.I. (Plymouth), on again being selected to play for England *versus* Wales in the Rugby International on 20th January.

Rev. C. Moore, R.N., Chaplain to Portsmouth Division Royal Marines since July, 1917, has accepted the living of Bexley, Kent, and will leave Forton at the end of the month. Mr. Moore has been a regular member of the R.M.L.I. cricket XI. He will be instituted into his new living on January 19th. Mr. Moore was chaplain of the " Impregnable " in 1905–06.

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines L.T.A. has arranged matches and will play the following clubs on the dates given below : March 11th, North London H.C.L.T.C. ; March 17th, London County Club, Hendon ; March 25th, Dulwich ; April 7th, Drive Club, Fulham ; May 5th, Oxford University ; June 2nd, Queen's Club ; June 9th, Bank of England ; June 10th, Dulwich ; June 23rd, Surbiton ; June 30th, Windlesham ; July 1st, Staff College, Camberley ; July 14th, Roehampton.

July 16th–20th is fixed for the annual championships at Queen's Club, and on July 21st the Inter-Services' championship at Queen's Club will take place. The combined Services play Queen's Club on May 26th.

DISCHARGE BY PURCHASE.

The Admiralty announce that applications for discharge by purchase may now be forwarded from men of all branches of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, with the exception of engine-room artificers (Portsmouth and Devonport), mechanicians (all port divisions), electrical artificers (Portsmouth and Devonport), victualling chief petty officers (all port divisions), leading victualling assistants and victualling assistants (Devonport and Chatham), C.P.O. cooks (Portsmouth), other cook ratings (Portsmouth and Devonport), and corporals, R.M.A.

The discharge of men or boys before the expiration of their engagements is permitted only in exceptional cases.

Lieut.-Col. J. A. F. Cuffe, C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Munster Fusiliers (and formerly R.M.L.I.), has been appointed a G.S.O.2.

THE PETTY OFFICER IN THE NAVY, THE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE ARMY, AND A WORD OF THE ROYAL MARINES.

The maintenance of discipline in the fighting Services is a matter of the first importance, since it is by the combined and disciplined action of men that striking power in battle is developed.

It is probably true that the causes which have produced any given system are planted in soil well suited to cultivate the effects required. Consequently, in considering the difference between the petty officers of the Navy and non-commissioned officers of the Army, one must look for the results aimed at if we are to discover the true causes of the system.

Starting on common ground, it is obvious that both Services exist for the purpose of fighting.

What are the conditions under which they fight? In the Navy, men fight pent up in small compartments of a ship, each carrying out some mechanical or physical duty essential to the machinery of Naval war. It is technical knowledge that is of paramount importance. If a breakdown occurs it must be rectified by expert skill, rather than by the exercise of such moral qualities as courage, endurance and initiative, although these play their part in every incident of war.

Then again, the Royal Navy is in constant action with a foreign element of nature. It is exposed to sudden changes and chances, which demand instant resource, and ready wit.

Under such conditions, no rigid or nicely-adjusted method of procedure would suffice—action is in immediate demand, and no time exists for the observance of formalities. The individual cannot retreat at sea.

How different from the conditions of battle on land! There, man is contending with man on Mother Earth. The craft of the hunter—a natural instinct in us all—is called into use. From moment to moment the scene changes. Opportunities appear and disappear with lightning rapidity. Accidents of ground, the existence of cover, conditions of climate, hunger, thirst and fatigue—all these factors come prominently to the front.

Such conditions require leadership, if men are working in organised units, and leadership requires something more than technical skill. It demands moral qualities of a high order, which are best developed under the impulse of responsibility.

Retreat is an ever-present temptation. It is for the leader to prevent it and go forward.

Under such divergent conditions, it is not surprising to find that disciplinary methods vary in each Service.

The Naval system which regards the petty officer as the skilled workman rather than as the moral leader is one which has stood the test of war. Under it the Royal Navy has gained control of the seas, and retained it. It has built up a tradition, which to a large extent may replace the niceties of discipline as understood in the Army. Therefore it may be considered as adequate.

The Military system, on the other hand, invests the non-commissioned officer with the sole responsibility for the behaviour, appearance, and to a lesser degree the professional ability of the men committed to his charge.

Such powers, without doubt, are productive of the high moral qualities required of a leader in battle, and engender mutual respect between non-commissioned officers and men. Yet the formalities involved in such a system have a tendency to develop pedantry and destroy initiative, by reason of the gulf which must exist between non-commissioned officers and men.

But here, again, the system has proved sufficient, and non-commissioned officers are encouraged to develop that happy relationship between themselves and those under them, which admits of comradeship but refuses familiarity.

And so we realize that the Navy does not require a rigid discipline like that of the Army.

The tradition of invincibility has always asserted itself when the Royal Navy has found that its back is to the wall. That is what counts in war, and it is for war-like purposes that the fighting services are maintained. In time of peace, such traditions may fret against the necessary limitations and smaller considerations which the finer adjustments of a peace administration impose; but such frettings and fumings are but the exhaust gases of a high-power engine running at a low speed, and so long as the silencer is not blown out they are endured.

Tradition in the Army is of a rather different nature and exists more in the shape of the individual "esprit de corps" of regiments than as a universal spirit.

This compartment spirit is, however, kept within recognised limits by the training and instincts which the officers share from their first entry. Thus, in the result, one finds that the "will to win" is equally the characteristic attitude fixed in officers, N.C.O.s and men.

Finally, in our own Corps, with its long traditions behind it, its family recruiting system, its long service men, and its experience of both Naval and Military systems, I think it is safe to say without arrogance or conceit that it has learned how to endure much and say little, and yet keep alive a spirit of achievement—which, when called forth, can respond in a manner wholly characteristic in itself.

So "More power to its elbow."

"ONLOOKER."

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

The Minister of Pensions announces that a decision has been come to in respect of claims to pension by widows of men disabled in the Great War who died more than seven years after discharge or removal from duty, and certain important concessions in modification of the terms of the present Warrants have been allowed.

The time limit of seven years in Article 11 of the Royal Warrant runs, in a case where the man was removed from duty for a disability, from the date of the first removal from duty. It has now been decided that the widow's claim to pension under Article 11 will be open to consideration by the Ministry in cases where,

although the man was removed from duty for a War disability in the course of his military service, he subsequently returned to full duty, and the subsequent service materially aggravated or brought about a recurrence of the disability for which the man was first removed from duty. In such circumstances the date of removal from duty under Article 11 may be reckoned as the date of removal leading to discharge, or if the man was not discharged, the date of demobilisation.

Apart from these cases the Minister is advised that only in exceptional cases can death occurring more than seven years from discharge be regarded as directly and obviously connected with active service. But it is recognised that such cases will occur and accordingly it is conceded that, notwithstanding the time limit, a claim will be considered for the maximum rate of widow's pension where the death is clearly shown to be due to the nature or condition of the disability as resulting wholly and directly from war service. Subject to these important concessions in practice, the seven years' time limit in Article 11, which has been embodied in the warrants approved by Parliament, is maintained. The State could not reasonably, or without very heavy addition to the cost of war pensions, be required for an indefinite period to award the same maximum rate of pension as it gives to widows of men killed in action or dying on service, to widows of men who die, many years after discharge, of a disability which may have been only slightly aggravated by service, or one which may not have been due to service although commencing on service ; or to widows of men who die from disabilities for which the man himself had never claimed during his lifetime though he had lived more than seven years after his demobilisation or discharge.

For the majority of cases of death occurring more than seven years after discharge Article 17 of the Warrant in an amended form will be recognised as the proper medium of compensation. As amended that Article will provide that in the event of the death of a disability pensioner occurring in circumstances and under conditions which appear to the Minister to justify the grant, a pension may be awarded to the widow equal to half the man's actual disablement pension, together with children's allowances (instead of, as at present, half the man's pension at the rates of the 1918 Warrant without allowances). Eligibility for pension under the amended Article 17 will, as in the past, be governed by the extent to which the man was recognised during his lifetime to be disabled by war service and the minimum limit of 50 per cent. has been laid down.

With suitable adjustments the foregoing amendments and other concessions will apply to widows of officers also.

MARINE'S GALLANT RESCUE.

Gnr. Sydney Kirby, Royal Marine Artillery, serving in H.M.S. " Royal Sovereign," gallantly saved a woman from drowning at Southsea last week. Seeing Elsie Wheater, 25, widow, fall into the sea from the pier, Kirby, without waiting to remove his uniform overcoat, dived in after her, and both were carried by a big wave against the landing steps. Kirby secured a hold and lifted the woman out of the water.

CHRISTMAS DAY ON BOARD A LIGHT CRUISER.

Arriving in Queenstown on the afternoon of December 24th, we barely had time to realise that our perilous channel passage had terminated before Christmas Day had swooped upon us, bringing its assortment of festivity, recklessness and decorations.

And what a curious day it was, too !

The proverbial snow was absent.

The sun shone fitfully through the scudding clouds whilst the wind lashed the water into a frenzy, each element endeavouring to frustrate the intentions of the other in what seemed an evenly-matched struggle.

By noon, however, the sun had attained the supremacy and appeared as a smiling victor. The necessary ship's routine work completed, everyone attended divine service on the fore mess deck. At seven bells the captain and his officers who went the rounds were pressed to accept cigars and chocolates by ratings eager to express their goodwill and affection toward a very popular and kindly dispositioned skipper. These he accepted, invariably passing a humorous remark as to whether they were guaranteed free from arsenic and other harmful substances. Considering the short time at the men's disposal, the messes were admirably decorated with bunting, evergreen and paper hangings ; the most tasteful being that apportioned to the Royal Marines, who splendidly upheld their tradition of being " The Best," everyone on board admiring the result of their labours.

Dinner being piped at noon, the turkeys, roast pork and good old English beef made its appearance, and everyone appeased appetites that had been considerably sharpened by the severity of the gales encountered in the Channel. As is usual on such occasions, regulations were relaxed and men contentedly puffed at cigars and cigarettes on the usually forbidden mess deck, the while partaking of an assortment of nuts, oranges and other dessert.

The ambitious men of the ship's company celebrated the occasion by wearing officers' dress and boys appeared as P.O.s and Chiefs, in fact, distinctions were temporarily dropped and everyone became just a large happy gathering.

The festive spirit took possession of everybody, even the most morose, and the liquor so thoughtfully presented by the respective divisional officers to their men induced them to test their vocal and entertaining powers to the utmost.

Violins, mandolines, and the usual assortment of instruments peculiar to the Navy were soon going all out on every mess deck, and pandemonium reigned supreme throughout the whole afternoon. Toward evening the outbursts of hilarity were more spasmodic, as the afternoon liberty-boats conveyed many men shorewards.

The dinner in the ward room, to which the captain and midshipmen were invited, proceeded without a hitch, and appropriate after-dinner speeches were made by the president, the engineer commander and marine officer.

Of the happenings following I have but the slightest

knowledge, but judging by the sounds that reached the upper deck I should say that hilarity, champagne, and more hilarity was the password of the evening.

The noises were certainly not those of men in agony and distress, but of a very jovial party.

By midnight Christmas Day's race was run, and all officers and men retired, happy in the thought that "Christmas comes but once a year, but when it does it brings good cheer."

"DUFFO."

ROYAL MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION.

FORTON DIVISION BRANCH.

ANNUAL REPORT.

President: Colonel L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B.
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During the year, 1st January to 31st December, 1922, the Forton Division Branch have filled the following permanent and temporary situations:—

Stewardships in Ocean Liners	125
Club Waiters	26
Domestic Employment	28
Gardeners	2
Catering Manager	1
Miscellaneous	7
Temporary	62
Total ...	251

Our object is to make known in Civil Life the qualities that distinguish the Royal Marines in the Service, and the report we receive from time to time from employers, both by hearsay and in writing, point to our men giving great satisfaction wherever employed. The failures have been so small as to be negligible, and will continue to be just so long as the men realise that the best service they can render their comrades is by giving of their best and thus advertising our Corps Association, which exists only for their benefit.

This branch registers only men of V.G. character, and we consider it expedient to see and know the men before recommending them, and thus ensure, as far as we are able, that they are suitable for the various situations.

In this way the reputation of this branch is being steadily built up and we have already been in the position, at times, of not being able to supply the demand.

The situations we chiefly fill are those for which a training as Wardroom Attendants or Officers' Attendants is essential, and if the progress is maintained on its present level we should almost be in a position soon to guarantee employment to men trained in that capacity when their time comes to leave the Service.

L. S. T. HALLIDAY, Colonel, R.M.L.I.
President.

A MODEST HERO.

THE CARNEGIE HERO FUND TRUST.

Presented by the Trustees in recognition of heroic endeavour to save human life

to

PRIVATE WILLIAM. A ATKINS,
H.M.S. "MALAYA,"

21st. May, 1922.

Dunfermline. .....Chairman
27th July, 1922. .....Secretary.

The above Certificate suitably inscribed and mounted in an oak and gold frame was presented to Po/A/20703 Pte. W. A. Atkins, R.M.L.I., by Captain C. R. Payne, C.B.E., R.N., in the presence of the Ship's Company.

The deed for which it was given was Diving into Portsmouth Harbour, fully dressed, and saving a child from drowning. This occurred in the afternoon on the Gosport-Portsea ferry. Both were nearly crushed by an incoming ferry. Pte. Atkins' name was not found out till later on, as he left without giving any name.

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The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following amounts received, from 19th December to 18th January, 1923, inclusive:—

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CORRESPONDENCE.

106, Dale Street,
Chatham, Kent.

To the Editor, "Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—May I crave a small space in your paper in the hope that my remarks may prove of some assistance and guidance to my late comrades of H.M. Service?

HOW TO OVERCOME THE HOUSING DIFFICULTY ON DISCHARGE.

Since my retirement from H.M. Forces, I have met a great many retired Officers, N.C. Officers and men, who have found great difficulty in obtaining comfortable housing accommodation, and in some instances it has been necessary for them to commute large portions of their pensions in order to get settled.

In view of the imminent removal of the Rent Restrictions Act, it would appear that the housing question will be, if anything, even worse in the future, and it will probably be some years before sufficient tenable houses are built to cope with the present requirements of the populace.

I would, therefore, like to point out the advantageous position of the man who, during his Service, has become a member of some genuine Friendly or Building Society, and on discharge has either his own house to live in, or can have one built wherever he may require it.

It has been my good fortune to discover a method of overcoming this difficulty, full explanations of which I fully realise would occupy too much of your valuable space. I should, however, be only too pleased to furnish same to anyone interested.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind consideration,

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
LEONARD MILLER,
Late R.M.L.I.

ROYAL MARINE CLOTHING DEPOT, MALTA.

Dear Sir,—As I have been asked on several occasions to write to you, and not having had time until now (same old excuse) I guess I had better get on with it while my mind is still fresh on the subject which I have in hand.

In July of this year, a meeting was called which was attended by practically all the R.M. Detachment, and at the end of which there sprang up the Royal Marines' Sports Club. Owing to the smallness of the detachment it was decided to have only a small committee. Cpl. (Ginger) Brett was elected president, and Cpl. Hacher, secretary; the members forming the committee were Cpl. Goodall, Ptes. Sandy and Kent.

The Club decided to form a water polo team, a cricket team and a football team. It was all right forming the various teams, but then the question cropped up about getting watch-keepers relieved. Everybody rallied, and through the sportsmanship of everyone concerned, it is simply wonderful what progress the little club has made. At water polo great credit is due to A/Cpl. Upson and Cpl. Brett for the way they arranged both teams and matches. At the end of the season we had played 22 games, drawn nil and lost one. With regard to cricket we cannot boast of the show we made in that direction, for if it had not been for the generous help of Major Barnby we should have gone under completely. Respecting football, of which Cpl. A. J. Wigginton is captain, we can boast that we have already played 8 matches, and up to the present we have not been beaten, although we have played some of the best Marine teams that are at Malta at present.

On Sunday last, at the invitation of the Musketry Staff, at Ghain Tuffieha, a good many members of the sports club went to Ghain Tuffieha to show them exactly what our team was like. A start was made from Custom House, Valetta at 1.15 p.m., in one of the army sports club motor lorries, and although there was a strong breeze blowing, it couldn't damp the enthusiasm which prevailed, and roughly at 2.30 p.m. we arrived there. When all was ready, the teams lined up as follows:—

Hayward; Revill, Wenlock; Simpson, Upson, Brett; Wilcox, Kenyon, Wigginton, Fry, Squires.

Phillips, Dallaway, Macauley, Sargeant, Brooks; Burnett, Sloman, Rutland; Boffa, Blanchard; Murphy.

Good play could not be indulged in owing to the velocity of the wind, but Wigginton managed to find the net twice. In the second half it was the same again, and during this half Phillips found the net twice, thus making two all. Just as the whistle blew for time, it commenced to rain pretty heavily, so a dash was made for the dressing room. When everybody was ready a move was made for the canteen, where tea was ably served by the N.A.A.F.I. Having thoroughly enjoyed that portion of the programme, Mr. Sloman, the genial Q.M.S.I. of M., made a brief speech in which he thanked us for coming up, and said as they could not beat us at football, they would beat us at billiards, so a move was made across to the sergeants' mess, where we found a full-size table and plenty of cues. An eight-a-side tournament was arranged, at 50 up each pair. The teams and the scores were as follows (the "Egmont" team being the first of each pair):

Cpl. Brett 50, Clr.-Sgt. Graby 39; Pte. Jones 50, Sgt. Buckley 45; Cpl. Upson 24, Sgt. Rutland 50; Pte. Revill 30 (Fether), Sgt. Macauley 50; Sgt. House 50, Mr. Boffa 28; Pte. Squires 16, Pte. Turner 50; Pte. Simpson —, Gnr. Murphy —.

At the finish it was a drawn game, but Ghain Tuffieha beat us by 13 points and, considering the sports club team were not used to the table, they made a very creditable show. As there was still a little time to spare, a move was made again, this time to the canteen, where a sing-song was indulged in, and it was quite surprising what a lot of hidden talent there is in our detachment. At 10 p.m. everybody joined in singing "God Save the King," and then a move was made for the motor lorry. After a comfortable run down, we arrived at the Customs House at 11 p.m. From there we came across to H.M.S. "Egmont," by dghaisa's, and within fifteen minutes there was not a sound to be heard, as everybody had enjoyed themselves, and were thoroughly tired out.

On Friday, 15th December, Pte. Osborne made up a team, and challenged the Wireless Telegraphists of the "Egmont" to a billiard match, and as everyone was agreeable, the first pair played off at 5 p.m. When the pairs had all played the scores were as follows:

Cpl. Leese 100, Tel. Carter 80; Pte. Hayward 100, Tel. Hinkley 39; Cpl. Terry 100, Tel. Gray 52; Pte. Jones 100, Tel. Watson 84; Pte. Osborne 100, Tel. Heyward 93; Pte. Adams 100, Tel. W. Carter 66.

Thus it will be seen that in the six games the Marines were the winners by 186 points, which is not at all bad, considering that some of our chaps were a bit jumpy.

Cpl. E. GIBBS.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges the following subscriptions: £1: Major-Gen. Sir A. Paris, K.C.B.; 6s.: Gen. W. I. Eastman; 5s.: Gen. A. F. Gatliff, Major-Gens. C. W. Brittan, C.B.; Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B.; Lt.-Cols. A. G. Vincent, F. T. H. Scott, W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G; Majors H. H. Morgan, A. E. Brown, Sir A. Gibb.

TOTAL ... £3 11s. 6d.

JOHN BENNETT,
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer,
R.M.R.A.

12th January, 1923.

BIRTHS.

HUNTON.—On 28th December, 1922, at "Pembroke," Clifton, to Margaret, wife of Major T. L. Hunton, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., a daughter.

PENNINGTON.—At the R.M. Barracks, Plymouth, on December 13th, 1922, to the wife of Company-Sgt.-Major J. Pennington, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SEED—GORDON.—28th December, at Brompton Oratory, by the Rev. Father J. E. Walters, assisted by the Rev. Father Limpens, of Deal, Charles W. Seed, late London Regiment, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Seed, of Guildford, Surrey, to Madge Dorothy, elder daughter of Major-General C. L. Gordon, Royal Marines, and Mrs. Gordon, of St. Cuthbert's, Walmer.

DEATHS.

CORBETT.—At 79, Durnford Street, Plymouth, 28th December, 1922, Maud Mary, dearly-loved wife of Dr. W. E. M. Corbett, J.P., and younger daughter of the late Col. W. H. Clements, R.M.L.I.

TUPMAN.—On 9th January, 1923, at "Observatory," Harrow-on-the-Hill, Rebecca G. Tupman, widow of the late Lieut.-Col. G. T. Tupman, late R.M.L.I.

ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' SPORTS FUND.

SEVENTH LIST, 1922.

£1.—Lt.-Col. J. A. Tupman.

10s.—Lt.-Col. A. de W. Kitcat.

5s.—Col. L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B.

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£1.—Capt. C. H. Congdon, Lieut. K. E. Previte, Major G. H. Seath, D.S.O.; Capt. J. M. Tuke, R.M.A.—£4.

10s.—Col.-Comdt. St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G.; Major H. R. Brewer, Capt. A. M. Craig, Lt. F. H. Coucher, Gen. F. G. Cotter, Capt. A. P. Dawson, Major A. K. Evans, Major W. K. Garnier, Lt. J. C. J. Hoby, Major G. R. S. Hickson, Capt. E. C. Heathcote, Lt.-Col. H. A. H. Jones, Lt.-Col. A. de W. Kitcat, Major R. D. H. Lough, D.S.O., O.B.E.; Col.-Comdt G. J. H. Mullins, C.B.; 2Lt. C. H. C. Masters, Gen. E. L. McCausland, Lt. A. G. Sanderson, R.M.A.; Col. L. O. Wilson, D.S.O., M.P.; Capt. M. Yeo.—£10.

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TOTAL ... £28 12s. 6d.

H. C. POPE, Major, R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Treasurer, R.M. Officers' Sports Fund.

16th January, 1923.

EMPIRE MEDALS.

THE KING'S RECOGNITION OF ARMY MUSKETRY PRACTICE.

The new Empire Medal, which, through the offices of Field-Marshal Earl Haig, has been sanctioned by the King, and the Britannia Trophy—a replica in silver of the Nelson Column—presented to the Army by the Royal Navy add Royal Marines, will be competed for by the Army at the annual meeting of the Army Rifle Association to be held this year at Bisley. The conditions governing these competitions were considered at a meeting of the Army Rifle Association.

The Empire medal is a revival of an old medal which was instituted, in 1869, by Queen Victoria, and was known as "the best shot in the Army medal." It was competed for by "her whole Army." The conditions prevailing for shooting at home and overseas were, however, so diverse as to make it impossible to draw up conditions which placed all the stations on an equal footing, and in the year 1882 it was decided no longer to offer the medal for competition.

Earl Haig, the President of the Army Rifle Association, anxious that the medal should be revived, proposed that one should be struck for the Armies overseas and also one for the home Army, and this year there will be medals for the Army in India, and in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, as well as for the Army at home.

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RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit, 1st July, 1922	60	7	9½
Subscriptions received from 1st July, 1922, to 31st December, 1922	7	5	0
Interest on Deposit Account	0	1	10
	£67	14	7½

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Railway Fares, etc., for Eastern Command and I Zingari Match		10	6	7
Grant to Officers' Mess, Depot, R.M., Deal		10	0	0
Grant to Officers' Mess, Chatham Division		10	0	0
Cricket Balls for I Zingari Match		3	10	0
Printing, etc.		0	8	8
Cheque Book		0	8	4
Balance Credit :—				
Deposit Account	£20 0 0			
Current Account	11 13 0			
Cash in Hand	1 8 0½			
		33	1	0½
		£67	14	7½

Audited and found correct.
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Approved. (Sgd.) A. R. H. HUTCHISON, Colonel-Commandant, President, R.M. Officers' Sports Fund.

WHO'S WHO IN THE R.M.O.C.A. (LONDON).

Mr. W. H. GRANT, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

"The Angel," Islington, is probably known all over the world; famous for two centuries, it saw the glories and the decline of the stage-coach, it has now declined itself; it is a tea-shop!

One of the most important events which "The Angel" saw took place within its own walls in October, 1908.

Seven past members of His Majesty's Royal Marine Forces, foregathered there and formed the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association. "Bill" Grant, the subject of this sketch, was elected First Chairman, and afterwards Vice-President.

From the material at my disposal I find the career of our Vice-President is packed with incidents, both during his Service years and afterwards. In April, 1876, the soldier's blood in his veins asserted itself, and he joined the Royal Marines, in London, and immediately the spirits of his soldier forebears were quiet!

In '77 we find him embarked in the old "Himalaya" for passage to H.M.S. "Raleigh," which vessel ran aground on Rabbitt Island in February, '78, during the passage of the fleet through the Dardanelles during the Russo-Turkish War.

December, 1880, finds him in Ireland as part of a R.M. Battalion sent for duty during the Moonlighters' Scare, from thence to H.M.S. "Pembroke," Headquarters, H.M.S. "Dolphin" 1st May, 1884, till 31st December, 1886.

This period covers McNeil's Zareba and the Defence of Suakim, for which Mr. Grant received the Egyptian Medal and Clasp, Suakim '85, and the Khedive's Star.

Transferred to "Starling" January, 1887, he remained in that ship till 3rd April, 1888. By this time Mr. Grant had completed his first period of service.

During his second period of service Mr. Grant found himself landed in Chile during the Revolution, from 18th January, 1891, till 18th October, 1891; he then became servant to Major F. A. Newington, and remained with him until being discharged to pension on the 15th April, 1897.

His total service amounted to twenty-one years and ten days, of which thirteen years and three hundred and four days were spent afloat.

After leaving the Royal Marines, Mr. Grant joined the Postal Service, and it was during his service in the post office that he met so many ex-members of the Corps and consequently the great idea was born of forming an Old Comrades' Association, and as I said before, the boat was shoved off from the "Angel," Islington.

An advertisement in the press soon brought along many more recruits, and it is owing to the energies of our first Vice-President that the Association had such a fine start.

During the late War, being past the age limit, "Bill" Grant very bravely, with one or two more, kept the Association alive so that when the members returned they found the whole affair in working order, and were able to settle down at once to business.

The Association has much to thank Mr. Grant for; he has been and, as far as his health will allow him, still is a most energetic worker for the Association, and it is the earnest wish of every member of the Association that he will be spared to us for many years to come.

C. J. MOYNIHAN.

(Next month: Lieut.-Col. H. Gritton, Vice-President.)

MINIATURE SHOOTING MATCH.

DEPOT.

OFFICERS *v.* SERGEANTS' MESS.

Col. Finlaison	100	Q.M.S.I. Spicer	99
Capt. Lucas	99	,, Goodridge ...	99
Major Owen	98	Sergt. Phillips	98
Lt.-Col. Shine	97	,, Burnett	98
,, O'Sullivan ...	96	,, Harding	97
Major Inman	95	Clr.-Sgt. Beynon	96
Capt. Alcock	93	Drum-Maj. Gouge ...	96
Major Hickson	92	C.S.M. Munro	95
Capt. Webber	87	Sergt. McGuffie	93
	857		871

ROYAL MARINE BOXING CLUB.

BALANCE SHEET, 1922.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
1922.			
1st Jan. By balance Credit brought forward ...	40	9	7½
	£40	9	7½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
1922.			
19th April To a/c Gamages—Boxing Sashes ...	12	10	0
19th May ,, Deficiency on Plymouth Meeting ...	3	10	5
22nd ,, ,, a/c J. Purser—Engraving	1	5	0
9th June ,, a/c Cashier's Department, Dockyard—Electric Light, etc.	2	10	5
27th ,, ,, Subsistence of R.M.A. at Plymouth	6	5	0
5th Sept. ,, a/c J. Purser—Engraving	0	3	6
21st Dec. Balance at Bank	14	5	2
Cash in Hand	0	0	1½
	£40	9	7½

F. W. MATTISON, Major, R.M.L.I., Hon. Treasurer.

FLEET NOTES.

H.M.S. "LOWESTOFT," AFRICA STATION.

During the latter half of November the Squadron was assembled at Saldanha Bay for inspection, drills and the Annual Regatta. During the passage there from Simonstown, the two mine sweeping trawlers of the South African Navy were assumed to be battle cruisers, so that at times people began to wonder whether they were not back again in the Atlantic Fleet.

The "Dublin" proved to be the most successful ship in the Regatta, winning the Regatta Cup, with a comfortable margin. They won the Marines whaler's race with the two crews from the "Lowestoft," one of which was from the R.M. Band, not far behind.

During the time spent at Saldanha Bay, opportunity was taken of renovating the grave of a R.M.A. Gunner, Percy G Jefferies, which had been very much neglected. The cross, which had been erected by H.M.S. "Monarch," had fallen down and had been overgrown with shrubs.

An interesting rifle match for a challenge cup took place between teams from the four ships of the Squadron and the local Club. This was the first meeting since the competition was arranged, and, as so often happens, there was a hole in the rules. Those who drew up the competitions were careful to state that wind gauges were not to be touched after the first shot had been fired at each range; but there was no rule to prevent one member of a team from passing on his rifle to each of the other members of the team, after he had fired his rounds and obtained the correct elevation and windage. The teams were of 10, best 8 to count. The results of the competition were as follows:—

Saldanha.		*Dublin.*	
N. Sadie	85	Cpl. Masters	86
J. Sadie	85	Lieut. Smith	82
A. Barnett	85	,, McDonnell	78
J. Kotze	84	,, Brett	77
A. Jelsted	83	Sergt. Emery	76
R. Holloway	81	,, Morgan	75
F. Sadie	74	Lieut. Packer	73
G. Germishuys	64	,, Vickers	72
J. Weekly	62	Pte. Hillier	70
J. Kotze	60	Cpl. Tull	66
Total	641	Total	619

Wallflower.		*Lowestoft.*	
Taylor	91	Harper	77
Foster	79	Thorogood	77
Blackler	76	Major Trench	77
Hurst	75	Cockrill	70
Narroway	74	Davies	70
Fountain	73	Sewell	68
Davis	62	Surg. Lt.-Com. Wright	67
Com. Inglis	62	Westacott	66
Poulton	61	Fyson	63
Williamson	60	Fletcher	55
Total	592	Total	572

Verbena.	
Perry	68
Lieut. Hammett	65
Bailey	62
Gasner	61
Harding	61
Com. Marshall	59
Taylor	51
Styler	44
Brand	39
Otto	39
Total	471

The "Lowestoft" is now in Dockyard hands for a refit, expected to last for six weeks. The "Dublin" leaves for a cruise up the East Coast on 5th January, returning to Simonstown on 5th March.

Range parties have begun, and the R. Marines of the "Lowestoft" are going through the military course in two parties commencing 30th January. It is hoped that a better ship's team will be forthcoming after these courses have been completed.

B. F. TRENCH,
Major, R.M.L.I.

21st December, 1922.

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H.M.S. "Benbow,"
Constantinople,
27th December, 1922.

Sir,—The following account of a football match may be of interest to the readers of the "Globe and Laurel."

An interesting football match was played on the Taxim Ground, Constantinople, on Boxing Day, December 26th. The competing teams were a Marine eleven from the Fleet, and the 11th Royal Marine Battalion. The teams were as follows:—

Fleet Eleven.—Gnr. Hamilton "Benbow"; Pte. Briscoe "Benbow," Band Cpl. Perkins "Centurion"; Gnr. Nye "King George V," Pte. Kemp "Malaya," Musn. Whittington "King George V"; Pte. Hughes "Malaya," Pte. Clarke "Benbow, Gnr. Jennings "Malaya," Musn. Jones "Revenge," "Clr.-Sgt. Taylor "Benbow" (Capt.).

Marine Battalion Eleven. Pte. Press; Pte. Rogers, Pte. Kirkham; Pte. Rouiller, Pte. Tilbury, Pte. Grainger; Sergeant Cobb (Capt.), Pte. Wheeldon, Pte. Bird, Pte. Hannell, Pte. Turso.

The match was played before a good crowd of spectators, amongst whom was noticed Lieut.-Col. Clark, R.M.L.I.; Capt. Monk, Lieut. Hanson, Lieut. Smythe, Lieut. Woodington, and numerous other officers. Sgt. Cobb captained the Battalion team, and Clr.-Sgt. Taylor the Fleet team. Cobb won the toss, and played, with the sun behind him. An early misfortune robbed the Fleet team of their right back, Pte. Shafford, of the "Centurion," but by the kindness of the Battalion, Pte. Briscoe, of the "Benbow," was allowed to take his place. The first half was evenly contested, and some good football was seen on both sides. At the interval there was no score. Soon after the re-start Gnr. Jennings scored for the Fleet from a free kick; but the lead was not kept for long, as Cobb equalised for the Battalion with a good shot. End to end play followed, and eventually Jennings scored a lovely goal from a well-placed corner. The

"GLOBE AND LAUREL" BALANCE SHEET.

FROM THE DATE OF TRANSFER TO CHATHAM DIVISION. 21st October, 1922 to 13th January, 1923.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance transferred	8	4	1
Subscriptions and Donations	89	16	4½
Advertisements	11	15	0
	£109	15	5½

Expenditure.			£	s.	d.
Printing and Stationery			34	16	0½
Salaries and Commission			7	17	6
Postage and Carriage			16	4	6
Percentage on Advertisements			0	5	9
Part Refund of Loans			16	0	0
Balance:—					
In Bank	£31	15 7			
In Hands of Treasurer	2	16 1	34	11	8
			£109	15	5½

Liabilities: £38 0s. 0d.

G. W. BURT, Lieut., R.M.L.I.
Hon. Treasurer.

Battalion was not to be denied, and from a nice centre from the right wing, Cobb equalised with a well-placed header. Just before the finish the Battalion were awarded a penalty for hands, but Hamilton brought off a brilliant save from Tilbury's shot. The end came soon after, with the score 2—2, a fitting ending to a very fast and sporting game.

After the match a Royal Marine team was selected to play the Navy, on January 1st, on the same ground. This is the first occasion on the Mediterranean Station where a solely Marine team has been selected to play against representative sides of the Army and Navy.

We hope that this will become an annual affair, as in other branches of sport. R.T.

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H.M.S. "Dublin,"
Simonstown, South Africa,
14th December, 1922.

Sir,—I am forwarding the results of two interesting rifle matches. The first was between the R.M. Detachment of H.M.S. "Dublin," and the Rifle Club of H.M.S. "Lowestoft." The Marines won by 19 points. Conditions were one sighter and seven rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards. Teams and scores were as shown below:—

H.M.S. Dublin.		*H.M.S. Lowestoft.*	
Lieut. Smith	81	Major Trench	77
Sergt. Emery	70	Surg. Lt.-Cdr. Wright ...	68
Cpl. Masters	75	C.P.O. Cockhill	64
A/Cpl. Tull	76	P.O. Tyson	79
Pte. Hillier	78	Ldg. Seaman Fletcher ...	72
,, Glover	76	A.B. Arnold	67
,, Greenwood ...	64	Sig. Harper	77
,, Butler	66	Teleg. Dockerty	63
	586		567

The second match was H.M.S. "Dublin" against the Cape Town Highlanders, at Simonstown. Conditions were as above. Teams and scores as shown below. H.M.S. "Dublin" won by 52 points.

H.M.S. Dublin.		*Cape Town Highlanders.*	
Lieut. Smith, R.M.L.I....	77	A. M. Strachan	79
Sergt. Emery	79	V. Hawtry	78
Pte. Hillier	74	H. Hanneman	72
P.O. Morgan	72	C. A. Hockey	68
C. S. Vickers	72	T. A. Hamber	68
A/Cpl. Tull	71	C. G. Cambell	56
S.P.O. Brett	68	R. T. Hockey	55
Cpl. Masters	68	G. McLaren	53
	581		529

H. T. MASTERS,
Cpl., R.M.L.I.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

PLYMOUTH.

Since writing last month, football in the Division has been fairly quiet, owing to the Christmas holidays intervening, and no games were fixed up for any date during this time for fear of a team not being available. We opened our after-holidays fixtures on January 3rd, when a friendly game was played with Plymouth Wednesday A.F. Team. The game proved very interesting and enticed a fairly large crowd. Our opponents have a very good record, for up to the time of meeting us they had not been beaten this season, and had scored 77 goals to their opponents' 8 goals. However, after a good, clean and hard game, we spoilt their record to the tune of 4 goals to 2 goals. This has led to another friendly challenge for the 17th January, when a game has been fixed up with them for that date. We commenced our Plymouth and District League games on January 6th, when we entertained Looe at the Longroom. Both teams had been weakened to supply the Devon and Cornwall County teams, which met at Home Park the same day, but still a very hard and good game resulted, and we won by the good margin of 3 goals to nil. On 13th January last we journeyed to Liskeard for another League game. The weather was fairly well-behaved, but the ground looked the worse for its wetting. Yet again we came out the victors by the substantial figures of 3 goals to nil. We have now a good chance of improving our position in the league, and as that is about the only thing left to us, we intend to make the best of our opportunities.

EASTNEY.

In order that the U.S. Charity Cup Competition should not suffer owing to our withdrawal from the football world, an effort was made to raise a team to play the R.M.L.I. (Forton) in the 2nd round of the U.S. Charity Cup. The team that went to Forton to play the Reds put up a very good show. After a very keen game the Reds obtained the right to enter the 3rd round by defeating us by 2—0.

The R.M.A. team was as follows: Harris, Duncan, Longhurst, Ainsworth, Watts, Baxter, Inggs, Prescott, Tickner, Hearn and Leadbitter.

It was very unfortunate that Sgt. Arnold was unable to play, as we were badly in need of someone who could shoot. Cpl. Tickner played very well at centre-forward, and was very prominent for his spirited rushes, but he lacked judgment in his final effort. The outstanding player on the field was Cpl. John Harris, who played nothing short of a marvellous game between the sticks. He was subject to a very heavy bombardment during the first half, and he was only beaten by a deceptive shot from the opposing right wing. When the final whistle went he had been beaten only twice, which, considering the amount of work he had to do, was very good indeed. The half-backs played well, and repeatedly broke up the onslaughts of the Reds' forwards.

DEPOT.

The first half of the season has proved to us that we are not strong enough to compete in the Kent League, our team being victors on one occasion only. Our efforts must now be confined to the coaching of the recruits. This team is doing fairly well, and seven of these players have brilliant football careers in front of them. On Thursday, the 11th instant, they met and defeated Sandwich Town by 2 goals to nil. Although the game was at times of a scrambling nature, there were periods when the recruits exhibited good combination. A series of "friendlies" have been arranged for this team, and by this method it is hoped to bring out the youngsters.

The first team continued their programme on the 13th, when they met Ramsgate in the Kent League. With five of the regular players away, we were fortunate to escape with a 3—1 defeat.

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RUGBY.

PLYMOUTH.

We wish to congratulate Pte. E. R. Gardner on gaining another cap for England, at Rugby Football. After playing in three matches last year he was not included in the team which played against France, owing to injuries received in the match against Scotland.

It is no mean achievement to be included in the English pack this year, the competition being unusually keen; but Gardner has proved his sterling worth time and again, and has fully justified his renewed honour at the hands of the selectors. We wish him the best of luck, and hope that this year he may play in all four representative matches.

The following have been playing regularly for the Devonport Services this season: Capt. Sergeant, D.S.C.; Pte. Gardner and Pte. Summerhayes. Capt. Sergeant has now recovered from a broken ankle which he sustained at the beginning of the season when playing against Falmouth.

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HOCKEY.

DEPOT.

Results of Matches played since last report.

Depot v. Deal and Walmer	Lost 0—1
Depot v. Folkestone	Draw 3—3
Depot v. Canterbury	Draw 3—3

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

PLYMOUTH.

The children's party was held in the Officers' Mess on the 9th January, and proved so successful that it is likely to occupy a permanent position in the calendar of events for the Plymouth Division. The general consensus of opinion was that it was most enjoyable, and the Committee are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

Some 200 guests accepted invitations, and everything went with a swing. There was not a dull moment, and the fun was fast and furious.

Several novelties were introduced, the sliding chute, which now belongs to the Division, being as usual, prime favourite. Mr. Bloye Keys with his marionettes, and Miss Florence Harding at the piano absorbing the attention of the audience—grown-ups as well as children.

The Teddy Bear (Miss Sadie Bennett) and Jack Horner, from the Theatre Royal Pantomime, gave their performance, and afterwards joined in the games. It may be whispered that when Teddy's head-dress was removed for tea, and a very pretty girl was revealed, she received as much attention from the hosts as from the children. Q.M.S. Hawes and Sgt. Jenkinson, as clowns, were responsible for a great deal of merriment; their quaint antics and originality contributed in a very large measure to the success of the afternoon.

Some three hundred children of the Division were entertained this year in the Assembly Rooms, Long Room (a new departure from the old-time routine of the annual school treat). The attractions included an enormous Christmas tree, kindly given by Col. Craven Hoyle, of Gnaton Hall, Yealmpton, and which was beautifully decorated; a chute which proved exceedingly popular with all; organised games to which special prizes were given, and, finally, Father Christmas and his distribution of carefully-chosen presents to each child. Music was also provided by some members of the Divisional Band. The children did ample justice to a sumptuous tea, to which they sat down in the gaily-decorated class-rooms. The Committee deserved the hearty congratulations of the Division for the hours spent in preparation, and the success of the admirably-organised entertainment which gave so much pleasure to so many.

The funds of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association will receive a substantial fillip as the result of the efforts of the party of amateurs who presented "Billeted," a comedy, in the Globe Theatre.

The stage management bore evidence of expert direction on the part of Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. H. Ozanne, R.M.L.I., and his staff, while the portrayal of the various characters was perfect. Mrs. Ozanne (Betty Taradine), with a scanty knowledge of banking and economy, was largely responsible for the humour and success of the production. She is mildly capricious in the presence of Miss Browning (Miss Liptrot, the vicar's sister), whose Puritanical views disapprove of the presence of two officers under the same roof, but "not under the same ceiling," as Betty Taradine. Lieut.-Commander G. F. B. Ottley, R.N. (Rev. Ambrose Liptrot, the vicar), was amusing as a simple country parson.

Capt. H. T. Newman, R.M.L.I. (Peter Taradine), and Captain and Brevet-Major T. L. Hunton, R.M.L.I. (Colonel Preedy), are billeted on Mrs. Taradine, and the climax is reached when the husband sees the household mourning his death and his Colonel taking more than a passing interest in Mrs. Taradine. Mrs. Maxwell Craig (Penelope Moon), Captain E. Bowring, R.M.L.I. (Mr. McFarlane, bank manager), and Miss Down and Mrs. Dickinson, as servant and cook respectively, added to the enjoyment of the entertainment.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

MUSIC LIBRARY. — The Library Fund is making very favourable progress, and several bands afloat have already forwarded subscriptions. It is hoped that 1923 will see the Library an established thing.

A dance is being arranged to take place in the Concert Hall some time this month, which no doubt will swell the funds considerably.

The N.C.O.s gave a Ball on the 5th January, which was held in the Concert Hall, and proved a great success.

CHATHAM.

PRESENTATION TO OFFICERS' MESS.

Two swords, once belonging to the late General Sir John Douglas, have been very kindly offered to the Officers' Mess, Chatham Division, by his granddaughter, Miss Flora Douglas de Fenzi, and gratefully accepted. In connection with this gift, we think that the correspondence printed below will be of general interest :—

Calci (Pisa),
Villa La Pace,
13th December, 1922.

To the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.

Dear Sir,—I have not the honour of knowing you personally, but hope when you have read my letter, I shall no longer be a stranger to you, as my dear grandfather served in the Royal Marines, and must be dear to anyone in Great Britain.

General Sir John Douglas was my dear grandfather. He distinguished himself more than a century ago in Syria, Egypt, serving with Sir Sidney Smith. He died in 1814, at his home at Greenwich, aged 52. Then my grandmother, Lady Douglas, came to Italy with her young daughter, my dear mother, who married an Italian Officer, and so it is I live in Italy.

I am a very old lady, almost 80, unmarried, and have brought up several generations of nephews and nieces. However, none, I feel might so well (as the Royal Marines), appreciate two heirlooms; and I am writing to ask you if you would like to have two swords, one, a sword of honour given by Sir Sidney Smith to my grandfather, with a beautiful inscription, and very beautifully enamelled; and the other, the sword of Mr. Cazal, who commanded the fortress of St. Teace d'Acre, and gave up his sword to my dear ancestor. Both relics have come to me, as, alas, my dear brothers are dead; and their children (at least some), were brought up in Italy, and I think I should feel happier, and acting more in sympathy with my grandfather's feelings, if his heirlooms were held by brother officers in the Royal Marine Corps. I do not know your name, so take the liberty of writing to the Adjutant-General, and when you have considered the matter, please let me have your answer. I have all the papers regarding his gallant, noble services. Hoping to give pleasure to you all, believe me,

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) FLORA DOUGLAS DE FENZI.

The Colonel-Commandant,
Chatham Division,
R.M.L.I.

With reference to the attached letter relative to two swords, the effects of the late General Sir John Douglas, Royal Marines, I should be glad if you would ascertain from the officers of the Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., whether they are desirous of having these swords for their Mess.

The late Sir John served at Chatham from 1800 to 1803 as a Captain, and was attached to Woolwich Division in 1809 as a Lieut.-Colonel.

(Sgd.) H. E. BLUMBERG.
Adjutant-General, R.M.

47, Victoria Street, S.W.1,
27th December, 1922.

Chatham Division, R.M.L.I.
28th December, 1922.

The Officers of this Division have much pleasure in accepting these swords.

(Sgd.) A. R. H. HUTCHISON,
Colonel-Commandant.

The Adjutant-General,
Royal Marines.

An interesting billiard match took place on January 18th, between the Officers and the Warrant Officers—150 up. The officers won five matches against the warrant officers' two. The scores were: Lieut.-Col. Mayhew 135, Mr Hazelwood 150; Col.-Comdt. Hutchison 150, Mr. Webber 63; Col. Miller 150, Mr. Smith 70; Rev. Hastings 132, Mr. Parfitt 150; Capt. Field 150, Mr. Trini 144; Capt. Quill 150, Mr. Farmer 75; Surg.-Comdr. Grazebrook 150, Mr. Coward 89.

EASTNEY.

The wives of officers of the R.M.A. held a children's fancy dress party in the Gymnasium at Eastney Barracks on Saturday. Colonel-Commandant Picton-Phillipps attended, and the guests, who numbered about 200, were received by Mrs. Paterson, wife of the Colonel Second Commandant, in the absence, through indisposition, of Mrs. Picton-Phillipps. Volunteer musicians, under Bombardier Newbold, gave selections during tea, and later played for dancing. Capt. Leach-Porter, in the role of Father Christmas, arrived in a motor car to distribute carnival novelties.

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DEPOT.

The annual display and distribution of prizes in connection with the Depot, R.M. Cadet Corps, took place at the Globe Theatre, on Wednesday, 13th December, in the presence of a large, keenly-interested audience. It was hoped that Major Astor would have been present, but his Parliamentary duties prevented this. Lady Violet, who had a very warm reception, presented the prizes. So far as the Cadets are concerned, the various displays they give year by year at these events are described in stereotyped terms on the programme. But the displays are not altogether identical. On each occasion something new is introduced; something that is beneficial to them. No matter what it is, they become proficient in it and thoroughly enjoy it.

Although the recorded results of the 1922 shooting season made good reading, they have looked much better in former years. The present position in regard to shooting is due to the lack of senior Cadets. Both Capt H. A. C. Webber (the Cadet Corps Commandant) and Col. H. D. Farquharson made appeals for recruits in this section.

During an interval in the capital programme, Lady Violet presented the prizes. Replicas of the shooting trophies won by Cadets in the past were placed on the stage. Before the awards were presented, Capt. Webber, on behalf of the Cadet Corps, thanked the audience for their attendance, and hoped they had enjoyed themselves. Lady Violet Astor had come quite a long distance to give away the prizes, and he was sure they would agree with him when he said that no introduction was necessary to the assembled company, who were numbered among the 18,000 friends she and her husband had in the Dover constituency. (Applause.)

The numbers of the Cadet Corps had slightly increased during the year, the present strength being 89. There was still room for more recruits in the senior Cadets, for boys from 14 to 17. Many parents thought that when a boy arrived at the age of 14, he must go to work. That was realised. But it would be to the advantage of the lads if, for two evenings a week, they joined some organisaton like the Cadet Corps, when they would have the opportunity of learning several accomplishments which would be very useful to them in their after life. He need only give one example in support of what he had said in the case of Cadet-Sergt. Hicks, who, while at the Dover County School, won the unique distinction of becoming the best all-round squadsman, and the best all-round swimmer. That lad was now in Canada, where he was doing very well indeed. a fact which his father attributed solely to the training he had received while in the Cadet Corps.

In January a special course for senior Cadets would be inaugurated. Those who wished to join should do so at once, by applying to him at the Orderly Room. During the year the Cadet Corps had been inspected by the Adjutant-General, R.M., who commented very favourably on what he saw. Lord Northbourne kindly lent them a field for the annual camp, which was attended by 60 Cadets.

The attendance during the year had been very good, as they would ascertain by the prizes which would be distributed, most of which were for good attendance. During the coming year, they would, unfortunately, be losing Q.M.S. Taylor, who was going to pension. During the 3½ years he had been connected with the Cadet Corps he had done wonderful work, and they would be very sorry to lose him, as it would be a difficult matter to replace him. They would see by the balance sheet they had held their own. But it had been a hard struggle to do so. Their expenditure next year would be heavy, as new uniforms and caps would have to be provided.

Lady Violet Astor, who was presented with two bouquets—one being composed of violets—then presented the prizes.

Thanking Lady Violet Astor for presenting the prizes, and those who had contributed to the programme, Col. Farquharson said Major Astor much regretted his inability to be present owing to his Parliamentary duties. He would have loved to come, and he hoped he would be given another chance to visit the Royal Marines in the future. Lord Northbourne, who was always keenly interested in the Cadet Corps' displays, also wrote regretting his absence through indisposition. His lordship was certain the Cadet Corps would always foster and encourage the esprit de corps which had invariably animated the splendid Corps of the Royal Marines.

Adding to what Capt. Webber had said in regard to the senior Cadets, he hoped the parents would realise the enormous value the Corps would be to their boys. It was nonsense to say that the training was suggestive of militarism. It imparted self-respect and helped the lads to realise that each was dependent on the other. Referring to the replicas on the stage, Col. Farquharson said they wanted to again win the originals, and there was no reason why they should not do so. Thanking those who had materially contributed to the efficiency of the Cadet Corps, the Colonel mentioned Q.M.S. Taylor, Sgts. Fitch and Preston, Cpls. Fielding, O'Leary and Pike. Sgt. Shotter was in charge of the shooting arrangements. They had some good rifles, and there was no reason why they should not have some good shooting.

Lady Violet Astor said she could assure them it had been a very great pleasure to be able to come there that evening to present the prizes. She heartily congratulated the Cadets on their splendid display, which she had thoroughly enjoyed, and on their really wonderfully smart appearance. She was sure the officers, the instructors, and the parents had cause to be proud of them. Her husband told her to say how very sorry he was he could not come. He was very disappointed. He had looked upon the event as the first occasion on which he had the opportunity of appearing since the election in Deal. They had not forgotten that wonderful evening, when they were met by the torchlight procession, the great cheering and the brass band. It was a great surprise to them. No new member of Parliament had such a welcome as her husband had that night. (Applause). She congratulated the Cadet Corps and she hoped her husband would be given, in the near future, an opportunity of coming down and paying them a visit. (Applause.)

The whole programme was, so far as the Cadets were concerned, carried through in a manner characteristic of everything undertaken by the Royal Marines. No higher praise can be accorded the event. The passing years bring their changes. year by year fresh faces are seen, both among the instructors and their pupils; but the efficiency and keenness are always the same. These two qualities never deteriorate. And that is what really counts.

Excellent selections of music were played by the orchestra during the evening.

The following was the programme, with a few details concerning the shooting:—

Overture, band of the Depot R.M.; quick march, band of the R.M. Cadet Cops; display of two-rank drill, R.M. Cadet Corps; song (encored), "A May Morning" Miss Dawson; display of signalling, R.M. Cadet Corps; songs, "The Floral Dance" and "Friend o' Mine," Mr. Snoswell; monologue (encored), "The Bargee's Story," Capt. A. B. Alcock, D.S.C.; display of arm drill, R.M. Cadet Corps; recitations, "Kissing Cup's Race" and "Kicking Strap's Race,' Mr. W. H. Porter; display of gymnastics and boxing, Cadet Corps; songs, "Down the Vale" and "My Dear Soul," Mrs. Harrison; grand finale, C.S.M. Pope and Cadet Corps; pianist, Mrs. Fisher; selections by the band of the Depot Royal Marines.

RESULTS OF 1922 SHOOTING SEASON.

King's Shield Competition, 5th; Schomberg Cup Competition, 2nd; Portsmouth Cup Competition, 4th; Imperial Challenge Shield (Senior), 89th out of 862 (3rd out of 110 entries in the United Kingdom); Imperial Challenge Shield (Junior), 97th out of 434 (28th out of 82 entries in the United Kingdom; First Reserve Battalion Challenge Trophy, 2nd.

SAILORS AND LAND-LUBBERS.

At a naval dinner recently the following story was told, exemplifying the old-time seaman's prejudice against landsmen. A certain captain, notorious for his belief that sailors were the salt of the race, was wont to doze during Divine Service on board his ship. One Sunday, indulging in his usual practice, he woke with a start to hear the chaplain announcing: "Hymn No. 166. All people that on earth do dwell." Jumping to his feet, he shouted out: "D——n the land-lubbers! Hymn No. 370. 'Eternal Father, strong to save.'"

"BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS."

A "Foreword" for "Britain's Sea Soldiers" has been received from Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., D.C.L., in itself a historic appreciation of the Royal Marines from the world-known "Hero of Jutland," to-day's First Sea Lord of the Admiralty. This "Foreword" says :—

"The story of the Royal Marine Corps which Colonel Field unfolds in the following pages, though it does not cover the period of the Great War, gives, over a period of 250 years, a picture of loyalty and courage that it would be difficult to equal and impossible to surpass. It is clear that that great Admiral, Lord St. Vincent, when he spoke of the Royal Marines as the Country's sheet anchor, was not employing a meaningless metaphor.

"Originally introduced afloat to help the prime seamen—all too few in number—to fight the ships, they have played an important part in all the notable deeds of the Royal Navy. With Rooke at Gibraltar, Hawke at Quiberon, Rodney at Dominica, Howe on the First of June, Jervis at St. Vincent, Nelson at the Nile and Trafalgar, and in countless other actions, great and small, the Marine has fought shoulder to shoulder with the seaman, sharing his victories as a faithful and valiant comrade.

"Their service in the late War was in accordance with their great traditions. They fought on many fronts as well as at sea.

"The heroic conduct of Major F. J. W. Harvey in my Flagship "Lion" during the Battle of Jutland was the embodiment of the spirit of the Marines.

"Though mortally wounded, he gave orders for the flooding of the magazine of his turret, which had been wrecked by German gunfire, thereby saving the ship from destruction. For his heroism and devotion His Majesty posthumously awarded him the V.C.

"There has long been a great need for a work of the nature that Colonel Field now sets before his readers, and I wish it every success."

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel Field's book :—

Previously Acknowledged ... £903 13s. 2d.

£10.—Col. Sir W. Hutchison Poe.

£4.—Recreation Room, R.M.A., Eastney; Lieut. C. H. C. Masters; Sergeants' Mess, Depot R.M.

£2.—Gen. F. G. Cotter. Col. E. W. Harding. Lt.-Cols. H. A. H. Jones, R. F. C. Foster. Majors J. W. Snepp, A. D. B. Godfrey, H. Blount, J. Nind, K. E. Lawrance. Capts. J. M. Tuke, C. Brooke Short, C. W. Adair, V. G. Clayton, R. W. Bagot, N K. Jolley, C. R. W. Lamplough, J. E. Flower. Lieuts. L. O. Jones, C. F. L. Holford, C. C. Palmer, P. R. Smith-Hill, J. C. Cawley Way. Mrs. A. Campbell, Mrs. E. M. Bendyshe. Messrs. Tom Harding, E. A. Hunt, A. W. Brooker. Drs. F. A. Dingley, R.M., O. A. C. Walmer.

£1 17s. 6d.—Col. C. L. Brooke. Lt.-Col. J. A. M. A. Clark. Capts. R. F. Mitchell, E. Jukes-Hughes, J. G. Johnstone. Lieuts. G. R. Hawkins, C. N. S. Smith. Sergeant W. J. Emery. Cpl. W. B. Young. Mr. S. Isaacson.

£1 12s. 6d.—Major H. C. Pope.

£1 10s.—Major G. R. S. Hickson; Lieut. R. S. Lansdale.

£1.—Major J. J. Bramble; Mr. S. M. Jenkin.

17s. 6d.—Major W. Sinclair.

11s.—Pte. P. Riddell (per H.M.S. "Southampton").

10s.—Junior N.C.O.s' Club, Chatham.

5s.—Mr. T. H. Atkins.

2s. 6d.—Sgt. C. C. Mills, Clr.-Sgt. W. J. Thornton, Pte. A. Potts, Mr. W. O'Mara.

Interest on Deposit Account, 1921, 18s. 7d.; 1922, £8 1s. 11d.

TOTAL ... £1,020 14s. 8d.

I should be glad to hear from any subscribers who have not received copies they have ordered of the First Monthly Part which will be out by the time this number of the "G. and L." is printed.

J. A. TUPMAN, Lt.-Col.
Hon. Treasurer.

16th January, 1923.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1922.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from 1921	493	18	3½
Subscriptions :—			
Divisions and Depot	250	0	0
H.M. Ships and Units Afloat	40	4	5
Officers' Messes	33	9	6
Warrant Officers' Messes	5	0	0
Sergeants' Messes	6	18	0
Musketry Staffs	8	2	6
Junior N.C.O.s' Clubs	5	10	0
Companies, Band and Buglers	4	19	10
8th R.M. Battalion Canteen	5	0	0
Recruiting Staffs	2	10	0
Royal Marine Office	2	0	9
"Mercer Memorial" Fund	9	1	5
Individual Subscriptions and Donations	23	18	5
Interest on War Loan	3	15	0
Interest on Deposit Account	5	0	1
Refunded by S.O.R.M., Devonport, a/c Travelling	2	6	6
Sale of Medals for "Duke of Edinburgh" Cup	9	5	6
"Challenge" Fines at R.M. R.A. Meeting	1	2	0½
	£912	2	3

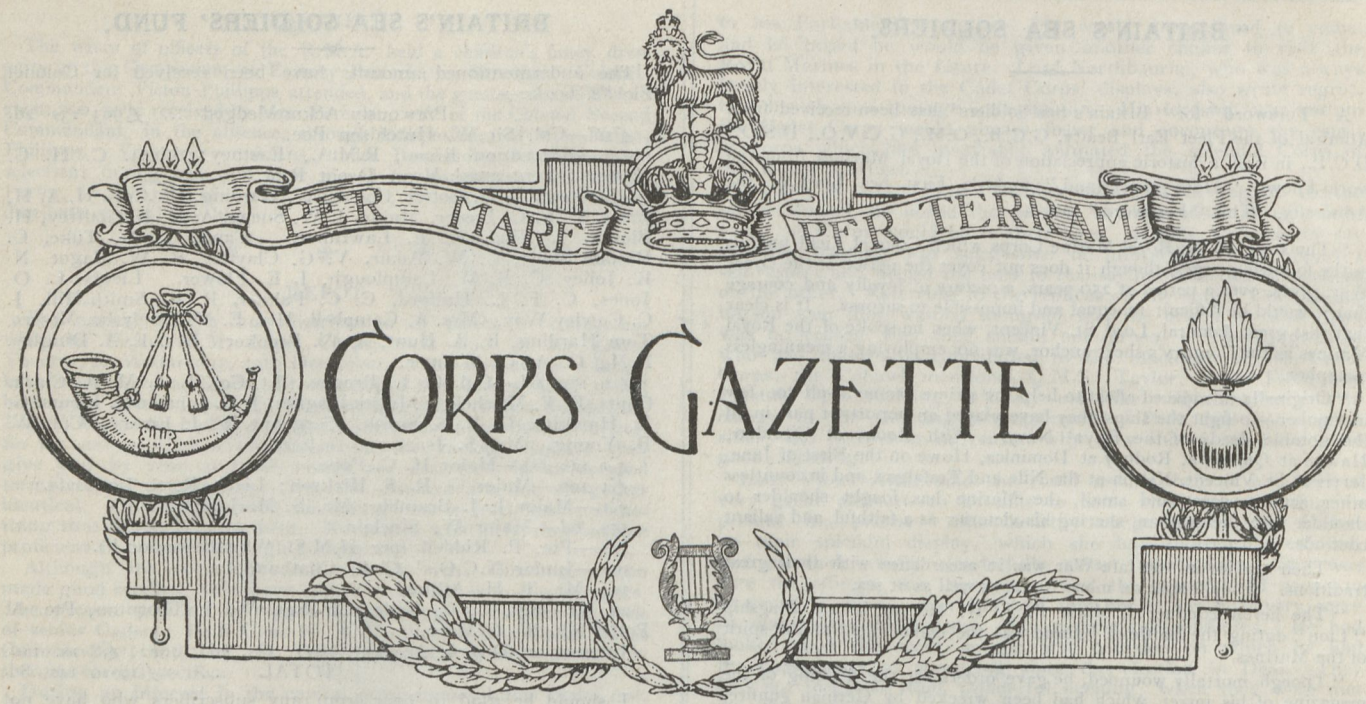
Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Typewriter	18	12	2
Stationery	6	15	7½
Printing	12	6	2½
Medals, Eight Badges and Cup	74	19	1
Engraving Cups and Medals	4	15	6
Subscription to N.R.A.	10	0	0
Rent of Hut, Bisley	30	0	0
R.M.R.A. Meeting, and Practice of VIII's	51	16	11
,, ,, Travelling Expenses	169	11	8
,, ,, Prizes (Money and in kind)	44	17	6
Insurance of Cups and Trophies	8	6	6
N.R.A. Meeting, Bisley	59	4	1
R.M.R.A. Flag	1	5	0
"Globe and Laurel" Advertisement	2	11	0
Souvenir for Coach of VIII	2	5	0
Committee Travelling Expenses	35	2	11½
Cheque Books	0	16	0
Postage Account	5	9	8
Sundries	1	12	10
Balance :—			
War Loan — £ 83 0 0			
Deposit Account — 205 0 1			
Current Account — 69 17 6			
Cash — 13 16 11½			
	371	14	6½
	£912	2	3

Audited and found correct,
W. S. POË, Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel, R.M.A.

Dated 12th January, 1923.

I certify that the above is a true statement, up to and including 31st December, 1922, and that there are no outstanding liabilities.

M. FILMER-BENNETT, Major, R.M.L.I.,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, R.M.R.A.



HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:—

To be Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, of the said Most Honourable Order: Major-General H. E. Blumberg, C.B.

The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (to be dated the 28th December, 1922, unless otherwise stated):—

To be Commanders of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order: Col. 2nd Commandant R. H. Morgan, R.M.L.I.

To be Officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order: Major and Brevet Lt.-Col. G. Carpenter, D.S.C., R.M.L.I.; Major C. E. S. Wright, R.M.L.I.

To be Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order: Royal Marine Gunner E. G. Thornton.

Major M. C. Festing, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., to be Brevet Lieut.-Colonel. Admiralty, 31st December, 1922.

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PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

The Rev. A. Shell, M.A., R.N., apptd. to H.M.S. "Victory" for R.M.A. Division, vice Robinson, 1st January, 1923.

Surg.-Lt.-Com. H. B. Parker, D.S.C., M.B., R.N., to H.M.S. "Pembroke," addl. tempy. for Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., vice Simpson, 8th January, 1923.

Hdmstr. P. C. Hodder, R.M., promoted Lieut. (on Retd. List), 9th January, 1923.

Lt.-Col. R. C. Temple, O.B.E., R.M.A., promoted to Col. 2nd Commandant, vice Philips, and borne supy. whilst holding appt. of A.A.G., R.M., 11th December, 1922.

Lt.-Col. R. C. Patterson, O.B.E., R.M.A., promoted to Col. 2nd Commandant vice Temple, 11th December, 1922.

Major H. B. Inman, M.C., R.M.L.I., apptd. to 11th R.M. (Medtn.) Btn. vice Major G. S. Hobson, R.M.L.I., to rejoin Headquarters.

Lieut. A. J. Clanchy, R.M.L.I., apptd. to 11th R.M. (Medtn.) Batn. vice Capt. H. D. Weir, R.M.L.I., to return to England.

Lieut. R. W. Spraggett, M.C., R.M.L.I., apptd. Adjutant 11th R.M. (Medtn.) Btn. vice Capt. Weir.

Capt. and Bt. Major T. L. Hunton, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., apptd. Asst. Military Instructor Depot, R.M., Deal, vice Lough and absorbed in the Establishment vice Jolley, 22nd January, 1923.

Capt. N. K. Jolley, R.M.L.I., apptd. Adjutant Plymouth Division vice Hunton and borne supy. to Establishment, 22nd January, 1923.

Major A. D. Welch, R.M.L.I., has been selected for the appointment of Drafting Officer, Plymouth Division vice Arbuthnot.

The undermentioned Prob. 2nd Lieuts., R.M.L.I., are posted to the Divisions stated against their names: Plymouth: J. F. Moulton, W. S. North, F. W. Milliken; Chatham: H. A. Tracey, R. D. Sims, P. Phillipps; Portsmouth: P. H. O. T. Penfold, M. Marchant, J. T. R. Pym. All dated 3rd January, 1923.

Surg.-Lt.-Com. (D) E. G. Adams, R.N., apptd. to H.M.S. "Victory," for R.M.A. Division, Eastney and for General Duties vice Dalby.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. B. C. Gardiner, C.B., R.M.L.I., returns to Corps Duty from Seconded List, borne supy. and relinquishes grading G.S.O.2. Posted to Plymouth, 15th January, 1923. Apptd. to "President" addl. temporarily for duty inside Admiralty under D.S.D., 15th, January, 1923.

Major G. C. Woodcock, O.B.E., R.M.A., placed on U.T., 5th January, 1923.

Major and Bt.-Lt.-Col. H. E. Iremonger, D.S.O., R.M.A., absorbed in the Establishment vice Woodcock, 5th January, 1923.

Capt. F. R. Jones, R.M.L.I., apptd. Instructor of Musketry Depot, R.M., Deal, vice Inman, 3rd February, 1923.

Capt. W. Harris, R.M.L.I. (Reserve of Officers, R.M.), apptd. to R.M. Police and posted to Chatham, 20th December, 1922.

Tempy. Hon. 2Lieut. C. A. Holroyd, Unattached List, R.M., promoted to T/Hon. Lieut., 18th September, 1919.

Major C. B. Mullings, R.M.L.I., from Seconded List to be borne supy. Posted to Plymouth, 1st January, 1923.

The following Prob. Lieuts., R.M.L.I., are confirmed in the rank of Lieutenant and posted to the Divisions stated against their names: Confirmed as Lieuts. (1st September, 1921): Prob. Lieuts. Lancelot Priestley, R.M.L.I., Ch.; Wilfred I. Nonweiler, R.M.L.I., Ch.; Joseph T. Hall, R.M.L.I., Po.; Theodore A. Smythe, R.M.L.I., Ply. Confirmed as Lieuts. (1st January, 1922): Prob. Lieuts. Alan G. Warren, R.M.L.I., Po.; Chas. E. C. Ransome, R.M.L.I., Po.; C. G. Henry Blandford R.M.L.I., Ply.; Roderick S. Lansdale, R.M.L.I., Ply.; Thos. L. G. Bryan, R.M.L.I., Ch.; Berthold W. Knowles, R.M.L.I., Po.; Cecil F. L. Holford, R.M.L.I., Ch.; Owen C. Jones, R.M.L.I., Ply.; Joseph H. C. Way, R.M L.I., Po.

Major A. D. Welsh, R.M.L.I., absorbed in the Establishment vice Wainwright and posted to Portsmouth Division, 22nd January, 1923.

Surg.-Lt.-Com. (D) J. F. Place, R.N., apptd. to H.M.S. "Pembroke," addl. for Depot, R.M., Deal, vice Ward.

Capt. A. E. Rann, O.B.E., M.C., R.M.A. (Reserve of officers, R.M.), apptd. to R.M. Police and posted to Portsmouth Division, 21st March, 1923.

Schoolmaster (W.O.) F. A. Trace, R.M., promoted to Headmaster, R.M., and posted to Portsmouth Division, 9th January, 1923.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. MacDonnell, R.M.L.I. to H.M.S. "Dauntless" vice Capt. N. K. Jolley, R.M.L.I.

Lieut. H. E. F. Shackleton, R.M.A. to H.M.S. "Barham" vice Lieut. C. P. Sparrow, R.M.A. to disembark to Headquarters.

RETIREMENTS.

Capt. W. F. Harris, R.M.L.I., placed on Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 1358/22 para. 36, and apptd. to Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held on the Active List, 20th December, 1922.

Headmaster P. C. Hodder, R.M., retired on account of age, 9th January, 1923.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. E. Dowding, R.M.L.I., placed on Retired List on account of Medical Unfitness, 23rd June, 1922.

Major G. C. Wainwright, R.M.L.I., placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 1358/22, and apptd. to Reserve of Officers, R.M., in rank last held on Active List, 22nd January, 1923.

Major G. C. Woodcock, O.B.E., R.M.A. (U.T.), and Major G. S. Hobson, R.M.L.I., are placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 1358/22, and apptd. to Reserve of Officers, R.M., in rank last held on Active Service; to date 16th February, 1923 and 31st March, 1923, respectively.

Gen. G. A. Wylde, R.M., placed on Retired List at own request, 1st January, 1923.

Commd. R.M., Gunner H. Puxley placed on Retired List at own request.

Capt. and Bt. Major T. V. Cooke, D.S.O., R.M.L.I. (Supy), placed on Retired List on account of Medical Unfitness, 29th December, 1922.

Proby. Lieut. C. G. R. Collis, R.M.L.I., placed on Retired List on account of Medical Unfitness, 11th January, 1923.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capts. J. A. Bath, D.S.C., E. Bowring, E. Roe and R. Mackenzie, R.M.L.I., have been selected to attend the Musketry and Lewis Gun Course at the School of Musketry, Portsmouth Division on the 8th January, 1923.

Majors, R.M.L.I., W. P. Arbuthnot and L. Norcock completed the Senior Officers' Course, Woking, 15th December, 1922.

The undermentioned Officers and N.C. Officers obtained First Class Certificates in Signals at Maresfield Park: Lieuts. R. D. Hale, D.S.M., R.M.L.I.; J. H. Wills, R.M.A.; Cpls. Ch/E/19768, F. W. Northover; Ch/G/17620, C. E. Spurden; and Ply/19224, C. Stratton.

Capt. V. G. Clayton and Capt. R. W. Bagot, R.M.L.I., qualified as P. and R.T. Officers at the P. and R.T. School, Portsmouth, on December 15th, 1922, obtaining a 2nd Class Qualification.

The following officers have been selected for the Senior Captains' Military Course, Depot, R.M., Deal: Capts., R.M.L.I., H. E. Ravenshaw, M. R. Yeo, O.B.E.; H. S. G. Bird, E. T. N. Farmer, H. R. Haines, O.B.E.; L. S. Wilkinson, F. R Jones, A. P. Dawson and C. A. Lucas.

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PLYMOUTH.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—"Dartmouth," Sgt. Martin, Pte. Ley. "Delhi," Sgt. Whitthorn, Cpl. Stonehouse. "Maidstone," Pte. Chittenden. "Thistle," Ptes. Tovey and Shore. "Constance," Sgt. Southall; Cpls. Walker, Martin; Bug. Parsons; Ptes. Mahoney, Wood, Jones, Woodcock, Hicks, Clist, Clayden, Rand, Phillips, Miller, Andrews, Gregory, Beddington, Hedgecox, Pinwell, Johnson, Rowe, Symons, Dennett, Coules, Thorn, Mitten, Logan, Smith, Fowler, Webber. Curtan, Dore.

EMBARKATIONS.—"Southampton," Cpl. Cross; Bug. Reading; Ptes. Hall, Phillips, Findlay, Babbage, Plamer, Latrielle, Revell, Gulliver, Fowler, Bennett, Dutton, Cook, Blore, Mahon, Ashcroft. "Thistle," Cpl. McMasters; Ptes. Burton, Caselev, Cose, Pope, Shepherd, Bowden, Ireland. "Delhi," Clr.-Sgt. Smart; Cpl. Wright. "Maidstone," Pte. Perrett. "Defiance," Pte. Preece. "Dartmouth," Pte. Welsford. "Valiant," Clr.-Sgt. Radcliffe. "Ganges," Cpl. Clarke.

CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.—"Shotley T. E.," Ptes. Perkins, Barker, "Dwarf," Ptes. Harding, Williams, Walten. "Repulse," Clr.-Sgt. Carlton; Ptes. Anderson, Chapman, Wall. "Ramillies," Ptes. Chilton, Leaning. "Dunedin," Ptes. Thrussell, Reeves, While, White, Harvey, Mason, Davies, Scott. "Dauntless," Pte. Beard. "Caledon," Pte. Sawyers. "Constance," Sgts. Butler, Douglas; Cpls. Rees, Akhurst; Bug. Saunders; Ptes. Holloway, Hawkes, Johnson, Martin, Heath, Hedges, Millington, Harber, Funnell, Frances, Horseman, Smoker, Carter, Jackson, Higgs, Thewlis, Sigston, Heath, Marsh, Hayson, Jackson, Chaplin, Warner. "Danae," Bug. Preston; Ptes. Futter, Walton. "Royal Sovereign," Ptes. Nicholson, Dabell, "11th R.M. Batt," Pte. Absolam. "Carlisle," Pte. Williams.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—"Ramillies," Ptes. Hatton, Stevenson, Fletcher, Brown, "Shotley T.E.", Ptes. Bushell, Flight. "Royal Sovereign," Pte. Tilsley. "Castor," Cpl. Quarrington; Pte. Gaskill. "Cyclops," Clr.-Sgt. Ball. "Royal Oak," Pte. Leaning. "Calcutta," Pte. Anderson. "Dunedin," Ptes. Johnson, Mitchell, Bales, Ashley, Robertson, Woods, Hopkins, Rutland, Rumble. "Blenheim," Pte. Topper. "Caledon," Pte. Vine. "Danae," Bug. Brown; Ptes. Carmichael, Wynn. "Hood," Pte. Monk. "Repulse," Clr.-Sgt. Beeston; Ptes. Riddiford, Potts, Botley.

DISCHARGES.—Pension: C.S.M. Mazengarb; Ptes. Cumming, Childs, Allfrey, Bollans, Claridge, Smith, Hankin. Invalided: Pte. Hill. Bonus on Reduction: Cpl. Howard; Ptes. Warden, Green, Topper, Wynn. By Purchase: Ptes. Knight, Reeves.

APPOINTMENTS.—Pte. Knill transferred from Orderly Room to Drafting Office for training as Clerk. L/Cpl. Herron apptd. R.F.R. Clerk 1st Qr. Mrs. Dept. Clr.-Sgt. Privett apptd. Clerk, Comdts. Office. Sgt. Ford apptd. Musketry Instructor at 11d. per diem. Sgt. Bonnett apptd. Musketry Instructor at 6d. per diem. Pte. Vine apptd. Barman, Main Beer Canteen, Pte. Savage confirmed in appt. as attdt. to Major Gillespie. Pte. Bird appd. attdt. at Recreation Room, Main Barracks.

PROMOTIONS.—To be Clr.-Sgt., Sgt. A. L. Shotter. To be Sgt., Cpl. Pond.

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DEAL.

PROMOTIONS.—Ch.-Sgt. Shotter to Clr.-Sgt. Ch.-Cpl. Pond to Sgt.

DISCHARGES.—Ch.-Rect. Davies, Invalided. Ch.-Sgt. Cottington, Pension. Po.-Cpl. Kempshall, Pension. Ply.-Pte. Harris, Pension.

APPOINTMENTS.—Ply.-Pte. Askew to Typecutter. Ply.-Sgt. Martin to Musky. Instr. for Infy. Drill Instr. Ply.-Pte/ Worthington to Attd. to Major (Bt.-Lt.-Col.) Festing. Ch.-Pte. Tyler to Officers' Mess Cook. Ply.-Pte. Kelly to Asst. Officers' Mess Cook.

EMBARKATION.—Po.-Pte. Bedford to "Hood."

G.C. BADGES.—Ply.-Sgt. Underhill, 3rd; Ply.-Pte. Kelly, 2nd; Po.-Pte. Lansdown, 2nd; Ply.-Pte. Kingsford, 3rd; Ply.-Pte. Hull, 1st.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.—Po.-Clr.-Sgt. Shill qualified as a 1st Class Instr. in Anti-Gas, 92 per cent.

MEDALS.—L.S. and G.C.: Ply.-Gibson; Ch.-Pte. Parsons.

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EASTNEY.

APPOINTMENTS.—Cpl. J. W. Owens to Infirmary Orderly. Cpl. Wm. Bradley to Pioneer Cpl. Gunr. H. R. Dear to M.O.A., Rev. Shell. Gnr. O. T. Whitmarsh, M.O.A. to R.M. Gnrs. Pearcy and Murdoch. Gnr. W. T. Knott to Boatman, Boat's Crew Clr.-Sgt. W. J. Longhurst to Q.M.S.I. (Sea Service). Gnr. W. H. Taylor, to M.O.A. Surg.-Lt.-Adams.

PROMOTIONS.—Cpl. H. G. Wyatt to Sergeant. Cpl. Sidney Bowey to Sergeant.

DISCHARGES.—"Having completed time for Pension," Sgt. F. M. Brady, Gnrs. C. A. Cole, Joseph Griffiths, T. W. Mallam. Q.M.S.I. Richard Cartwright. C.S.M. Edgar Goodyer. "Invalided," Gnr. T. J. Periton. Transfer to Ct. Division, Gnr. Charles Walker.

EMBARKATIONS.—11th R.M. Battalion, Gnrs. A. C. Heard, C. H. Jago, Fredk. Keyworth. "Repulse," Sgts. W. C. Clements, C. R. Martin; Gnrs. W. D. Mears, Lawrence Hourd; Cpl. S. M. Follett. "Queen Elizabeth," Gnr. A. E. Marriott. "Ramillies," Gnr. Herbert Monks. "Warspite," Sgt. H. G. Wyatt. "Barham," Clr.-Sgt. A. C.Millson, Gnr. W. T. Reece. "Ganges II" Sgt. R. F. McEwen. "Hood," Gnr. L. J. Plummer.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—"Iron Duke," Gnr. B. A. Job. "Revenge," Gnr. John Harrington. "Barham," Clr.-Sgt. G. H. Thompson, Gnr. E. E. Selvey. "St. Helena," Clr.-Sgt. Mills, Sgt. H. Tarbottom. "Resolution," Gnr. G. F. W. Barber. "Repulse," Clr.-Sgt. H. E. Fitzgerald, Sgt. A. D. Layzell, Cpl. William Bradley, Gnr. A. W. Hedges. "Warspite," Clr.-Sgt. F. G. Sheldrick. "Ramillies," Gnrs. F. W. Rogers, W. T. Symes, F. A. Taylor. "Queen Elizabeth," Gnr. G. P. Charter. "King George V," Bug. E. A. Bradford. "Ajax," Gnr. H. H. McFetridge. "Royal Sovereign," Gnr. D. Sewell. "Egmont," Gnr. H. Knight. "Emperor of India," Gnr. A. Habberjam. "Marlborough," Gnr. J. Spackman.

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PORTSMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS. From H.M. Island of Ascension, Sgt. L. Coppin, Ptes. U. Bostock and A. E. Harris. H.M.S. "Canterbury," Sgt. H. C. Barker, Cpl. H. Peplow, Bug. W. Francis, Ptes. F. Hughs, G. W. Sawyer, J. Wild and T. Molloy. H.M.S. "Victory" (Ship), Cpl. H. Goodwin, Pte. W. L. Johnson, S. Greenwood. H.M.S. "Dragon," Pte E. Stares. H.M.S. "Pembroke," Pte. C. C. Wright. H.M.S. "Fisgard," Pte. C. S Payne. H.M.S. "Renown." Ptes. F. W. L. Morgan, E. Brown. H.M.S. "Courageous," Pte. A. C. Taylor, Cpl. H. V. Bessant, Pte. M. Cate. H.M.S. "Barham," Pte J. H. Mills, Cpl. G. H. C. Greenham, Pte. W. Bowle. H.M.S. "Vernon," Pte. H. E. Hay. H.M.S. "Champion," Pte. W. L. Trodd. H.M.S. "Curacoa," Pte. T Wright. H.M.S. "Fisgard," Cpl. P. Curtis. H.M.S. "Greenwich," Pte. W. Tinkler. H.M.S. "Vernon," Pte. T. F. Partridge. H.M.S. "Dolphin," Cpl. W. R. Cherriman. H.M.S. "Victory" (R.N.B.), Pte. C. A. Tawney. H.M.S. "Victory" (Ship), Cpl. W. G. Geary. H.M.S. "Hood," Cpl. E. E. Davey, R. O. Cawthraw. H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth," Sgt. C. J. E. Box, Pte. T Hilton. H.M.S. "Colombo," Pte. A. W. Carter. H.M.S. "Ramillies," Pte. J. Boyes. H.M.S. "Cormorant," Sgt. H. A. Stone. H.M.S. "Dryad" (N.S.), Pte. A. Miller. H.M.S. "Southampton," Pte. A. W. Dack. H.M.S. Curacoa," Pte. J. H. Chinnery. H.M.S. "Egmont," Pte. H. A. King, Pte. W. J. Wallis, Cpl. W. E. Goodhall. H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth," Sgt. C. F. Newport, Ptes. C. G. Williams, T. Powers, T. W. Martindale. H.M.S. "Constance," Pte. J. F. Slade. H.M.S. "Barham," Ptes. F. Hagen, W. W. Glover, G. F. Molyneux, T. Smith. H.M.S. "Barham," W. G. Baxter, W. Bowler. H.M.S. "Cormorant," Pte. L G. Upson. H.M.S. "Coventry," Clr.-Sgt. W. R. Sheppard, Pte. S. J. Gouge. H.M.S. "Assistance," Sgt. A. P. Wright. H.M.S. "Barham," Pte. A. J. Wiggins. H.M.S. "Courageous," Sgt. F. Holman, Ptes. A. J. Hobbs, E. E. Ireland (for Canterbury). H.M.S. "Victory," (Ship), Cpl. W. G. Miller. H.M.S. "Fisgard," Pte. T. Molloy. H.M.S. "Renown," Pte. B. T. Ritty. H.M.S. "Champion," Pte. T. Wright. H.M.S. "Greenwich," Pte. H. E. Hay. H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth," Cpl. S. Guttridge, Ptes. E. Ayling, P. Echart, E. A. Freemantle, G. J. Davey. H.M.S. "Egmont," Sgts. F. W. Smith, W. P. Dawson. H.M.S. "Curacoa," Ptes. J. Wild, F. Kelly. H.M.S. "Coventry," Pte. J. Ingle. H.M.S. "Assistance," Cpl. H. C. Proctor, Pte. W. L. Trodd. H.M.S. "Barham," Ptes. E. Bacon, E. G. Hall, P. H. D. Goulter. H.M.S. "Carlisle," Sgts. H. R. Stevens, C. J. Munday; Cpls. W. G. Ayling, A. Harrop; Bug. W. J. Gregg; Ptes. G. Tucker, A. Ackerman, J. H. Strugnell, F. R. Matthews, T. F. Foulkes, W. W. Johnson, H. Newton, B. T. Fordham, J. C. Moncar, M. J. Hancock, A. Russell, J. H. Emms. W. H. F. Lane, S. G. Butcher, A. Fulbrooke, F. E. Gates. H.M.S. "Barham," Ptes. F. Hagen, W. G. Baxter.

TRANSFERS.—Pte. T. Hounsome, serving "President," to Chatham Division, R.M.L.I. Pte. E. Stinson, serving "Malava," to Chatham Division, R.M.L.I. Pte. E. Barnes, serving "Malava," to Chatham Division, R.M.L.I.

DISCHARGES.—Pte. S. Richardson to Pension. Musn. A. A. Collins, discharged "Dead." Clr.-Sgt. C. Wright to Pension. Pte. H. F. Blackmore, Invalided. Pte. A. Brown, Invalided. Cpl. J. W. Kempshall to Pension. Sgt. A. J. Stevens to Pension. Pte. A. Miller to Pension. Musn. A. Woodley to Pension.

APPOINTMENTS.—Pte. W. E. Joyce to Pioneer. Sgt. H. A. Stone to Pioneer-Sgt. Sgt. W. Tizard to Police-Sgt. Sgt. W. Tritton to 1st Clerk, Barrack Dept.

PROMOTIONS.—Sgt. T. E. Moore to Clr.-Sgt. (Serving 11th R.M. Batt.). Cpl. E. W. Sheerman to Sgt. (Serving H.O.E., Chatham). Sgt. J. Walker, to Clr.-Sgt. (Serving H.M.Y. "Victoria and Albert). Cpl. V. J. Spearing to Sgt. (Serving H.M.S. "Thunderer"). Cpl. A. A. Grindey to Sgt. (Serving H.M.S. "Champion"). Sgt. W. R. Sheppard to Clr.-Sgt. (Serving H.M.S. "Coventry"). Cpl. A. J. W. Foster to Sgt. (Serving H.Q.E., Chatham). Sgt. R. C. Burt, D.S.M. to Clr.-Sgt. (Serving H.M.S. "Barham").

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ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC, EASTNEY.

15th January, 1923.

EMBARKED.—H.M.S. "Thunderer," B/Cpl. Sidney Dennis and Musn. Harry Collier. H.M.S. "Barham," B/Cpl. W. R. Moore, Musns. A. J. Westaway, J. T. Nash, A. G. Rogers, W. A. Harding, E. G. Bramble, William Jones. H.M.S. "Resolution," B/Cpl. A. R. J. Rassell, Musns. L. S. L. Roper. H.M.S. "Pembroke," (C. in C.), Musn. L. A. Hamblin, H.M.S. "Hood," Musns. Fredk. Hill and C. A. Potter. H.M.S. "Southampton," Bandmaster 1st Class, George Bedingham, B/Cpl. W. J. Cooper, Musns. Sydney Fesler, H. T. Baney, Fredk. Skitmore, B.C.T. Bunting, A. F. Wells, A. G. Chambers, E. A. Gatty, W. H. Briggs, E. G. Upstell, A. A. Boyce, Francis Doyle, G. H. Lightfoot, S. G. Cornish S G. Toms.

DISEMBARKED.—H.M.S. "Barham," B/Cpl. Arthur Green, Musns. W. T. Cooper, A. H. McRae, James Marchant, F. W. Budden, J. H. Bell, J. W. M. Neal. H.M.S. "Thunderer," B/Cpl. L. A. Smith and Musn. M. C. Orrin. H.M.S "Resolution," B/Cpl. A. G. Foskett, Musn. A. C. Jennings. H.M.S. "Pembroke," (C. in C.), Musn. J. J. Farmer. H.M.S. "Hood," Musns. J. E. F. Prior and Joseph Birks

DISCHARGES.—B/Cpl. H. W. Harris to Pension. Musn. A. E. Drake. Services no longer required.

ADVANCEMENT TO MUSICIAN.—Band Boys Wm. Gorridge, E. G. Bramble, E. N. Williams, Wm. Bellinger, W. S. Walters, C. W. Stovell, Hubert Sanders.

PROMOTION.—Musn. C. E. F. Prior to Band Corporal.

PENSIONERS, R.M.

Whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th November, 1922.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Official No.*	*Date of Death.*
Benney, W.	Pte.	Ply.	31st Co.	2/10/22
Berry, T. J.	Gnr.	Po. R.M.A.	2153	16/10/22
Blake, S.	Sergt.	Po. R.M.A.	735	3/11/22
Clarke, S.	Gnr.	Po. R.M.A.	2585	15/7/22
Coates, T. J.	Pte.	Chat.	2900	10/11/22
Cole, G.	Sergt.	Chat.	371	6/11/22
Course, T.	Pte.	Chat.	10	17/11/22
Everett, C.	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	429	16/11/22
Haslam, J. C.	Pte.	Po. R.M.A.	5483	7/11/22
Hopker, A.	Pte.	Chat.	971	26/11/22
Jacomb, P.	Gnr.	Po. R.M.A.	7877	27/11/22
Jenkins, J.	Pte.	Ply.	187	3/11/22
Jennings, A.	Pte.	Ply.	284	1/11/22
Lomax, H. W.	Pte.	Ply.	1232	9/11/22
Luscombe, A.	L.-Cpl.	Ply.	4643	12/11/22
Mills, S.	Pte.	Chat.	4084	27/11/22
Paddson, J.	Q.M.S.	W.O. 2 Ply.	3754	12/11/22
Price, J.	Pte.	Ply.	1621	11/8/21
Purchase, E.	Pte.	Ports.	7373	16/11/22
Taylor, J.	Musn.	Ply.	2115	18/11/22
	Period 1st to 31st December, 1922			
Baston, G.	Pte.	Ports.	133	28/12/22
Burke, T.	Pte.	Ply.	5667	2/12/22
Coombs, T.	Pte.	Gosp.	32nd Co.	28/12/22
Daniell, G.	Gnr.	Po. R.M.A.	6391	13/12/22
Elliott, F.	Gnr.	Po. R.M.A.	760	18/12/22
Gibson, T.	Sergt.	Chat.	25th Co.	18/12/22
Gilbert, W.	Pte.	Ply.	574	2/12/22
Howe, J.	Clr.-Sgt.	Ply.	1712	3/12/22
Latto, J. E.	Sergt.	Ports.	2510	12/12/22
Marshall, W.	Cpl.	Ply..	"D" Co.	31/12/22
Nicholls, S.	A/Cpl.	Ply.	1942	31/12/22
Porter, J.	Pte.	Gosp.	"G" Co.	23/12/22
Richards, J.	Gnr.	Po. R.M.A.	6467	25/12/22
Rogers, G.	Pte.	Ports.	44th Co.	8/12/22
Trowbridge, R.B.	Gnr.	Po. R.M.A.	9136	4/12/22
Willey, E.	Pte.	Ply.	13008	17/12/22
Wilson, W.	Pte.	Ply.	12288	17/11/22
Walters C.	Pte.	Ports.	951	17/12/22
Wood, G.	Pte.	Chat.	"B" Co.	26/12/22

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The Journal of the ROYAL MARINES.



Officer, 1664.

"I never knew an appeal to them for honour, courage or loyalty, that they did not more than realise my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England, they will be found the Country's Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

The outstanding event in the history of the Corps during the past otherwise uneventful month has been the publication of the 1st Part containing the first two chapters of "Britain's Sea Soldiers." Many of our readers will have by now had an opportunity of studying this first portion of the completed work, and we are sure we are only voicing their opinion in offering our heartiest congratulations to the Author, the Committee, and the Publishers on their combined efforts.

We should like to take this opportunity of offering, on behalf of the Corps, our heartiest thanks to the author, Colonel C. Field, R.M.L.I., for his gracious and much appreciated gift, and, though we feel sure that the work has been a labour of love on his part, a perusal of this first of twenty parts can help us to realise the enormous amount of research work and continuous literary effort it must have entailed to complete the whole work.

The Foreword by Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., D.C.L., First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, is in itself a historic mark of appreciation of the Royal Marines, from the most distinguished and world-famous sailor of the present day, and we think it will not be out of place if we reprint it in full.

"The story of the Royal Marine Corps, which Col. Field unfolds in the following pages, though it does not cover the period of the Great War, gives, over a period of 250 years, a picture of loyalty and courage that it would be difficult to equal, and impossible to surpass. It is clear that that great Admiral, Lord St. Vincent, when he spoke of the Royal Marines as the Country's sheet anchor, was not employing a meaningless metaphor.

"Originally introduced afloat to help the prime seamen—all too few in number—to fight the ships, they have played an important part in all the notable deeds of the Royal Navy. With Rooke at Gibraltar, Hawke at Quiberon, Rodney at Dominica, Howe on the First of June, Jervis at St. Vincent, Nelson at the Nile and Trafalgar, and in countless other actions, great and small, the Marine has fought shoulder to shoulder with the seaman, sharing his victories as a faithful and valiant comrade.

"Their service in the late War was in accordance with their great traditions. They fought on many fronts as well as at sea. The heroic conduct of Major F. J. W. Harvey in my Flagship "Lion," during the Battle of Jutland, was the embodiment of the spirit of the Marines. Though mortally wounded, he gave orders for the flooding of the magazine of his turret, which had been wrecked by German gunfire, thereby saving the ship from destruction. For his heroism and devotion, His Majesty posthumously awarded him the V.C.

"There has been a great need for a work of the nature that Colonel Field now sets before his readers, and I wish it every success."

The publishers, The Lyceum Press, Liverpool, are to be congratulated on their excellent production; the type of paper, the letterpress and the illustrations are quite first class, and the coloured frontispiece, "Knights

and Men at Arms Afloat in the Middle Ages " we consider an absolute masterpiece and a work of art.

As regards the Committee, we know how hard they, and particularly the Secretary and Treasurer, have worked to enable the volume to see the light of day, and even now their labours are by no means completed. About £900 has still to be found; however, we share their optimism in thinking that the production of Part I will result in a greatly increased demand for the remaining parts and the complete volume, and we hope that our readers will assist by the best means in their power to forward the good work.

CORPS HOCKEY.

We are glad to include in this number an account of the Corps' Hockey Match, and we heartily congratulate the team on the result which might, according to reports, have at any moment ended in a victory for the Corps.

As a matter of interest we should be glad to know if any of our readers can recall when, if at any time, the Corps last turned out a representative side.

Next season it is hoped that at least two matches will be arranged, and it is suggested that our opponents should be the R.A.F. and the R.E.

Our Intelligence Department reports that the match was most enjoyable. The word " match " includes the hospitality of the Colonel-Commandant and Officers at Eastney!

A report was also received that one of the Corps' side was heard to remark that he was 41, and too old to play " this infernal game," and it was about time some of the younger members of the Corps were conscripted (or words to that effect).

We are glad to say that, in spite of his 41 summers, his play belied his age; at the same time we hope his reference to the younger generation will not be forgotten.

In conclusion great thanks are due to Capt. Simpson for all the trouble he took in raising and running the side, and to Major Brooks for the assistance he rendered.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI.

During the summer of 1922 it was decided to make an effort to organise a Corps Hockey Eleven, and a fixture was arranged between the Corps side and the Hockey Association for the 5th February, 1923. Owing primarily to a lack of funds it was found impossible to arrange for a trial of 22 players, " Probables v. Possibles," but a trial game was played on the 2nd February against a strong side got together by the Navy International full-back, Commander T. C. B. Harbottle, after which the side to represent the Corps was selected as follows :—

Goal, Lt. R. P. O'Donnell, R.M.A.; R.B., 2nd Lt. R. H. Donaldson, R.M.A.; L.B., Capt. W. H. Simpson, R.M.L.I.; R.H., Major A. G. B. Bourne, D.S.O., M.V.O., R.M.A.; C.H., 2nd Lt. K. Hunt, R.M.L.I.; L.H., Lt. C. L. Barcroft, R.M.L.I.; O.R., Capt. R. W. Bagot, R.M.L.I.; I.R., Capt. C. H. Congdon, R.M.L.I.; C.F., Major R. A D. Brooks, D.S.O., R.M.A.; I.L., 2nd Lt. F. G. Sillitoe, R.M.L.I.; O.L., 2nd Lt. P. H. O. Penfold, R.M.L.I.

The match was played at Eastney in very fine weather, the condition of the ground being excellent. The Hockey Association had sent a strong side, which included several Internationals, and it was generally expected that they would win somewhat easily. Capt. Simpson having lost the toss, the Corps had to play against a strong sun, which at times made the ball extremely difficult to follow. The H.A. attacked strongly from the beginning, through the right wing, for some minutes the Corps' defence was severely tested. The Half line, however, played strongly, tackling well and showing good judgment in their forward passes, and the Corps started several attacking movements from which they might, with a little luck, have scored. Commander Harbottle, for the H.A., was in excellent form, and our forwards found him most difficult to beat. After about twenty minutes, during which time the play had been very even, our left wing got away, and the H.A. goalkeeper failed to clear a through pass. Penfold, following up well, got possession, and scored. Half-time came with no addition to the score.

Immediately on resuming, Atkinson broke away on the left for the H.A., and, beating his opposing half, pushed the ball across to Manners, who, being tackled, gave to Smith, who scored somewhat easily. The Corps side continued to play excellently, and made several attacks which unfortunately finished weakly. About ten minutes from time O'Donnell saved brilliantly from a hard rising shot from Popham, giving away penalty corner in so doing. From this corner, Congdon was hit, by a fast rising ball, over the eye, and had to retire, and the Corps finished the game with ten men, there being no further addition to the score of one goal each.

For the Corps, O'Donnell was excellent in goal, his judgment being faultless. All three halves were on top of their form, and would have formed serious obstacles to any forward line. Brooks and Congdon were the best of the forwards, the latter playing splendidly in spite of it being his first game this season.

It is hoped next year to be able to arrange two matches for the Corps, and it is probable that these will be played at Chatham. The fixtures, when arranged, will be published in " The Globe and Laurel."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT, 1923.

The Royal Tournament will take place at Olympia, London, from 24th May to 9th June. Competitors wishing to enter have first to qualify in the Unit and Command Tournaments.

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The following standards for Royal Marines are to come into force forthwith :—

	R.M.A.		R.M.L.I.	
AGE.	Height.	Chest.	Height.	Chest.
17 to 18	5ft. 9in.	35in.	5ft. 8in.	34in.
18 to 19	5ft. 9in.	35in.	5ft. 8in.	34in.
19 to 20	5ft. 9in.	36in.	5ft. 8in.	35in.
20, over	5ft. 9in.	36in.	5ft. 8in.	36in.

The King has been pleased to approve that permanent instructions be issued to the Army regarding the observance of Armistice Day. The following new paragraph will be added, accordingly, to the King's Regulations :—

Each year, on the morning of Armistice Day, November 11, at eleven o'clock, all troops will stand at attention for two minutes, and all guards will turn out and present arms.

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Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes will preside at the annual St. George's Day Dinner in celebration of the Zeebrugge and Ostend operations, which is to be held at the Café Royal on April 23rd. Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty, as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet at the time, will be the guest of the evening, and notices have been posted to all officers who took part in the operations on April 23 and May 10, 1918, whose addresses are known.

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An International Trial Match (Hockey) resulting in a draw of 4 goals each was played at Portsmouth, on 20th January, the Combined Services meeting the West of England. Major A. R. D. Brooks, D.S.O., R.M.A., who hit three goals in succession, and Capt. Simpson, R.M.L.I., played for the Services.

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It is announced in an Army Order that the Admiralty, on behalf of the officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, have presented to the Army Council a trophy for team competition with the Service rifle for teams from the Regular Army. The trophy consists of a silver replica of the Nelson Column, 3ft. 6in. in height, on an oak base. It has been designated "The Britannia Trophy."

The Army Rifle Association is charged with the custody of the Trophy, the drawing up of the conditions, and the conduct of the competition. The first competition will be held during this year's Bisley Meeting of the Army Rifle Association.

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The dates of the following Courses for Officers for the year 1923 are extracted from a recent Admiralty publication :—

Senior Officers' War Course (Greenwich) : 5th March to 29th June; 8th October to 15th February, 1924.

Senior Officers' School for Army Officers (Woking) : 25th May to 17th August; 24th September to 21st December, 1924.

War Staff Course (Greenwich) : 27th September and will last about one year.

Intelligence Course (Greenwich) : Course No. 18, 17th April to 8th June; Course No. 19, 25th September to 16th November; Course No. 20, 20th November to 25th January, 1924.

Physical and Recreational Training (Portsmouth) : 2nd Short Course, 6th April; Long Course, 10th August.

PRESENTATION OF ARTISTS RIFLES' ROLL OF HONOUR TO THE CORPS.

Admiralty, 47. Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.
16th February, 1923.

The subjoined copy of a letter received from Colonel H. A. R. May, C.B., V.D. (late Commanding Officer, Artists Rifles) forwarding a copy of the Artists Rifles' Roll of Honour, together with a copy of my reply thereto, and the Dedication of the Book, are notified for information.

H. E. BLUMBERG.
Adjutant General, R.M.

From Col. H. A. R. May, C.B., V.D.
(Late C.O., Artists Rifles.)
5, Dowgate Hill, Cannon Street,
London, E.C.4.
15th February, 1923.

Dear Sir,—Before and during the Great War I had the honour of Commanding the Artists Rifles (28th London).

Early in November, 1914, while we were in France, to meet an emergency, our Regiment was suddenly converted into an O.T.C., and we were given the honourable task, after giving our men a special training, (in the line or close behind it), of supplying them as officers to practically every branch of the Service.

We have recently published our Regimental "Roll of Honour and War Record"—the saddest but most glorious book I possess—and as I was in command of the Artists during the War (though I have since retired) I am venturing to post a copy on to you, with every good wish, as I am sure you will realise the pathos and the glory of the long lists of names, and, set out on page 418, you will see the names of the 22 young officers we were so glad of having the opportunity of sending to The Royal Marines, with whom we had the houour of being associated (both at Walmer and at Eastney) on more than one occasion in times of Peace.

In sending this book, may I express the hope that you will be able to arrange for it to be kept at your Headquarters, not only as a Souvenir of the Great War, but also to preserve with the Royal Marines for future years, the names and memory of 22 young men of the Artists Rifles sent to them in an emergency when officers were so urgently required. I can only hope that they rose to the opportunity given to them, and worthily maintained their splendid traditions during the Great War.

With every good wish,
Believe me, yours very sincerely,
(Signed) H. A. R. MAY,
Colonel, Artists Rifles, 1912-21.

From Major General H. E. Blumberg, C.B.,
Adjutant General, Royal Marines.
Admiralty, 47, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.
16th February, 1923.

Dear Sir,—I have received your most interesting letter and book, which will be placed with our Headquarter records.

The Corps of Royal Marines will much appreciate your kindly thought, and are very proud of having been associated with the Artists Rifles in the 63rd (R.N.) Division, and that one of their officers should have been Brigadier of the 190th Brigade, in which the Artists Rifles served.

The officers mentioned on page 418 all did excellent service with the Corps, and I am glad to say that two are still serving as permanent officers.

Again thanking you for your valuable book,

I am, yours sincerely

(Signed) H. E. BLUMBERG.

Col. H. A. R. May, C.B., V.D.,
5, Dowgate Hill, Cannon Street,
London, E.C.4.

DEDICATION OF ARTISTS RIFLES' REGIMENTAL ROLL OF HONOUR AND WAR RECORD, 1914-1919.

To the Royal Marines.

This copy of our Roll of Honour and War Record is sent in memory of the twenty-two young officers mentioned on page 418, who went from the Artists Rifles to the Royal Marines in a great emergency, 1914-1918.

With every good wish from
(Signed) H. A. R. MAY,
Colonel, Artists Rifles, 1912-1921.

WHO'S WHO IN THE R.M.O.C.A.

Lieutenant-Colonel HENRY GRITTON, R.M.L.I.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association (London), held on January 3rd, 1920, it was proposed and seconded that Lieut.-Col. H. Gritton be elected a Vice-President. This was carried unanimously.

Col. Gritton had already been Vice-President provisionally since the previous October, as the late Capt. Portlock-Dadson had expressed a dying wish that his old friend should be elected in his stead. The late Capt. Portlock-Dadson was a wise and a good man, and his foresight has been more than justified.

There is a great deal to be said for heredity. Lieut.-Col. Gritton is the son of the late Major F. B. Gritton, R.M.L.I., and grandson of the late Henry Gritton, who joined the Corps in 1807.

Our revered Vice-President obtained his Commission in the Royal Marines as a 2nd Lieutenant on the 31st December, 1862, and was appointed to Chatham Division. As a 1st Lieutenant he served in H.M.S. "Rover," on the North American and West Indian Station, from December, 1875 to August, 1878. In July, 1878, he became Captain and served in H.M.S. "Newcastle," from July, 1879 to September, 1880.

From September, 1882, till March, 1883, was serving as Captain at Port Said, and as Major in Suakin, as acting Paymaster to the R.M. Battalion from April, 1884, to December, 1884, until invalided home with fever and dysentery. For these services he received the Egyptian Medal and Khedive's Bronze Star.

From August, 1888, till July, 1890, was serving in H.M.S. "Raleigh," flagship on the Cape of Good Hope and West Africa Station, as Major, S.R.M.O. On the 1st August, 1890, Lt.-Col. Gritton was appointed Paymaster, Chatham Division, and held that appointment until retired under the age limit in February, 1899.

Retirement from the Corps no more put "paid" to Col. Gritton's account than it does to any other retired officer of the Corps.

In December, 1915, he was appointed Military Representative to the Hammersmith Tribunal, and on his resigning that appointment in 1917, he received the grateful thanks of the Tribunal for the great and valuable assistance he had rendered them during his term of office. At a dinner given to him by the Advisory Committee and the Recruiting Staff, at the Trocadero Restaurant on the 30th August, 1916, he was presented with a Gold Salver, as a mark of esteem and appreciation and in memory of the Golden Anniversary of his wedding, which he had celebrated the day before.

In November, 1917, he was selected by the Hammersmith Branch of the Comrades of the Great War as their Commandant, a position he resigned owing to absence from London.

It is rather difficult for me, as I am only a humble copier of notes made by the truly great, to express in adequate terms the service that Col. Gritton has rendered to the R.M.O.C.A.; were those services confined to the fact that he regularly attends the Annual Church Parade and Dinner it would be a good deal, but that is not all; he is ever at the service of all Comrades, always willing to do anything he possible can to help; his fine letters are a source of joy to all, and though the years are now thick upon him, his spirit is delightfully young—as indeed it needs to be, as he must be Vice-President, R.M.O.C.A., for many years to come yet!

C. J. MOYNIHAN.

(Next Month: Sgt.-Major A. E. Elworthy, R.M.L.I., Chairman, 1920-21-22-23.)

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel C. Field's book:—

Previously acknowledged ... £1,020 14s. 8d.

Loans.—3rd instalment, R.M. Canteen, Plymouth, £25.

Subscriptions.—£4.—Per Recreation Room, Forton Barracks.

£5.—Lt.-Col. C. Thoroton.

£2.—Per Col. C. Clarke, Lt.-Cols. J. H. Leslie, A. G. Vincent, De S. Dobrée, Capts. A. Rendell, A. N. Williams, C. H. F. Woolley. M. R. Yeo, Lieuts. E. B. Dun, J. T. Hall, Lieut. L. R. D. Helm, R.N., Mr. F. W. Place, T. W. Dannatt, A. G. Woodward, A. W. Johnson, Mrs. James Wilkie, Mrs. A. Fowler, Misses E. Faithfull, and E. Sandford, Officers' Library, Forton Barracks.

£1 17s. 6d.— Capts. A. P. Dawson, W. R. P. Boultbee, S. A. Field, Lieut. F. St. G. English.

£1 10s.—Colonel J. B. Finlaison.

£1 5s.—Gen. H. C. Eagles.

£1 2s. 6d.—Lce.-Cpl. S. H. Savage, Pte. R. E. Tyler.

£1.—Mrs. B. N. Elliott, Mrs. A. Betts Taplin.

7s. 6d.—Major A. R. Maxwell.

5s.—Rev. F. T. Robinson, Pte. A. Potts, Capt. R. D. Hale.

2s. 6d.—Capt. A. Pinkerton, Lt.-Comdr. J. N. Benbow, Sir Charles Olivant, Lieut. J. H. Moxham, Mr. W. O'Mara, Major A. L. Prynne, Sergt. W. B. Greasley.

10d.—Interest on account from Col. C. Field.

TOTAL ... £1,111 5s. 6d.

A Balance Sheet will be published in the next G. and L.

J. A. TUPMAN, Lt.-Col.
Hon. Treasurer.

13th February, 1923.

FLEET NOTES.

11th BATTALION ROYAL MARINES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 15TH JANUARY, 1923.

The first instalment giving the doings and wanderings of the Battalion on the voyage out and during the first four weeks at Constantinople, which the Editor of "The Globe and Laurel" has kindly put into print in the December number, brought us roughly up to the end of October.

It was on 27th October that orders were received for the relief of the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards, in Anatolia on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus, and in consequence the next few days were occupied in making preparations for the move, and in reconnoitring our new billets.

On 2nd November, No. 2 Company (Chat.), at Haskeui, and No. 4 Company (Ply.), at G.H.Q., Harbie, were relieved by units of the 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards, and proceeded to the Asiatic side the same day, to take over the two camps vacated by this unit, on the reverse side of the high ridge about three miles east of Scutari, the Machine Gun Section was accommodated in the camp with No. 4 Company, and one Platoon of No. 3 Company (Ports.) went to Beyler Bey to take over the Reserve of Officers' School and Armenian Orphanage, in which two buildings B.H.Q. and No. 1 Company (R.M.A.) and No. 3 Company were to be accommodated.

Lieut. Wrangham was detailed as Bn. Transport Officer, and proceeded to Haidar Pasha on the Asiatic side to take over 8 riders and 35 mules for transport purposes. On 3rd November, B.H.Q., Nos. 1 and 2 Companies embarked at Cabatache Pier between 1030 and 1230 hours, and proceeded to Scutari, where they were met by motor transport and Battalion First Line Transport.

Capt. Stock had been admitted to 82nd General Hospital on 1st November, suffering from dysentery. On calling to inquire after him he was found to be very comfortable, and his only complaint was that he was being starved. Capt. Congdon and eight R.M. Signallers, who had been doing duty at G.H.Q. during October, were now returned to duty with the Battalion, and proceeded to Chamlija Camp.

The part of the line for which the Battalion was responsible was the sector of the Merdivan Line, and extends from the Scutari-Dodulu road on the right flank, to the shores of the Bosphorus at Chengel Keui on the left flank.

Trenches had been sited and dug on the forward slope of the ridge, and barbed wire erected along the line. The nature of the country is exceedingly rough and the soil hard and rocky, but when the rain came—as it soon did—the mud and slush became very bad owing to the clay subsoil. The front is very much cut up by deep and irregular-shaped valleys, especially on the left flank. On this flank it had been found impossible to site trenches or put out wire, and the defence of this section of the line was undertaken by covering the re-entrant valleys by machine guns and Lewis guns, with a platoon post on the left flank at Chengel Keui. To the front, the slope of the hill falls rapidly to a broad plain which extends practically across this part of the peninsula, and one obtains a view of about five miles.

The trenches were very rough and, in many places, blasting operations had been resorted to, in order to get down to any depth at all. The line was held by section sentry posts by day and night, and the men built rough shelters in the trenches to protect themselves from wind and rain.

The Reserve of Officers' School, where Bn. H.Q. and those officers of units out of the line were billeted, was a broken-down Turkish house, most of the rooms of which leaked, like sieves, through the ceilings, windows and walls.

In this delectable abode a Battalion Mess was started for the first time since our arrival. There was a large hall which was used as a mess-room, and a fair-sized room which was our Ante-room-Smoking-room.

The men were in an equally leaky house, the Armenian Orphanage, and occupied large and draughty rooms, which were far from free from the genus Bug. The weather for the first few days was fine and warm, but on 6th November turned to rain. Troubles then commenced. In the first place transport had an uphill climb of between 700 and 800 feet, for about 3½ miles daily, from Beyler Bey to the nearest camp at Chamlija; no part of the road was what might be called good, and the last three-quarters of a mile of it were six to eight inches deep in thick mud. The camps also were not much better than quagmires, and it was impossible to keep dry in the almost continuous rain, but luckily tents stood the strain, and a cheerful spirit was maintained. The N.A.A.F.I. had a branch at each camp which was a considerable help.

On 6th, Capt. Eastman and Lieut. Masters with 125 O.R.s of No. 1 Company (R.M.A.) embarked en route for Chanak to join Major Tripp's naval guns, leaving Capt, Sandall, two N.C.O.s and 18 gunners as the remaining representatives of this Company.

On 8th, Capt. Harden went to hospital with a bad chill. It might be mentioned that there was a very small amount of sickness during this month, which speaks well of the constitution of all during some extraordinary bad weather.

Owing to the bad position of the second camp and the continuous rain, it was decided to strike this camp; in consequence, on 9th, No. 2 Company was ordered back to Beyler Bey, one Company and machine guns being considered sufficient to be in the line. Armistice day was celebrated by a General Parade at Bn. H.Q., and the customary two minutes' silence observed.

Bad weather conditions still prevailing, No. 3 Company was ordered to relieve No. 4 Company, and half the machine gun personnel, now increased to a Platoon, came to Beyler Bey.

Capt. Stock and Capt. Harden rejoined the Battalion from hospital on the 16th. Capt. and Bt.-Major Bamford returned from duty in Thrace on 18th.

Life was much the same all through the month. The 22nd was a bit out of the ordinary as there was a heavy blizzard which came near to bringing down the tents in camp. Snow drifted with the wind to three or four feet in places, and froze on the sides of the tents. Luckily this lasted under 24 hours. On 24th and 25th, No. 2 Company relieved No. 3 Company at Chamliia.

On 26th, Admiral Sir Osmond de B. Brock, C.-in-C., Mediterranean Fleet, with his Chief-of-Staff, Commo-

dore Domvile, Commander Holland and Major Blount, R.M.A., S.M.O., lunched with the officers at Beyler Bey, and afterwards rode up to Chamlija and walked the line to Chenkel Keui on the left flank, to which point our horses had been sent for the return journey back to Bn. H.Q.

After a month of—one might almost say—continuous rain, it was with no great regret that orders were received for the Battalion to relieve the Coldstream Guards on 1st and 3rd December, in their billets on the European side.

This meant that the same billets and the same area for defence were taken up as held in October, with the exception that, having lost No. 1 Company, the guard at San Stefano was not provided. Bn. H.Q. were located at Tash Kishla, No. 2 Company at Harbie, No. 3 Company at Haskeui, with guards at the Power Station and D.I. Supply, No. 4 Company at Tophane and Krocker's Hotel, and M.G. Platoon at Okmeidan. Capt. Sandall and the remains of No. 1 Company supplied guard on the Cold Meat Store at Bomonti.

Details of the 2nd Bn. Essex Regiment relieved R.M. units at Chamlija, Chenkel Keui and Beyler Bey. The month of December was uneventful except for the fact that Christmas Day and the usual holiday came along. After a few days of bad weather, early in December, it became a good bit warmer, and there was plenty of sunshine. Owing to the way in which the Battalion was scattered, it was decided not to try and organise any festivities. The Sergeants' Mess, Irish Guards, very kindly invited the R.M. Sergeants of Bn. H.Q. to a dinner on New Year's Eve. The Commanding Officer and Adjutant of the Battalion also attended. Sir Charles Harington, G.O.C. British Forces in Turkey, was the guest of honour.

Football has come to the fore since our return to this side, and a good many inter-Battalion unit matches have been played, in addition to matches with outside units and the Royal Marines of ships in the harbour.

Below are some accounts of matches which have been played. P.S.

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Owing to the lack of grounds, moves, and the scattered location of units, it has been found very difficult to arrange football. Up to date, the following matches have been played :—

In November, the Battalion entered the 34th Brigade Company League, and as it was not found practicable to play off our own Companies, lots were drawn, and No. 3 Company entered the League (taking the place of the Coldstream Guards), and beat the R.A.M.C. Company by 2 goals to 1, in the semi-final. In the final we lost to "A" Company, 2nd Battalion, the Essex Regiment, by 3 goals to nil.

The following friendly matches have been played :—

Versus Gordon Highlanders (away) 1, 11th R.M. Bn. 0.

Versus Gordon Highlanders (home) 2, 11th R.M. Bn. 0.

Versus Irish Guards (home) 2, 11th R.M. Bn. 2.

Versus Irish Guards (away) 0, 11th R.M. Bn. 1.

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On Saturday, 20th January, the Royal Marines ashore and afloat are to play the Royal Navy. The scores of the two trial games were : Royal Marines Afloat 2, 11th R.M. Bn. 2 ; Royal Marines Afloat 2, 11th Royal Marine Bn. 2.

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The Battalion entered for the "Armistice Cup" Competition, and lost to the 19th Brigade, R.F.A., by 4 goals to 1. In spite of the several losses, the Battalion team has played very well, and met with a good deal of hard luck, which has on more than one occasion robbed them of a well-deserved win.

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A Battalion Company League has now been started, and is in full swing. It is hoped to send the results for publication in a later issue. The following have played for the Battalion team at various times :—

Po. 20546 Pte T. H. Press ; Ch. 22937 Pte. F. C. Rogers ; Po. 18324 Pte. Fred Tilbury ; Po. 19766 Pte. F. G. Mills ; Ch. 20051 Pte. G. Williams ; Ch. 17030 A/Sgt. J. C. Cobb ; Ch. 23038 Pte. E. J. Smith ; Po. 19545 Pte. F. Tuson ; Ply. 14131 Pte. S. Watson ; Ply. 14649 Pte. H. Afflick ; Ply. 13770 Pte. G. E. Granger ; Po. 19037 Pte. S. F. Bird ; Po. 14115 Sgt. G. H. Barrett ; Ply. 18198 Pte. C. Wheeldon ; Ch. 21083 Cpl. A. J. Kirkham ; Ply. 19013 Pte. G. Ewings ; Ch. 22856 Pte. R. Watson ; Po. 19590 Pte. R. Hansell.

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H.M.S. "LOWESTOFT," AFRICA STATION.

Concerning the events of the last month there is little to record. The "Dublin" left for a cruise up the East Coast on January 8th, but we have not yet received any account of her doings. The "Lowestoft" has been in Dockyard hands since December 5th, during which time the ship's company has been going through their annual course of musketry up at the Sanatorium under the F.R.M.O.

All the Royal Marines of the port and those of the "Lowestoft" are going through the Military course. This is the first occasion on which the full practices of Table "B" have been carried out on this range.

The first Royal Marine Musketry party completed a 12-days' course on January, 19th, with results which, considering the conditions, must be considered as highly satisfactory. There were only two Marksmen ; but only 4 second class shots. The average of the class was 145.

The only competition in which they fired under the same conditions as the seamen was in a Field Practice advancing under covering fire. The scores were as follows :—

Royal Marines.—Sections, No. 1, 383 ; No. 2, 353 ; No. 3, 343 ; Officers', 371.

Seamen.—Sections, No. 1, 270, 7 men ; No. 2, 241, 7 men ; No. 4, 229, 7 men ; No. 5, 192, 6 men ; No. 6, 203, 6 men ; No. 8, 328, 6 men ; No. 9, 270, 7 men ; No. 10, 219, 6 men ; No. 12, 258, 6 men ; No. 13, 167, 6 men ; No. 14, 301, 6 men ; No. 16, 213, 6 men ; No. X, 316, 6 men ; No. Y, 348, 6 men ; 5 Midshipmen, 254, 5 fired ; 6 Midshipmen, 301, 6 fired.

Six men fired under a Section Leader.

The best ten shots of the 1st Royal Marine Party were :—Corpl. Venables, 182 ; Pte. Clark, 181 ; Corpl. Allen, 175 ; Major Trench, 170 ; Sergt. Roberts, 165 ; Pte. Stonham, 162 ; Pte. Clegg, 154 ; Pte. Wisbeach, 152 ; Pte. Trott, 151 ; Pte. Todd, 144.

During the week-ends several parties camped out in different parts of the Peninsula, some of them down by the sea toward Cape Point, others at the top of Table Mountain.

B. F. TRENCH,
Major, R.M.L.I.

21st January, 1923.

MALTA NEWS.

On Saturday, the 13th inst, at the invitation of the R.A.M.C., the Football Party belonging to the Royal Marine Sports Club of H.M.S. "Egmont," journeyed to Imtarfa to give the team there an illustration of what our lads can really do. The invitation undoubtedly arose over the record which the Royal Marine team possesses, that is, up to the present, although they have been up against some stiff and strong teams they have not yet been beaten. It would also have done those people, who are always saying that there is no comradeship between the Services, good to have seen this match, for according to the critics who were watching the game it was the cleanest, straightest and most bustling game of football that they have had the pleasure to watch. Kicking off at 2.30 p.m., the Royal Marines soon found out that they were up against opponents worthy of their steel, and soon settled down to their game. After several minutes' play "Cookum Fry," of the Royal Marines, found the net and the game soon opened up properly, and some magnificent play was indulged in. Then, with some very good passing, Wigginton found the net again, thereby putting The Royal Marines up 2—Nil. Half-time then came as a welcome relief after which the game was resumed, during which the R.A.M.C. tried hard to find an opening for a goal, but Hayward was there every time, which was jolly hard on Pridmore, who was working exceedingly hard. At last, however, he had his reward, for with a good run down the field he sent in a shot which no goalie, however good he may be could have hoped to have saved. As soon as the game was over, all adjourned to the Recreation Room, where an excellent tea had been provided. When all had refreshed the "inner man." Lance-Corporal R. R. Smith made a brief speech in which he thanked the Royal Marines for giving them such a splendid game. This was suitably responded to by Corpl. Brett, the President of the Royal Marines Sports Club, during which he said that it was quite a pleasure for the Royal Marines to have given them that game and that as far as Service conditions would permit they would be only too pleased to give them a game any time they wished. The company then broke up owing to most of the R.A.M.C. having to go back to duty.

The teams were as follows :—

R.A.M.C.—Corpl. Dymond ; Pte. Creane, Pte. Crisp ; Sergt. Darby, Pte. Livingstone, Pte. Phillips ; Pte. Robb, Pte. Pridmore, Capt. Jarvice, Pte. Baker, Pte. Tomlinson.

R.M.L.I.—Pte. Hayward ; Pte. Sandy, Corpl. Upson ; Corpl. Brett, Corpl. Kenyon, Pte. G. W. Smith ; Bug. Maidmont, Pte. Fry, Pte. Peters, Corpl. Wigginton, Pte. Willcox.

Referee.—Pte. Lucky.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following amounts received from 19th January to 19th February, 1923, inclusive :—

£5.—Canteen, Plymouth Division ; £3.—R.M. Division, Gosport ; £1 2s. 3d.—"Repulse" ; £1 1s. 7½d.—R.M.A., Eastney; £1.—Lt.-Col. W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G. ; 12s. 4½d.—"Calypso" ; 11s.—"Vindictive" ; 10s. 8d.—"Benbow" ; 10s.—Col. 2nd. Commandant R. H. Morgan, Col. E. W. Harding, Capt. A. N. Williams ; 9s. 7½d.—"Danae" ; 9s.—"Cormorant," "Courageous" ; 8s. 4d.—Mr. G. Holdstock ; 8s.—"Ceres" ; 7s. 8d.—"Barham" ; 7s. 6d.—"Dauntless" ; 6s. 7½d.—"Dunedin" ; 6s.—Gen. H. C. Eagles, Major G. R. S. Hickson, C.B.E., "Iron Duke" ; 5s. 5d.—"Maidstone" ; 5s. 3d.—"Vindictive" ; 5s.—Wing Comdr. S. T. Courtney, Lt.-Col. F. H. H. Hall, Majors G. H. Seath, D.S.O., V. M. Palmer, D.S.C., F. E. Benham, Capts. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., G. Uanderhill, D.S.C., Lieut. J. H. Moxham, Mr. T. W. Wood Roberts ; 4s. 6d.—Mr. Frampton ; 4s. 4d.—Mr. T. M. Harrison ; 4s.—Major H. Y. Hext, Capts. D. A. C. Shephard, H. M. Taylor, Mrs. B. N. Elliot, Messrs. R. A. Shore, J. H. Dixon, J. J. Balmer, G. R. Pickering, A. E. Elworthy, W. S. Hobbins, A. Alexander, Corpl. G. A. May, Officers' Training Corps, Framlingham College ; 3s. 9d.—Canteen, Chatham Division ; 3s. 6d.—Capt. C. B. Conybeare, "Despatch" ; 3s.—Sergeants' Mess, Plymouth Division ; 2s. 6d.—Lt.-Col. H. Gritton ; 2s. 1½d.—"Delhi" ; 2s.—Mr. G. R. Pickering ; 1s. 3d.—Mr. J. Gunn ; Miscellaneous, 1s. 9½d.

TOTAL £25 11s. 7d.

BIRTHS.

SAUNDERS.—On December 23rd, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Saunders (daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Bridges), a daughter, at Whitsands, Plumstead, Cape Colony.

MARRIAGE.

STRONG—O'CONNOR.—On January 25th, at Wokingham, Major James Douglas Strong, late Indian Army, son of the late Major H. H. Strong, Royal Marines, and Mrs. Strong, Alverstoke, to Violet, widow of the late Myles Izod O'Connor, of Baltrasna, Oldcastle, Co. Meath, and daughter of Colonel and Mrs. John Archibald Murray, of 285, Woodstock Road, Oxford.

DEATHS.

COLLIS, C. R. G., Proby. Lieut., R.M.L.I.—24th January, 1923.

CORRY-SMITH, C. B., Capt. and Hon. Lt.-Col., R.M.A. (Half-Pay)—30th January, 1923, at 79 Doods Road, Reigate.

PARSONS, C. McNeile, Lt.-Gen., C.B.—At 10 Channel View, Bexhill, on Sunday, 21st January, 1923.

OBITUARY.

Lieut.-Gen. CUNLIFFE McNEILE PARSONS, C.B.

Lt.-Gen. Cunliffe McNeile Parsons, C.B., a distinguished officer of the Royal Marines, died at his Bexhill residence, 10, Channel View, on Sunday, 21st January, 1923, at the age of 57 years.

The son of General J. E. B. Parsons, I.S.C., he was born in India on February 15th, 1865, and was sent to Dulwich College. At the age of 18 he entered the R.M.L.I., and his first war service was in the China campaign of 1900-01, when he was in command of the North-West fort, Taku, for more than two months.

In the operations round Antwerp in 1914, he commanded the Chatham Battalion of the Royal Marines, and on the Gallipoli Peninsula, in 1915, from April 29th till he was wounded on June 28th. For his services he was thrice "mentioned," and received the C.B., and was promoted to Colonel 2nd Commandant, R.M. In 1916 he commanded the 181st Infantry Brigade at home and with the Expeditionary Force, and in 1917-18 the 63rd (Royal Naval) Division Reserves. In 1918 he was made Depot Commandant, was appointed A.D.C. to the King in 1919, and was promoted to Major-General in 1920. General Parsons married, in 1903, Christian Jeannette Paton, daughter of Colonel E. H. Thomas, I.S.C., and leaves two daughters.

The funeral took place at the Borough Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the service being conducted in the Cemetery Chapel by the Rev. Canon E. Mortlock, R.D., who also officiated at the graveside. A party of colour-sergeants and sergeants of the R.M.L.I. acted as pall bearers, and the "Last Post" was sounded by R.M.L.I. buglers.

The family mourners were : Miss Chrystal Parsons (daughter), Maj.-Gen. Sir Harold Parsons, K.C.M.G., C.B. (brother), Lt.-Col. Durie Parsons, C.M.G., D.S.O. (brother), Mr. Sydney Terence Parsons (nephew), Mrs. J. W. A. McNair (cousin), Mrs. J. C. Mill (cousin), Miss Hodgson (cousin), Mr. J. W. A. McNair and Mr. J. C. Mill.

Also present at the funeral were : Lt.-Gen. Sir Herbert Blumberg, K.C.B. (Adjt.-Gen., Royal Marines), Col.-Commandant St. G. B. Armstrong, C.M.G., Lt.-Col. N. S. Clutterbuck, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., Maj. A. R. Maxwell, R.M.L.I., and Col. Miller, R.M.L.I. Wreaths were sent from the three Marine Divisions of Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth, and from the R.M.L.I. Depot at Deal.

Capt. & Hon. Lt.-Col. CORRY B. CORRY-SMITH, R.M.A.

The late Capt. and Hon. Lt.-Col. Corry B. Corry-Smith, R.M.A., whose death occurred on 30th January, 1923, at 79, Doods Road, Reigate, entered the Royal Marines as 2nd Lieut., 17th October, 1857 ; was promoted 1st Lieut., 8th November, 1859, and 2nd. Capt., 3rd August, 1867. He served on H.M.S. "Charybdis," from 1860 to 1865, on the Indian, China, Japan and Pacific Stations. Was placed on Half Pay on 20th November, 1869, and held the appointment of Adjutant, Royal Westmoreland Militia, 1870–1875. He was appointed supernumerary Major as from 30th November, 1875, and granted the Hon. rank of Lt.-Col., 4th Battalion the Border Regiment, 24th November, 1883.

ROYAL MARINE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at the Royal Marine Office, 47 Victoria Street, London, 9th February, 1923. Present: Col. 2nd. Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., R.M.L.I., Chairman; Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., Plymouth Afloat; Major G. Mathew, R.M.A., Portsmouth Afloat; Major L. D. Briscoe, R.M.A., R.M. Artillery; Major C. Williams, R.M.L.I.; Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.L.I., Plymouth H.Q.; Major D. J. Gowney, D.S.C., D.C.M., R.M.L.I., Chatham Afloat; Capt. C. H. Coode, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth H.Q.; Capt. H. R. Haines, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., Chatham H.Q.; Capt. F. R. Jones, R.M.L.I., Depot, R.M.; Major M. Filmer-Bennett, R.M.L.I., Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

1. The minutes of the Committee meeting held 13th October, 1922, which were circulated, were confirmed.

2. It was resolved to hold the Annual Prize Meeting at Browndown, 31st May to 8th June, 1923. Capt. Coode was requested to make arrangements for the use of the Ranges for that period.

3. It was decided that an Executive Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Chief Range Officer, Captains of Corps teams and Hon. Secretary (three to form a quorum), shall be invested with the powers of the Committee as regards matters connected with shooting during the Annual Prize Meeting.

4. The time table for the Annual Prize Meeting was laid before the Committee and approved. The Hon. Secretary informed the Chairman that if necessary, by eliminating two matches, *e.g.*, "Victory" Cup and S.R. (b) Shoot, it could be curtailed by one day.

5. A letter from the Colonel Commanding Plymouth Division to the Adjutant-General, R.M., suggesting reducing the subscription of the Division from £50 to £30 annually, was referred to the Committee. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to reply to the effect that reduction of subscriptions would necessitate a corresponding adjustment in the number of matches and teams and Competitors that could be accommodated at the R.M.R.A. and N.R.A. Meetings.

6. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to ask Lt.-Col. G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., R.M.A., to act as Chief Range Officer for the Meeting.

7. The Hon. Secretary reported a violation of the rules of the Winter Revolver Competition by the Royal Marine Artillery. The Committee decided that that Unit shall be disqualified for the Gold Medal for the Winter, 1922-1923.

8. It was proposed by Lt.-Col. Ozanne, and seconded by Capt. Coode, that there should be separate Captains of the Rifle and Revolver "Eights." This was carried.

Major C. Williams, R.M.L.I. was elected Captain of the Corps Rifle VIII; should he not be available, Captain S. A. Field, R.M.L.I., is to be asked to undertake that office.

Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., was elected Captain of the Corps Revolver VIII; in the event of his being unable to undertake this duty, Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., is to be asked to do so.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to make the necessary alterations in the Rules.

9. It was resolved to continue the system of awarding medals for subscriptions. The medals are to be 1 in. in diameter, suspended from a brooch by a length of Corps riband, with the word "Local" engraved on the reverse of the medal.

10. It was decided that the competiton for the "First Reserve" Challenge Trophy and Cup shall be fired locally in 1923. The Hon. Secretary will notify the week in which it is to take place to the Instructors of Musketry concerned.

11. It was resolved that, for the convenience of past members who are unable to attend the meeting, cards may be shot by them locally, in the week preceding the Meeting, on a day nominated and published in the local papers by the Instructors of Musketry.

12. The Balance Sheet for 1922 was laid before the Committee and approved. The Chairman pointed out that certain minor amounts will not recur this year. The Hon. Secretary informed the Committee that arrangements had been made with the Railway Companies for reduced fares to the Meeting and for "Practice of the VIIIs."

The Chairman, assisted by Major Williams and the Hon. Secretary undertook to produce a pamphlet for Propaganda.

Major Williams suggested that Entertainments might be organised locally to assist the funds of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary proposed producing an Annual Report, provided that he can obtain sufficient advertisements to enable the Association to do so without loss. It was considered that this would be useful for Propaganda.

The Chairman and Capt. Jones made further suggestions, which they undertook to carry out.

13. It was recommended that the Tactical Exercise referred to in Minute 9 of the Committee Meeting of 13th October, 1922, shall be deferred until the Autumn. This was agreed to.

14. With a view to reducing expenditure consequent on Committee Meetings, it was suggested that the representation might be revised. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to obtain views on this matter by correspondence.

15. It was resolved that the allocation of memberships of the National Rifle Association, which are awarded for the subscription of the R.M.R.A. to the N.R.A., shall be decided by the Officers who will be at Bisley, at the N.R.A. Meeting.

16. The Hon. Secretary distributed a pamphlet of instructions as to the N.R.A. Meeting, Bisley.

Major L. D. Briscoe, R.M.A. consented to command the R.M. Camp at Bisley, in 1923.

17. The life memberships of the N.R.A., which will be awarded according to the number of tickets taken in the N.R.A. Sweepstake on H.M. The King's Prize, will be given to certain successful competitors at the R.M.R.A. Meeting. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to representatives of units and obtain their opinions as to the precedence of award.

18. The Hon. Secretary explained the Method of application for travelling vouchers for the R.M.R.A. Meeting and distributed a pamphlet of instructions regarding the Meeting.

M. FILMER-BENNETT, Major, R.M.L.I.,
10th February, 1923. Hon. Secretary, R.M.R.A.

ROYAL NAVAL FUND.

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Royal Naval Fund—founded in connection with the Royal Naval Exhibition of 1891—was held on Wednesday, 14th February, 1923, at the Royal United Service Institution. The attendance included Admiral of the Fleet, the Right. Hon. Sir Edward H. Seymour, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., LL.D., President; Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.; Sir George Hayter Chubb, Bart.; Mr. Gerald E. Compston, LL.D.; Sir Alfred Eyles, K.C.B., K.B.E.; Admiral the Hon. Sir Edmund R. Fremantle, G.C.B., C.M.G.; Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Henry B. Jackson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., F.R.S.; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hill, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O.; Engineer Vice-Admiral R. B. Dixon, C.B.; Mr. C. J. Naef, C.B., C.B.E.; General Sir William Nicholls, K.C.B., R.M.A.; Mr. A. W. Smallwood, C.B.E.; Sir Charles Stansfield, C.B.; Sir Charles Walker, K.C.B.,; and Paymaster Rear-Admiral Sir William Beresford Whyte, K.C.B., C.M.G.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville, Chairman of the Executive Committee, in presenting the Annual Report, stated that the extended area of relief sanctioned by the Charity Commissioners resulted last year, as in the year 1921, when effect was given to the extension, in cases being received in such numbers as to enable the Committee to distribute the whole of the year's income—indeed, had it not been for the balance of income remaining from the accumulation of former years, it would not have been possible to deal with all the cases that arose. The balance in hand at the beginning of last year had, however, now been wholly expended in grants, and for the future the Committee must rely solely upon the annual income, supplemented by such funds as private individuals or public bodies might generously contribute in aid of this charity. The grants during the year 1922, amounted in all to £2,314, and the numbers assisted were: 180 widows, 344 children, and 21 other dependent relatives—a total of 545 persons. About one-third of the cases dealt with were those of dependants of men who died whilst actually serving in the Royal Navy or the Royal Marines. The Committee, in thanking the several contributors to the Fund, expressed sincere appreciation of a grant of £120 made at the end of the year by the General Council of King George's Fund for Sailors. This recognition of the work of the Royal Naval Fund was most gratifying to the Committee, and the grant would be of material assistance in meeting the current expenditure of the Fund, especially in view of the circumstances already mentioned.

The report was unanimously adopted.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

PLYMOUTH.

On January 17th we entertained Plymouth Wednesday A.F. team on the Longroom, when a very good, clean and exciting game was witnessed, again enticing a very good attendance of spectators. The " Wednesdays " played good football, fully justifying their position of League leaders in the Devon Wednesday A.F. League, but we were too good for them, coming out winners by the only goal scored in the game. However, we all wish them the best of luck in their League and a good share of the Devon Junior Cup at the end of the present season.

That is the only game we have played on the Longroom this month, all our other fixtures being away. On January 20th we journeyed to Truro for a Plymouth and District League game. This we lost by the odd goal of seven, after a good game. The local papers declared it to be the best game witnessed on Truro City's ground for the season; the spectators had their money's worth. January 27th saw us at Torquay, when we clashed with Torquay United Reserves in a Plymouth and District League game. It is well to mention here, that this team held the leadership of our league, and up to the time of our visit they had not had a point taken away from them on their own ground this season. However, the " Royals " just rolled into it nicely and we forced a goalless draw. It was a splendid game,—not a dull moment the whole way through. Great difference of opinion has been expressed as to whether a goal was scored by us or not. However, the right man was not in the right place and we did not get it awarded us.

On January 25th, a team selected from the Port pitted their abilities against Plymouth Argyle Reserves at Home Park. All members of the Service team realised the tough nut they had to crack, but they set to it with a will and came out the victors by 4 goals to nil. Three members of our team were playing—Sergt. Slocombe, Corpl. Pellitt and Pte. Shewbrook. Needless to say, they all acquitted themselves well, Shewbrook doing splendidly on the left wing, being instrumental in the scoring of all the goals registered.

From this game Devonport team for the Inter-Port competitions was selected, when yet another of our players obtained his place, namely Pte. Morgan.

The Inter-Port game took place at Home Park on 7th February, when our opponents were Portsmouth Port team. The game was a good one and resulted in a win for Devonport by 3 goals to 1. Again our representatives did well, Shewbrook being, as the local papers had it, " The outstanding player on the field." Morgan also in goal did good work, having some difficult times to get through. We all hope Shewbrook will obtain his Navy Cap this season, not forgetting others who, to us, appear to fully deserve this honour.

FORTON.

HANTS COUNTY LEAGUE.

Winchester City, away, drew 0–0; Thornycroft Athletic, home, drew, 2–2; Wellington Works, home, lost, 1–2; Salisbury City away, won 3–0; Bournemouth, away, drew, 2–2.

UNITED SERVICE LEAGUE.

Royal Naval School of Music, away, won, 3–2, home, won, 6–2; H.M.S. "Excellent," away, lost, 1–2.

CUP TIES.

Worthing Charity Cup.—H.M.S. "Excellent," away, lost, 2–1.
United Service Charity Cup.—R.M.A., home, won, 2–0.

EASTNEY.

The R.M.A. Buglers have still a large number of fixtures to play. Up to the present they have had some very good games, in which the honours have been equally divided.

The number of games that have been played are 23 (won 12, drawn 1 and lost 10).

CHATHAM.

In general, we have done poorly during the past few weeks. The team has suffered losses in players and the play of the remainder has not been up to standard. The bad patch which comes to all good teams has appeared and it takes time to get over.

Play has improved in the last two Kent League matches, and it is hoped that again we shall go on to win matches in the old convincing style.

Our hopes of winning the U.S. League went west when the R.N. Depot beat us in two successive matches in this competition. They have gained several players and are a vastly improved team. They also beat us in the Kent Amateur Cup (of which we were the holders).

We hope to avenge these losses when we meet in the Milner Cup, the Sir Evan Thomas Cup and the two outstanding matches in the Kent League. But not yet.

The following is a list of matches played :—

Jan. 20th.—Kent Amateur Cup, 2nd round, v. the R.N. Depot. Lost, 3—0. A good game, fast and furious. Temper displayed on both sides. The score does not indicate the play.

Jan. 24th.—U.S. League, Div. 1, v. R.N. Depot. We lost this match 2—1. All chances of the League went.

Jan. 27th.—Kent League v. Dartford. Away. Lost 2—0. A good game, but Dartford were too good. They are almost top of the Kent League and a good pro. team.

Jan. 31st.—U.S. League, Div. 1, v. D.B.R.E. This was an easy win. The game was worth watching, however.

Feb. 2nd.—Kent League v. Ashford, at Ashford. We lost 1—4. A draw would have been a fair result. Our forwards seemed impotent in front of the goal.

Feb. 10th.—Kent League v. Northfleet. On the R.N. and R.M. Recreation Ground. The tide turned at this match and our lads got back to their old form. Northfleet are a strong team. Result was a draw, 1 goal each. Hard, fast and clean play, all our team being all out to get over the bad spell.

Feb. 17th.—Kent League v. Tunbridge Wells, at Tunbridge. Again a good game, with everybody, particularly the supporters, being all out. We drew 2 each. Harris scored close on time. All over them during the second half. Ground awful.

Although this may appear a dismal screed, we hope that nobody will lose heart. That £2 bet is coming to the R.M.L.I. Stares is fit again and we hope to gain several players in the near future.

The 9th Flotilla have scratched in the Navy Cup. This leaves us in the Final. It is hoped to arrange a special train on the day of the Final. We hope to set the place alight. We hope to bring back the Cup, and may it never leave Chatham Division, R.M.L.I.

DEPOT.

Football results since last report :—

1st XI.—v. Duke of York's School (Staff), lost 1—5. v. Dover United, lost 0—7.

2nd XI.—v. Sandwich Town, won 2—0. v. Duke of York's School (Staff) Res., won 5—0. v. Deal and Walmer Invicta, (Deal Hospial Cup), draw 3—3. v. Deal and Walmer Invicta (replay tie) (Deal Hospital Cup).

Recruits.—v. Deal Station Athletic, won 5—1. v. Walmer Res., won 3—1. v. Deal Station Athletic, won 3—1. v. Kingstown, draw 2—2.

Depot Res. v. Deal and Walmer Invicta (Deal Hospital Cup).—This match was played on the Depot ground on the 25th Jan., before a good muster of spectators. The result, 3—3, was a surprise to the visitors, who expected an easy win. The game was keenly contested throughout, and although the visitors were leading at half-time by 2—1, the Depot, by sheer pluck and determination, pulled the game round and forced a replay. The best goal of the match was notched by L.-Cpl. Clarke. In the last minute of the game he secured the ball on the half-way line and, brushing aside all opposition, ran through to score our third goal just before the final whistle went.

The outstanding feature of the game was the grand display of Recruit Stringer at right back, who, with his more experienced partner, Cpl. Pritchard, put up a very strong defence.

Depot Res. v. Deal and Walmer Invicta (Deal Hospital Cup) Replay Tie.—A fairly good crowd assembled in the Drill Field on the 15th Feb. to witness this match. The game opened with a sensational thrill as the Depot immediately ran through to enable Duncan to score. This reverse put the Deal and Walmer men on their mettle and they soon equalised and then added to the discomfiture of the Royals by scoring a further goal, and thus led by 2—1 at half-time. The second half was of a ding-dong nature, but eventually, after good work by L.-Cpl. Clarke, Cpl. Teeling equalised and shortly afterwards scored the third and

winning goal. The result, 3—2, for the Royals was a fair representation of the game. Recruit Whitecross, our goalie, made several grand saves, and Recruit Stringer gave another excellent display at right back.

R.M. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

INTER-ROOM FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

This competition resulted in some very keen and interesting matches and was played with eleven a side, not six, as in previous years.

The teams of 47 and 52 Rooms were successful in reaching the final, which was played off on the 6th February. The day was far from being suitable for such an interesting match, but nevertheless, the supporters turned up in good numbers.

The result proved 47 Room the winners by two goals to nil. The winning team were :—Corpls. Job Allen, Sydney Dipple, Harry Holwill, and Musicians Birks, A. I. Downer, Nevill, W. H. Heathcote, F. H. E. Curd, Owens, Wharington and Frank Kirkby.

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RUGBY.

PLYMOUTH.

On 20th January, v. Plymouth Argaum on Longroom. A fine game resulted in a win for the home team. Result.—R.M.L.I. 6 points, Argaum 3 points.

On 24th January v. " Impregnable " at Torpoint. A hard game resulted in a draw of 1 try each. It was finely contested and right up to the final whistle it was anyone's game. Lieut. Rees scored for our side.

On 27th January, v. St. Chads on the Longroom. This proved the surprise of the season, St Chads winning by 16 points to 10. The score does not reflect the run of the play. St. Chads were 10 points up in the first ten minutes. Once the side recovered from this early shock, they soon put on some points. Silby opened the score with a fine penalty goal ; Needs scored from a cross kick for Silby to convert, and South scored after a fine bout of passing.

On 31st. January, v. R.N.E. College at Keyham. The College proved much too good for us. This is the first time since the Rugger team has been formed that the balance of points have been on their side, but this season they are one of the best sides in Devon. We kicked off towards the Railway Bridge, and the College were soon attacking; only fine tackling by the back division kept them out. A miss-kick by Culverwell let them in for a soft try, and from then onwards they proceeded to pile up points by fine outside play; the only reply was a try by Summerhayes. Half-time R.N.E.C. 17 points, R.L.I. 3.

The second half proved much better, our team set up a fast pace and Lieut. Rees soon reduced the score with a fine dropped goal, then followed a grand run by Capt. Sergeant who scored a splendid try for Silby to convert ; the score was now 17 to 12. From now on, the College took up the running and scored through Sub-Lieut. Rowlands (2), Midshipman Lee (1) ; result of a fine sporting game being R.M.L.I. 12, R.N.E. College 30.

Hearty congratulations to Pte. Summerhayes on being selected as reserve three-quarter for the Royal Navy against the Royal Air Force on the 14th February, at Twickenham.

EASTNEY.

The following matches have been played during the past month :—

Selsey R.F.C., home, lost, 0–18 ; R.A.F., Flowerdown, away, lost, 0–33 ; H.M.S. " Vernon," away, lost, 3–22 ; H.M.S. " Fisgard," home, won, 8–6.

Our most formidable opponents were the R.A.F. Flowerdown. They were the winners of the R.A.F. Cup in the season 1921–23, and had bad luck in being beaten by the Central Flying School this year.

The R.M.A. team suffers from the defect of being a new one, the members not having played together for a sufficient length of time to get used to each other's ways. There is plenty of talent in the XV. and a great improvement in the play was experienced when the 2nd. Lieuts. who have just completed their course at the Depot joined the Division.

HOCKEY.

EASTNEY.

Undoubtedly the most interesting sporting event of the month was the Corps Hockey matches which were revived this year after a lapse of some years.

Two matches were played—one v. Commander Harbottle's XI, which was in the nature of a trial, and the other v. a Hockey Association XI.

Accounts of these matches will be found elsewhere, so it only remains to be said that they were greatly appreciated both by the players and the spectators alike, the latter turning out in large numbers to watch.

It is to be hoped that now that they have been restarted these matches will become an annual event. In this way the standard of hockey in the Corps will get better and better, and it is hoped that eventually several first-class fixtures will be arranged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Bay Cottage,
FYFIELD,
Andover.
11th February, 1923.

To the Editor, " The Globe and Laurel," Chatham.

Sir,—I remember being told, years ago, by an elderly Lieutenant, R.N., that he had been shipmates, probably during the late 60's or early 70's, with a Private, R.M.L.I., of the Plymouth Division, who either had held, or was holding at that time, the Belt for Wrestling for Devon and Cornwall.

I wonder if any of the older members of the Corps can remember who it was, or if there are any records, in Devon and Cornwall, of the holders of the Belt which we could have access to.

It seems to me a pity that if the Belt was ever held by a member of the Corps, that his name and exploits should be allowed to be forgotten, and would suggest that, if the statement can be verified, a small tablet, with the particulars, should be placed in the Recreation Room of the Plymouth Division.

Yours faithfully,
FRED. W. E. EADY,
Lt.-Col. (Retired).

30, Canning Place,
Liverpool.
12th February, 1923.

To the Editor of " The Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—I would be glad if you could find a spare corner in your next issue, in order that it may be generally known to those interested that the Members of the R.M.O.C.A., Liverpool Branch, are again, this year, arranging a Commemorative Service on the anniversary of the attack against Zeebrugge.

In view of local conditions, and in an endeavour to meet the convenience of all concerned, the ceremony will actually take place on Sunday, 22nd April, on board the " Royal Iris " at the Prince's Landing Stage, Liverpool, about 11 a.m.

Last year a number of relatives of Officers who lost their lives in this particular engagement, together with R.M. Divisions, sent, or instructed me to purchase on their behalf, wreaths for placing at the foot of the monument on the " Royal Iris," and really a very brave show was made. Similar arrangements will again be carried out this year, if those desiring wreaths to be placed, will please communicate to me their wishes at this address.

I cannot give all details at present as the arrangements are still in the provisional stage, but it is hoped the ceremony this year will be quite as impressive as its predecessors, and that it will be a fitting testimonial to those who lost their lives in this historic engagement.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
EDGAR SMITH, Hon. Sec.
R.M.O.C.A. (Liverpool Branch).



CHILDREN'S PARTY GIVEN BY SERGEANTS' MESS, CHATHAM, AT THE SERVICES CLUB.

Forton Barracks,
Gosport.
17th February 1923.

To the Editor of the " Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir —The following extract from the " N.R.A. Journal " of February 1923, will probably be of interest to those of your readers who are keen on Rifle Shooting.—M. Filmer-Bennett.

MAKING THE SHORT RIFLE SHOOT.

" The alteration in Para. 149 of the N.R.A. Range Regulations is a small one, but very important to the man who is keen and who knows that the Short Rifle is a tricky weapon, capable, at its best, of performing, at least, as well, if not better, than the old Long Rifle, and, at its worst, of making the most heart-breaking diagrams of the ' plum-pudding ' order. By the simple omission of the words ' as issued,' the Council has regularised the position of those who wish to experiment with the packing of the barrel and with small alterations in the stocking of the gun which will not alter its general characteristics. The omission of ' as issued ' will not allow the fitting of a heavier barrel to the S.M.L.E. or any alteration in the exterior form of the rifle.

" The fitting of a heavier barrel would, of course, solve most of the problems with which we are faced in our desire to turn the Service weapon into a first-class target rifle ; but, since it is not allowed, we must do the best we can within the regulations. It is common knowledge that most of the rifles used by the top scorers last year had been ' doctored,' the ' doctoring ' consisting, mainly, in so stocking the barrel that the vibrations were not unduly interfered with by the nose-cap, handguard, and fore-end. This work requires knowledge as well as a deal of mechanical ability, and it is outside the capabilities of the majority of riflemen. As a matter of fact, there are only four or five men in the country who really know how to do it. It stands to reason that these men will be very busy, and it behoves those who desire to have their rifles seen to, to put them in the hands of the experts at the very earliest opportunity so that they may be ready for the opening of the Spring Season.

" A desirable thing is the treating of the stock with some preparation that will reduce its warping propensities. . . .

" The private individual had best resort to ' Maxwax ' or some similar preparation."

The above is only one of the very many interesting paragraphs which appear from time to time in the " N.R.A. Journal." The publication costs only 7s. per annum, post free, and is issued monthly. Shooting men will find it extremely valuable, especially as it is the official organ of the National Rifle Association.

M.F.-B.

MEDAL COLLECTION, R.M.L.I.

Mrs. Sercombe, of Avondale House, Glenville Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey, has forwarded the medals of her father, Mr. Samuel Savage, formerly Barrack-Sergeant, Plymouth Division. Mr. Savage, who died on the 14th January, 1923, had expressed a wish that his medals should be offered to the collection. They comprise the following : Ashanti (1873–74), Egypt with the clasp for Tamaai, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Khedive's Bronze Star.

ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' SPORTS FUND.

(Second List, 1923.)

£1 1s., Gen. A. F. Gatliff, Col. Sir W. H. Poe, Bt., C.B.—Total £2 2s.

10s., Capts. C. B. Conybeare, R. H. Campbell, M.C., R.C.A. Glunicke, Col. 2nd Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., Major H. C. Pope.—Total £2 10s.

5s., Capts. A. Alcock, R. W. Bagot, Major E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O., Lt.-Col. G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., Capt. E. T. N. Farmer, Lt.-Col. F. H. H. Hall, Col.-Commandant A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., 2nd Lieut. K. Hunt, Lt.-Col. W. T. C. Jones, C.B., D.S.O., Lt.-Col. A. G. Little, C.M.G., Lt.-Col. T. B. Luard, D.S.O., Gen. C. M. Parsons, C.B., Major C. E. S. Wright.—Total £3 5s.

GRAND TOTAL £7 17s.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

PLYMOUTH.

A Boxing Meeting was held at the R.N. Barracks on 7th February, between a Royal Navy and Royal Marines team from the Port, and an Army team from the S.W. Area.

The teams consisted of one heavy and flyweights and two of the remainder.

The Royal Marines were represented by Pte. Needs from Barracks and Gnr. Trinder from H.M.S. "Valiant." Both won their fights, Needs on points and Trinder by a knockout.

The Meeting was a great success. The Navy and Marines won by 17 points to 15. A challenge cup was presented to the winning team and will be competed for annually, also prizes to the individual winners and runners-up.

The Officer Commanding, Plymouth Division, Royal Marine Volunteer Cadet Corps, gratefully acknowledges the gift by Mr. P. H. B. Hore of a bugle for use in the Cadet Corps Band.

CHATHAM.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent amongst the children of the members of the Sergeants' Mess, R.M.L.I., Chatham, on Saturday, 20th January, 1923, there being about 160 children and 60 adults present. The Services Club, kindly placed at the disposal of the Mess by Mr. Hobbs, was gaily decorated when the children began to arrive at 3 o'clock, and after a song, music and games, the youngsters were seated and tea began.

Crackers were pulled and paper hats donned, and everyone seemed happy and did justice to the fare provided.

The Clowns, Messrs. Chalkley, Wadley and Bonnett, caused much laughter by their antics. After tea the floor was cleared, and games and dancing were indulged in. Mr. Hobbs gave an exhibition of Indian Club and Sword-swinging, with lime-light effect, which greatly interested the elder boys.

Miss Mitchell sang and Miss Pilgrim gave a recitation in very effective style.

More games followed and all too soon the afternoon wore away and the entertainment was concluded with a very amusing sketch entitled "The Singing Barber." Mr. Hobbs as the "Barber," and Mr. Wadley as the "gentleman in the chair," undergoing the ordeal of the lather brush, being really funny.

Then came the distribution of presents, when every child received a toy suitable to its age, and as they reluctantly filed out of the building at about 7 o'clock, they were further given a bag of sweets, and judging by the look on their faces as they went out one gathers the impression that a very happy afternoon had been spent.

DEPOT.

Change of Colonels-Commandant at Depot, R.M.

Since the last issue of "The Globe and Laurel" Colonel L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., has taken over the command of the Depot, R.M., from Major-General H. D. Farquharson, C.M.G. Prior to leaving the Depot, Major-General Farquharson expressed his regret at having to retire from Active Service with the Corps in which he had spent many happy years.

In the course of his remarks to the Recruits he related the story of the ramming of H.M.S. "Victoria," holding up the steadiness and discipline displayed by the Royal Marine Detachment on that occasion as an example to the Corps for all time. His kindly advice to the Recruits made a great impression on all present and will certainly be remembered by them for many years.

He subsequently met the Sergeants in their Mess and said good-bye to the Corporals in their club room.

It was obvious to all ranks that he felt keenly his retirement. Major-General Farquharson was held in high esteem by all ranks at the Depot. His stern, yet kind, words of advice have often been the means of preventing an impetuous Recruit from being led into bad habits.

EASTNEY.

Shooting.

In the S.M.R.C. "Junior Winter Competition," the R.M.A. Buglers were twenty-fourth; over sixty teams competed. It is hoped they will be more fortunate in the Spring Competition which takes place this month.

Junior N.C.O.s' Club.

The new Billiard Room having now been taken over, a series of fortnightly whist drives and dances have been commenced which are held in the Library and Reading Room. One whist drive and one dance have so far been held, both events proving great successes.

A very enjoyable game of football took place, when the Juniors played the Sergeants' Mess and beat them to the tune of 7—1. The spectators had their full share of enjoyment and amusement and it is hoped to arrange a return match after the Sergeants have been through a course of instruction in football.

FORTON.

Sergeants' Mess Pantomime, "Babes in the Wood."

The pantomime, "Babes in the Wood," which was given in the Forton Theatre on Saturday, January 27th, for the Sergeants' children's party was repeated for charity on five occasions between January 31st and February 10th, and proved a huge success.

The plot was written by Q.M.S.I. Board and Mr. E. Mould, and on the former's shoulders fell the work of organisation, etc.

The hall was packed at each performance and some of the officers, N.C.O.s and men of the division came twice and even three times to see it.

As is well known, the story centres on two orphan babes, who are heirs to a fortune, and two relatives, whose one aim in life is to rid this world of the orphans and secure their wealth. Originality does away with much of the old story, but the fundamental episodes are the same; the piece starts in the nursery and ends in the castle grounds, where princes and princesses love and have a good time. As the babes Clr.-Sgt. Ledlie, who weighs 15 st. 9 oz., and Bugler G. Mann, who just turns 4 st., were a great success. Their very contrast is amusing in itself. The two characters who really make the pantomime what it is are Lord Snatchbox and Count Fishbone, portrayed by Q.M.S.I. Board and Mr. E. Mould respectively. Between them and Dame Straightback, played by Clr.-Sgt. Wiltshire, most of the fun was made. All three sing a good song, and the patter (with a local flavour about it) was exceedingly smart. Mr. E. Mould is well known as a humorist in the Portsmouth district, and his handling of the character of Count Fishbone was well up to his usual standard. He had sly digs at the local tram service, the lighting of the town, and with all the rumours that have been floating about recently concerning the future of the Portsmouth Division, it was only natural that he should put his interpretation on what may happen. He struck the right note, if the cheers of the audience are anything to go by, when he said the Marines had no wish to go to Eastney, as they were quite comfortable at Forton. Sgt. Parry as John Oakapple has a fine stage presence, and his singing of "God has given each Rose a Garden" was one of the successes of the evening. Sgt. Gerry also possesses a good voice, and played the dual parts of Prince Wreckajerriski and John Handle perfectly. The one lady principal was Miss M. Watts, who made a dainty Fairy Queen and an equally charming Princess Primrose. Her duet, "Everything That's Wonderful," with Bugler Mann, as Prince Highbrow, was deservedly encored. Others who contributed to the general success of the performance were Cpl. Sampson as "Tishy" the cat; C.S.M. Lister and Pte. Weale, who shared between them the role of the Lion; Sgt. Searle, a Long Henchman; Clr.-Sgt. Wilson, a Longer Henchman; Musn. Hayes, a Wandering Minstrel; and Sgt. Simpson, a Crowd.

A word of praise has also to be given to the young ladies of the chorus, who as fairies, etc., did full justice to the training of Sgt. Perry. They were the Misses V. Green, R. Sheppard, P. Watts, J. Baxter, L. White, M. Harrop, J. Davis, G. Davis, F. Collett, V. Ealand, and J. Sheppard. Their pretty frocks, designed by Mrs. Sheppard, added greatly to the scenic effects of the production. Another feature of the pantomime was the fine selection of music played by the R.M.L.I. orchestra, under the conductorship of Band-Sgt. Le Gallez.

As a result of the pantomime over £70 will be handed over to various charities after paying all expenses.

Sergeants' Mess Children's Party.

The annual children's party for the Sergeants' Mess took place on Saturday, January 27th.

Over 200 children were entertained to games, etc., in the Drill Hall in the afternoon, followed by tea and the pantomime.

PRESENTATION OF DRUM-MAJOR'S STAFF TO THE CADET CORPS.

On the 16th January a deputation from the Sergeants' Mess, headed by the President, Q.M.S.I. Board, W.O. II, presented the R.M.L.I. Cadet Corps with a magnificent Drum-Major's Staff. The staff is made of Malacca cane and surmounted with a crown and lion in silver with the Globe and Laurel in gold on the face.

When handing over the staff, the President referred to the interest shown by members of the Sergeants' Mess in common with all other ranks in the Division in the Cadet Corps, and hoped that the Staff would remain as a reminder of that interest. Speaking on behalf of the Senior N.C.O.s, he mentioned the great value of the training received by the boys in after-life, irrespective of whether they joined the service or not. The main feature of the training is discipline and it is sometimes thought that this is only necessary for the services. On joining the Cadet Corps the boys promise to be obedient, punctual, clean, and at all times be a credit to the Corps. When the boys are at arm drill, squad drill, etc., they are required to carry out orders down to the smallest detail until it becomes a habit. Also punctuality, cleanliness, general tidiness are insisted on. This, coupled with physical training, alertness, etc., is a great asset for success in all walks of life.

A cheque for £20 was also handed over as a result of a whist drive and dance run by the members of the Sergeants' Mess.

In replying, the Commanding Officer, Capt. Johnstone, regretted that the C.-in-C., Colonel-Commandant Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G. was unable to be present, but in his absence thanked the members of the Sergeants' Mess for their two most generous gifts, and also for the very keen interest which they take in the Corps. He also remarked that although the divisional schools had been closed for some time the Cadet Corps was in a most flourishing condition and had a large waiting list.

The Staff will be kept in the Sergeants' Mess silver case and used on special occasions.

BILLIARDS.

The following is the result of the last match of the Sergeants' Mess Team in the Portsmouth and District League.

Sergeants' Mess.		Radical Club.	
C.S.M. Holness	150	Mr. Lamper	79
Clr.-Sgt. Lunn	150	Mr. Rosser	98
Sgt. Tyans	150	Mr. Bunting	117
Clr.-Sgt. Dolphin	150	Mr. Thorper	119
Clr.-Sgt. Thorpe	150	Mr. Seldon	83
Sgt. Simpson	150	Mr. Rogers	120
	900		616

Highest break, Clr.-Sgt. Dolphin, 35.

PORTSMOUTH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE. FINAL PLACINGS.

Trades Hall	Aggregate	11671	Points 73
Landport Liberals	,,	11634	,, 71
Southsea Liberals	,,	11401	,, 65
R.M.L.I. Sergeants' Mess, Forton	,,	10771	,, 64
British Legion No. 1	,,	10417	,, 48
Southsea Conservatives	,,	10745	,, 42
British Legion No. 2	,,	10106	,, 28
Radical Club	,,	9383	,, 21

REGIMENTAL MAGAZINES.

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the following Regimental Magazines: "Annual Report of the U.S. Marine Corps." "Sprig of Shillelagh," "The Marine Corps Gazette," "The Wasp," "Faugh-a-Ballagh," "Journal of the R.A.S.C.", "The Hibernia," "The Hampshire Regimental Journal," "The Red Hackle," "The Tiger and Rose," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The Royal Ordnance Gazette," "Army, Navy and Air Force Gazette," "Sabar Feidh," "The Sapper," "The Snapper," "The Tank Corps Journal," "The Scottish Regimental Gazette," "St. George's Gazette," "Journal of the R.A.T.A." "The Gunner Magazine," "The R.M.A. Magazine," "The Chronicle of the Duke of York's Royal Military School."

CORRESPONDENCE.

ROYAL MARINES DINNER CLUB,
55 WHITEHALL, S.W.
16th February, 1923.

Dear Sir,—I enclose a copy of the Balance Sheet of the Royal Marines Dinner Club, for 1922, which you will, perhaps, insert in your next issue.

Some twenty-eight officers who dined, had already paid for the 1921 dinner which was cancelled; this accounts for the difference between dinner fees received and amount paid to the Café Royal.

The item "owing by members," represents subscriptions (5s. per annum) in arrears. Officers who subscribe by bankers' orders save themselves trouble and the Club postage and correspondence.

It does not seem to be generally known that Chaplains and Medical Officers who have served with a Royal Marine Unit are eligible for election to the Club. I shall be glad to hear from any who may wish to join.

It is proposed to have the Annual Dinner this year about the end of May; notices will be sent shortly to all members.

The present number of members of the Club is 216.

Yours sincerely,
PRYCE PEACOCK Colonel,
Hon. Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1921	139	11	8
Three Life Members, at £5 15s.	17	5	0
Seven Entrance Fees, at 15s.	5	5	0
181 Subscriptions, at 5s.	45	5	0
Dinner Fees	30	5	0
Dividends	19	15	1
	£257	6	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Dinner Fees paid for 1921, returned to Members	9	5	6
Café Royal for 1922 Dinner	54	3	10
Cigars and Cigarettes	5	19	7
Band Expenses	6	2	6
Printing Menus	2	1	6
Advertising Date, etc., of Dinner	2	15	0
Gratuities to Waiters, and Orderly	3	0	0
Clerical Assistance	1	0	0
Stationery	1	2	0
Printing		18	6
Postage and Postal Orders	2	12	1
Cheque Book		4	2
Bank Charges on Transfer of Investments to new Trustees	2	12	6
Purchase £99 18s. 3d. War Loan	100	0	0
Balance	£	s.	d.
Bank	61	17	2
Petty Cash	3	11	9
Stamps			8
	65	9	7
	£257	6	9

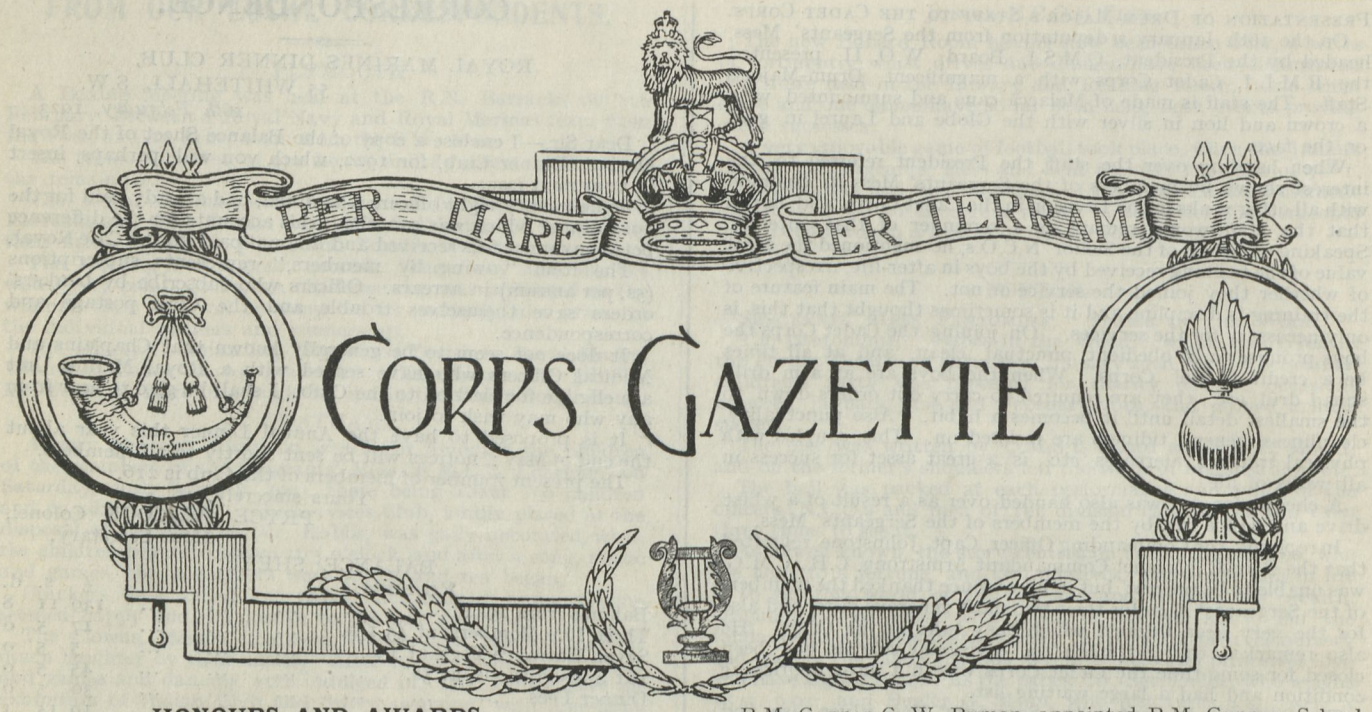
ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
£311 7s. 2d., Consols at 55	171	5	0
£200 L.C.C. Housing Bonds, 1925, at 102¼	204	10	0
£158 2s. 5d. 5 per cent. War Loan, 1929–47, at 100	158	2	5
Owing by Members	6	15	0
Balance 31st December, 1922	65	9	7
	£606	2	0

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	2	5	0
	£2	5	0

Audited and found correct,
(Signed) R. H. Morgan, Col., R.M.L.I.
12th January, 1923.
(Signed) Pryce Peacock, Col.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.



HONOURS AND AWARDS.

Colonels-Commandant P. Phillipps, C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., R.M.A., and L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., R.M.L.I., are awarded Good Service Pensions of £150 per annum vice Farquharson and Armstrong as from 1st and 15th January, 1923, respectively.

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PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

The following Prob. Lieuts. are confirmed in the rank of Lieutenant and posted to the Divisions as stated against their names :—

C. H. C. Masters, R.M.A. (R.M.A.), F. St. G. English, R. M.A. (R.M.A.), B. W. Leicester, R.M.L.I. (Ply.), N. Lennox, R.M.L.I. (Ply.), 1–9–22. A. J. Wright, R.M.L.I. (Chat.), 1–1–22.

Lieut.-General Sir C. N. Trotman, K.C.B., R.M., promoted General R.M. vice Wylde, 1–1–23.

Major-General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., R.M. (A.G., R.M.) promoted Lieut.-General, R.M., vice Trotman, 1–1–23.

Colonel-Commandant H. D. Farquharson, C.M.G., R.M.L.I., promoted to Major-General, R.M., vice Blumberg, 1–1–23.

Capt. M. R. Yeo, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., appointed to Depot, R.M., Deal, for Duty on completion of Senior Captains' Military Course.

Colonel 2nd Commandant L. Halliday, V.C., C.B., R.M.L.I., promoted to Colonel-Commandant, R.M.L.I., vice Farquharson, and posted to Chatham Division (for Deal), 1–1–23.

Lieut.-Colonel F. H. Hall, R.M.L.I., placed on Half-pay List, 6–2–23.

Major W. L. Huntingford, C.B.E., R.M.A., returns to Corps Duty from U/T, and is borne supy., 1–1–23.

Lieut.-Colonel G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., R.M.A., absorbed vice Patterson.

Major H. L. Jones, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., to Seconded List on appt. i/c Movements Section, Intelligence Division, Naval Staff, vice Farmer.

Major C. B. Mullins, R.M.L.I. (supy.) absorbed vice Tennyson and posted to Plymouth Division, 27–1–23.

Capt. A. C. St. Clair-Morford, M.C., R.M.L.I., from Seconded List to be borne supy. and posted to Portsmouth Division, 24–1–23.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. L. McCausland, R.M.L.I. (Secd.), apptd. on the Staff of R.A., Yangtse, for W.S. (Intelligence) duties, as D.I.O. Shanghai (borne in " Bee "), vice Capt. R. V. S. Johnstone, R.M.L.I. (Secd.) to Staff of C.-in-C. China for W.S. (Intelligence) duties as D.I.O. Singapore (borne in " Hawkins.")

R.M. Gunner C. W. Ryman, appointed R.M. Gunnery School, Forton Barracks (temp.) vice Comd. R.M. Gunner W. A. Young, 7–2–23.

Capt. M. H. Webb-Bowen, R.M.A., passed Subject D, sub-head D1, part 1, October, 1922.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel B. C. Gardiner, C.B., R.M.L.I., absorbed vice Jones and posted to Plymouth, 5–2–23.

Lieut.-Colonel H. N. H. Houghton, R.M.L.I., from Supplementary Half-Pay List, to be borne supy. and posted to Plymouth, 5–2–23.

The following officers qualified for promotion in the subjects stated at the examination held in December, 1922 :—

Subject C.—Capt. H. G. Bird, R.M.L.I.

Subject A.—Lieuts. C. M. G. Luxmoore, R.M.L.I., R. J. Gumm, R.M.L.I., C. A. Power, R.M.L.I.

Capt. A. J. Millar, Sup. List, R.M. (W.T.), to H.M.S. " Victory " for Signal School (temp.) as from 5th March, 1923, and to H.M.S. " Pembroke " for Cleethorpes W.T. Station in charge, as from 12–3–23.

Lieut.-Colonel F. E. C. B. Chichester, R.M.L.I. (retd.), promoted to Colonel, R.M.L.I. (retd.), 12–1–22.

Capt. T. Hills, R.M.A. (Reserve of Officers, R.M.), apptd. to R.M. Police and posted to Chatham, 25–4–23.

Capt. E. T. N. Farmer returns to Corps duty from Seconded List, is borne sup. to establishment and posted to Portsmouth, 5–1–23.

Major-General L. Conway-Gordon, C.B., R.M., promoted to Lieut.-General vice Parsons, 15–1–23. Colonel-Commandant St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., R.M.L.I., promoted to Major-General vice Conway-Gordon, 15–1–23.

Lieut.-Colonel . J. A. M. A. Clark, C.M.G., R.M.L.I., promoted to Colonel 2nd Commandant vice Halliday and posted to Portsmouth Division, 1–1–23.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. W. B. F. Lukis, R.M.L.I., apptd. to H.M.S. " Vivid IV " for R.M. Guard, Haulbowline, vice Major H. L. Jones, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., to disembark to Headquarters.

Commd. R.M. Gunner W. A. Young, apptd. to H.M.S. " Centurion " vice Puxley.

The R.M. Officers for H.M.S. " Hawkins " on re-commissioning will be Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel F. R. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.M.L.I. (now in ship, to remain). Capt. R. W. Bagot, R.M.L.I., vice Lieut. Previte to disembark to Headquarters.

The R.M. Officers for H.M.S. " King George V " on re-commissioning will be Capt. R. A. S. Stewart, R.M.A., now in ship to remain (temp.), Lieut. W. A. Hanson, M.C., R.M.L.I., now in ship to remain, R.M. Gunner W. H. Harvey to embark.

Prob. Lieut. C. L. Barcroft, R.M.L.I., to H.M.S. "Benbow" on re-commissioning, vice Lieut. S. G. B. Paine, R.M.A., to disembark to Headquarters.

The undermentioned officers are apptd. to ship stated :—

Prob. Lieut. R. N. Giddy, R.M.A., "Marlborough," vice Lieut. E. J. Ellison, R.M.A.

Prob. Lieut. T. E. N. Knox, R.M.A., "Revenge," vice Lieut. S. Appleyard, R.M.A.

Prob. Lieut. J. G. Hume, R.M.L.I., "Revenge," vice Lieut. W. H. Nonweiler, R.M.L.I.

Prob. Lieut. R. A. Hill, R.M.A., "Valiant," vice Lieut. A. Robertson, R.M.A.

Prob. Lieut. W. P. Dean, R.M.L.I., "Resolution," vice Lieut. G. V. Walton, R.M.L.I.

Prob. Lieut. R. C. Giles, R.M.L.I., "Iron Duke," vice Lieut. H. Lumley, R.M.A.

Prob. Lieut. C. L. Edwards, R.M.L.I., "Barham," vice Lieut. H. E. Shackleton, R.M.A.

Prob. Lieut. J. C. Westall, R.M.L.I., "Queen Elizabeth," vice Lieut. L. Priestley, R.M.

Prob. Lieut. R. H. Godley, R.M.L.I., "Repulse," vice Lieut L. Jones, R.M.A.

Prob. Lieut. H. E. Balls, R.M.L.I., "Emperor of India," vice Lieut. R. L. Harris, R.M.L.I.

Prob. 2nd Lieut. G. Hawkins, R.M.L.I., "King George V" vice Lieut. W. Hanson, M.C., R.M.L.I.

Prob. 2nd Lieut. J. Robinson, R.M.L.I., "Ramillies," vice Lieut. J. T. Hall, R.M.L.I.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut.-Colonel F. E. C. B. Chichester, R.M.L.I., placed on the Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 1358/22, 12–12–22.

Major T. A. V. Wright, R.M.L.I., placed on the Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 1358/22, and appd. to Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held by him on the Active List, 8–2–23.

The following commissions (Unattached List, R.M.) are terminated :—

Temp. Hon. Capts. C. H. Pritchard, W. H. Willans, Temp. Hon. Lieuts. A. D. Strong, C. H. Clarke, F. S. Delmer, A. N. S. Featherstonhaugh, D. H. Maxwell, and F. W. Bernan, 23–2–23.

Capt. C. G. de B. Godfrey, R.M.L.I., placed on the Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 1358/22, and apptd. to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held by him on the Active List, 24–2–23.

Major J. H. Knight, R.M.L.I. (U.T.) placed on the Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 1358/22, and apptd. to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held by him on Active List, 31–3–23.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. W. R. P. Boultbee, R.M.A., has been selected to attend the Senior Captains' Military Course, Depot, R.M. Deal, commencing 19th February.

Major G. Rutledge, R.M.A., has been selected to attend the Anti-aircraft portion of the Gunnery staff Course commencing at the School of Anti-aircraft Defence about 1st July, 1923.

Lieut. H. McC. Slater, R.M.A., has been selected to attend the 79th Signal Course at Maresfield Park on 26th April, 1923.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel B. C. Gardiner, C.B., R.M.L.I., has been selected to attend the Senior Officers' War Course, which commences at R.N. College, Greenwich, on the 5th March and terminates on the 29th June, 1923.

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PLYMOUTH.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—"Woolwich," Cpl. Panham. "Defiance," Pte. Jeffery. "Valiant," Clr.-Sgt. Hiscock; Sgt. Halton, Pte. Cummings. "Resolution," Pte. Smart. "Tamar," Clr.-Sgts. Facey, Cross; Cpls. Brazendale, Male, Carr; Ptes. Metchette, McAuley, Hyne, Elliott, Betting, Crout, Moore, Langton, Dyer, Snell, Johnson, Steptoe, Booth, Jones, S. F. Rookes, Redgate. "Cairo," Sgt. Walker, Cpl. Prowse, Ptes. Maltravers, Sheldrake, Salter, McLoughlin, Webber, Martin, Boyle. "Southampton," Ptes. Day, Cairns, Rogers, Thomas. "Durban," Cpl. Merriman; Ptes. Penny, Powlesland. "Maidstone," Pte. Cowey, Burridge. "Vivid IV," Pte. Gwinnell. 11th Bn., R.M.L.I., Ptes. Wall, Forsythe. Depot, R.M., Sgt. Williams. "King George V," Ptes. Pughe, Lewis, Woodruff, Surgeoner, Lawrence, Wilson, Gibson, Bagley; Clr.-Sgt. Hartley.

EMBARKATIONS.—"Calcutta," Pte. Smith. "Maidstone," Pte. Sherrard. "King George V," Clr.-Sgt. Whitefoot. "Ambrose," Cpl. Parnham. "Tamar," Ptes. House, Brown, Parsons. "Valiant," Clr.-Sgt. Radcliffe, Sgt. Greasley. "Ganges," Cpl. Clarke. "Glorious," Pte. Horn. "Southampton," Sgt. Gray; Ptes. Sams, Collins, Woods. "Woolwich," Cpl. Tavener.

DISCHARGES.—Limited engagement, Ptes. Haile and Booth. Pension, Sgt. W. H. Taylor. Invalided, Pte. W. Brown.

EMPLOYMENTS.—Sgt. Blacker, 1st Clk., 3rd Q.M.'s Dept. Cpl. Gillanders, 2nd Clk., 3rd Q.M.'s Dept. Ptes. Hill, Boat's Crew; Milligan, Pioneer; Burridge, Lamplighter-Electrician; Garbutt, Divisional Blacksmith; Mittens, attdt. to 2nd Lt. Moulton; Webber, attdt. to 2nd Lt North; Prescott, attdt. to Capt. Sergeant.

PROMOTIONS.—Sgt. G. Adams to Clr.-Sgt.

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DEAL.

APPOINTMENTS.—Po.-Sgt. Waskett to Recruits, P.R.T. Staff. Ply.-Ptes. Lee and Clindinning to G.M. Police. Po.-Pte. Rawlings to G.M. Police. Ch.-Pte. Cooper to Attd. to Lieut.-Col. Festing. Po.-Ptes. Hucker and Dacre to Cooks. Ch.-Clr.-Sgt. Shotter to Range Warden. Po.-Pte. Poole to Sgt. Mess Cook. Po.-Pte. Price to Shopman, South Canteen. Po.-Pte. Kite and Ch.-Pte. Hayward to Cooks. Ply.-Pte. Chittenden to Butcher.

TRANSFER.—Po.-Pte. Taylor to Plymouth Dn. Po.-Pte. Coulson to Chatham Dn. Ply.-Pte. Radford to Chatham Dn.

G.C. BADGES.—Ply.-Pte. O'Brien, 2nd; Ply.-Pte. Grace, 3rd; Ch.-Pte. Parsley, 3rd; Po.-Sgt. Dawkins, 3rd; Ch.-Pte. Adam, 2nd; Ch.-Pte. Drake, 3rd.

KING'S BADGE.—Ply.-Pte. Brooks, the best all-round recruit of the 70A Squad.

DISCHARGE.—Ply.-Rect. Gill, Invalided.

TO HEADQUARTERS.—Eastney: Gnrs. Marsh, Mutter, Hawkins and Strong. Plymouth: Sgt. Williams, Cpl. Berry and Pte. Chandler. Chatham: Pte. Walker.

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PORTSMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.—H.M.S. "Courageous," Pte. F. Smith. H.M.S. "Champion," Cpl. Henwood. H.M.S. "Cardiff," Sgts. J. C. Viney, H. C. Barker, Cpl. P. Curtis, Ptes. J. H. Mills, H. C. Goodhall, J. Andrews, A. Morgan, H. Balkewood, J. Brown, T. Green, F. Fielding, A. W. Greening, L. G. Bull, E. Crane, A. E. Smith, S. J. Whittaker, T. Martindale. H.M.S. "Thunderer," Ptes. J. Barker, W. Tinkler, F. A. Stringer, A. Billet, H. T. Giddings, W. Bowler. H.M.S. "Dolphin." Ptes. H. R. Stenning, H. Russell. H.M.S. "Victory," Cpl. Keats, Pte. A. G. Walker. H.M.S. "Fisgard," Pte. U. Bostock. H.M.S. "Dryad," Clr.-Sgt. Beckett. H.M.S. "Cardiff," Cpl. J. Cox. H.M.S. "Vivid IV," Pte. W. Poole. H.M.S. "Adamant," Pte. H. Brimble. H.M.S. "Fisgard," Pte. A. May. H.M.S. "Lucia," Pte. W. J. Edbrooke. H.M.S. "Dryad," Pte. H. Weston. H.M.S. "Argus," Bugler Francis. H.M.S. "Dido," Ptes. F. W. Shawyer, W. Taylor. H.M.S. "Courageous," Ptes. G. Turner, T. Wright, H. A. Peckham, J. Challoner, F. J. Gibson ("Renown"). H.M.S. "Champion," Pte. W. E. Lewington.

DISCHARGES.—Pte. F. C. A'Court, Pte. P. J. Hunt, Pte. P. Marshall, Clr.-Sgt. J. Elphage, Pte. J. H. Chinnery, Sgt. A. E. Russell, Clr.-Sgt. T. F. Beard, Pte. J. E. Harrison, Pte. W. F. R. Green, Pte. A. G. Batton, Clr.-Sgt. H. Mills, Pte. Pilgrim, Pte. H. Early, Ptes. O. Holmes, T. H. Curtis, G. T. Day, G. Maddick, H. G. Grief.

PROMOTIONS.—Cpl. G. E. Higgs to Sgt: (Bugle Major), Sgt. A. P. Wright, to Clr.-Sgt. (serving H.M.S. "Assistance") Cpl. T. A. Guerin, to Sgt. (serving H.M.S. "Egmont"). Sgt. G. C. Parry, to Clr.-Sgt. Cpl. T. C. Palmer to Sgt. (serving H.M.S. "Assistance"). Sgt. R. Mizen to Clr.-Sgt. (serving H.M.S. "Dido"). Cpl. R. E. Brock to Sgt. (serving E. L. Plymouth Divn., R.M.L.I.).

DISEMBARKATIONS.—H.M.S. "Renown" Cpl. F. H. Friar. H.M.S. "President"' (Berlin Mission), Clr.-Sgt. J. Miller, Ptes. W. Harris and W. Ross. H.M.S. "Egmont," Pte. C. E. Pike. H.M.S. "Lucia," Pte. A. C. Horrell. H.M.S. "Courageous," Pte. C. W. Harris. H.M.S. "Egmont," Clr.-Sgt. C. E. Hooper. H.M.S. "Champion," Sgt. A. A. Grindey. H.M.S. "Argus," Pte. H. Moore. H.M.S. "Southampton," Clr.-Sgt. E. Beckett. H.M.S. "Cardiff," Clr.-Sgts. J. Burgess, F. Blake, Cpl. H. Jack-

son, Ptes. A. Allpress, H. Rayner, J. Matthews, R. C. Kerman, C. Gerry, S. C. Hudd, T. Hayes, G. W. Plumb, R. Francis, S. Wilson, R. C. Jones, H. Joyce, P. Aston, A. Meslen, F. Fawcett. H.M.S. "Thunderer," Ptes. W. Davidson, J. Atkinson, P. Bayley, O. Sweatman, G. Smith, F. J. Corbett. H.M.S. "Fisgard," Pte. H. Pearson. H.M.S. "Dryad," Clr.-Sgt. C. Dodd. H.M.S. "Merlin," Cpls. E. W. Brewer, W. E. Pledger, Ptes. G. James, R. W. Holloway, A. Kemp, W. Wayland, W. R. Fry, F. A. Moir. H.M.S. "Carlisle," Cpl. R. Piper, Ptes. G. A. Allen, F. Richardson, F. Brooker, J. Blithman, H. Hayles, A. E. Munday, D. Furey, C. E. Smith. H.M.S. "Colombo," Ptes. G. Maddick, T. Morris, J. Hughs, O. Holmes, J. G. Packwood, J. E. Harrison, S. Strudwick, A. Jellyman, A. Octgenn. H.M.S. "Cardiff," Cpl. W. A. Fowler. H.M.S. "Dido," Pte. E. Briggs, J. Matin. H.M.S. "Champion," Cpl. H. Henwood, Pte. T. Wright. H.M.S. "Fisgard," J. W. Jelliffe. H.M.S. "Curacoa," Pte. T. Henderson. H.M.S. "Argus," A. M. Reeves. H.M.S. "Courageous," Cpl. B. Parry. H.M.S. "Dolphin," Pte. C. Farmer. H.M.S. "Canterbury," Pte. F. C. Horner.

TRANSFERS.—To Chatham Division, R.M.L.I. (serving 11th R.M. Battn.), Ptes. B. W. Hardy, W. T. Richardson, T. H. Harris. To Chatham Division, R.M.L.I. (serving Depot, R.M.), Pte. G. Coulson. To Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I. (serving Depot, R.M.), Pte. J. W. R. Taylor.

APPOINTMENTS.—Sgt. G. E. Higgs to Bugle-Major. Pte. T. B. Smith, senior Printer, Ports. Divn., R.M.L.I. Sgt. J. Shatwell, Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s Stores. Pte. H. G. Pearson, 2nd Storeman, 1st Q.M.'s Stores. Sgt. J. Cox to Superintendent Commissariat Canteen. Sgt. J. Box to Sgt.-Tailor. Clr.-Sgt. H. H. R. Camfield to Clerk Pay Office.

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CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.—Pte. Overall apptd. Mess Attdt. Officers', Mess (temp.). Ptes. Rumble, Hickson, Palmer, Beaton and Avery, apptd. Dining Hall Attdts. Pte. Brooks apptd. attdt. to 2nd Lt. Hunt. Pte. Greenwood apptd. Dining Hall Attdt. Pte. C. Knight apptd. to Barrack Office for training as Clerk. Pte. Harris apptd. Dining Hall Attdt. Cpl. Player attchd. Commdt.'s Office for training as Clerk. Pte. Gilkes apptd. Colonel-Commandant's Groom. Pte. Hammond attchd. Bk. Mrs. Dept. for training as Electrician. Pte. W. F. Hobbs attchd. 1st Ormr.'s Dept. for training as Clerk. Pte. Miles apptd. Dining Hall Attdt. Pte. Vine apptd. Barman Main Beer Canteen. Clr.-Sgt. Privett apptd .R.F.R. Clerk, Commdt.'s Office. Pte. Carmichael apptd. permanent Fatigueman, Sergeants' Mess.

PROMOTIONS.—To be Sergeant, Cpl. R. Fisher. To be Clr.-Sgt., Sgt. E. V. Earnshaw. To be Sgt., Cpl. A. Surgey. To be Clr.-Sgt., Sgt. Blackman. To be Sgt., Cpl. A. E. Rees.

EMBARKATIONS.—"Carlisle," Pte. Williams. "Constance," Cpl. Wilton. Pte. Heveron. "Hawkins," Cpl. Orme, Bugler Elliott.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—"Dunedin," Pte. A. Godfrey. "Ramillies," Pte. Wright. "Cardiff," Ptes. Evans, Sullens, via "Vindictive." Clr.-Sgt. Wright, Sgts. Corden, Harrold; Cpls. Brook, Procter, Pridham; Ptes. Bowles, Clark, Cass, Coupe, Casey, Griggs, Knight, Knighton, Wilkins, Weston, Spencer, Wilson, Robottom, Landen, Wright, Reeve, Botting; Bugler Bridger. "Royal Sovereign," Pte. Crouch. "Dwarf," Ptes. Bainbridge, Moss, Foster. "Constance," Cpl. Rees. "King George V," Pte. D. J. Miller. 11th R.M. Battn., Ptes. Beckett, Boggis, Nadauld, Millhouse. "Blenheim," Ptes. Burns, High, Newstead, Dowman. "Cleopatra," Ptes. King, Holmes, Cpl. Miller. "Impregnable," Sgt. Groves.

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EASTNEY.

PROMOTIONS.—Sgt. W. A. Reeves to Clr.-Sgt. Clr.-Sgt. L. R. Jacobs to C.S.M. Cpl. S. M. Follett to Sgt. Clr.-Sgt. R. E. Payne, D.C.M., to C.S.M.

APPOINTMENTS.—Clr.-Sgt. G. H. Thompson to C.Q.M.S. Gnr. W. T. Knott, M.O.A., to Col.-Commdt. P. Phillipps. Gnr. E. H. England, M.O.A., to Lt.-Col. Trotman. Gnr. J. R. Owers, M.O.A., to Major Huntingford. Gnr. J. T. Whitfield, M.O.A., to 2nd Lts. Cooper and Garrett. Clr.-Sgt. N. T. Plumb to C.Q.M.S.

DISCHARGES.—By purchase: Gnr. A. W. Hedges, Gnr. R. C. Robinson. Having completed time for Pension: Gnrs. T. Barrett, W. J. Watkins, A. W. Johns, H. T. Taylor, J. E. Dougan, A. W. Lightning, W. F. Acres; Sgt. (Band) H. W. Howe; C.S.M. F. M. E. Boulton; Bugler E. A. Bradford. Free on Reduction: Cpl. J. F. Willder.

EMBARKATIONS.—"Ramillies," Cpl. E. A. Berry, Gnr. H. W. Anderson. "Warspite," Gnr. D. Murphy. "Queen Elizabeth," Gnr. T. D. Harvey. "King George V," Gnrs. J. A. Buckwell, L. Frost, Henry Torrens, G. E. Warham, W. J. C. James, G. J. Harmer, A. C. Bean, Bugler H. G. Taylor.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—"Repulse," Gnr. A. L. Ainger. "Victory," Gnr. G. Neal. "Hood," Gnrs. P. Reynolds, W. H. Anderson, Sgt. H. C. P. Glasspole. "Ramillies," Clr.-Sgt. O. Perkins, Gnr. F. C. Robinson. "Valiant," Gnr. E. H. England, Sgt. W. H. J. Darters. "King George V," Gnr. R. G. Docherty. "Ramillies," Cpl. F. J. Willder, Gnr. W. Smith.

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ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC, EASTNEY.

EMBARKATIONS.—H.M.S. "Valiant," Bandmaster, 2nd Class, C. T. Ship. H.M.S. "Thunderer," Musn. E. E. Buckle. H.M.S. "Excellent," Musn. A. J. Stedman. H.M.S. "Victory" (R.N.B.), B/Cpl. C. E. F. Prior. H.M.S. "Ramillies," Musn. R. G. Perratt. H.M.S. "King George V," Bandmaster, 2nd Class, G. C. Keen, B/Cpl. Wm. Walsham, Musns. Andrew Barr, R. H. Walker, Alfred Simpson, W. G. C. Rich, F. H. E. Curd, Charles Hayward, J. W. H. Ferry, George Jepp, A. E. Burtt, Richard Wicker, Albert Charlesworth, H. A. Brydges, A. C. Jennings.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—H.M.S. "Ajax," B/Cpl. James Shuter, H.M.S. "Lowestoft," Musn. James Wharington, H.M.S. "Valiant," Bandmaster, 2nd Class, John Allen, H.M.S. "Southampton," Musn. P. L. Sharpe, H.M.S. "Hawkins," Musns. W. C. Marrow, Fredk. Arnold, Sidney Brown. H.M.S. "Excellent," Musn. F. A. Cook. H.M.S. "Victory" (R.N.B.), B/Cpl. Wm. Humphrey. "King George V," Bandmaster, 1st Class, E. P. Snook, B/Cpl. W. H. Saunders, Musns. R. C. Page, James Barnes, F. A. Mantle, Fredk. Hatton, H. P. Smith, George Whittington, Cecil Wratten, E. H. Skinner, R. V. Curtis, A. I. H. Smith, W. A. Hennessey, W. A. L. Smith.

DISCHARGES.— Bandmaster, 2nd Class, W. A. Weavin to Pension; Musn. J. J. N. Farmer to Pension; B/Cpl. Arthur Green to Pension.

ADVANCEMENT TO MUSICIAN.—Band Boys E. E. Buckle, C. G. Knight, H. H. Bush, P. E. Cole.

PROMOTION.—B/Cpl. Herbert Kenward to Bandmaster, 2nd Class, Musn. F. T. Bonner to B/Cpl., Musn. F. A. Cook to B/Cpl.

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"I never knew an appeal to them for honour, courage or loyalty, that they did not more than realise my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England, they will be found the Country's Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St. Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

We think that it may interest our readers, particularly the oversea ones, to know that the official decision regarding our last suggestion for solving our financial problem is that the R.M. Divisions and the Depot may subscribe the sum of £12 10s. from local funds to cover the current half-year up to 30th June, and that the question will be again considered at the end of July next.

We presume that this is all that could be expected in view of the present state of uncertainty as to the future of the Corps. When we have received all these subscriptions we shall be relieved of all anxiety as to the immediate future, we shall be quite free from debt and have a working balance in hand. At the same time, we still maintain our rooted objection to the policy of a hand-to-mouth existence which this official decision entails, and though we are quite prepared to carry on the paper on its present lines, if desired, as long as a reasonable balance in hand remains, we are quite determined that there shall be no more financial appeals from the pen of the present editor, but we are sure that, in the unfortunate event of this being necessary, there will be no difficulty in finding a more gifted and business-like editor to wrestle with the problem.

In the meantime, we are glad to announce that we shall now once more be able to print any pictures or photographs, suitable for publication, which are sent to us without having to ask the senders to pay for their insertion. We are sure that we have some gifted caricaturists in the Corps, and we think that a series of caricatures of some of its distinguished members would prove a very welcome feature of the paper.

The question of a new cover for the paper has been rather delayed, as the design, a rough sketch of which has been made by a certain talented artist of the Corps, may have to be slightly altered when the long and anxiously awaited decision as to the future of the Corps is announced.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION, R.M.L.I.

Mrs. Beville Pym has most kindly presented the Egyptian Medal and Khedive's Star originally awarded to her father, General Edward Lee Rose, who died in 1903.

The following is a brief record of his service career. 2nd Lieut., '59; Lieut., '60; Captain, '74; Major, '81; Lieut.-Colonel, '86; Colonel, 2nd Commdt., Portsmouth Divn., '92; Col.-Commdt., Plymouth Divn., '95; Major-General, '98; Lieut.-General, '01; General, '02.

He served with the R.M. Battalion in Egypt and the Sudan, being in garrison first at Alexandria ('84), and later at Suakin. During June, '84, he was in command of the Forts Euryalus and Carysfort when these were much harassed by the almost nightly attacks of the enemy under Osman Digna. He was also in command of troops at Suez until invalided.

THE ROYAL MARINE BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

1st and 2nd March, 1923.

This year the tournament was held in the R.M.A. drill shed at Eastney, and proved a great success, both in regard to the number of entries and the financial results.

The principal object of the meeting is to encourage all ranks and ages in the Corps to take up boxing and finally to enable us to send up a really good team to compete at the Imperial Services Boxing Association meeting.

The programme consisted of competitions for every possible weight in the following classes, viz. :—Officers, open, men under four years' service, boys under 19 and 17 years old respectively, so that every member of the Corps is able to compete under fairly even conditions.

The Championship trophy presented by the Permanent and Temporary Officers of the 1st Reserve Battalion, R.M.L.I., was won for the second time in succession by the Eastney team.

The results of the competitions for the two trophies were as follows :—

Championship Trophy.—1st, R.M.A., 68 points ; 2nd, Portsmouth, 54 points ; 3rd, Chatham, 48 points.

Junior Trophy.—1st, R.M.A. and Portsmouth, 21 points each ; 3rd, Deal, 13 points ; 4th, Chatham, 10 points.

For both these trophies every winner of a bout and every bye scores 2 points, and every loser, 1 point in all events throughout the meeting.

This system of scoring has the very great advantage of making every competitor equally responsible for success of his team.

It is well known that the recent reductions in the Corps and the large number of men at present serving in the near East has so depleted all the headquarters, that they have all experienced the utmost difficulty in raising various teams to compete at the Royal Tournament and other competitions. This applies particularly to boxing, since for this tournament a full team consists of no less than 32 men. Under the circumstances, the number of entries, *i.e.*, Eastney 30, Portsmouth 24, Chatham 22, and Deal 8, was most satisfactory.

It must be admitted that the skill displayed in some of the events was not of a very high order, but when it is remembered that many of the competitors had only a few months' service, this was hardly surprising, and was compensated for by the gameness and pluck displayed throughout. It is noteworthy that all recruits who join the Corps at the present time receive systematic instruction in boxing. As none of the other services do this at present, we hope that in a few years we may be able to send up a really first-class team who may be in the running for the championship at the I.S.B.A. meeting.

It was most gratifying to note the large number of ex-Marines who attended. Their continual interest in such events is most encouraging to these competitions and others still serving, who thoroughly appreciate the fact that men who have retired from the Service still have by no means forgotten that they are Royal Marines.

Major R. A. D. Brooks and P. & R.T. Staff at Eastney are to be heartily congratulated on the very successful arrangements for the meeting, which worked without a hitch from beginning to end.

The following Officers very kindly officiated as referees and judges :—Commander T. N. Barrett, R.N., Surgeon Commander L. Digby Bell, R.N., Captain H. Daniells, V.C., M.C., Rifle Brigade, Lieut. Bayley, R.N., Lieut. W. A. Whitaker, R.N., Flight-Lieut. F. G. Sherrif, R.A.F., Lieut. W. Haynes, R.N.

At the conclusion of a very successful meeting, Col.-Commandant A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A. D. C., R.M.L.I., very kindly presented the trophies and medals, warmly congratulating the winning teams on their success and wishing the others better luck in the future.

The individual entries composing the four teams were as follows :—

EASTNEY.—Heavy-Weight (Officers), 2nd-Lieut. Buckley ; (open), Gnr. Smith ; (under 4 years), Gnr. Telford ; (under 19 years), Gnr. Leadbitter ; (under 17 years), B. Boy Meyrick—under 9 st.

Light Heavy-Weight.—(open), Cpl. Jennings ; (under 4 years), Gnr. Hawke ; (under 19 years), Gnr. Poulsom.

Middle-Weight.—(Officers), 2nd-Lieut. Hayter ; (open), Gnr. Hornsey ; (under 4 years), B. Boy McNabb ; (under 19 years), Gnr. Tallent.

Welter-Weight.—(Officers), 2nd-Lieut. Cooper ; (open), Cpl. Joyce ; (under 4 years), Gnr. Hill ; (under 19 years), Gnr. Hye ; (under 17 years), B. Boy Maynard—under 7 st. 6.

Light-Weight—(Officers), 2nd-Lieut. Garrett ; (open), Musn. Moody ; (under 4 years), B. Boy Piesse ; (under 19 years), B. Boy Dressing.

Feather-Weight.—(open), Gnr. Lelliott ; (under 4 years), Bugler Rappe ; (under 19 years), B. Boy Knight.

Bantam-Weight.—(under 4 years), B. Boy Pipe ; (under 19 years), Gnr. Connell.

Fly-Weight.—(open), B. Boy Gibson ; (under 4 years), B. Boy Leach ; (under 19 years), B. Boy Howard ; (under 17 years), B. Boy Rumfitt—under 6 st. 6.

CHATHAM. Light Heavy-Weight.—(under 4 years), Pte. Boaz ; (under 19 years), Pte. A. Perry ; (Boys), Bugler Durling—under 7 st. 5.

Middle-Weight.—(under 4 years), Pte. Piddock ; (under 19 years), Pte. T. Perry.

Welter-Weight.—(Officers), Capt. Clayton ; (open), Cpl. Lynham ; (under 4 years), Pte. Ward ; (under 19 years), Pte. Band.

Light-Weight.—(Officers), 2nd-Lieut. Hunt ; (open), Pte. Habgood ; (under 4 years), Bugler Bumpus ; (under 19 years), Bugler Wesley ; (Boys), Bugler Dabson—under 8 st. 13.

Feather-Weight.—(Officers), 2nd-Lieut. Wescott ; (open), Pte. Tisley ; (under 4 years), Pte. Beckham.

Bantam-Weight.—(open), Cpl. Hayes ; (under 4 years), Bugler Townsend ; (under 19 years), Bugler Osborne.

Fly-Weight.—(under 19 years), Bugler Sweet ; (Boys), Bugler Gosling—under 6 st. 6.

PORTSMOUTH. Heavy-Weight.—(Officers), Lieut. Deane ; (Boys), Bugler Mills—7 st. 6 and under.

Light Heavy-Weight.—(under 4 years), Pte. Porter ; (under 19 years), Pte. Burt.

Middle-Weight.—(Officers), Capt. Sheppard ; (open), Pte. Reader ; (under 4 years), Pte. Smith ; (under 19 years), Pte. Edwards ; (Boys), Bugler Budd—9 st. and under.

Welter-Weight.—(Officers), 2nd-Lieut. Marchant ; (open), Cpl. Downton ; (under 4 years), Pte. Ashby ; (under 19 years), Pte. Knill.

Light-Weight.—(open), Pte. Duncan ; (under 4 years), Pte. Woodruffe ; (under 19 years), Pte. Tolfree.

Feather-Weight.—(Officers), 2nd-Lieut. Woolley; (open), Cpl. Cawthraw; (under 19 years), Pte. Harris.

Bantam-Weight.—(open), Pte. Lake; (under 19 years), Pte. Davis.

Fly-Weight.—(open), Bugler Ranner; (under 19 years), Bugler Viney.

DEAL. Heavy-Weight.—(under 19 years), Pte. J. Burns; Light Heavy-Weight (under 19 years), Pte. W. Gisby; Middle-Weight (under 19 years), Pte. J. Cox; Welter-Weight (under 19 years), Pte. T. Adams; Light-Weight (under 19 years), Pte. J. Butler; Feather-Weight (under 19 years), Pte. J. Jennings; Bantam-Weight (under 19 years), Pte. H. Tyler.

RESULTS.

Officers' Series. Semi-finals. Welter-weight:—2nd.-Lieut. Cooper (Eastney) beat Capt. Clayton (Ch.). Finals. Heavy-weight:—Lieut. Deane (Ports.) beat 2nd-Lieut. Buckley (Ports.); middle-weight:—Capt. Sheppard (Ports.) beat 2nd-Lieut. Hayter (R.M.A.) in 2nd round; welter-weight:—2nd-Lieut. Cooper (R.M.A.) beat 2nd-Lieut. Marchant (Ports.); light-weight:—2nd-Lieut. Hunt (Ch.) beat 2nd-Lieut. Garrett (R.M.A.); feather-weight:—2nd-Lieut. Westcott (Ch.) beat 2nd-Lieut Woolley (Ports.).

Open Series. Semi-finals. Welter-weight:—Cpl. Downton Ports.) beat Cpl. Lynham (Ch.); light-weight:—Pte. Duncan (Ports.) beat Musn. Moody (R.M.A.); feather-weight:—Gnr. Lelliott (R.M.A) beat Pte. Tilsley (Ch.). Finals. Heavy-weight—Gnr. Smith (R.M.A.) w.o.; light heavy-weight:—Cpl. Jennings (R.M.A.) w.o.; middle-weight:—Gnr. Hornsey (R.M.A.) beat Pte. Reader (Ports.); welter-weight:—Cpl. Downton (Ports.) beat Cpl. Joyce (R.M.A.); light-weight:—Pte. Duncan (Ports.) beat Pte. Habgood (Ch.); feather-weight:—Gnr. Lelliott (R.M.A.) beat Cpl. Cawthraw (Ports.); bantam-weight:—Cpl. Hayes (Ch.) beat Pte. Lake (Ports.); fly-weight:—B. Boy Gibson (R.M.A.) w.o.

Under 4 Years Service. Semi-finals. Light heavy-weight:—Gnr. Hawke (R.M.A.) beat Pte. Boaz (Ch.); middle-weight:—Pte. Piddock (Ch.) beat Pte. Smith (Ports.); welter-weight:—Pte. Ward (Ch.) beat Gnr. Hill (R.M.A.); light-weight:—Bugler Bumpus (Ch.) beat Pte. Woodruffe (Ports.). Finals. Heavy-weight:—Gnr. Telford (R.M.A.) w.o.; light heavy-weight:—Gnr. Hawke (R.M.A.) beat Pte. Porter (Ports.); middle-weight:—Pte. Piddock (Ch.) beat B. Boy McNabb (R.M.A.); welter-weight—Pte. Ward (Ch.) beat Pte. Ashby (Ports.); light-weight:—Bugler Bumpus (Ch.) beat B. Boy Piesse (R.M.A.); feather-weight:—Pte. Beckham (Ch.) beat Bugler Rappe (R.M.A.); bantam-weight:—Bugler Townsend (Ch.) beat B. Boy Pipe (R.M.A.); fly-weight:—B. Boy Leach (R.M.A.) w.o.

Under 19 Years of Age. Semi-finals. Light heavy-weight:—Pte. Burt (Ports.) beat Gnr. Poulson (R.M.A.); Pte. A. Perry (Ch.) beat Pte. W. Gisby (Deal); middle-weight:—Gnr. Tallent (R.M.A.) beat Pte. T. Perry (Ch.); Pte. Edwards (Ports.) beat Pte. Cox (Deal); welter-weight:—Gnr. Hyde (R.M.A.) beat Pte. T. Adams (Deal); Pte. Knill (Ports.) beat Pte. Band (Ch.); light-weight:—Bugler Wesley (Ch.) beat B. Boy Dressing (R.M.A.); Pte. J. Butler (Deal) beat Pte. Tolfree (Ports.); feather-weight:—Pte. Harris (Ports.) beat Pte. J. Jennings (Deal); bantam-weight:—Pte. Davis (Ports.) beat Bugler Osborne (Ch.); Gnr. Connell (R.M.A.) beat Pte. H. Tyler (Deal); fly-weight:—B. Boy Howard (R.M.A.) beat Bugler Viney (Ports.); Pte. Haverscroft (Deal) beat Bugler Sweet (Ch.). Finals. heavy-weight:—Gnr. Leadbitter (R.M.A.) beat Pte. Burns (Deal); light heavy-weight:—Pte. Burt (Ports.) beat Pte. A. Perry (Ch.); middle-weight:—Pte. Edwards (Ports.) beat Gnr. Tallent (R.M.A.); welter-weight:—Gnr. Hyde (R.M.A.) beat Pte. Knill (Ports.); light-weight:—Pte. Butler (Deal) beat Bugler Wesley (Ch.); feather-weight:—Pte. Harris (Ports.) beat B. Boy Knight (R.M.A.); bantam-weight:—Pte. Davis (Ports.) beat Gnr. Connell (R.M.A.); fly-weight:—B. Boy Howard (R.M.A.) beat Pte. Haverscroft (Deal).

Boys Under 17 Years of Age. Semi-finals. 9 stone and under:—Bugler Dabson (Ch.) beat B. Boy Mayrick (R.M.A.); 7 stone 6 and under:—Bugler Durling (Ch.) beat Bugler Mills, (Ports.). Finals. 9 stone and under:—Bugler Dabson (Ch.) beat Bugler Budd (Ports.); 7 stone 6 and under:—B. Boy Maynard (R.M.A.) beat Bugler Durling (Ch.); 6 stone 6 and under:—B. Boy Rumfitt (R.M.A.) beat Bugler Gosling (Ch.).

The Portsmouth local papers gave the following descriptions of certain fights which were admittedly most creditable to the contestants:—

"Taking the open events first, the only man of any real class was Cpl. Frank Downton (Portsmouth), who, although only a light-weight, had no great difficulty in winning the welters, although it must be admitted Cpl. Joyce (Eastney) gave him a much better fight than many expected. Joyce boxed very steadily against his more experienced rival, and once or twice he frustrated Downton's advances with a stinging left jab, but Downton's speedy footwork and the rapidity with which he punched gained him a very popular decision.

"A fine exhibition of boxing was given in the semi-final of the 7st. 6lbs. and under competition for boys under 17 years of age, between Bugler Durling (Chatham) and Bugler Mills (Portsmouth). Durling, who won well on points, has a nice left hand, and also knows how to use his fists at close quarters. It was a bright little encounter, and at the conclusion the referee congratulated both boys upon their performance. In the final Durling was beaten on points by Band Boy Maynard (Eastney), a much stronger boy, but Durling put up a very creditable fight, and was warmly applauded.

THE OFFICERS' COMPETITIONS.

"The best fight in the officers' competitions was the final of the feather-weights between Lieut. Wescott (Chatham) and Lieut. Woolley (Portsmouth). Wescott forced the fighting all through and scored repeatedly with straight lefts and hard right crosses to the chin. Woolley came back gamely, but his best efforts were always countered by something much better, and he was well behind on points at the conclusion. Wescott is quite a stylist in his way, but he is apt to swing very wildly with his right.

PROMISING LADS.

"Several promising lads were discovered in the under nineteen years event, the most conspicuous, perhaps, from a boxing point of view, being the little fly-weight champion, Band Boy Howard (Eastney) who showed surprisingly good form against Private Haverscroft (Deal) in the final. Despite his great handicap of both height and weight, Howard completely outclassed his man, and his left-hand hitting was delightful. Howard has been well taught, and, given a little more experience, he should make a name for himself. Against Haverscroft he demonstrated the value of the straight left both for attack and defence, and the Deal lad was so badly punished that the judges gave him the consolation of a "good loser" prize.

"The judges' decision in the final of the light-weights between Private Butler (Deal) and Bugler Wesley (Chatham) created a surprise. For the first two rounds Butler took a rare gruelling, but in the last round he fought back with great determination, and once made Wesley's knees sag with a powerful punch on the jaw. His effort came too late to wipe off his arrears, but the judges decided in his favour without giving Wesley the opportunity of an extra round.

"The best display in the under four years' service event was that given by Private Piddock (Chatham),

a finely built youngster, who boxes in the orthodox fashion. His left leads were perfectly timed, and the straight right which generally followed carried plenty of steam behind it. Piddock, when cornered, also showed distinct ability at the half-arm business, and his opponents were generally the first to break from a mix up. It was a capital punch with which he knocked out Band Boy McNabb (Eastney) in the final of the middle-weights. Another good boy, although not of the same class as Piddock, was Bugler Bumpus (Chatham). He has quite a good style, but after delivering an effective punch he fails to follow up his advantage. Lack of aggression is his principal fault. Had he put a little more energy into his work, Band Boy Piesse (Eastney), his opponent in the final in the light-weights, would not have gone the distance. However, Piesse took quite a lot of punishment, and had the satisfaction of being awarded a "good loser" prize."

"Good losers" prizes, which are awarded by the referee to losers who have put up an exceptionally good and plucky fight, were gained by the following :—

Band-boy Piesse, Bugler Mills, Bugler Wesley.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A voluntary subscription is being raised among the officers and men of the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines to provide a wedding gift for the Duke of York. It is particularly desired that subscriptions should not exceed, on an average, 2s. 6d. per head for officers and 6d. for ratings. Commanding officers of ships, establishments and tenders have arranged for an officer to collect subscriptions from all who wish to participate in the presentation. The lists were closed on March 15.

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Recruiting for Royal Marines is suspended until further orders.

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The date for the commencement of the next War Staff Course has been altered to 24th September, 1923. It has also been approved that the maximum age for selection should be raised from 34 to 35.

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A Fleet Order announces that the force which, as promised last year, is to replace the Metropolitan Police employed at the Royal Naval armament depots and magazines and other establishments where their services are not required in the ordinary course for the prevention of crime is to be called the "Royal Marine Police" and to be composed of Royal Marine pensioners enlisted for this purpose. It will be administered by the Adjutant-General, R.M., and will be attached for record, pay, clothing, and discipline to the several R.M. Divisions under the supervision of the Colonels-Commandant.

The personnel furnished by this Force will carry out the usual duties and only exercise the authority of a military guard, but subject to this limitation it will conform to the police routine within the precincts of the various establishments. Pending the conferment of further powers they will, therefore, only detain civil offenders until they can be handed over to the civil police, who are to be communicated with at once. The relation of the new force to the Admirals-Superintendent and the officers in charge of the depots will be the same as those now existing for the Metropolitan Police ; and the R.M. Police will be accommodated at the naval ordnance depots, etc., in the same buildings and under the same conditions as the Metropolitan Police were formerly employed.

Chatham Division will have attached to it the armament depots, etc., at the following places :— Upnor, Lodge Hill and Chattenden, Crombie, and Bandeath. Portsmouth will supply the following :— Bedenham, Priddy's Hard, Frater Point, Portsmouth Gun Wharf, and Marchwood. Plymouth will supply Holton Heath, Bull Point, the Gun Wharf, and floating magazines.

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In filling vacancies for workmen in Admiralty establishments, in addition to the general preference given to ex-Service men, special preference is to be given, states a new Fleet Order, to ex-Naval men (including ex-Marines), always provided that the men selected are in no way less qualified to fill the vacancies than other candidates. In order that in particularly deserving cases men may not be debarred from employment, it has been decided that during the next two years the existing rule, requiring that the proportion of Army and Navy reservists employed in the dockyards should not exceed 15 per cent. of the total numbers borne, may be relaxed at the discretion of the Admiral-Superintendent.

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Any Naval rating or Marine who is under treatment in hospital at the date due for discharge on expiration of period of engagement is in future to be retained in the Service on full pay (subject to the usual hospital stoppages in cases where the sickness is due to the man's own misconduct, carelessness or neglect) until :—

(*a*) He has recovered from his illness and is discharged from hospital cured or relieved : or

(*b*) he is invalided and the period of the 28 days' invaliding benefit has expired.

Vacancies in respect of Petty Officers, N.C. Officers and men retained in the Service under this Order will not reckon until the date of ceasing pay. Men who may remain in hospital after discharge as at (*b*) are not to be subject to the Naval Discipline Act.AFO/392/23.

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The amounts of Messing, Victualling and Provision, etc., Allowances have again been under review, in relation to the further fall that has taken place in the "Cost of Living" figures generally, and more particularly in the prices of foodstuffs.

As a result, it has been decided to make the following reductions in the rates now authorised, to take effect from the 1st April next, in the case of all Ships and Establishments, at home and abroad, viz. :—

Victualling Allowance, from 1s. 6½d. a day to 1s. 6d. a day.

Provision Allowance—Officers, from 3s. 6d. a day or £56 10s. per annum to 3s. 5d. a day or £55 per annum.

For men (including Long Leave Allowance), from 2s. 8d. a day to 2s. 7d. a day.

The rates of Messing Allowance and Sunday Dinner Allowance remain unaltered at 9½d. a day and 3½d. a day respectively.

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It has been decided that Corporals, R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., appointed as Drum Major, Bugle Major or Armourer Sergeant, are to be promoted and absorbed in the rank of Sergeant in the first vacancy which occurs after the date of their appointment.

AN INTERESTING RECORD OF ASCENSION ISLAND.

Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Pym we are able to publish the following copy of a General Order signed by Lieut.-Colonel Edward Nicolls, R.M. It was this officer who earned the nickname of "Fighting Nicolls." During his brilliant career he was in action 107 times, and on various occasions had his left leg broken, his right leg severely wounded, was shot through the body and right arm, received a terrible sabre-cut on the head, was bayoneted in the chest and lost the sight of an eye in his last action.

Sir Edward Nicolls, K.C.B. (as he eventually became), was appointed Governor of the Island of Ascension in 1823 for five years, and for his services there received the warm approbation of the Duke of Clarence, Lord High Admiral of England (afterwards King William IV.). An interesting account of the career of this very gallant officer will be found in "The Globe and Laurel," Volume IV, p. 8.

Ascension Island.
1st January, 1828.

G.O.

Parole—Honor.
Countersign—Marine.

In consequence of the spirited and Soldierlike feelings manifested yesterday evening by Corporal Mark Elstol and the 12 privates, who volunteered their service after a hard day's work, to march over in double quick time to S.W. Bay with a view to prevent that severe disgrace to a Soldier occurring, i.e., Suffering His Majesty's Island, or his or any property committed to their care, to be surprised, injured or plundered.

Now, in order to show how much I approve of such good Conduct, and to Honor and compliment the above named Mark Elstol and his 12 Comrades, I hereby order the whole of the Detachment of Royal Marines, serving on this Island and the Artificers two extra proportions of Rum. One this 1st day of the New Year of ½ a pint, and one to-morrow of 1 Gill, to enable them to Drink up standing with 4 times 4 Cheers an happy New Year, and many returns of them to our most Gracious Sovereign King George the 4th, whose health and prosperity we ought always to be most proud and happy to hear named, with the gallant feelings and loyalty of his brave and most faithful Marines. It is hoped that Concord, good Comradeship, activity and strict attention to the duties we are here appointed to perform, will constantly pervade our Ranks and be made manifest in the Conduct of every individual which shall at all times and places Command my best wishes and services for the good of every person under my Command.

On Wednesday the 2nd inst., the Detachment will drink their Gill to the health of His Royal Highness the Lord High Admiral &c., &c.

Some hands to go to the Out bays for Turtle to-night and to-morrow morning.

(Signed) Edward Nicolls,
Bt. Lt.-Colonel-Commandant.

R.M. BATTALION IN JAPAN, 1864-65.

Among some old documents recently discovered at the Chatham Division is a book containing copies of the official correspondence of the Royal Marine Battalion in Japan in 1864-1865. Most of this correspondence refers to routine matters, but among it was a copy of Lieut.-Colonel Suther's original dispatch on the action fought at Simonoseki on 7th September, 1864, which is inserted below. There can be very few survivors of this Battalion now in existence, but if any of them should happen to read this, perhaps they may be induced to forward any personal recollections they may have of what must have been a most interesting experience.

H.M.S. "Conqueror,"
Straits of Simonoseki.
7th September, 1864.

Sir,

In compliance with your orders I was yesterday dis-Embarked at 8 o'Clock a.m.; and placed in Command of the Brigade landed for the demolition of the Enemy's Batteries.

As soon as the Force had been formed, the Battalion of English Sailors under the Command of Captain Alexander mounted the heights for the purpose of destroying a three Gun Battery situated about a hundred feet above the beach, and with the rest of the Brigade, /viz./ a Battalion of French Sailors, two Battalions of Royal Marines, the first under the Command of Lt.-Colonel Penrose, and the Second of Lt.-Colonel Adair, a Detachment of Royal Engineers under the Command of Major Wray, and a Battalion of Dutch Soldiers & Sailors, I marched along the line of Batteries, and under your personal observation dismounted the Guns, burnt the carriages, and blew up the Magazines,

On returning from this duty and after the French & Dutch portion of the Brigade had re-Embarked the Enemy opened fire upon us from a three Gun Stockaded Barrack building situated in a ravine, not easily approachable and very ill suited to Military Manœuvring.

I directed the two Battalions of Royal Marines to Storm the building upon its right approach, whilst the Battalion of Sailors Stormed its left.

After a Sharp resistance the Enemy fled from his position.

Having Spiked the Guns and set fire to the buildings, I ordered the Brigade to return to the place of Embarkation.

In the Execution of this duty I very much regret that several casualties occurred.

Captain Alexander while gallantly leading his Battalion

was Severely wounded and carried to the rear. So also were Captain de Courcy and Lieut. Inglis of the Royal Marines.

When all performed their duties well, it is difficult to individualize but I feel it incumbent on me to mention the high bearing of the Commanding Officer of Battalions Lt.-Colonel P. C. Penrose Royal Marines Lt.-Colonel C. W. Adair Royal Marines and Captain J. W. J. Alexander Royal Navy—to those officers I am greatly indebted for their zeal and gallantry.

The Senior Captain of Royal Marines Captain N. W. de Courcy, who was Severely wounded when at the head of his Company holding a difficult position near the Stockade, Captain & Brevet Major Woolrige acting Brigade Major, and 1st Lieut. J. C. Hore my Orderly Officer I am bound to bring particularly to notice for their zeal and intelligence.

The Medical Staff of Royal Marines under Doctor C. K. Ord were most active and prompt in their attendance to the wounded.

I beg also to State that I received much assistance when in the Stockade building from Lieut. R. E. Tracey Royal Navy, who carried out Some orders it was necessary for me to give in a zealous and efficient manner.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obdt. Servant
(Signed) W. G. SUTHER
Lieut.-Colonel Royal Marines
Commanding Allied Forces
Dis-Embarked on the 6th Inst.

SIR JOHN DOUGLAS.

With reference to the gift of two swords of Sir John Douglas to the Officers' Mess, Chatham Division, reported in our January number which are now on their way home from Italy, we reprint the following extracts from a book entitled "The Marine Officer" or "Sketches of Service," by Sir Robert Steele, Knt., K.C.S., Royal Marines in the Forton Officers' Mess Library, which give some interesting details of this gallant officer's services at Acre :—

While I was doing duty at Woolwich, I became acquainted with Sir John Douglas, one of the field officers of that Division of Marines.

The distinguished part Sir John had taken in the glorious defence of Acre, with Sir Sidney Smith, and for which he had been knighted by George III, had singled him out from amongst the bold many of the Corps.

Douglas bore his "heart" upon his shield, and was descended from those heroes of the north whom verse and legendary tale have handed down from generation to generation as of romantic and daring character. . . . He told us how the Turks were assured by the Council and inspired by the intrepidity of Sir Sidney Smith—how the assault was delayed by repeated sallies on the beseigers—how, and under what touching circumstances, the brave Major Oldfield of the Marines fell in the sorties to destroy the mine.

. . . the enemy had pushed their approaches . . . to the ditch of the N.E. angle of the town wall (Acre); where they were employed in mining the tower . . . this mine at once became a subject of great anxiety, and it was determined to attack it with seamen and marines of the squadron. . . . Lt. Wright led the seamen, and was admirably supported in this desperate service by Major Douglas, Captain of Marines of the *Tigre*, to whom the local rank of Colonel was given to enable him to command the Turkish superior officers. Major Oldfield, who commanded the *Theseus* marines fell gloriously at the head of his men, and Lieuts. Wright and Beatty, of the Marines, were wounded; Lieut. Wright so severely . . . he would not have been able to get out of the enemy's trenches if he had not been rescued and brought away by Douglas. . . . The mine was searched to the bottom, its direction verified, supports pulled down and the work destroyed.

. . . the Commodore, therefore, instantly landed at the Mole . . . and with Douglas and his Marines rushed to the ramparts. There they found the Turks striking down the assailants with heavy stones . . . the muzzles of the muskets touched, the spear-heads of the standards locked—but the British were in the breach!

What a scene for a picture! If the hero of a thousand battles is to be depicted on the bridge of Arcola, leading his men forcing their way across it, give me the hero of Acre, stopping up the breach with Douglas and the Marines, and obliging the victor at Arcola to retreat across the sands of Syria.

FLEET NOTES.

H.M.S. *Lowestoft*,
Africa Station.

The Flagship left Capetown for a West Coast cruise, on February 17th. Our first port of call was St. Helena, where everybody had a chance of a run ashore after two days of coaling. A rifle match was fired against the Royal Marine Artillery, in which the team from the *Lowestoft* won by 15 points. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards. The scores were as follows :—Maximum 84.

Lowestoft.		St. Helena, R.M.A.	
Cpl. Venables ...	... 62	Sergt. Gibson ...	... 59
Major Trench ...	... 59	Clr.-Sergt. Reeves ...	... 58
Midn. Gregson ...	... 51	Gnr. Collis	... 56
Doctor Wright ...	... 50	Lt.-Col. Iremonger ...	... 44
Private Coe ...	... 45	Col. Bravery ...	... 44
Sergt. Roberts ...	... 43	E.R.A. Trevarthen ...	... 41
A/Cpl. Peters ...	... 42	Cpl. Beedles ...	... 38
Private Stonham ...	... 41	Gnr. Crassweller ...	... 38
Total	393	Total	378

During the month of February, a Billiard Tournament was played in the Recreation Room at Simonstown. After successfully getting through the first two rounds and drawing a bye in the semi-final, the Royal Marine team were defeated in the final by 36 points. The scores were :—

E.R.A. Ellis ...	... 150	v. Sergt. Roberts ...	... 122
E.R.A. Taylor ...	... 150	v. Cpl. Moizer. ...	... 120
E.R.A. Mackay ...	... 150	v. Pte. Garrison ...	... 132
E.R.A. Hayes ...	... 110	v. Pte. Stonham ...	... 150
Total	560	Total	524

Owing to having been defeated in the final round, the Royal Marine team were challenged by the self-styled "Duds" and three games were played at Capetown on February 15th. This resulted in the defeat of the "Duds" by 70 points, which would have been greater if Corporal Venables had not tearfully requested his opponent to "let him down lightly."

Sergt. Roberts ...	... 100	v. Pte. Beams ...	... 79
Cpl. Moizer ...	... 100	v. Cpl. Venables ...	... 86
Pte. Stonham ...	... 100	v. Pte. Finch ...	... 65
Pte. Harrison	W.O.	v. Pte. McMaster ...	... 0
	300		230

The musketry courses on the rifle range at Simonstown came to an end on February 3rd. The second Royal Marine party were handicapped by the weather, as very strong south-easters were blowing almost continuously. The average of the 49 Royal Marines who fired this course amounted to 134·13. It is hoped to improve upon this average next year. The average of the *Lowestoft* detachment was 139. The best scores were :

Cpl. Venables	182
A/Cpl. Peters	172
Major Trench	170
Sergt. Roberts	165
Pte. Stonham	162

B. F. TRENCH,
Major, R.M.L.I.

26th February, 1923.

H.M.S. " Capetown,"
At Bermuda.
6th February, 1923.

To the Editor, " Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—I hope the following description of a cruise of H.M.S. " Capetown," N.A. and W.I. Station, may be of sufficient interest for insertion in " The Globe and Laurel " :—

Left Bermuda for Panama, 30th September, 1922. First day out did simultaneously a full-power trial and full-calibre shoot. On Monday, 2nd October, a schooner, " Helen Jean," of Nova Scotia, was seen flying signals of distress. An officer and six men were sent on board, and she was taken in tow. During the morning of 3rd October, the schooner's own crew refused to remain in her ; the volunteer crew from " Capetown " remained on board, and the schooner's crew were brought on board " Capetown." The schooner was towed as far as Turk's Island and handed over to the local authorities. The " Helen Jean " was on her maiden trip from Nova Scotia to Turk s Island, and had left the latter place loaded with coarse salt for the Nova Scotia fisheries, and was three days out when " Capetown " saw her. The crew were worn out with working the pumps continuously. I believe she was finally run up on the beach at Turk's Island and re-caulked.

" Capetown " arrived at the entrance to the Panama Canal at 0630, 6th October, and entered first lock gates at 0745. There are three locks at the Atlantic entrance. A ship is lifted 85 feet above sea-level. Then on through Gatun Lakes and the Culebra Cut. Whilst going through the latter we passed the U.S.S. " Birmingham." We had a splendid view of the American methods of clearing the landslides that have been so frequent in the Culebra Cut ; complete hills are washed off into the Cut, and then dredged up and taken away. Ship finally passed down the three locks to the Pacific, secured alongside at Balboa at 1500 and oiled.

Left Balboa 1300, 7th October, for La Libertad, in the Central American State of Salvador, arriving there at 0900, 10th October. Officers and Ship's Company were entertained by the British Colony at the capital, San Salvador. Officers and Ship's Company were taken the 26 miles to San Salvador in cars, organised by the local Government. The town of San Salvador is 2,400 feet above sea-level, and the climate at the time we were there was ideal. The President of the Republic gave a dinner in honour of the Captain and officers of " Capetown " ; various other entertainments were organised, chief of which were the soccer and cricket matches between " Capetown " and the local Britishers. An Englishman who has been there for 30 years states this was the first cricket played in the country.

During our stay at La Libertad, there was a heavy swell running which prevented bathing from the beach, and sharks, numbers of which could be seen from the ship, prevented bathing from the ship, so the canvas baths on board were greatly in evidence during the dog watches.

Left La Libertad, 1620, 17th October. Called in at Acapulco, Mexico, to meet H.M.C.S. " Patrician," and oil her alongside us. On completion, both ships left, " Capetown " for Monterey, and " Patrician " for San Diego, both places being in California. " Capetown " arrived at Monterey, 0900, 26th October. On 27th October, American Navy Day, two platoons of seamen and one platoon of Royal Marines landed with arms, and in company with seamen and Marines of the U.S.S. " New York," marched through the main streets of Monterey to the Presidio. This was a ceremonial parade organised by the U.S., to stimulate interest in the U.S. Navy. One U.S. ship was detailed for each large town on the western coast of the United States for this purpose. At the Presidio one battalion of infantry, and one squadron of cavalry were formed up. Four sets of colours, one each from " Capetown," the U.S.S. " New York," cavalry and infantry, made a very imposing picture. The colour party from " Capetown" consisted of one midshipman and two N.C.O.s, Royal Marines.

Next day the ship's company were entertained by the local authorities to a picnic, being taken for a motor ride through the renowned " 17-mile drive," and then had running and jumping sports, returning on board just as it got dark.

" Capetown " left Monterey, 29th October, for San Francisco ; oiled at San Francisco and left same day, 30th October. Arrived at Esquimalt, 0900, 2nd November ; Nanaimo, 1600, 13th November ; Comox, 1300, 17th November. At these three places detachment landed frequently for tactical exercises.

Several old Royal Marines came on board and renewed acquaintanceship, amongst them being Colonel Barnes, R.M.A. (Ret.) Captain Barkley, R.M.A. (Ret.) and ex-Colour-Sergeant Milne, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division. Certain amount of shooting, but pheasants were very wild, and duck had only started to come in, so bags were very small.

Arrived at Vancouver, 1400, 21st November. During the stay here we shot against the 7th Battalion (Duke of Connaught's Own) Canadian Militia. Teams of eight—30 yards' range—S.M.L.E. rifle—lead bullet, with a very light charge—1 sighter not to count—5 rounds and the scoring 10, 9, 8, etc. Marked by man in butts shouting position of shot hole, i.e., 10 at 6 o'clock, 9 at 7 o'clock, 8 at 3 o'clock, etc. The targets were illuminated by electric lights, and with these novel conditions, we were quite pleased with a score of 344 against our opponents' 350, one of whom was ex-Sergt.-Major Perry, an old King's prize man who put on a possible of 50.

Names and scores of team from " Capetown " :—

P.O. Cook Crocker	48
O.A. Sleeman	46
Private Stephenson, R.M.L.I....	45
Captain Rendell, R.M.L.I.	45
Private Moth, R.M.L.I.	44
Private Knapton, R.M.L.I.	43
Ldg. Smn. Smith	41
O.A. Curry	32
Total ...	344

After the shoot, the team were the guests of the 7th Battalion, etc., and were taken to an ice hockey match, Vancouver v. Seattle. This proved a very exciting and fast game. The players were all padded around the body, knees and heads, as apparently it is usual for two or three men to be knocked out during the game. If one man is knocked out, another fresh player takes his place. A player may be ordered off for a specified number of minutes for any infringement of the rules. In this game no one was knocked out, and there were very few ordered off, and my host was a little disappointed, I think, as at the end of the game he said, " Ugh, they were *much* too friendly."

On the 28th November, seven officers were the guests of Mr. Peters, Western Director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and went for a day's trip in his private rail car up the Fraser Canyon. The scenery here was beyond description, so I will leave it at that. We went as far as the junction of the Fraser and Thompson rivers. This is the scene of the gold rush some years ago. The gambling houses, dancing halls, bars, hotels, restaurants, shooting galleries, are all standing idle, and houses for 10,000 people, all decaying for want of use.

Left Vancouver, 0745, 30th November, arrived Tacoma (Washington) 1000, 1st December. On passage carried out a 6-inch full-calibre throw-off, firing at H.M.C.S. " Patrician." Here the ship's company and officers were entertained royally by the local committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and many car-rides were enjoyed. Some were taken on a logging expedition, others were shown over the U.S. light cruisers, under construction at Tod's shipbuilding yard.

Left Tacoma 0800, 5th December, called at Bremerton Navy Yard, 1045. Captain made usual courtesy calls, and the U.S. Admiral returned call at 1400. Ship left at 1530 in a snowstorm, and at 1700 anchored for the night and waited for daylight. At 0630, 6th December, left for Hilo, Sandwich Islands, arriving there 14th December, after a very rough and uncomfortable trip. Most of the officers and ship's company availed themselves of the opportunity of a trip to the active volcano (Kilauea). The car took us to within ten yards of the edge of the live crater (which is the inner one of two craters), and on looking over, one could see the molten lava rushing about like a river of fire, and in one place bubbling like a huge cauldron. At night it was more wonderful than ever, as every little crack of flame showed up distinctly. A lamentable motor accident occurred at Hilo, involving the death of one Petty Officer and serious injuries to two others from the ship. These two had injuries so serious that they had to be left in the local hospital. Left Hilo, 0600, 18th December ; arrived Kahului (Maui), 1600. Here the officers and ship's company were taken in cars and shown over the sugar mills and pineapple plantations, and everyone enjoyed their stay immensely, everyone bringing off huge pineapples, the gifts of the pineapple Companies. One pine-

apple cannery was working, and it was most interesting to see the pineapple go through all the stages of packing, *i.e.*, from the time it is picked to the time it is in its labelled tin ready for sale.

Left Kahului 0700, 21st December; arrived Honolulu 1400. Secured alongside No. 10 Pier, practically in the centre of the town. Local committees (especially the British Club) did much for the entertainment of the ship's company. Officers and ship's company were the guests of the American Army, to witness ball game between American Navy and Army of the Hawaiian Islands, at Schofield Barracks, about 17 miles out. Transport was arranged to and from Schofield by the U.S. Army. Result of game was a win for the Navy, 14 points to 3. An outstanding feature of the game (as far as "Capetown's," were concerned) was the amount of shouting and barracking, officers and N.C.O.s being out in front and conducting the barracking for, perhaps, 3,000 men, and they did it so well that one imagines they *must* be trained to it. On 28th December, captain, officers and ship's company were the guests of the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbour, when a boxing tournament was arranged by the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army. Some very interesting fights were witnessed, the most noticeable incident again being the barracking. Mention must be made of the drive to the Paoli precipice where one looks out over a sheer drop of 900 feet; the valley below is practically all given over to the cultivation of sugar, pineapples, and bananas. Mention must also be made of the bathing and surf riding on surf boards and outriggers at Waikiki beach. The Country Club, a delightful golf club situated in the Moana valley, made the Captain and officers honorary members during "Capetown's" stay, and some glorious golf was enjoyed there.

Left Honolulu, 1730, 3rd January, 1923, and called at Hilo, 1245, 4th January, in order to visit the two petty officers in hospital there. Local authorities had refused to allow them to leave as they required them for evidence in the case of the driver of the car in which the accident took place.

Left Hilo at 1600, 4th January, arrived San Pedro, 0900, 12th January. Nine battleships of the U.S. Navy were in harbour, so the guard had quite a busy time of it for the first couple of days. Most of "Capetown's" made, at least, one trip to Los Angeles, and Hollywood, the moving picture place. One party was shown over Charlie Chaplin's studio by Charlie himself, and they were afterwards shown his latest film "The Pilgrim," which made everyone ache with laughter.

Left San Pedro, 1815, 16th January for Panama; arrived Balboa, Panama, 0730, 27th January. This was, for the majority of us, the longest period (eleven days) ever experienced continuously at sea. We had glorious weather the whole trip. On passage, a six-inch full-calibre night firing was carried out on a dropped target.

On Monday, 29th January, we passed through the canal again, and went alongside No. 6 Pier at Colon. Whilst here, a great many took advantage to look at the Gatum Locks and Lake from the land side, and very interesting, indeed, it turned out to be.

Left Colon 0900 for Bermuda; arrived Bermuda, 0900 on 6th February, 1923, having steamed 15,247 miles since leaving on 30th September, 1922.

Yours sincerely,

A.R.

ROYAL MARINES' DINNER CLUB.

The annual dinner has been arranged for Friday, 25th May, at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, at 7.45 p.m.

Price of dinner (including after-dinner wine, cigars and cigarettes), 10s., the balance of the cost being paid from the funds of the club.

Officers intending to dine are requested to inform the Hon. Secretary (55 Whitehall, S.W.1.) as soon as possible and not later than 18th May, enclosing remittance.

Orders, miniature medals and decorations will be worn.

In accordance with Rule 10, a general meeting of the members of the Club will be held on 25th May, at 3 p.m. at 55 Whitehall,

(*a*) To receive the balance sheet for 1922.

(*b*) To elect a member of the Committee (General Officer on the Active list) *vice* General L. T. Pease, C.B., retired.

(*c*) To consider any proposals for new rules, etc., which may be received by the Hon. Secretary (Rule 11).

There will not be an afternoon reception on the day of the dinner.

"BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS."

The following critique of Col. Field's book is from the pages of the "Army, Navy and Air Force Gazette":—

The publication of the first two chapters of Colonel Cyril Field's record of the Royal Marines, entitled "Britain's Sea Soldiers," which is being issued in twenty monthly parts, is an important event in the history of the corps. As Lord Beatty says in a foreword, there has long been a great need for a work of this nature, and in wishing it every success the Admiral of the Fleet truly says that it gives a picture of loyalty and courage that it would be difficult to equal and impossible to surpass. All subscribers to the work will assuredly feel under a deep obligation to Colonel Field for the generous and patriotic manner in which he has made this record, the outcome of many years' research and study, a gift to his corps. The production, moreover, is well worthy of its important subject, for it is printed on excellent paper, in good type, and the illustrations, especially those in colour, reflect the higest credit upon printers and blockmakers. It is indeed remarkable that each part of 32 large pages can be produced for the modest sum of half a crown. This is made possible because there are no fees going to author or publisher, nor any profit to be made out of the work.

The gap in our naval literature which will be filled by the new volume when it is completed next year, is indicated by a glance at the past attempts to produce a corps history. The first appears to have been in 1803, when Mr. Alexander Gillespie produced at Birmingham a quarto volume entitled "The History of the Royal Marines." Then, in 1845, Mr. Paul Harris Nicholas published in two volumes his "Historical Records of the Royal Marine Forces." Neither of these works formed a complete and trustworthy history of the subject. They were notoriously inaccurate and faulty and shed hardly any light upon the internal economy and the discipline, uniform and equipment of the corps. What purported to be a much more adequate and satisfactory undertaking was that of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Laurence Edye, R.M.L.I., who died on Aug. 10 of last year. Over thirty years ago Major Edye, as he then was, and who had been honorary secretary of the Arts Section of the Royal Naval Exhibition, took in hand the preparation from original sources of a history of the Marine Corps from its formation in 1664. The first volume, dealing with the period 1664–1701, appeared in 1893. The second, to cover the years 1702–14, was promised for 1895, but never appeared, and after many delays from various causes the manuscript was lost at sea in a torpedoed ship during the war. Hence the need for a work, such as no one can produce better than Colonel Field, who is the recognised leading authority on the traditions and achievements of "The Royals," and who is to be congratulated upon the approaching consummation of a labour of love for which future generations of Marines, no less than those of the present, will thank him.

Colonel Field is not content to begin his story with the Order in Council of Oct. 28, 1664, which created the "Admiral's Regiment," but devotes his first chapter to the sea soldier of antiquity and the Middle Ages. From an Etruscan vase he reproduces a drawing of "Epibati (Greek Marines), B.C. 600," and he also has a picture of what he calls "Roman Marines in Action." He admits that some of the instances of soldiers being carried to sea for fighting in ships cannot perhaps strictly be classed as those of Marines. Yet it is well to have such as showing the sources from which the idea of a permanent Marine regiment sprung. In the second chapter, on the British 17th Century Marines, the Colonel shows how wide has been his reading and research, and his narrative is a most fascinating one. He shows how the descent of the corps from the trained bands of the City of London is commemorated by the universal nickname "Jolly" for a Marine. "Tame Jolly" was an old cant name for the citizen soldiers, and according to Admiral Smythe, "Royal Jolly" was a time-honoured phrase for a Marine, in contradistinction to the "Tame Jollies" or Militiamen. No point of this kind is too small for the author's investigation, if it sheds light upon the Marine of the old days, not merely his martial achievements, which, as everyone knows, are second to none for valour and fortitude, but upon the officer or man himself, and his training, his dress, his life on board ship, and the like. This first part of the new history must have whetted the appetite of all concerned for more, and the successive monthly parts will be awaited with eagerness. If a note of criticism may be permitted, it is that certain illustrations are inadequately described, or given without authority, such as that entitled "Sea Fight with the Dutch: from an Old Print."

CORRESPONDENCE.

March 16th, 1923.

DEAR SIR,

The enclosed paper, found among the papers of the late Lieut.-Colonel Edye, may be of interest to your readers.

Evidently the production of a character by a recruit was a more serious business then than nowadays.

Yours, etc.,

H.E.B.

Witney,
2nd October, 1847.

We the undersigned the Rector, Churchwardens, and inhabitant householders of Witney in the County of Oxford and its dependencies and neighborhood, do hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with our Neighbour Mr. Thomas Staley of the Witney Park Farm, in the tything of Curbridge in the Parish of Witney aforesaid, Farmer, and Churchwarden of Curbridge aforesaid, and so one of our Churchwardens of Witney.

That the said Thomas Staley and his ancestors have occupied and been resident upon the said Farm and the adjoining Farm of Burwell within the said Tything, for nearly a century, as tenants to their Graces the Dukes of Marlborough.

That the said Thomas Staley has now at the said Park Farm his wife and a ffamily of nine sons and Daughters living.

That Joseph Staley his second Son, in the eighteenth year of his age, hath lately enlisted into her Majesty's Service in the Marines.

That his Father the said Thomas Staley and his family are of great respectability, and his said son Joseph, as well as his other sons and Daughters have been always kept at home, and respectably and carefully connected and educated at School, and the said Joseph Staley is so rendered efficient for all common purposes of business.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully and willingly recommend him to the favorable Notice of the commanding and other Officers of the Regiment or Company, and fervently hope he may soon become an efficient and respectable Member of the Corps, and faithful at all times to her Majesty the Queen, and to his Country.

Chas. Jerram, Rector, Witney Rectory; S. J. Jerram, Curate, Witney Rectory; William Mills, Curate, Witney; James Westrell, County Coroner and Solicitor, Witney; Henry Gregor, Vicar of Ashall, Witney; Chs. Leake, Churchwarden, Witney, etc.

FORTON BARRACKS,
GOSPORT.
February 24th, 1923.

To the Editor, GLOBE AND LAUREL.

Sir,—Having just returned from a four months' tour in South Africa, it may interest your readers to hear news of old comrades, and what are the possibilities of getting employment in that country.

Colonel Bridges, having personally designed a very convenient house of pleasing appearance, is well settled in at Plumstead, a new surburb about 7 miles from Capetown, and was busy in turning a sandy desert into a garden of Eden.

C. H. Woolley, late Captain, R.M.L.I., hospitality itself, has one of the best fruit farms in the beautiful French Hoek valley, where some of the finest South African fruits are grown. To have the Nieuwe Hoop Farm label is a guarantee of excellency at Covent Garden. Some might be better pleased to know that 4-lb. trout can be caught in the river running through the farm, and others to realise that connection with the Corps and news of old comrades is much valued.

South Africa and even the Cape Province is so vast that it is impossible to generalise, but it is essentially a country of fine weather, and with a great future before it. A country not to be condemned off-hand from the stoep of a hotel. Fruit farming especially seems to have great possibilities, as the fruit season coincides with the northern winter, and so an unlimited market is assured.

For those with experience and initiative hotel keeping offers many excellent openings, as the greatest lover of South Africa would not call the average hotel up-to-date.

Speaking generally, however, it should be clearly understood that there is no opening for manual or even semi-skilled labour, all such being in the hands of coloured "boys" or natives.

Also, those intending to go as farmers should never buy land before seeing it, as questions of water supply and situation in the valley or on the hillside are of vital importance; in fact, only the 1820 Settlers' scheme seems thoroughly sound, where possession of considerable capital and two years' experience on the land are essential conditions before purchase. One last hint is to go where there are other English with the same ideas within reach. On the voyage home was a disgruntled Lieut.-Com., R.N., returning from growing monkey nuts in the N. Transvaal, solely because he found his neighbours—a low class of Dutch—unbearable.

Yours faithfully,
H. N. HOUGHTON.

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538 Darling Street,
Royelle, Sidney,
Australia.

Dear Sir,—My object in addressing you is to enquire whether it is possible for me to get a list of the Royal Marines who lost their lives in the Great War. If you could get me this list or let me know how to obtain one, I should be extremely grateful.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
FREDK. H. WILLEY,
Pensioner, late Royal Marines.

February 8th, 1923.

Sergeants' Mess,
Forton Barracks,
Gosport, Hants.

Editor, GLOBE AND LAUREL.

Dear Sir,—In writing of our recent entertainment "Babes in the Wood," I stated that over £76 had been handed over to charities. The actual amount is £74 4s., as follows:—

Gosport War Memorial Hospital	27	15	9
Dr. Barnardo's Home	27	15	9
R.M.L.I. C.C.	10	0	0
R.M. Corps Association	8	12	6
	£74	4	0

Yours faithfully,
D. A. BOARD W.O. II.,
President Sergeants' Mess.

ROYAL MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION.

The following Officers have sent their annual subscriptions to R.M. Corps Association:—Lt.-Col. C. L. Mayhew 10s., Major A. K. Evans 10s., Capt. K. A. B. Puckle 10s., Col. E. Wray 5s., Col. J. H. Lambert 5s., Major H. C. Grant 5s., Capt. L. S. Wilkinson 5s., Capt. S. Rutherford 5s., Lieut. E. C. L. Bearcroft 5s.

TOTAL ... £3 0 0.

H. C. POPE,
Major, R.M.L.I.
President, Chatham Branch, R.M. Corps Association.

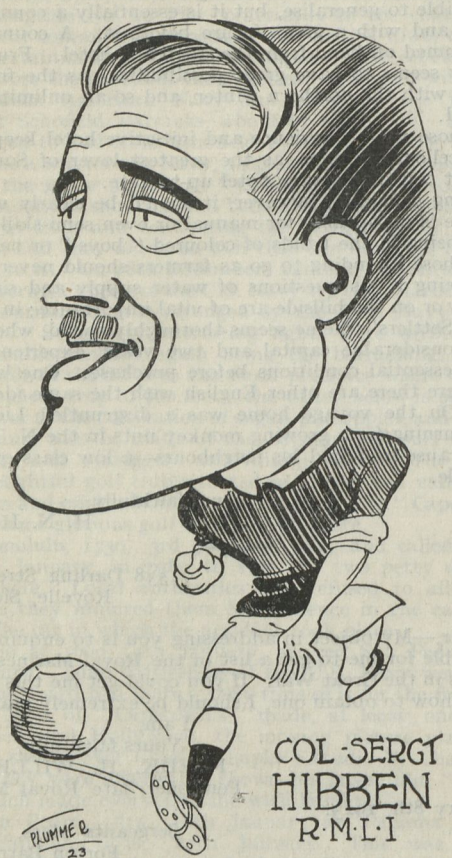
DEATHS.

GATLIFF.—On the 17th February, at Clarendon Mansions, Brighton, Rose, dearly-loved wife of General A. F. Gatliff, J.P., Deputy Lieutenant for Sussex.

GRIGG, H., R.M.A. (Retd.) Superintendending Clerk (W.O.).—At 59, Hatfield Road, Eastney, Portsmouth, on 13th September, 1922.

FOOTBALL.

CHATHAM.



COLOUR-SERGEANT HIBBEN.

Played for the Division practically since 1907. Represented the Navy in China, 1908–09. Played for Kent County regularly since 1913. Captain of Kent County Team, 1922–23. Awarded County Cap and Badge, 1923. Navy Cap, 1920.

Gold medals.—3 Inter-port, 1 Navy v. Army, 1 Navy Cup, 1 Kent Amateur Shield.

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23rd Feb.—Kent League. R.M.L.I. v. Margate, at Margate. The tide has turned. We won this match by one goal to nil. A good, hotly-contested and keen game. All our side played well.

28th Feb.—Inter-port Cup. Chatham v. Devonport, at Fratton Park. The Chatham team were lucky to get away with it. The Inter-port Cup came back to the Port, Chatham winning by 2 goals to 1. The R.M.L.I. were represented, all told, by eight players in the two teams.

3rd March.—Kent League. R.M.L.I. v. Woolwich, on the R.N. and R.M. Recreation Ground. We won quite comfortably by 5 goals to nil. Woolwich commenced with 8 men, the others were so engrossed with a game of ha'penny nap that they went half way to Maidstone before the kitty went. Two goals were scored within two minutes. The other 3 with Woolwich having a full team.

10th March.—Kent League. R.M.L.I. v. Belvedere. We lost rather unluckily by 1 goal to nil, after having most of the play. During the 2nd half we only had ten men, but even with this handicap we had practically all the play.

17th March.—Kent League. v. Woolwich, at Woolwich. This team are at the bottom of the League. They gave us a very good game. The result was a draw; 1 goal each. Tilsley had hard luck on two occasions.

We were greatly disappointed to hear that the 9th Flotilla had scratched. In consequence we go into the Final of the Navy Cup We hope to renew a lot of old friends and acquaintances on April 11th at Portsmouth, and we hope to bring the cup home.

Tribute must be paid to the small, but enthusiastic band of supporters who always follow the team, no matter how far they travel, or how bad the luck. The war-cry of "Play up, the Royals!" is now a recognised slogan in Kent League.

We are enabled to insert a caricature of Clr.-Sgt. Hibben in this month's issue. This is due to the courtesy and kindness of the *Portsmouth Football Mail*, to whom our thanks are given.

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION.

On March 3rd we played our first home game for this year, our opponents being Saltash United, who were at that time immediately below us in the Plymouth and District League. The game was a league fixture and proved very interesting. It was clean and well fought and resulted in a win for us by the only three goals scored.

On March 10th we met Oreston Rovers on the Longroom. Everyone knew the stiff proposition in front of us, especially as we had lost three of our regular players owing to "Exigencies of the Service." One wonders if it would be possible for H.M. Stationery Office to produce a quality of "Gum Arabic" that would stick a good football team to the playing pitch when once got together. However, perhaps more to our credit and showing our doggedness on the football field as elsewhere, although the game came up to the highest expectations, we managed to draw with our doughty rivals. It must be mentioned that Oreston Rovers are second in the League, and, counting actual games won, are the leaders, which tends to show that it was up to them to do their utmost to maintain their position. The game resulted in a loss to us by the only goal scored. The luck was something awful on our part. In the first half the visiting custodian had some splendid shots to deal with, but somehow managed to be there every time. The winning goal was a very tame affair, but sufficient to do the trick.

In the final of the Inter-Port competition, when Devonport met Chatham at Portsmouth, we had five of our players actually playing, and although the honours went to Chatham, they did not have it all their own way. Shewbrook, who during the game had been shifted to inside-right, scored Devonport's goal, a beautiful shot I am told.

The result of this game was the selection of Sgt. Slocombe and Cpl. Pollitt for the Navy team, with Shewbrook as first reserve. No one will deny that all three of the above-named honestly deserve their places and all will wish them luck. Pollitt has been the marvel of all, but was not selected for the Devon County Eleven or the Plymouth and District League Eleven. He is a hard-working, clean and enthusiastic player, the only fault in the outward visible sense being his height, but what he loses in the skyscraper line he makes up for in all other ways.

At Home Park, when the Navy played Plymouth Argyle and lost to them by one goal to two, both our members gave of their best, and we trust the selection committee members were looking in the right direction at the proper time.

RUGBY.

Owing to the very bad weather, it was only possible to play one match during the past month.

St. Chads were met in a return match on the Longroom.

It was a fine brisk game throughout; our side rose to the occasion and won by the fine margin of 11 points to 5. South (2 tries) and Hawes (1) were the scorers, Silby converting one. This is the first time St. Chads have been defeated by a local side.

DEPOT.

24th Feb.—Depot R.M. v. Margate. In this Kent League match, the Depot were beaten, 4–1, by an evenly balanced team. The Royals scored first, but Margate then settled down to gain an easy win by the score stated.

24th Feb.—Recruits XI. v. Walmer. The Recruits maintained their good form and won easily by 5–1.

3rd March.—Depot R.M. v. Deal Town. This game was played on Deal's ground, before a good number of spectators. The Royals put up a poor show and retired beaten by 3–1.

10th March.—Depot R.M. v. Ramsgate. At Ramsgate. Owing to injuries, etc., the team selected to do duty in this game contained five new players. This handicap seemed to infuse new life into the team, and so well did they play that, although the Royals won comfortably by 4–0, the score might easily have been doubled, had the forwards taken full advantage of their opportunities. Recruit Randall played a fine game at outside-right, and three of the goals came from his centres. Sgt. McEwen and Recruit Robinson put up a strong defence, whilst Recruit Renouf did all that was necessary between the sticks.

10th March.—Recruits' XI v. Duke of York's School. This game was evenly contested and a draw of one all was a true indication of the general run of the match.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

EASTNEY.

JUNIOR N.C.O.s' CLUB.

A very successful Smoking Concert was held in the Club Buildings on Thursday, 8th March, to which the Junior N.C.O.s of Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., and the Junior N.C.O.s of regiments stationed in the garrison were invited. During the afternoon, previous to the Smoking Concert, a game of football was played between the Juniors of Eastney and the Juniors of Forton, which resulted in a win for the former by 6–3. The Eastney team comprised Cpls. John Harris, Allen, Bradley, Spanton, Everett, Owens, Cater, R. G. Harris, Knibbs, Prescott and Tickner. Referee, late Cpl. Duley. A very sporting and enjoyable game was played, during the course of which much amusement was caused by the frequent tussles between the tall Eastney left-half (Cpl. Owens) and the diminutive right-wing from Forton. Both Knibbs and Prescott performed the hat trick for Eastney. After the game the football party were entertained to a nicely-laid tea, and the time between tea and the commencement of the Smoking Concert was taken up by a billiard match which again resulted in a win for Eastney.

The Smoking Concert commenced at 7.15. The programme was admirably arranged by Cpl. L. A. Smith, R.M.B., under whose leadership an orchestra of Cpls. rendered various selections throughout the evening. The President of the Junior N.C.O.s' Club, Eastney Barracks (Q.M.S. W.O. II E. F. Burgess, R.M.A.), in welcoming the visitors, pointed out that this form of entertainment was a revival after a lapse of a number of years of the custom of interchanging hospitality, and now that the Juniors of Eastney had suitable quarters, he hoped that the opportunity would be taken to meet one another more frequently. It was a great asset to advancement he said, as opinions were exchanged and views on various questions expressed, thus broadening ones outlook.

Sgt. Walker, R.M.L.I. (acting President of the Junior N.C.O.s' Club, R.M.L.I., Forton) in replying, sincerely thanked the President and members of the Junior N.C.O.s' Club, Eastney, for the generous welcome which had been extended to them. He said that he was sure he voiced the opinions of the members from Forton, in saying that the Junior N.C.O.s of Eastney were to be complimented on their quarters and the manner in which they were making use of them. As regards the Smoking Concert, he said that everyone was thoroughly enjoying themselves, and he would particularly like to thank the Committee and those responsible, for the efficient manner in which the arrangements were carried out, and for the amount of work done to make the show a success.

The programme, which was continued until 10.15, was concluded by the whole company joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne." It is a fact worthy of mention that none of the visitors missed the special tram-car that was waiting to convey them back.

SHOOTING.

We entered a team in Division I and Division II of the Portsmouth and District Miniature Rifle League this winter, and have fired usually two matches each week. In the Division I, we have fired 17, won 7, lost 8 and drawn 2, which places us about half-way down the table. In the Division II we have been more successful and have fired 13, won 10 and lost 3, and at present stand 2nd in the table with one match to fire, and are assured of being runners-up. We have lost during the season several good shots, but several others have become quite good shots.

The Cadets and Buglers have entered teams in the Junior competitions and improve their position each time. We are entering eight teams for the Junior Imperial Challenge Shield this year, and are firing 87 boys out of a total of 101 between the ages of 15–11 in that competition.

The Officers played the Sergeants' Mess on Friday, 9th March. This was one of a series of games arranged by the above teams. In the previous games the Officers beat the Sergeants at Hockey and were beaten at Association. A number of the Sergeants were playing Rugby for the first time, including Sgt. Arnold, the Navy Association player, who has since mentioned his liking for the game, and one wonders if he will follow in the footsteps of E. R. A. Harding.

With regard to the game itself, the Officers won the toss and decided to play with the wind which was fairly strong, and in the first half they had the better of the game. If the three-quarters had been more accurate in their handling they would have scored considerably as the ball was usually kicked by the Officers' scrum, the Sergeants being better in the loose. As it was, after Lieut. Buckley had scored an unconverted try for the Officers, Sgt. Grantham responded with a similar effort for the Sergeants. At half time the scores were level. In the second half the Sergeants played with the wind at their backs and were continually on the attack. Sgt. Jones kicked a penalty goal and later converted a try scored by Sgt. Barker. Towards the end of the game Lieut. Buckley after a good run crossed over with another unconverted try, the Sergeants thus winning by 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 1 try, to 2 tries. Referee, Capt. G. H. D. O'Lyon, R.N. It is hoped to have a return match shortly.

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DEPOT.

UNIT TOURNAMENT.—Phase 1. Royal Tournament.

The following competitions took place, on the 14th and 15th March, with the following results:—

Foil v. Foil.—1st, Cpl. Jerred; 2nd, L/Cpl. Clarke; 3rd, Cpl. Moyse.

Épée v. Epée.—1st, Cpl. Moyse; 2nd, L/Cpl. Clarke; 3rd, Cpl. Jerred.

Sabre v. Sabre.—1st, L/Cpl. Clarke; 2nd, Cpl. Jerred; 3rd, Cpl. Lucas.

Bayonet v. Bayonet (Novices) semi-final. Pool, No. 1.—1st Rct. Helliwell; 2nd, Rct. Flynn; 3rd, Rct. Poynter. Semi-final. Pool, No. 2.—1st, T.S. Duncan; 2nd, Rct. Brown; 3rd, Rct. Hurst. Final. Pool.—1st, T.S. Duncan; 2nd, Rct. Brown; 3rd, Rct. Flynn.

Bayonet v. Bayonet (Open). Semi-Final. Pool, No. 1.—1st. Rct. Brown; 2nd, Rct. Stringer; 3rd, Rct. Hurst. Semi-Final. Pool, No. 2.—1st, Cpl. Jerred; 2nd, Rct. Whitecross; 3rd, Rct. Helliwell. Final. Pool.—1st, Cpl. Jerred; 2nd, Rct. Brown, 3rd, Rct. Whitecross.

JUNIOR N.C.O.s' ANNUAL BALL.

The Junior N.C.O.s held their Annual Ball in the Gymnasium, South Barracks, on Friday, 23rd February, 1923, by kind permission of Col. 2nd Comdt. J. R. Finlaison, C.M.G., commanding the Depot.

A delightful programme was arranged by Cpl. Pike, who also acted as M.C., assisted by Cpl. Viggers.

The Ball opened at 8 p.m. sharp, and dancing continued until 2 a.m. About 400 friends of the J.N.C.O.s were present.

The Ball was honoured by the presence of Col. 2nd Comdt. J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., commanding the Depot and several other Officers.

The Gymnasium was tastefully decorated by the members of the J.N.C.O.s' Club, and the Committee are to be congratulatedfor having provided a very successful evening.

HOCKEY.

Results. February and March:—

10th Feb.—Depot, R.M. v. Oxford and Bucks L.I. Won 2–1.

17th Feb.—Depot, R.M. v. Chatham Division. Lost 4–5.

24th Feb.—Depot, R.M. v. Royal Hibernian Military School. Lost 2–10.

10th March.—Depot, R.M. v. Folkestone First XI. Lost 0–8.

PLYMOUTH.

THE UNIT TOURNAMENT.—This Tournament was held in the Drill Shed, on the 6th and 7th March.

The result of the competitions were as follows :—

Foil v. Foil.—1st, Q.M.S.I. Hawes; 2nd, Cpl. Coker; 3rd, Sgt. Turner.

Sabre v. Sabre.—1st, Q.M.S.I. Hawes; 2nd, Cpl. Coker; 3rd, Sgt. Turner.

Epée v. Epée.—1st, Cpl. Coker; 2nd, Sgt. Turner; 3rd, Cpl. Pritchard.

Bayonet v. Bayonet (open).—1st, Q.M.S.I. Hawes; 2nd, Cpl. Pritchard; 3rd, Sgt. Jenkinson.

Bayonet v. Bayonet for men not in possession of a P.R.T. certificate :—1st, Pte. Ellis; 2nd, Pte. Richards; 3rd, Clr.-Sgt. Bray.

The Inter-company Bayonet Combat Team Competition :—"C" Company beat "A" Company. "G" Company beat "E" Company.

Final.—"G" Company beat "C" Company.

WHO'S WHO IN THE R.M.O.C.A.

Sergt.-Major A. E. ELWORTHY, R.M.L.I.
Chairman 1920, '21, '22 and '23.

The task of a biographer is, when one considers it, simply the recording of facts in more or less chronological order, so that it does not really call for a great deal of literary ability : now let me be quite understood. I am not trying to belittle in any way our great biographers : all I am trying to do is to put myself right with the people with whom I have dealt and will deal with in these hospitable columns !

To gather the necessary data for the present sketch, I interviewed Mr. Elworthy and made one or two notes. Now, Mr. Elworthy assured me that if I could emphasise the fact that his great love for little children was the one dominating fact of his whole life he would be more than satisfied. It is thirty-five years ago since Mr. Elworthy joined the Corps at Bristol and since then he has served in many climes, and whether it was on the West Indies station or at home, his path is strewn with "the painless and stainless love of little children" that Swinburne speaks of.

Indeed, when Sergt. Elworthy, as he then was, left Bermuda on paying off of H.M.S. "Tribune" in '02, the whole of the local schools gave a special half-holiday in order that the children might bid farewell to him, and they arrived with arms full of beautiful flowers for him who had given them so many happy hours during his stay there. Surely this was a great and most beautiful compliment.

In 1901 Sergt. Elworthy landed at Colon in Central America in command of troops representative of nearly all nations, but under the Munroe Doctrine he was relieved by an American Officer within ten minutes of landing! This, I think, must be the record for short commands.

When Boat's-Crew Sergt. in 1906 at Plymouth, he became very popular with the children. Many a happy hour did he spend with them in trips up the harbour.

His histrionic ability is yet another side of his versatility, his performances at the Globe Theatre, Plymouth, being very well known ; somehow he seems to have been always cast for the part of the villain of the piece, and speaking of his performance in "The Octoroon" one paper said, "Sergt. A. E. Elworthy . . . was exceptionally good ; this gentleman appears to be cut out for a villain . . . and a more miserly-looking, villainous old wretch then he appeared would be hard to find." High praise indeed. In 1910 he played this same part on the London stage.

He retired as Q.M.S. Instructor of Gunnery in 1909, and after being in business at Bristol he took up an appointment under the L.C.C., where the outbreak of the Great War found him.

He immediately rejoined his Colours at Plymouth, and was later attached to the Gun Battery, and he again became actively interested in the Globe Theatre until 1916, when he was appointed to the Accountant General's Staff at the Admiralty.

On the conclusion of that appointment, and more or less coinciding with his promotion to Sergt.-Major, W.O.I., the A.G.'s Staff presented him with a handsome marble clock as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which they held him. He was demobilised in 1919, and again took up his private career and resumed his activities with the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association.

He is now occupying the chair for the fourth year in succession, and that fact in itself is sufficient indication of his worth to the Association. He is also combining with his duties as Chairman the office of Honorary Treasurer. However, Mr. Elworthy himself would rather emphasise the fact that each year he plays the role of Father Christmas for the children, and those of us who have had the pleasure of seeing him do this know that he does it to perfection.

His time, and incidentally, his purse, are always at the command of the Association, and without him we should be much poorer than we are. He is, indeed, a valuable asset—more than that I cannot say.

C. J. MOYNIHAN, R.M.O.C.A.

Next month : Mr. C. E. Marshall, Hon. Sec., 1919, '20, '21, '22 and '23.

IS THE RIFLE OBSOLETE ?

Since all folks, even riflemen, are more or less selfish, it may be assumed that the principal reason why we belong to the N.R.A., is that the affiliation safeguards us certain privileges ; the membership opens the military ranges which were closed to us formerly; it secures for us a certain degree of governmental co-operation in the furnishing of arms, ammunition and supplies.

A secondary reason is more idealistic, even though we may be less conscious of it. Deep in our hearts dwells the idea that we are, after all, promoters of a patriotic aim that requires continuous effort, because the aim itself is misinterpreted by the very people who are most vociferous in proclaiming their patriotism.

The other day I had occasion to talk about rifle shooting to a friend who didn't agree with me at all ; indeed, he called the work of our rifle clubs futile effort. "I can understand," said he, "why there should be many fellows who, like you, love shooting as a sport. But I fail to see the patriotic angle, and I find it difficult to see how the work of organised rifle clubs can, in any measure, add to our national defences. The rifle is *passé* as a war weapon, its place was taken by the machine-gun, the aeroplane, the hand grenade, and by poison gas."

The men who are really qualified to give an expert estimate of the value of the rifle are the commanders in whose calculations and strategic plans the rifle formed an important part. In Paris, the publishing house of Albin Michel has just brought out a volume entitled "Le Massacre de Notre Infanterie, 1914–1918." (The massacre of our Infantry, 1914–1918). The author of this book is none other than General Percin, whose tactics, though scoffed at earlier in the war, finally prevailed, and were accepted by the French General Staff when the myth of the big cannon had been exploded and the magic spell of artillery broken.

Before the war and in its earlier stages, artillery had been made —in the military mind as well as in popular belief—a fetish ; everybody believed in the " dreadful power of artillery " and the term " artillery preparation " meant the annihilation of trenches and fortifications, the wiping out of miles and miles of wire entanglements, general desolation, and the killing of many, many enemies.

And now comes General Percin, an expert, who knows all about such things, and relegates all this to the scrap-heap of misinformation. To the General, the Infantry is not only the backbone of every army, but always will be. To an unreasoning reliance on artillery, the author attributes the frightful losses which the French suffered in the war—losses that would not have occurred, had the French military authorities been better judges of the relative value of artillery and infantry. According to General Percin, approximately 75,000 French infantrymen were killed by French artillery, simply because those who were directing the firing of heavy guns far in the rear were unable to know what was going on at the actual battle front.

" In order " says the French officer, " for a heavy gun, firing from a long way off, to put an enemy machine-gun out of action, it would be necessary for the artillery to fire several thousand shots. In order to destroy the 1,500 machine-guns which the Germans had put into the line on April 16th, 1917, several million shots would have been necessary, in addition to all the shots for the accomplishment of other purposes. The expense would have been over a billion francs, supposing that the emplacement of every German gun had been known with mathematical precision. If, owing to ignorance of the exact location of all these machine-gun emplacements, the necessity should have arisen of sweeping the front with heavy gunfire along a length of fifty kilometres, and a depth of five kilometres, at the rate of one projectile for each rectangle measuring one by two metres, it would have been necessary to fire 125,000,000 projectiles, at a cost of more than 30,000,000,000 francs, which would be equivalent to the entire steel production in France for five years !

" Yet that was not the main difficulty. The main difficulty lay in the fact—which easily might have been foreseen by leaders with a little foresight—that the German machine-guns had not been emplaced eight days in advance. Most of them were placed in ambush at the last moment, in craters obligingly dug for them by the shells of our own heavy artillery, in the course of the eight days during which the preparatory bombardment lasted."

All this, therefore, means that the rfle is still the paramount weapon with which wars must be fought and that, whatever is done to make skill in the handling of the rifle a common possession of our people, constitutes patriotic work of an important character In organisation lies the salvation of rifle shooting as a national possession.

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BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS

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J. A. TUPMAN, Lt.-Col.,
Hon Treasurer.

March 15th, 1923.

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Received.	£	s.	d.	Expended.	£	s.	d.
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				Covers for Parts I —XX	31	2	5
				Bibby & Co., Coloured Plate, Part I	10	11	9
				Cassell & Co., Coloured Plate, Part I	12	12	0
				Lyceum Press, Printing, etc., of Part I	41	9	3
				Subscription refunded	1	12	6
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This balance is sufficient to carry on for another ten months, by which time it is hoped sufficient funds will have been accumulated to compete the work.

J. A. TUPMAN, Lt.-Col., Hon Treasurer.

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The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following amounts received from 20th February to 17th March, 1923, inclusive :—

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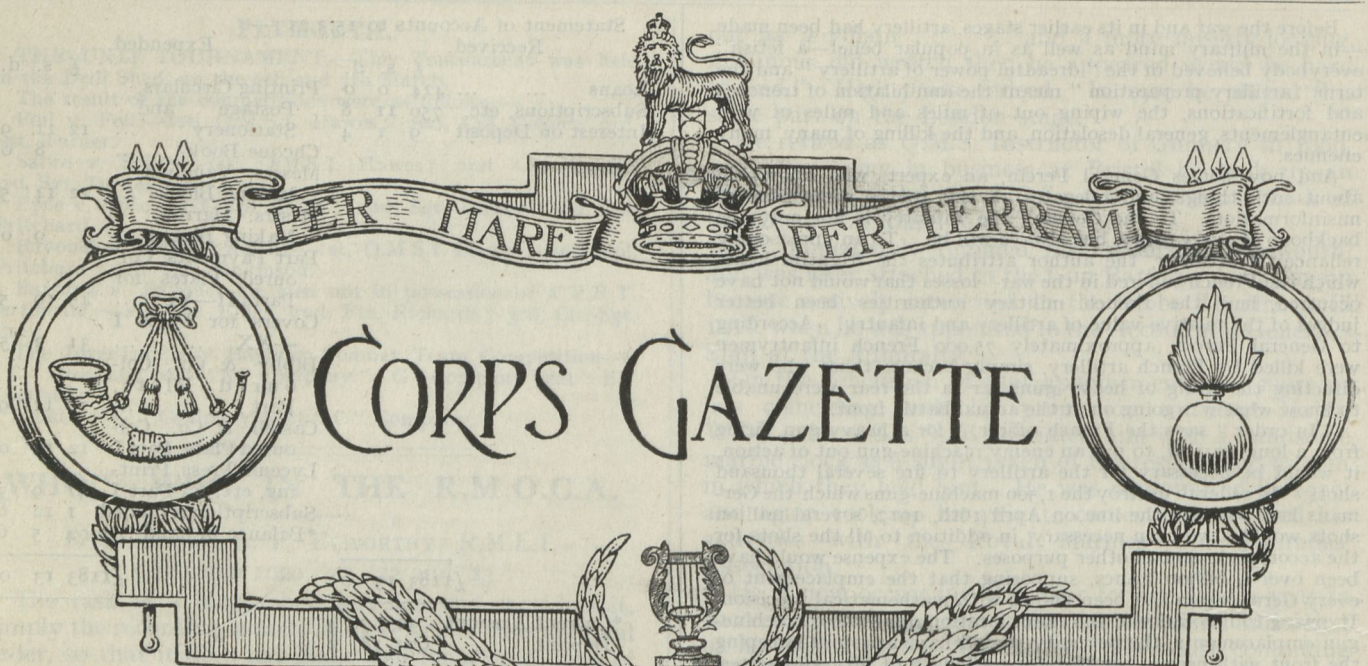
An old Irish peasant woman was paying her half-yearly visit to Waterford Market. A lorry with wire netting protection against bombs, and full of English soldiers, passed by and she asked what was the reason of this display. On being told she remarked, " It took the Boers to put 'em in khaki, the Germans to put 'em in tin hats, but, begorra ! it takes the Oirish to put 'em in mouse traps! "



HONOURS AND AWARDS.

Meritorious Service Annuity of £10, together with medal, has been conferred on—Po. 603 Clr.-Sgt. J. Haworth, vice the late Barrack Sgt. S. Savage, R.M.L.I., 15.1.23.

Ply. 20712 Pte. J. R. Brooks, R.M.L.I., has been awarded the King's Badge, 10.2.23.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.M.L.I. promoted to Lt.-Col., and posted to Portsmouth Division, vice Clark, 1st January, 1923.

Surg. Lt.-Comdr. P. L. Gibson, M.B., B.A., to H.M.S. *Pembroke* for duty at Chatham Division, vice Parker, 2nd March, 1923.

Lt.-Col. F. Houghton, R.M.L.I. (supy.) absorbed in the Establishment, vice Hall, posted to Plymouth Division, 16th February, 1923.

Capt. R. W. Bagot, R.M.L.I., absorbed in the Establishment, vice Godfrey, posted to Chatham, 24th February, 1923.

Cpls. Ply/16708 M. G. Pughe and Po/19153 J. C. Cairncross, R.M.L.I., promoted to Proby. 2nd-Lieuts., R.M.L.I., and posted to Chatham and Plymouth, respectively, 1st April, 1923.

Capt. L. C. Hollis, R.M.L.I., apptd. Asst. Instr. of Musketry, Plymouth Division, vice Craig and posted to Plymouth Division.

Lieut. J. M. Fuller, placed on Seconded List whilst holding the Army appointment of Shipping Officer (Clas F.F.) (tempy.) 10th October, 1922.

Major A. D. Welch, R.M.L.I., apptd. Drafting Officer, Plymouth Division, vice Arbuthnot and posted to Plymouth Division, 3rd March, 1923.

Capt. J. W. Jones, R.M.L.I. (Retd.) resigns appointment as R.S.O., Newcastle, at own request, 4th April, 1923.

Major G. H. Kendle, R.M.A., returns to Corps duty from Supplementary Unemployed Pay List and is borne supy. to Establishment, 9th March, 1923.

Lieut. J. Wills, R.M.A., apptd. Group Signal Officer, Headquarters Naval Batteries, Gallipoli, 29th January, 1923.

Capt. C. R. W. Lamploogh, D.S.C., R.M.L.I., apptd. Asst. Instr. of Musketry, Depot, R.M., Deal, vice Parker and posted to Plymouth Division.

Lieut. C. A. Power, R.M.L.I., apptd. Asst. Instr. of Musketry, Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., vice Field and posted to Chatham Division.

Capt. T. H. Burton, M.C., R.M. (Reserve of Officers, R.M.), apptd. to R.M. Police, and posted to Plymouth Division, 25th April, 1923.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. C. Harrison, D.S.O., R.M.A., is placed on the Seconded List on appointment as G.S.O., 3rd Grade, Singapore, 2nd March, 1923.

Capt. M. F. Collet, M.C., R.M.A., is absorbed in the Establishment, vice Harrison, 2nd March, 1923.

RETIREMENTS.

Lt.-Col. F. H. Hall, R.M.L.I., placed on Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 1358/22, 16.2.23.

Sgt.-Maj. (W.O.) H. P. Arnold, R.M.A., placed on Retired List, under A.F.O. 1358/22, 31.3.23.

Major F. B. A. Lawrie, R.M.L.I. (U/T), placed on Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 1358/22, and appointed to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held on the Active List, 1.2.23.

Major C. A. Tennyson, R.M.L.I. (U/T), placed on Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 1358/22, and appointed to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held on the Active List, 20.3.23.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Lieut. F. B. Pym, R.M.L.I. to H.M.S. *Caradoc* on recommissioning.

Capt. O. M. Haworth-Booth, R.M.L.I. to H.M.S. *King George V* vice Capt. R. A. G. Stewart, R.M.A. to disembark to Headquarters.

Lieut. W. E. Petley, R.M.A. to H.M.S. *King George V* vice Lieut. W. Hanson, M. C., R.M.L.I.

Proby. 2nd Lieut. G. R. Hawkins, R.M.L.I. to H.M.S. *Royal Sovereign* vice Lieut. C. F. Holford, R.M.L.I.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The following Officers have been selected for the Junior Captains' and Senior Lieutenants' Military Course at Deal, commencing 16th April:—

R.M.A.—Capts. R. A. Stewart, C. T. Brown, O.B.E., H. R. Lambert, D.S.C., Lieuts. V. D. Thomas, C. P. Sparrow, S. S. Paine.

R.M.L.I.—Capts. A. C. St. Clair-Morford, M.C., R. Mackenzie, M. H. Spicer, R. H. West, M.C., Lieuts. G. V. Walton, J. T. Rees, C. A. Power, C. G. Fell, E. C. Bearcroft.

The following qualified as Musketry Instructors at Portsmouth, 17.2.23 :—Capt. J. A. Bath, D.S.C. (1st Class) ; Capt. E. G. M. Roe (2nd Class) Ch/16923, Sgt. G. W. Chennery (1st Class).

Capt. R.C.G. Mackenzie, R.M.L.I. obtained 90 per cent . marks (Distinguished) at the 28th Musketry Instructors' Class, Portsmouth, on 17th February, 1923. The Adjutant General, R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard obtained by this Officer.

The following Officers have been selected to attend the Machine Gun Section Sergeants' Course, which commences at the School of Musketry, Portsmouth Division on the 9th April, 1923 :— Capt. E Bowring, Lieuts. H. T. Tollemache, and R.H.S. Teek, R.M.L.I.

Lieut. Nonweiler, R.M.L.I., has been selected for a short course of P.R.T., commencing on the 6th April, 1923, at the P.R.T. School, Portsmouth, with a view to being included in the long course of P.R.T., commencing the 10th August, 1923.

The undermentioned Probationary Officers, R.M., will commence a Theoretical Military Course at the Depot, R.M., Deal, as follows :—

Batch " A " from 16th April to 29th September, 1923, inclusive.

Proby. 2nd-Lieuts. R. H. Donaldson, R.M.A., R.F. Cornwall, O. C. T. Dykes, K. Hunt, C. La R. Salter, S. C. Woolley, J. H. Moxham, G. Hill and P. W. O'H. Phibbs, R.M.L.I.

Batch " B " from 16th April to 22nd December, 1923, inclusive.

Proby. 2nd-Lieuts. G. W. Ross, T. K. Walker, R.M.A., F. G. Sillitoe, D. J. Grey, A. E. Westcott, R. A. Edmondson, W. F. P. Whitmarsh, G. P. Carless and G. A. Haward, R.M.L.I.

The following N.C. Officers qualified at the Boxing Course R.M. Depot, Deal, on 28th February, 1923, obtaining the percentage of marks as stated against their names :—

Cpls. Po/17881 R. O. Cawthraw (94 per cent.), Ply/16059 J. Moyse (93 per cent.), Ch/20691 J. L. Ferneyhough (93 per cent.), Ply/16126 J. Featherstone (92 per cent.), Ply/ 16020 E. J. Pritchard, R.M.L.I. (90 per cent.).

The Adjutant General, R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by these N.C. Officers.

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EASTNEY.

PROMOTIONS.—Cpl. Thomas Herring, Cpl. J. A. Barnett, Cpl. T. H. Davis, Cpl. Charles Potter, Cpl. S. J. Hadley, Cpl. (Bugle Major) Thomas Turner, Cpl. (Arm. Sgt.) A. G. Morris to Sgts. Lce.-Bdr. Newbold to Cpl. Sgt. H. S. King, Sgt. H. C. Dursley, Sgt. Charles Helps to Clr.-Sgts.

APPOINTMENTS.—Gnr. H. Knight to Rangeman and Marker; Cpl. A. G. Morris to Armourer Sgt., Naval Gun Battery ; Cpl. W. Tunnicliffe to Dispenser, Infirmary ; Gnr. B. A. Job to Groom ; Musn, W. E. H. James to Lce.-Bdr. ; Gnr. C. W. Ainsworth to M.O.A. to Major Kendle.

DISCHARGES.—" Having completed time for pension," Gnrs. A. H. Poynter, John Rimmer, Albert Rothwell, J. W. Montgomery, Clr.-Sgt. P. J. Woods.

TRANSFERS.—Cpl. H. H. Gauntlet, Gnr. O. G. Luten, to Supply Branch, Royal Navy.

EMBARKATIONS.—*Afrikander* (St. Helena), Gnr. Robert Vallance ; *Benbow*, Clr.-Sgt. A. H. Marlow, Sgts. A. Forbes, H. A. Culley, Cpls. H. J. Chapman, Charles Underwood, R. J. Gooden, Gnrs. J. M. Hughes, Henry Cook, C. Ainsworth, G. E. Pullen, A. G. Ripsher, J. F. Waters, A. T. Kitchener, Frank Maynard, M. T. Avery, E. Longhurst, B. V. P. Kendall, J. D. Tallent, C. F. Harris, W. A. Dacher, H. E. Farley, W. S. Strong, V. J. Newcombe, G. W. Farr, A. G. F. Eatwell, Thomas Rolls, F. H. G. Hearn, W. T. Powell, A. G. Lewis, W. Harris, W. R. Horscroft, T. E. Perkins, J. G. Wells, C. G. Ansell, W. H. Roberts, E. G. Barrett, A. G. Wilson, F. C. Taylor, Ernest Stribbling, A. T. Hopkins, R. A. Anstis, Peter Reynolds, Frank Mutter, Albert Browning, Bug. W. J. Mayne.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—*Benbow*, Sgts. S. H. Blake, A. F. Loveless, James Illingsworth, Cpls. C. E. G.Wood, S. G. January, Gnrs. G. Russell, E. Light, W. S. Davidson, E. G. Funnell, W. H. Ellis, J. S. Heaton, W. George, H. Smith, F. V. Tattersall, E. R. Cowdy, J. F. Halley, W. E. Hamilton, P. Barden, R. J. Milroy, A. C. Annetts, F. W. Hay, J. McMurdie, R. A. Lynn, T. H. Fullwell, J. G. Ingram, Harry Gomer, C. W. Lidston, A. F. Eldridge, W. T. Trewick, C. S. Short, G. H. Longhurst, E. C. Ware, S. Carter, B. P. Kelly, Geo. Wood, E. P. Layzell, T. W. C. Clowes, J. T. Jones, A. Hubbard, E. P. Ham, G. West, T. E. Hunt, Bug. W. A. Harwood ; *Revenge*. Cpl. H. H. Gauntlet ; *Impregnable*, Cpl. J. H. Campbell.

PORTSMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.—*Courageous*, Ptes. T. Wright, A. A. Peckham ; *Renown*, Pte. F. Gibson ; *Canterbury*, J. E. Challoner ; *Champion*, Cpl. W. S. Goodhall ; *Dido*, Pte W. J. Wallace ; *Calcutta*, Pte. A. W. Grimble ; *Lucia*, Sgt. A. L. Long ; *Victory*, Clr.-Sgt. F. Chalke ; *Colombo*, Ptes. A. W. Welsh, G. W. Sawyer, M. Mc. Nally, W. A. Warren, G. Gaggie ; *Renown*, Sgt. S. Searle ; *Vernon*, Ptes. T. Hayes, A. Maslen ; *Dryad*, Pte. S. A. Wilson ; *Fisgard*, Pte. A. E. C. Hoy.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—*Dolphin*, Pte. C. Farnham ; *Canterbury*, Pte. F. C. Horner ; *Dido*, Pte. Vearnals ; *Renown*, Cpl. F. H. Friar, Sgt. F. T. Crossby ; *Victory*, Pte. A. W. Caddy ; *Vindictive*, Ptes. H. G. Coffin, E. L. Ruffles, A. E. Kerns, A. E. Read, A. O. Pearce, W. J. Goodman, C. J. Mappledoram, J. W. Marriott, T. Botting, F. Goodchild, W. F. Mears, A. Yeomans, C. W. Jackson, V. T. Sweet, G. J. Puryer, Cpl. H. J. Churchman, Sgt. A. S. G. Dolman ; *Victoria and Albert*, Sgt. William Neville ; *Courageous*, Pte. J. Thomas ; *Cormorant*, Ptes. J. Cunliffe, F. A. Jordan, C. W. Luck ; *Curacoa*, Pte. F. T. Martin ; *Carlisle*, Ptes. G. Horne, H. W. Nash, S. L. Kenny, W. G. Beer, W. Pearce, W. E. Holloway, L. J. W. Tew, T. Tudor, E. Tricker, W. Prince, H. V. Gerry, L. H. Betsworth, F. E. Mitchell, N. Wardley, H. H. Harris, F. Russell, J. Patey, W. Kemp, Clr.-Sgt. H. W. Caudrey, H. Eyres, Cpl. P. C. Couzens.

DISCHARGES.—Ptes. C. R. Pilgrim, H. Early to Pension ; Ptes. O. Holmes, T. H. Curtis to Pension on Reduction ; Ptes. G. T. Day, G. Madick, H. Grief to Bonus on Reduction ; Ptes. T. W. Morris, W. Curtis to Pension on Reducton ; Ptes. E. Meadows, S. H. Strudwick to Bonus on Reduction ; Ptes. G. A. Allen, G. James, J. Hughs, W. Fry, D. Furey to Bonus on Reduction ; Pte F. Brooker to Pension on Reduction. Clr.-Sgt. C. Dodd and Pte. H. Veanals to Pension ; Clr.-Sgt. C. E. Hooper, Sgt. W. Neville to Pension ; Clr. Sgt. A. Mears, Pte. J. W. Jelliffe to Pension ; Ptes. F. H. Richardson, H. D. W. Hayles, E. Mundy, C. E. Smith, A. Octgenn to Bonus on Reduction ; Pte. A. J. Harding, Bug. A. M. Reeves, "Invalided " ; Sgt. E. Barnes to Pension ; Pte. T. Henderson, " Invalided " ; Pte. J. Hunt to Pension on Reduction ; Ptes. J. W. Blytheman, L. G. Packwood, A. J. Jellyman, Cpl. R. Piper to Bonus on Reduction.

APPOINTMENTS.—Pte. T. B. Smith to Senior Printer ; Clr.-Sgt. F. Blake to Gunnery Instr. Gun Battery ; Pte. H. Lunn to Company Cook " A " Company ; Pte. W. M. Harris to Tempy. Clerk Staff Office.

PROMOTIONS.—Sgt. R. Mizen to Clr.-Sgt. (serving *Dido*) ; Cpl. R. E. Brock to Sgt. (Serving E.L. Plymouth) ; Sgt. H. W. Caudrey to Clr.-Sgt. ; Sgt. H. Ames to Clr.-Sgt. (serving Deal) ; Cpl. S. G. Brison to Sgt. (serving *Victory*) ; Cpl. R. S. Whipp to Sgt. (serving *Barham*) ; Sgt. W. J. Dodds to Clr.-Sgt. (serving *Victory*, R.N.B.) ; Cpl. G. H. P. Wenlock to Sgt. (serving *Egmont*).

TRANSFERS.—To Chatham Division, R.M.L.I., Pte. J. A. Kemp (serving *Iron Duke*), Pte. L. G. Everitt, Pte. C. Dowling (serving Deal), Pte. R. P. Stenning (serving *Carlisle*), Pte. W. J. Nash, Pte. G. Simpson, Pte. H. Hayden (serving *Calcutta*.)

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CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.—*Blenheim*, Ptes. T. Morrice, W. A. Sullens, *Shotley t .E.*, Sgt. H. Marsh ; *Benbow*, Sgts. Blackgrove, Rees, Cpls. Quarrington, Geater, Griffiths, Leslie, Bug. Keen, Ptes. Axby, Rutland, Poppy, Hatcher, Prout, Coote, Hall, Crook, Marriott, Trafford, Rock, Miller, Lawlor, Bales, Astley, Honeyball, Habgood, Connell, Hawkins, Osmond, Butterfield, Watts, Grayson, Weller, Godfrey, Wilson, Slaney, McManus, Lavender, Biles, Beckham, Brown, Bayne, Julier, Skinner, Belson, Pudney, Justice, Reynolds, Speary, Raeburn, Kiddell, Garside ; *King George V*, Pte. Bazeley.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—*Calliope*, Pte. Holmes ; *Hecla*, Cpls. Geater, Palmer ; *Vulcan*, Pte. Smith ; *Blenheim*, Cpl. Quinn ; *Gibraltar*, Ptes. Criddle, Doherty, Kerr ; *Benbow*, Clr.-Sgt. Taylor, Sgt. Brown, Cpls. Swallow, Keir, Still, Evans, Ptes. Ball, Herbert, Smith, Laming, Taft, Austin, Collins, Springett, Briscoe, Lord, Warren, Skinner, Greenaway, Passmore, Pearce, Grant, Gurney, Fletcher, Griggs, Hunt, Corbin, McQuillan, Watts, Lount, Rickard, Taylor, Pawley, Carles, Wiseman, Ford, Fillingham, McMillan, Gray, Braybrook, Wheatley, Milsom, Ginn, White, Murfitt, Edward, Clarke.

APPOINTMENTS.—Sgt. G. E. Thompson apptd. Butt Supt., Fort Borstal ; Pte. W. E. Sweetingham apptd. attdt. to Proby.

2nd. Lieuts. Phillips and Deane; Pte. W. J. Bristow apptd. Batman to Supt. Clerk Webber; Pte. H. J. Lister apptd. Cook, Sergeants' Mess; Pte. Campbell apptd. Waiter, Sergeants' Mess; Pte. T. W. Humphrey apptd. Waiter, Sergeants' Mess; Cpl. C. E. Spurden attached Central Signal School as Assistant Instr.; Pte. G. C. Harding apptd. Divisional Turncock; Pte. E. H. Marshall apptd. Attdt. to Major Brown; Pte. W. J. Price apptd. Bath-houseman, Main Barracks; Pte. Redman attchd. Main Beer Canteen as permanent Fatigueman; Pte. A. Herbert apptd. Billiard Marker, Recreation Room, Main Barracks.

PROMOTIONS.—To be Corporals, Ptes. E. Arnold, H. A. Pordage, M. H. Lyon, R. G. Robinson, W. T. Littlewood, H. Andrews, W. W. Brockwell.

DISCHARGES.—Pte. G. Thompson "Termination of second period of Engagement," Pte. W. M. Grieve, "Invalided"; Sgt. J. Daniels, "Termination of second period of Engagement"; Cpl. E. S. Packard to Bonus on Reduction; Pte. H. E. Bruce "By Purchase."

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PLYMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.—Sgt. Brown to Clr.-Sgt.; Cpls. Deane, Viggers and Brock to Sgts.; Pte. Tillier to Cpl.

DISCHARGES.—To Pension, Ptes. Jeffrey, Mitton, Cowey and Honeywell. "Invalided," Pte. Skeates.

EMPLOYMENTS.—Sgt. Mumford, Supt. Beer Canteen; Sgt. Brock, Hosp. Sgt. (Temporarily); Ptes. Beddington, attdt. to 2/Lt. Milliken; Richards, School Orderly; Gregory, Pioneers; Wyatt, Pioneers; Woods, 3rd Clerk, 3rd Q.M.'s Dept.; Stronge, attdt. to Major Snepp; Walters, attd to Officers' Mess.

TRANSFERS.—To Ptes. Buglrs. Wright and Parsons.

DISEMBARKATIONS.—*St. Helena*, Sgt. Lynch; *Defiance*, Pte. Mackay; *Cairo*, Pte. Varney; *Thistle*, Corpl. Brown, Ptes. Middleton, Hole, Race, Sefton, Smith; *Maidstone*, Pte. Watson; *Impregnable*, Pte. Wyatt; *Ambrose*, Corpl. Gale; *Glorious*, Corpl. Tredgett, Pte. Horne; *Caradoc*, Clr.-Sgt. Casey, Sgt. Convery, Corpls. Maclaine, Johns, Ptes. Roberts, Blake, Alston, Bentham, Gray, D., Anderson, Adams, Blackmore, Davis, Osmond, Gray, W. A., Furston, Kerslake, Bowyer, Harris, Fowkes, Beasley, Ford, Golding, Thurtle, Wimble, Walsh.

EMBARKATIONS.—*Defiance*, Pte. Forsythe; Depot, R.M., Sgt. Southall, Ptes. Richardson, Chapman; *Cairo*, Sgts. Eveleigh, Burbidge, Ptes. Powell, Thomas, Griffiths; *Impregnable*, Sgt. Green, Corpl. Ronan, Ptes. Rowe, Hore; *Glorious*, Pte. Foster; *Caradoc*, Sgt. Whitthorn, Pue, Corpls. Stonehouse, Rosling, Ptes. Hand, McIlroy, Symons, Matthews, Coles, Thorn, Smith, Fowler, Pughe, Smart, Ash, Gibbs, O'Flynn, Woodward, Soulsby, Hodge, Leaman, Davenport, Wadge, McGuire, Edwards, Needs, Andrews, Hedgecocks; *Maidstone*, Pte. Wood.

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DEPOT.

MOVES.—To Plymouth (rejoining), Cpls. J. H. Jenkins, J. Featherstone, F. J. Pritchard; to Chatham (rejoining), Ptes. H. E. Redfern, G. J. Mitchell.

APPOINTMENTS.—Clr.-Sgt. H. Bolt as Ledger Clerk in Pay Office; Pte. A. Richardson as Blacksmith and Turncock.

PROMOTIONS.—Sgt. H. Ames to Clr.-Sgt. (Portsmouth Divn.); Cpl. E. A. Viggers to Sgt. (Plymouth Divn.).

TRANSFERS.—Plymouth, 20002 Bug. F. H. J. Fairall to Private.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKED.—*Victory* (C. in C.) Musn. A. G. Draper; *Pembroke* (C. in C.) Musns. Harry Hassall and S. A. Bushell; *Benbow*, Bandmaster 1st Class C. E. Lewendon, Band Cpl. F. T. Bonner, Musns. S. E. Bailey, A. M. Pemberthy, W. H. Perkins, Edward Todd, Samuel Nightingale, Robert Moncur, A. D. Scott, R. E. Harding, G. L. French, W. A. Slaughter, T. J. Simpson, Thomas Warren, L. L. Day, Edward Muir, Arthur Sullivan.

DISEMABRKED.—*Marlborough*, Bandmaster 2nd Class William Plumridge; *Benbow*, Bandmaster 1st Class P. J. Whelan, Band Cpl. James Vincent, Musns. A. S. Sneath, Harry Ramsey, A. R. Eggleston, G. A. Newman, J. G. Carter, Ernest Lowe, A. W. Cutler, G. W. L. Purnell, Edward King, A. H. Howard, L. J. Lee, A. E. Bashford, D. A. Jarman; *Pembroke* (C. in C.) Musns. R. O. Mullis, J. H. Matthews; *Victory* (C. in C.) Band Cpl. J. F. Stanning.

DISCHARGES.—Musn. W. J. Lane to Pension; Musn. Joseph Birks, "Limited Engagement"; Musn. David Bullock to Pension; Musn. Fredk. Arnold to Pension on Reduction; Musns. Sidney Brown, W. C. Marrow, P. L. Sharpe, "With Bonus on Reduction."

ENLISTMENTS.—Band Boys J. E. Marx, William Fitzerald, E. J. Aldred, A. E. Ridout.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The date of the Annual Prize Meeting at Browndown will be 14th to 22nd June, as the date originally notified clashes with that of the Royal Tournament.

Competitors at Bisley this year are notified that membership or associate membership of the National Rifle Association is a *sine-qua-non*. Everyone below commissioned rank can become an associate member for 1s. (N.R.A. Rule 6). Commissioned officers must be members, fee 5s. (N.R.A. Rule 3 *b*).

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M. Filmer-Bennett, Major,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Major C. Williams and Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., have accepted the Captaincies of the Rifle and Revolver VIII's respectively.

The rules and programme, 1923, have been printed, and can be obtained from unit representatives. The Hon. Secretary has a limited number for disposal.

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Officer, 1664.

"I never knew an appeal to them for honour, courage or loyalty, that they did not more than realise my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England, they will be found the Country's Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

The Corps has attained a certain unenviable notoriety during the past month owing to some paragraphs which have appeared in the pages of a weekly journal, the title of which should be a sufficient guarantee of the veracity of its contents. This is unfortunately not always the case, certainly as regards Service matters, but as the paper in question is very largely read, particularly in Clubs, Regimental Messes, etc., it is feared that its readers may remain under the totally false impression that a deadly feud has existed for the last 50 years between the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Marine Light Infantry, during which time one of the main objects in life of the Red Marines has been the abolition of the Blue.

We have not the least idea, nor have we any desire to know, who is the author of these ridiculously overdrawn statements, but they are obviously written by someone who has no present connection with and is completely out of touch with the existing sentiment of the Corps. We are very glad that these paragraphs have elicited no reply in the journal in question, but have been treated with the contempt which they deserve, and we only refer to the matter in order to deprecate the idea of appealing to the Public Press on such matters of purely Corps interest, and, in the unlikely event of this article coming to their author's notice, to express a hope that he will omit all such references to the Corps from any further lucubrations he may be meditating in the pages of the paper in question.

Now that the general scheme for amalgamating the Royal Marine Artillery with the Royal Marine Light Infantry has been publicly announced in the House of Commons, we presume that this can no longer be considered an official secret, and we trust it will not be considered amiss if we express our regret that this step should have been found necessary owing to the great reduction in our strength. Everyone who has served at any of our Headquarters during the past 12 months must realise how vital the necessity is of reducing the number of these, in order to increase their strength and maintain their efficiency, and we are quite sure that, when the amalgamation of the two branches into one Corps of Royal Marines has been effected, all ranks will strive their utmost to uphold its glorious traditions and to add more laurels to those which it has so deservedly gained in the past.

NOTICE.

For many years past it has been the custom of the Treasurer of the "Globe and Laurel" for the time being, to consider all sums sent to him, in addition to the annual subscription of 4s., as donations to the paper, unless an express statement to the contrary accompanied them. The Editorial Staff think that this should be altered, and in future every multiple of 4s. subscribed will be booked as one annual subscription, unless the amount in excess is expressly mentioned as a donation.

There are a good many bound copies of the 1922 "Globe and Laurel," price 7s., still for sale, and queries to the various Headquarters have elicited very few applications. We think that every Mess at each Headquarters and the Depôt should possess a complete set of the bound volumes of the Corps journal. A few of the numbers are now unfortunately out of print, but we have several copies of most of the back numbers, and if application is made to the Secretary, these can be obtained at a cost of 5s. per copy.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our best thanks are due to the late Royal Marine Guard Haulbowline for a very welcome donation of £4 16s. od., which we have received from their late C.O., Capt. W. G. Lukis, on their evacuating the Dockyard.

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Congratulations to Lieut. S. G. Cutler, R.M.L.I., on his being one of the eight selected to play for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines in the match against the Army, at Littlestone, on the 14th April. In the singles the Army were beaten by 4½ points to 3½ points (Lieut. Cutler winning his match 6 and 5), but won the foursomes by 2½ points to 1½ points.

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on nection with the dispatch of Lt.-Col. W. G Suther, R.M.L.I., commanding the Battalion, R.N., in Japan, in 1864-65, which was published in the April issue, we would refer our readers to a very interesting account of the services of this Battalion, written by Lt.-Col. Norcock, R.M.L.I. (retired), which appeared in the June number of the " Globe and Laurel," 1920.

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Recruiting for the Royal Marine Forces was reopened 11th April, 1923, all recruits, other than R.M. Band, and specials for Divisions, being sent to Deal for training. Standards are as follows:—

Age.	Height.	Chest.
17 to 18	5ft. 9in.	34in.
18 to 19	5ft. 9in.	34in.
19 to 20	5ft. 9in.	35in.
20 & over	5ft. 9in.	36in.

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Instead of the pay of £1 a day, in addition to their retired pay, authorised for retired captains or lieutenants of Royal Marines employed as officers of the Royal Marine Police Force, the Admiralty now consider it desirable that the pay should be inclusive of retired pay, and recommend these officers be paid a consolidated salary of £600 a year, their retired pay being withheld during the tenure of their appointment.

They will be provided, as before, with service accommodation, or allowance in lieu. An Order in Council has sanctioned these recommendations.

THE EFFECT OF TANKS UPON STRATEGY.

One of the greatest gifts to possess in this world is the ability to recognise things as they are, and to distinguish between which of those things are salient considerations and which are of secondary importance, and then to be able to deal suitably and adequately with the salients.

The man who can maintain an even keel and do this is usually successful.

But the world would be a dull place if everyone dealt only with the present, and if we had no dreamers to point to the future and conjure up fantastic pictures of the great events which yet lie hidden in the womb of Time.

Such men are usually " without honour in their own country," and tolerated with amusement by their own generation; yet they are essential to progress.

So, will the readers of the " Globe and Laurel " bear with me—who can lay claim to be neither a hard prosaic man, nor yet a dreamer of dreams—while I draw a picture of a tank battle some 20 years hence?

We probably all agree that in the far distant future, at any rate in civilised wars, all arms will be mounted, either in tanks or aeroplanes, and the strategical and tactical horizon will be cleared thereby of the clouds which now darken it. " Sufficient unto the day is the evil (or good) thereof." And we can afford to leave the strategy and tactics of those later days for the enlightened graduate of an Internal-Combustion-Defence-Ministry Staff College to grapple with, whilst we turn our minds to That-Which-Is-Shortly-to-Be!

Now it is logical and well known that before tactics come into play in war, strategy must be in operation. If we can get a clear idea—or some idea—of the manner in which tanks will affect the strategy of a campaign, then we can approach the tactical question with a certain degree of illumination upon it.

Let us commence, then, to think strategically within the range of the next 15-20 years. Let us consider first the possibilities of that period as regards finance and supply. We are justified in concluding that finance will be tight and supply will be short. Moreover, the lion share of such of the former as may be forthcoming will be diverted from supply to research.

Consequently we may expect only a limited mass supply of 25 m.p.h. fighting tanks, with their due quota of supply and maintenance tanks.

By the expression " mass supply " I mean the existence in 20 years' time of, say, 1,000 fast tanks with their supply services. In the meantime the existing arms, cavalry, artillery and infantry, may be expected, in the main, to retain their present means of progression and other characteristics. The establishment of all arms may, however, be considerably reduced in order to supply these tanks; but in spite of that we cannot eliminate them from our considerations.

Should our provision of tanks fall short, whilst other nations go ahead of us, we shall run a grave risk in the next war. Let us hope it will not be so and let us accept 1,000 tanks as a reasonable figure and proceed.

A thousand tanks in the field, with a 25 per cent. allowance for refitting, will give us, say, 750 tanks in operation at any one time before contact has been made with the enemy. This constitutes under our present organisation a force of, say, 2 tank groups.

The strategical problem, therefore, before us amounts to this—how is a striking force of 25 m.p.h. tanks of the approximate strength given above to fit in with infantry moving at 2½ m.p.h., artillery moving at 3½ m.p.h., and cavalry moving at 5 m.p.h.?

Aeroplanes, being able vastly to out-distance every other arm, remain out of the question for the moment.

Now, the speed, distance, and time which these tanks will possess are three factors in war which constitute a trinity—or unity—of such power as must influence strategy beyond question or doubt.

And it is idle to suppose that tanks with a potential speed of 20-25 m.p.h. will close their throttles and damage their engines in order to co-operate closely with other existing arms which move at something less than ¼ their speed. Moreover, war is not a proposition of half-measures; everyone goes " all out " to kill or be killed. And so I suggest that the theory and practice of the co-operation of tanks with infantry and cavalry, as understood to-day, is a legacy of the late war which ended with tanks, whose speed was so nearly that of the other arms as to render mutual co-operation between them essential.

That will all be changed then, for these new tanks will have left the infantry standing, the artillery walking, and the cavalry trotting.

We must look for some more rational employment for tanks in the future. And I suggest that we must look forward to tanks being armed and equipped in such a way as will enable them—by virtue of speed, distance and time—to constitute, in co-operation with aeroplanes only, the spear-head and first line of our battle array.

Such ground features as cannot be negotiated and examined by tanks (and they are not many), must be left to the air force to deal with: whilst the restrictions which darkness imposes upon tank movement can be cancelled out as common to both ourselves and the enemy.

The supply and maintenance, however, of a tank force operating " in the blue " will probably constitute a limiting factor as regards the distance at which operations can be carried out away from the main Army. Presumably this is a question of petrol supplies and repair lorries, working in organised echelons at stated distances in the rear of the battle tanks, and above all, keeping mobile.

This tank L. of C. will require mobile troops to safeguard it, wherein may lie a possible final rôle for the cavalry, ere they themselves are dismounted and in their turn embarked in tanks.

The maintenance and supply question should not, however, prove an insuperable difficulty when one considers the increasing power of aircraft, both for offence in guarding the tank L. of C., and for supply.

Moreover, I claim that it is justifiable to suppose that as our Army becomes more and more mechanicalised so will supply and maintenance problems be tackled on mechanical lines in order to meet the requirements and deliver the goods.

Hence it is urged that this limited supply of light, heavy and artillery tanks in mass may be expected to operate independently at some 80-100 miles ahead of the main army, and the battle of the tanks comes within the range of our 20 years' forecast as a practical certainty.

If these points are conceded, we may expect to find the human army in the second line following behind these armed and armoured vehicles, organised much as we know it to-day, but with considerably reduced establishments, and surely also reinforced with further tanks both for fighting and supply, whose speed will be specially designed to synchronise with the various arms. In fact, the present-day tank will be retained for this purpose.

How will strategy be affected by the changes thus outlined?

In the first place, what will the human army be doing whilst the tank force is out in the blue, and with its speed, distance and time, seeking out the hostile human army, and also the hostile tank force?

It may be halted, waiting for news, or it may be moving at 15 miles a day. Whichever it is doing, the time will shortly come when the tank force will meet with the enemy and the battle of the tanks will be fought either:

i. Successfully. ii. Indecisively. iii. Unsuccessfully.

Upon the outcome of that battle must surely depend the subsequent movements of our human army. And so let us take these three cases and discuss them.

i. The Successful Tank Battle.

In this case our independent tank force may be expected to have materially achieved the mission formerly accorded to an advanced guard, i.e., it will have penetrated the enemy's protected screen and located his main army. But it will have achieved that object, not at a distance of some 15-20 miles away from our main army, but at a distance of some 80-100 miles instead. In other words, whereas in the past we have expected to join battle within two or, at any rate, three days of first contact being made with the enemy, now it will be six to eight days before we can deliver our blow.

What will be going on in front during this week of our approach march? Our independent tank force will be in contact with the enemy's main army, trying to turn his flank and cut his communications, and so pin him down. Under these conditions the enemy can only adopt one of three alternatives, viz.:—

(a) Stay where he is, dig in, and await battle.
(b) Attack the tanks and try to regain the initiative.
(c) Try and break off the fight and get home.

In fact he must either move or remain stationary, relying upon his anti-tank defences to safeguard him and his L. of C.

If he decides to move—after defeat in the tank battle—he will be confronted with the difficulty of moving in the face of an enemy who may literally make rings round him by virtue of speed, distance and time. He will be fortunate, indeed, if he is able to move along a corridor with adequate tank obstructions on either flank! The question therefore arises, can an army with these hounds of Bellona on its track hope to move with any reasonable chance of success? If it cannot, then we may perhaps coin a new phrase, and say that the winner in the tank battle will have gained " command of the ground," in that he will have denied mobility to the enemy, and with it, loss of initiative and offensive power.

Indeed, he will have imposed upon the enemy a desperate defensive, from which there would appear to be small hope of recovery.

On the other hand, our own main body will be at liberty to carry out its approach march with a minimum of risk, and therefore maximum of comfort. It will move forward with the fullest knowledge of the enemy's position, and therefore it should be possible to direct it from the beginning against the most vulnerable point.

Though exposed perhaps to aerial attack and long-range artillery fire, the main body will be otherwise safe from interference during its march.

Moreover, when the battle is joined, its attack will be supported by a superior and victorious tank force against an enemy whose morale will certainly not have been raised by the outcome of recent events.

Thus, an initial victory in the battle of the tanks will have accorded the high command the liberty of action, initiative and manœuvre power, of which tank defeat has deprived the enemy.

Turning now to the second consideration:—

ii. **The Indecisive Tank Battles.**

Generally speaking, one may assume that an indecisive tank battle will have totally disabled a large number of tanks on each side, and that repairs to partially disabled tanks will be taken in hand near the scene of the action and carried out under a protective screen of undamaged tanks, aeroplanes and artillery.

This screen will be in contact with a similar hostile organisation. Both sides will be working "all out" to put a superior force of tanks again into action before the other side. In fact, it will be a mechanical repair race for the command of the ground.

Whilst this is going on, will the opposing commanders-in-chief approach each other, and run the risk of coming within the zone of immediate tank operations before a tank decision has been arrived at, with the consequent possible exposure to a mass tank attack? Or, will they prefer to await a tank decision on favourable ground which will enhance their chances of defence in the event of their tanks being defeated?

The characteristics of the commanders concerned would doubtless play a large part in deciding this matter. But having regard to the facts:—

1. That tanks are moving at 20-25 m.p.h.

2. That to deploy a moving army and occupy a defensive position may take many hours, if not days.

3. That suitable defensive positions do not exist everywhere.

It would appear that the commander who decided to move forward into the tank zone, with the situation still undecided, would be running a heavy risk of meeting a massed tank attack before he was completely deployed, and upon ground hardly suited to his purpose.

If such be the case, then again we see that the mobility of the human army may well be paralysed by the advent of the mechanical army until the latter has won command of the ground.

We have already considered the strategical effect upon the army which is defeated in the tank battle: it was brought to bay by a pack of steel-clad hounds, and there awaited the arrival of the "also rans."

It may well be argued that all this is but the fantastic talk of yet another extremist pulling hard on the end of his rope of strategical fancy. It may be so. But I would ask, what alternative employment is there for massed tanks with speed, distance and time on their side? I cannot see any that will not eventually develop into some such rôle as I have outlined.

Keep them operating close to your main body, which will then be encased in a ring of steel. Let them start on a radius of 10-15 miles away from it. What will they do? Will they make raids by sudden bursts of speed and then return? If so, sooner or later they will come up against the hostile tanks of like speed, and that at a distance of only some two or three hours away. Is, then, your main army to move—constantly deployed—inside this steely ring and within the zone of immediate tank operations? In that case it must move more slowly than ever—being always deployed—and the tanks will be quite unable to throttle down to it.

So what is the conclusion of the matter? Is it not that the side which wins the battle of the tanks will have predisposed victory in a most decided manner? We have not yet seen the troops who are able to withstand a serious tank attack, to which the losers of this battle will be quickly exposed. And so gradually—by evolution and not by revolution—we shall convert more and more of our present army into tanks and aeroplanes, round which the strategy and tactics of the nearer future will increasingly revolve. It may be hard to persuade the taxpayer that it is so, but therein lies the way to economy. Men on their feet or on horseback are probably as adequate to compete with men in tanks, as rowers in an open boat are fit to wage battle with a destroyer. Tanks and humans, as we know them, will not mix, now that the element of speed, armed and armoured, has arrived.

Railways swept the coaches off the road, so will tanks sweep the army off its feet. In fact, it was almost walked off them in its last great and glorious trek from Mons to the Rhine, via Paris.

And, if rumour speaks truly, there seems to be some doubt as to whether we, i.e., the Royal Marine Forces, are longer required in our present capacity, and shall not likewise be swept off the board. (Ha! Ha! Excuse a smile.)

Well, why not embark us in the land ships of to-morrow, if we have outlived our utility in the sea ships of yesterday and to-day?

"ONLOOKER."

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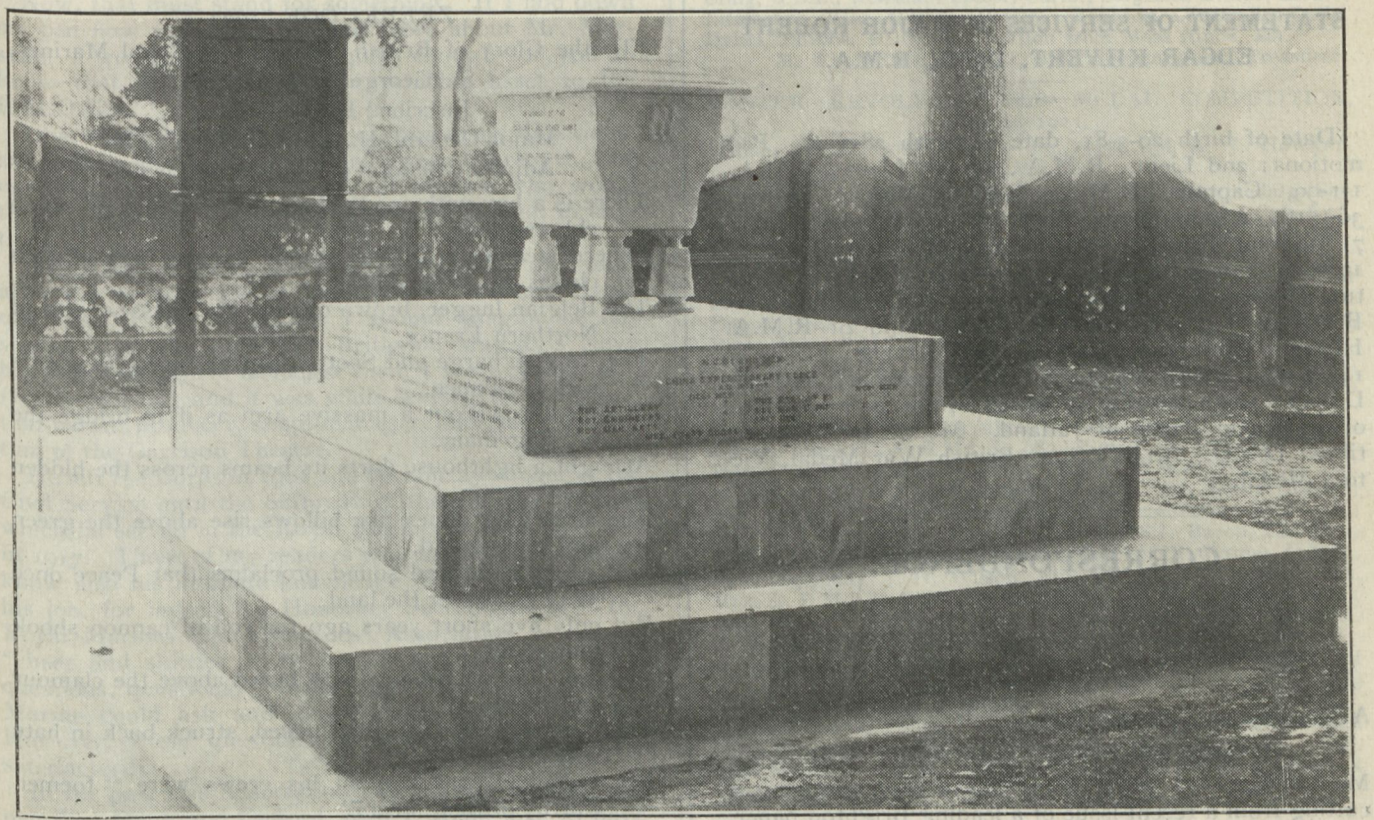

CANTON MEMORIAL.

The following letter and the photograph of the Memorial, received from the Chaplain to the Forces, China Command, have been circulated to the various Headquarters and the Depot.

Headquarters, China Command, Hong Kong.
20-2-23.

Owing to alterations being carried out by the Chinese Authorities, it became necessary last year to remove the remains of members of H.M. Forces who died during the occupation of Canton in 1858-61, from the Cemetery outside the North Gate of the City.

The remains were exhumed, cremated, and the ashes placed in an urn, which was placed in a suitable Memorial erected in the Churchyard of Christ Church, Shameen, Canton. The arrangements were made by a Local Committee in co-operation with " Our Comrades' Graves Fund (China Command)." The greater part of the cost was met from the balance of a Fund subscribed in 1911 for the repair and upkeep of the Cemetery by the Regiments which were in Canton during the period of occupation.

It is thought that these Regiments will be interested to know what has been done, and to have a photograph of the new Memorial. At the request of the Canton Committee, I therefore forward a copy herewith.

The original gravestones are being preserved near the Memorial.

(Signed) M. W. SHEWELL,
Chaplain to the Forces,
Hon. Secretary, Our Comrades' Graves Fund.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES.

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place in June, between Colonel Edwyn Gifford Lywood, R.M.L.I. (retired), and Mabel Mary, widow of Colonel Arthur W. Wylde, R.M.L.I., and daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Winch, J.P., of Higham, Kent.

The engagement is announced between Major Edward Bamford, V.C., D.S.O., R.M.L.I., second son of the late Rev. Robert Bamford, M.A., and of Mrs. Myers, Bloomfield Avenue, Bath, and Marion Valerie Hazel, only daughter of Mr. H. M. Picken, of Beaumont, Pussellawa, Ceylon, and of the late Mrs. Picken.

DEATHS.

GARDNER.—At Bournemouth, on the 3rd April, Christina Gardner, widow of the late Colonel R. B. Gardner, Royal Marine Artillery.

GRANT.—Emily C., widow of the late Major W. A. C. Grant, R.M.L.I., at Llandrindod Wells. (Precise date not stated, but funeral 11th April, at Ringwould Church, Walmer.)

KILVERT.—At the Military Hospital, Gibraltar on the 23rd March, Major Robert E. Kilvert, D.S.O., R.M.A., late of H.M.S. " Barham."

SYMONS.—On April 6th, at the Laurels, Martock, Somerset, Annie Grace Symons, widow of the late Major Jelinger H. Symons, R.M.L.I., in her ninetieth year.

HOLNESS.—The Commandant, Portsmouth Divn., R.M.L.I., regrets to notify the death of Po./12082 C.S.M. (W.O. II.) E. R. Holness, R.M.L.I., which occurred at R.N. Hospital, Haslar, on the 12th inst. This W.O. II. was Secretary to the Portsmouth Division R.M.L.I. Football Team.

Lieut. D. E. Eccles (Special Reserve of Officers, R.M.), at R.N. Hospital, Chatham, 2nd April, 1923.

Ch./18276 Corpl. B. Snowling, at R.N. Hospital, Chatham, 1st April, 1923.

STATEMENT OF SERVICES OF MAJOR ROBERT EDGAR KILVERT, D.S.O., R.M.A.

Date of birth 20-3-81, date of death 28-3-23. Promotions: 2nd Lieut., R.M.A., 1-1-98, Lieut., R.M.A., 1-1-99, Captain, R.M.A., 1-9-07, Major, R.M.A., 30-6-16. Appointments: Asst. Instr. of Musketry 1906-7, Adjutant, Eastney, 1909-14, Brigade-Major, Eastney, 1918-20. War Service.—Great War: H.M.S. "Neptune," Grand Fleet, 4-8-14 to 15-1-17; present at the Battle of Jutland, 31-5-16; in command of R.M.A. Heavy Siege Train, Belgium and France, 1-2-17 to 14-12-17. Twice mentioned in despatches, awarded D.S.O., and specially promoted Major in recognition of service in Battle of Jutland. Medals and Decorations: D.S.O., 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

CORRESPONDENCE.

35, EAST STREET,
Brighton, Sussex.
Le 21 avril, 1923.

A Monsieur le rédacteur du journal,

"Globe and Laurel," à Chatham, Kent.

Mon Colonel,—I have much pleasure in enclosing a cutting from a recent issue of a leading Brighton paper, with a notice on the "Globe and Laurel," which is one of the most interesting of all the British Service journals, particularly in its historical items, which often recall the past glories of your magnificent Regiment.

I shall always be delighted to inspire similar notices from time to time, and will send them to you. On the eve of the fifth anniversary of the storming of Zeebrugge Mole, that homeric feat of arms that electrified the world, and which is regarded in France as perhaps the most glorious episode of the Great War, I have done myself the honour of forwarding in this letter a copy of some verses in the English language, from my pen, on Zeebrugge in peace time, which were suggested by a recent visit I paid to that famous place. Perhaps you might think it interesting enough to include in your next issue. If so, I shall feel much honoured, and I have not forgotten the fact that the most liked of all my effusions in English, "The Storming of Zeebrugge Mole," dedicated to Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., and commended by him, appeared in your pages, as well as several others of my poems.

With my compliments to Major McNair Smith and yourself, I have the honour to be, mon Colonel,

Very truly yours,
Brn. de SANTA MARIA,
President of Honour French National Life-Saving Society of Paris, "La Société Française de Sauvetage," Affiliated to the Red Cross of France.
Member of the Laureate Royal Italian Parhenopian Academy of Science, Art and Literature.
Author of War Poems in French and English, sold exclusively in aid of the Red Cross of the Allied Nations, 1914-1918.

ZEEBRUGGE, 1923.

(To the Glory of British Seamen and Royal Marines, St. George's Day, 1918.)

Inscribed Respectfully to
Major-General H. E. Blumberg, C.B.,
Adjutant-General of the Royal Marines.

There is a bay with sandy shores, where tides of ocean ebb and flow,
Where steamer trim and stately barque from distant climes pass to and fro;
The Belgian lugger, brown of sail—the chasse-marée of Northern France,
The English barge and Scottish smack, upon its waters reel and dance,
A Mole throws out a massive arm as if to bridge the heaving main,
At night a lighthouse darts its beams across the hidden shoals again,
The stretching dunes like billows rise above the green and level strand,
And every sight and sound proclaims that Peace once more rules o'er the land,
But only five short years ago the roll of cannon shook that shore,
And England's battle-cry was heard above the clamour and the roar,
The Teuton host, surprised indeed, struck back in hate with fiery zeal,
But valiant Keyes and all his crews were "foemen worthy of their steel!"
All know the glories of that night, when Halloran and Elliott fell,
And many another warrior-soul who braved like them the jaws of hell,
All know how when, the harbour blocked, "Vindictive's" guns in parting roared,
And with her consorts left behind a trail of blood—of fire and sword!
But when we see the peaceful bay where Britain's seamen fought and died,
Where Royal Marines proved once again to be their nation's hope and pride,
Remember those who've gone aloft—who gave their lives as freedom's toll,
And caused the trumpet-blast of fame to echo long o'er Zeebrugge Mole!

BARON de SANTA MARIA.

WHO'S WHO IN THE R.M.O.C.A.

Mr. C. E. MARSHALL,
Hon. Secretary, 1919, '20, '21, '22 and '23.

A very learned gentleman was once lent to the authorities of Westminster Abbey for a fortnight in order that he might report on the condition of the Abbey. As I say, he was lent for a fortnight—actually he stayed a number of years!

In January, 1919, Mr. C. E. Marshall took over the Hon. Secretaryship of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association temporarily. He has now held that office for nearly five years!

Now, that must stand for something. If I laid down my pen now and wrote nothing more about Mr. Marshall, I would have written quite enough for you to know that Mr. Marshall is a valuable asset to the R.M.O.C.A.

I have laboured with him in a good many directions, and I have always found him a tower of strength, one not easily put off, the despair of anyone who would try to " side-track " him in debate, or, indeed, in anything.

Mr. Marshall joined the Royal Marines in 1890 and, after the usual period at Deal, joined Chatham Headquarters. From his papers I should imagine he has served in all the ships Her Britannic Majesty's Navy had in those days! Amongst them I see " Monarch " (for Ascension) and it was while serving on the island that he was producer, stage-manager, and general factotum of the Garrison Theatre.

He left the Corps in 1902 and became a member of the Civil Service until the outbreak of the late war, during which he served in the Royal Engineers until invalided in 1917. Those of my readers who know Mr. Marshall know also his intimate knowledge of the intricacies of his job, for indeed the Honorary Secretaryship of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association is not all " beer and skittles "; he gets asked the most weird questions, questions, I verily believe, only an ex-Royal Marine could ask and an ex-Royal Marine answer! However, these questions do get answered, usually satisfactorily.

In the past this Association has had fine Secretaries, men like Dunk and Clifford, men I would love to have known, and they left behind them a very high standard for their successors to live up to, and Mr. Marshall has lived up to those standards.

He is continually working out schemes for the advancement of the interests of the Association, and ably represents us on most Committees; he is a member of the Executive of the Royal Marines Corps Association, and, jointly with myself, represented the R.M.O.C.A. on the Executive of the Grand Fleet Fund—now the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust—this latter work was very trying and took up a great deal of his leisure hours, but during the period he was with the Grand Fleet Fund he accomplished much valuable work, and more than one ex-Naval rating is glad he met C. E. Marshall.

I could go on for hours, but the Editor's blue pencil hovers o'er, and so I must watch my step.

In conclusion may I say that our Hon. Secretary is seen at his best when enrolling new members?

C. J. MOYNIHAN, R.M.O.C.A.

Next month: Alderman J. P. Hamilton, late Royal Marines.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

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M. FILMER-BENNETT, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

WINTER REVOLVER GOLD MEDAL COMPETITION, 1922–1923.

Winner of the Gold Medal:—Po./15490 Cpl. A. J. Howard, R.M.L.I.

Sgt.-Maj. J. Bach, R.M.A., 838 (i), unit silver medal; Sgt. T. W. Paddon, R.M.A., 791 (i), unit bronze medal; Cpl. A. J. Howard, Po. Div., R.M.L.I., 779, unit silver medal; Sgt.-Maj. Sgt.-Maj. E. C. Jarvis, Ports. Afloat, 778, unit silver medal; Capt. A. K. Craig, O.B.E., Ply. Div., R.M.L.I., 754, unit silver medal; Q.M.S.I. B. P. Foster, R.M.A., 739 (i); Pte. P. Burnett, Depot, Deal, 731, unit silver medal; Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott, Ports. Div., R.M.L.I., 723, unit bronze medal; Sgt. C. Tugwell, Ply. Div., R.M.L.I., 717, unit bronze medal; Pte. A. Hill, Ply. Div., R.M.L.I., 717, lost tie shoot; Sgt. T. F. Barrett, Ports. Div., R.M.L.I., 712; Maj. H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., Ch. Div., R.M.L.I., 703, unit silver medal; Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., Ports. Div., R.M.L.I., 682; Sgt. F. A. McGarve, Ports. Div., R.M.L.I., 673; Sgt. C. H. Barker, R.M.A., 672; Lt.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O., Ply. Afloat, 665 (ii), unit bronze medal; Sgt. Carte, R.M.L.I., Ports. Afloat, 663, unit bronze medal; Maj. F. Owen, Ports. Afloat, 657; Q.M.S.I. Bacon, Ch. Div., R.M.L.I., 656, unit bronze medal; Capt. H. R. Haines, O.B.E., 647; Sgt.-Maj. J. H. Wilson, Ply. Div., R.M.L.I., 637; Sgt. Russell, R.M.L.I., Ply. Afloat, 636; Sgt. A. B. Butcher, R.M.A., 629; Col. J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., Depot, Deal, 620 (iii); Q.M.S.I. J. D. Spicer, Depot, Deal, 609, unit bronze medal.

Note.—(i) Ineligible for Gold Medal (Committee Minute 7 of 9. 2. 23). (ii) Insufficient competitors for a silver medal. (iii) Waived claim to bronze medal.

The following who averaged over 80 points, shot less than eight cards:—Sgt.-Maj. J. Natt (Ports.) (5) av. 100; R.M. Gnr. Watton (4) (Ply. Afloat) av. 58·75; Clr.-Sgt. J. Hiscock (Ply. Div.) (5) av. 80·8.

Unit.	*Average No. Firing.*	*Unit Average.*
Portsmouth Div., R.M.L.I.	10·12	78·31
Royal Marine Artillery	8·5	77·5
Portsmouth Afloat	10·62	67·5
Plymouth Div., R.M.L.I.	10·5	66·26
Depot R.M., Deal	8·75	66·3
Chatham Div., R.M.L.I.	10·25	61·7
Plymouth Afloat	8·25	55·5

M. FILMER-BENNETT, *Major, R.M.L.I.*
18th April, 1923. Hon. Secretary, R.M.R.A.

" BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS."

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel Field's " History of the Royal Marines ":—

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J. A. TUPMAN, Lt.-Col.,
16th April, 1923. Hon. Treasurer.

FLEET NOTES.



H.M.S. "DELHI" R.M. TUG-OF-WAR TEAM. WINNERS OF 1ST L.C.S. AND R.C.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

ATLANTIC FLEET CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1923.

The following are the results as far as the Corps was concerned:—

Boxing.—Middleweight: Gunner W. J. Trinder, champion.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

Winners of bronze medals and Fleet representatives at the Royal Tournament, to be held at Olympia, on 24th May, 1923:—

Competition A., Foil v. Foil.—Officers: Major J. Macnair-Smith, H.M.S. "Delhi." Other Ranks: Sergt. W. C. Smith, H.M.S. "Barham."

Competition B., Sabre v. Sabre.—Officers: Major J. Macnair-Smith, H.M.S. "Delhi." Other Ranks: Sergt. W. C. Smith, H.M.S. "Barham."

Competition C., Epée v. Epée.—Officers: Lieut. O. C. Jones, H.M.S. "Valiant." Other Ranks: Corpl. W. J. Stokes, H.M.S. "Dunedin."

Competition D., Bayonet v. Bayonet.—Officers: R.M. Gunner W. A. Hooper, H.M.S. "Warspite." Other Ranks: Sergt. C. R. Walsh, H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth."

Competition G.—Bayonet Team: Team from Battle Cruiser Squadron, "Queen Elizabeth" and 1st Light Cruiser Squadron.

Tug-of-War.—Heavy: H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth." Light: H.M.S. "Barham."

Competition H., Bronze Medal, but does not go to Tournament.—Marines Bayonet (not P.R.T.I.): Corpl. F. C. Richardson, H.M.S. "Barham."

ATLANTIC FLEET BAND CONTEST.

The result of the Atlantic Fleet Band Contest, which was held at Gibraltar, on the 5th-10th March, has been received from the Fleet Royal Marine Officer. The result was as follows:—

Ship.	Appearance.	Instrument	Marching.	Military.	Orchestra.	Max. Marks.
	5	5	15	25	100	150
"Hood" ...	4	5	13	20	79	121
"Repulse" ...	3	3	13	13	84	116
"Valiant" ...	4	5	11	15	80	115
"Ramillies" ...	3	4	9	17	80	113
"Queen Elizabeth"	4	4	12	22	68	110
"Barham" ...	4	4	13	18	60	99
"Warspite" ...	4	3	10	12	54	83

H.M.S. "Lowestoft,"
AFRICA STATION.

We are now on the West Coast, where our time is chiefly spent in coaling and in trying to keep cool. Cricket and football matches have been played with success at Sierra Leone and at Bathurst. We have also competed successfully against the rifle teams of the West African Regiment at Sierra Leone on March 7th, and against the West African Frontier Force at Bathurst, on March 13th. Scores were as follows:—

Ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards. Possible 84.

H.M.S. "Lowestoft."		West African Regiment. Sierra Leone.	
P.O. Westacott	69	C.S.M. Whapshire	71
P.O. Fyson	63	C.S.M. Moore	59
Major Trench	58	C.S.M. Shields	57
P.O. Davies	57	C.S.M. Legg	57
P.O. Fletcher	52	C.S.M. Brookbanks	56
Midn. Drew	51	Q.M.S. Letford	55
Sig. Hastings	49	C.S.M. Roderick	45
Midn. Bassett	44	Clr.-Sgt. Newton	42
Total	443	Total	442

H.M.S. "Lowestoft"		West African Frontier Force. Bathurst.	
P.O. Westacott	34	C.S.M. Boom	34
Major Trench	32	Q.M.S. Moir	32
P.O. Davies	30	Lieut. Moxon	30
Cpl. Venables	29	Sergt. Drami	27
P.O. Fyson	29	Pte. Farmer	27
Midn. Moore	28	Capt. Byrne	25
Midn. Drew	28	Pte. Sambasila	24
Surgn. Wright	28	Lieut. Fischer	13
Total	238	Total	212

Light only permitted of firing at two ranges, 200 and 400 yards. Five rounds at each range. Possible 40. The West African Frontier Force very kindly presented each member of the winning team with a silver spoon.

A football match, Royal Marines and R.M. Band against the R.G.A., was played at Sierra Leone on 16th March. Corporal Venables reported on the match as follows:—

"The R.M. football team journeyed ashore in the heat of a glorious afternoon to meet the soldiers at football. Our lads had not played a game for at least three months, and all were eager to get going. We won the toss and our skipper elected to play against the sun and a light breeze. Play was pretty even for the first ten minutes, when from a long pass forward from Pte. Todd Cpl. Venables broke away and scored. Needless to say we were highly elated, and play waxed fast and furious until half-time arrived with the score 1—0 in our favour. After a breather we pressed hard, but were unable to penetrate the enemy's defence, and the heat was beginning to tell on our lads. The R.G.A. then pressed, and following a mistake by Musn. Newell, the R.G.A. scored. We got going again and the R.G.A. broke away and scored again. We rallied our forces and tried hard to equalise, but time came with the R.G.A. winners by two to one. Alcock in goal played a splendid game."

Team: Musns. Alcock; Smith and Yarnold (backs); Ptes. Trott, Brown, Musn. Newell (halves); Ptes. Stolberg, Stonham, Cpl. Venables, Musn. Knight, Musn. Dine (forwards).

B. F. TRENCH,
20th March, 1923. Major, R.M.L.I.

19th April, 1923.

Dear Sir,—Having got the opportunity of writing you a few lines, I enclose stamps to cover cost and postage of the old "Globe and Laurel," not having had the pleasure of reading one for such a long time; I always like to keep in touch with the R.M.L.I. and R.M.A. Having served in Plymouth Division for two years as a bugler, and then transferring to the ranks, R.M.A., Portsmouth, serving with the R.M.A. until January 7th, 1922, being invalided through a motor-cycle accident whilst on leave at Constantinople, whilst serving in H.M.S. "Ajax." I am now sorry to say that I have lost my father, who died 1st April at Southmead Hospital, Bristol. He served for about 36 years. I should very much like to see his services published in the "Globe," and one or two copies forwarded to the above address as convenient. I wish everyone who knew me in the Plymouth Division every success and happiness, also the R.M.A., Portsmouth. Tell them that no regiment, force or Corps will ever come up to the standard of the old Corps, some are trying to do their best now, but I simply have a laugh at them. Of course, a wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse, no names, no pack-drill. I may get caught yet. Trusting that the new "Naval Air Wing" may come into force soon, and then I may be able to come across a few of the old-timers. I am now serving in the R.A.F. as Clerk G.D. Wishing the "Globe and Laurel" every success. We have a good few ex-R.M.L.I. and R.M.A. serving now in the Air Force.

Trusting to hear from you soon. R. B. BEVAN.

FOOTBALL.

NAVY CUP FINAL.

(Association.)

Owing to the lack of facilities afforded by the Railway Company, only a few of the staunch supporters were able to accompany the Divisional Team to Portsmouth on the occasion of the Navy Cup, at Fratton Park, on Wednesday, 11th April.

This, however, did not dishearten our boys, who were all out to bring the much-coveted trophy back to Chatham again.

The scene in the dressing room, both before the match and at half-time, was worthy of the greatest professional club in the country, the few supporters taking quite a share of the "rubbing in," especially Sergeant Sheppard, the well-known boxing instructor at Portsmouth Naval Barracks, to whom our special thanks are due, for the special interest he has taken, not only on this occasion, but from time to time.

A telegram received from the North of England, from ex-C.S.M. Willshere, "wishing the team success," recalls that well-known saying, "Once a Marine, always a Marine." Another ex-Marine in the form of Corporal Gray, who has followed the team considerably, also turned up from Woolwich for the great event.

The members of the team and their few followers were very admirably entertained by their comrades at Gosport, who, no doubt, under the circumstances prevailing, did their utmost, not only to make us comfortable, but to give us a good "chuck up," not forgetting the R.M.A. and the "School of Wind."

Not only were the cheers from the Royals prevalent, for the ship's company of the "Ramillies" (Chatham) not only turned up in great force, but let it go in the same manner, "Play up, the Royals."

Great interest was also shown by the patrons and staff of Lyons' Pillar Hall, Victoria Station, when the team marched in, carrying their prize, to partake of dinner, en route for Chatham, where rousing scenes of enthusiasm were awaiting them.

On arrival at Chatham, as the Band was unfortunately away on an engagement, they were met by an augmented Drum and Fife Band, composed chiefly of ex-buglers (who only had an hour's practice during the forenoon). As soon as the lads appeared in the courtyard of the station, the band struck up to the strains of "See the Conquering Heroes Come," and they were marched to Barracks, where still wilder scenes were to be witnessed, and yells went up in galore of "Good old Bill," the ever-popular skipper of the team, who was eventually carried shoulder high from the parade ground after the Cup had been formally handed over by the Commandant, accompanied by most of the Officers of the Division.

Their triumphant return concluded with a splendid concert in the Men's Canteen, amid many scenes of joy and merriment.

An account of the match appears below. The Cup and Medals were presented by Rear-Admiral Kennedy at the conclusion of the match.

Before concluding, tribute must be paid to our opponents, H.M.S. "Vernon," for the splendid game that they put up against, what was, no doubt, a superior team, and for the very clean and sportsmanlike way which they played throughout.

THE TEAM WHICH WON THE NAVY CUP.



The Chatham Division Royal Marine Light Infantry.—Left to right—Standing—Sgt. Pordage, C.-Sgt. Pawley, Cpl. Turner, Cpl. Herron, Pte. Hammond, Cpl. Wheatley, Sgt. Watts, Sgt. Franks, Pte. Stewart, Cpl. Lynham, Sgt. Jordan. Seated—Cpl. Stares, Pte. Tilsley, C.-Sgt. Hibben (capt.), Capt. H. D. Weir, Col.-Commandant A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., Capt. R. H. Quill, Pte. Killian, Pte. Miles, Pte. Sanderson.

The Chatham Marines and H.M.S. "Vernon" (Portsmouth) met at Fratton Park on Wednesday in the final for the Navy Cup. The Marines were much the superior side and ran out winners by four clear goals. Hibben and Stares were in great form for the winners. Teams:—

H.M.S. "Vernon": J. Taylor; Hurdle, Britton; Robertson, W. Taylor, Newman; Allen, Ball, Ruston, Crockford, Coates.

R.M.L.I.: Wheatley; Herron, Franks; Turner, Watts, Hammond; Stares, Tilsley, Hibben, Killian, Miles.

Referee: Mr. E. A. Rogers.

The "Vernon" won the toss, and right from the kick-off the R.M.L.I. attacked vigorously and certainly had the better of the exchanges. Killian and Tilsley went close with good shots, and a corner forced on the left and nicely placed by Miles was cleared. Hibben also fired the ball over the bar from a pass by Tilsley when he had the goal at his mercy. The "Vernon" made several good efforts to break through, but during the first quarter of an hour they never got far over the half-way line. Allen twice succeeded in racing away with the ball on the right, but was prevented from centring, and an attempt to break through on the part of Coates also failed. Play was being maintained at an exceedingly hot pace, with the Chatham side holding the advantage. The "Vernon" were putting in a lot of fine defensive work, however, and Ruston delighted the sailors' supporters when he led a couple of promising raids on the Marines' goal. Coates missed one fine opportunity for the "Vernon" when he rounded Herron and centred behind with the other forwards nicely placed. Taylor brought off a capital save from Hibben, and after the corner-kick which the goal-keeper conceded had been cleared, Ruston and Ball broke through at the other end, but Wheatley ran out and kicked away. The exchanges continued even and exciting, the "Vernon" showing much improved form towards the interval. Half-time: H.M.S. "Vernon" 0, R.M.L.I. 0.

The persistent work of the Marines in the first half was rewarded immediately on the resumption, when Hibben forced his way through the "Vernon" defence from half-a-dozen yards out. The Chatham centre-forward frequently threatened danger in subsequent exchanges and one of his shots brought Taylor to his knees. The second goal was not long delayed, however, and Hibben was again the marksman. This was after the game had been resumed 15 minutes, during which the Chatham players had given the "Vernon" defence a particularly gruelling time. Two more goals were added in quick succession by the Marines after the game had been restarted 25 minutes, Hibben converting both, following good work by Stares. The "Vernon" rallied, but were usually well held. Final: R.M.L.I. (Chatham) 4, H.M.S. "Vernon" 0.

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION.

When writing this month, our first duty is to extend to Chatham Divisional A.F. Team our heartiest congratulations on their having won the Royal Navy Cup. To win this is no mean achievement. However, Plymouth, we hope, will have more to say in the matter next season. Harking back home, our programme for the past month has been carried out to our benefit. On March 17th we met Torquay United Reserves on the Longroom; we lost the game by the odd goal of three. Once again we fielded a scratch team, but all more than realised our highest hopes. Torquay had everything to lose, being well in the running for League winners, we therefore expected a gruelling game. This was the case, but, as ever, the scratch team did not allow our visitors to have it all their own way; in fact their custodian had more work to do than ours right the way through.

On March 24th four of our players were away at Torquay, playing for Devon County. The game was very tame to watch, but our fellows did their full share of the work that was got through.

We started again after Easter, journeying to St. Austell on April 7th, to engage them in a P. and D. League fixture for four points. The game was not at all exciting, perhaps due to the rain which fell heavily during the greater part of the afternoon. We won by the only goal scored, but in fairness to our opponents, it was more than we deserved, the fault being the poor shooting on their part. These points gave us a lift in the League.

On April 14th we were pitted against Oreston Rovers on their ground. The kick-off took place at 3.30 p.m. and our fellows had a strong sun to face with a fairly stiff breeze. Once more, however, the desire of winning took possession and at half-time the Rovers were leading by two goals to one. In the second half the Royals made up for lost time, nearly all the play being in our opponents' territory. We wound up by drawing two goals each. The Rovers are League leaders, and to use their secretary's words, "We took a point from them which was not intended for us."

Great interest has been shown in a knock-out contest between Companies in the Barracks, the points awarded to the winners and the runners-up counting towards the Tuckey Cup Competition. A Cup also goes to the winners. In the first round Companies were drawn as follows: "A" versus "C" and "E" versus "G." The result of this round after keen contest was: "A" beat "C" and "G" beat "E." The final was played on the Longroom on the 24th March, and resulted in a draw. The game proved very boisterous and too much had better not be said about it.

The replay took place on the Longroom on Thursday, 5th April. "A" Coy. were early aggressive, and Marshall headed a very good goal for them after about twenty minutes' play. Nothing more could be desired from "A" Company in midfield play, but in front of goal they were slack. Time after time golden opportunities were flung away. A word for "G" Company. They were plodding along, determined to believe the old adage that a game is not lost until it is won, and about four minutes from full time Shewbrook, who had been working hard, was rewarded by a clever goal from a few yards out. Captains agreed to play extra time, and soon after the re-start "G" Company began to overcome the stubborn play of their opponents, and it was apparent to all that "A" were groggy. Morgan, the Divisional goalkeeper, was playing right-half for "G" and he notched the next goal for them in no mean style. Some say that as it was only "Old Rattler Morgan" he was not to be feared, but what a revelation when the ball sailed into the net well out of reach of the goalie. After customary handshakes the game proceeded once more, and ere long "G" obtained another goal, making the result certain. "A" towards the end were run off their feet, and "G" won a good, clean, hard-fought game by three goals to one. Congratulations to the winners.

To make the contest more keen and interesting, civilian referees were appointed, which proved sound judgment.

RUGBY.

On the 17th March, v. Albion Reserves, at Beacon Park. After a long rest the team did well to run the Albion Reserves to six points. The forwards did splendidly, Q.M.S. Hawes playing one of his best games. Result: Albion Reserves 6, R.M.L.I. 0.

On the 24th March, at Higher Home Park, v. the Plymouth Ramblers. Q.M.S. Hawes scored a try which Sergt. Silby converted. Had the passing been better the match would probably have been won; certain tries were missed owing to failure to part with the ball. Result: Plymouth Ramblers 9, R.M.L.I. 5.

2nd April, v. Buckfastleigh. Being Easter Monday, a good "gate" witnessed the match. The Marines started facing the sun, and fine passing was exhibited, South and Silby being prominent, and from a round in which six handled the ball, South scored for Silby to convert. We were now playing fine football, and Mansfield scored in the corner for Silby to convert with a splendid kick. No further score was registered in the first half. Attacking again, Culverwell scored, but the try was not converted. South then scored (Silby converting), and Lieut. Rees after a 60 yards' run crossed over, but the try was disallowed, as the dead ball line (which was very short) had been crossed. Sergt. Silby after beating several opponents dropped a fine goal. The "Bucks" scored through Miller just on time. Result: R.M.L.I. 22, Buckfastleigh 3.

Club caps have been awarded to Lieuts. Balls and Rees, Ptes. Culverwell, Williams, Harrison and Furneaux. The departure of Lieuts. Balls, Rees, Giles, Westall and Edwards has hit the Club hard. Ptes. Williams and Furneaux have also embarked and are a great loss to the team. Great praise is due to the Committee, who have contrived to keep the team together in spite of all the difficulties they have had to contend against.

Two fixtures still remain to be played, viz., v. Okehampton and Teignmouth.

EASTNEY.

FOOTBALL.

We heartily congratulate Chatham Division on their success in winning the Navy Cup, thus giving the Corps the distinction of winning this trophy two seasons running.

A return match between the Sergeants' Mess and Junior N.C.O.'s Club was played, which again resulted in a win for the Juniors. After their previous defeat, the Sergeants were determined that in the return match they would turn the tables, but the Juniors were equal to the occasion and beat the Sergeants to the tune of 5—0. It was a very enjoyable game, but it was evident that the Sergeants lacked training, as in the second half the Juniors played them to a standstill.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Thos. Case.—It is regretted that the Deaths of Royal Marine Pensioners were omitted from the last number of the "Globe and Laurel," and we will do our best to prevent this occurring again.

THE OPERATIONS OF WAR.

Gen. Sir George Aston, a member of the University of London Institute of Historical Research and Lecturer in Military History at University College, has completed the responsible task of editing a seventh edition of Hamley's "Operations of War," which has recently been published by Messrs. Wm. Blackwood and Sons. The editor of the new edition is well known to the public by his contributions to the British monthly reviews and to the *New York Outlook*. He is the author of two standard works, "Letters on Amphibious Wars," published in 1911, and "Sea, Land and Air Strategy," published on August 4th, 1914, the day on which the British Empire embarked on the Great War.

Most of the present generation of British Generals were brought up on the standard book in the English language on "Operations of War" by the late General Sir Edward Hamley, who devoted his life's work to its production. "If," he wrote in the Conclusion, "of the many Englishmen who possess the qualities necessary for great soldiers, some few should find that this book has in any degree smoothed the path that leads to honour and achievement, the years passed in studying its subject and the many months devoted to its composition, will have been sufficiently fruitful of results." Seldom has such a hope been so well fulfilled. Lord French (now Earl of Ypres) wrote in his "1914" that during the historic retreat from Mons he was saved from the terrible temptation of seeking shelter in the fortress of Maubeuge against overwhelming odds by Hamley's description of Bazaine's action in 1870, when "in clinging to Metz, he acted like one who, when the ship is sinking, lays hold of the anchor."

Little alteration has been made in General Hamley's original work. A sixth edition was issued in 1907, when, under the editorship of Lieutenant-General Sir Lancelot Kiggell, it was judged permissible to omit the original tactical part altogether and to add to the strategical part such lessons and emendations as were found to be necessary after the Russo-Japanese and South African wars. In the edition now being issued Sir George Aston has added in the briefest form compatible with lucidity the considerations arising from the Great War of 1914–18, that are necessary to maintain Hamley's "Operations of War" in its position as the clearest exposition of strategical principles to be found in military literature.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF REGULAR SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN (CHATHAM BRANCH).

Address: Dock Road, Chatham.

A branch of the above Association was opened in June, 1922.

From the Table given below it will be seen that the activities of this branch have resulted in a large number of men being placed in employment.

All ex-Royal Marines living in the neighbourhood of Chatham, who have not registered are advised to do so at once, as there is a good prospect of a large number of men being required in the near future by various employers of labour, who have promised to apply to this Association.

National Association for the Employment of Regular Sailors' Soldiers and Airmen.

Statement of work done by above Association (Chatham branch).

Number of men for whom employment has been found :—

	During past month.	Since June, 1922.
Royal Navy ...	41	269
Royal Marines ...	6	100
Army	6	103
Royal Air Force ...	2	7
Total ...	55	479

Number of men registered :—

Royal Navy ...	67 ... 1266
Royal Marines ...	15 ... 234
Army	38 ... 941
Royal Air Force ...	... 33
Total ...	120 2474

Average Number attending daily 100

" " registered daily 5

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

PLYMOUTH.

DEVONPORT R.N. & R.M. CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

This event was decided over a stiff course of five miles on 12th April. Only two Marines entered, both of whom missed the way, but managed to finish in the first six. The names were: Pte. Price, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. "Hood," 4th; Pte. Hagan, R.M.L.I., R.F.R., 6th.

BOXING.

At the Devonport R.N. & R.M. Port Championships three Marines took part. Pte. Bates (welter) was beaten on points by P.O. Wheeler, R.N., the eventual runner-up, but was awarded a "good loser's" prize. Pte. Allen was knocked out in the third round of the light-weights. Bugler Coles was beaten on points after a plucky fight against a heavier man in the fly-weights.

THE FORTON AND PLYMOUTH COMMAND TOURNAMENT.

This Tournament was held this year at Plymouth. As Plymouth were unable, owing to shortage of men in Barracks, to raise any teams, only individual events were decided. The results were as follows:—

Officers' Events.—Foil v. Foil: 1, Capt. Sergeant; 2, Lt. Edwards. Sabre v. Sabre: 1, Lt. Bass; 2, Capt. Sergeant. Epée v. Epée: 1, Capt. Shepherd; 2, Capt. Sergeant. Bayonet v. Bayonet: 1, Capt. Shepherd; 2, Capt. Sergeant.

Other Ranks Events.—Foil v. Foil: 1, Q.M.S.I. Hawes; 2, Cpl. M. Coker. Sabre v. Sabre: 1, Q.M.S.I. Hawes; 2, Sgt. Hunting. Epée v. Epée: 1, Cpl. Coker; 2, Q.M.S.I. Board. Bayonet v. Bayonet: 1, Q.M.S.I. Hawes; 2, Sgt. Hunting.

MUSKETRY NOTES.

The R.M.R.A. Winter Revolver Competition has been completed, the winner of the silver medal being Captain A. M. Craig, O.B.E.. The bronze medal was won by Sergt. C. W. Tugwell, who tied with Pte. A. Hill, and beat him in a shoot off. The scores were nothing to brag about, but the range is a very difficult one, being exposed to every wind that blows, and that's saying something in a west country winter. Our chief cause of congratulation is the steady improvement shown. We are now practising for the summer meetings and would welcome new blood.

The Inter-Company Cup for Miniature Rifle Shooting was won by "G" Company.

Inter-Departmental Rifle League.—A League has been formed this year with the object of having a sporting event to encourage Rifle Shooting. Departments have been grouped as follows: 1, Brigade Office; 2, Adjutant's Dept.; 3, Q.M.'s Depts.; 4, Barrack Dept.; 5, Pay Office; 6, Adjutant's Dept. "B" (Duty Officers and Men); 7, Officers' Mess Staff; 8, Musketry and Gunnery Depts.

There are six men in a team, and as many as can be accommodated are allowed and encouraged to attend for practice. Matches take place every Monday. A Department Trophy is being presented by the Sports Committee, and individual prizes as follows: 1, To the Competitor who makes the highest average; 2, To the N.C.O., not being a M.I. or on the Musketry Staff during the last six years, who makes the highest average in his class; 3, To the Private Soldier who makes the highest average. Provided at least four matches or practice shoots are fired.

It has been found increasingly difficult to get men to shoot either voluntarily for practice or for their annual courses; the fact being that there are no men except employed, and these so few that it is difficult to spare them. This League, therefore, is opportune in that it gives practice to a number of men, who otherwise would only see their rifles to clean them; whilst the Departments readily make an effort to spare all they can on Match Days. To the men it gives something to shoot for, for even those who have little chance of a prize endeavour not to be in the last lap. The results to date are: Brigade Office, 2 points; Adjutant's "A," 2; Q.M. Depts., 4; Barrack Dept., 0; Pay Office, 0; Adjutant's "B," 4; Officers' Mess, 0; Musketry and Gunnery, 4. All teams have fired two matches. Two points are given for a win, one for a tie.

THEATRICALS.

Highly creditable to all concerned was the excellent performance of Ian Hay's delightful comedy, "Tilly of Bloomsbury," produced by Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., and played by a talented company of amateurs, on April 3rd and 4th, at the Globe Theatre, Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth, in aid of the Three Towns' Nursing Association.

From the very beginning the piece, a somewhat ambitious undertaking for amateurs, went well, and there was quite a professional touch about those who took the principal parts, while the staging was excellent.

Miss Browning made an excellent "Tilly," and her acting was convincing, especially in the scene in Act II., when she makes a "clean breast" of everything to the Mainwaring family. Mr. A. H. MacLaine, 2nd K.O.S.B., was an ideal "Dick Mainwaring," bright and boyish, yet acting his part in a sympathetic manner throughout. The "Lucius Welwyn" of Surgn.-Lieut. Brown was excellent, and Surgn.-Comdr. T. R. Lloyd Jones was clever as "Stillbottle." Miss Woollcombe gave an exceedingly finished representation of "Grandma Banks," and Mrs. Duncan was one of the best characters in the piece as "Mrs. Welwyn." Mrs. Ozanne was successful in her portrayal of "Lady Mainwaring" and her meek husband "Augustus" was capitally represented by Commander G. M. R. Rayne, R.N. Miss Scott was charming as "Constance Damer," and Miss Thea Down gave an excellent representation of the flapper "Amelia." Miss Arbuthnot as "Sylvia," and Surgn.-Comdr. Duncan as "Kilroy," the butler, were both capital in their respective rôles, and Mr. F. A. Milliken, R.M.L.I., was an exceedingly amusing curate. "Mr. Metha Ram," and "Mr. Pumpherston," were ably represented by Major J. W. Snepp, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., and Lieut. C. B. Allen, R.N., respectively, while quite one of the cleverest and amusing characterisations of the piece was that of "Percy Welwyn," by Capt. H. T. Newman, R.M.L.I. The play was beautifully staged.

Extract from "Western Independent," 5th April, 1923.

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CHATHAM.

Eliminating Competition, Royal Marines.

The Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry, of Chatham and Deal, took part in the Phase II. of the Roy: Tournament at Chatham, on 28th and 29th March, 1923, with the following results:—

Bayonet Combat.—Semi-Final: R.M.L.I. (Chatham) beat R.M.L.I. (Deal). Final: R.M. Artillery beat R.M.L.I. (Chatham).

Tug-of-War.—130 stone: R.M. Artillery w.o. 110 stone: R.M. Artillery beat R.M.L.I. (Deal).

Bayonet v. Bayonet.—Officers: 1, Capt. Adair, R.M.A.; 2, Lt.-Col. Raikes, R.M.A. Other Ranks: 1, Gnr. Duncan, R.M.A.; 2, Gnr. Penfold, R.M.A.

Sabre v. Sabre.—Officers: 1, Capt. Quill, R.M.L.I. (Chatham); 2, Capt. Alcock, R.M.L.I. (Deal). Other Ranks: 1, L.-Corpl. Clarke, R.M.L.I. (Deal); 2, Clr.-Sergt. Jones, R.M.A.

Foil v. Foil.—Officers: 1, Capt. Quill, R.M.L.I. (Chatham); 2, 2nd Lieut. Thomas, R.M.A. Other Ranks: 1, Clr.-Sergt. Jones, R.M.A.; 2, L.-Corpl. Clarke, R.M.L.I. (Deal).

Epée v. Epée.—Officers: 1, Lieut. Thomas, R.M.A.; 2, Capt. Quill, R.M.L.I. (Chatham). Other Ranks: 1, Corpl. Jerred, R.M.L.I. (Deal); 2, Clr.-Sergt. Chalkley, R.M.L.I. (Chatham).

The above winners in team and individual competitions will now take part in the finals at Olympia.

Bayonet v. Bayonet (Novices.—1, Pte. A. V. Perry (Chatham).

MILITARY BEAU BRUMMELS.

The military dandy is coming back. Drab uniforms of war days are to be superseded by the more pretentious garb, favoured by the American Tommy Atkins of pre-war days.

The new summer toggery of the U.S. Marines will be blue coats with brass buttons, white trousers, white belts and white cap covers. Toreador trousers are barred, but the carrying of swagger sticks will be considered good form by fastidious dressers.

Military tailors announce that the sartorial investiture of the leathernecks will be the last word in military smartness.

U.S. Army and Navy Register, 24/2/23.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges, with thanks, the following amounts received from 18th March, to 19th April, 1923, inclusive. £4 16s. 0d., R.M. Guard, Haulbowline; £3 3s. 0d., "Capetown"; £2, "Malaya," Depôt, R.M.; £1 12s. 0d., "Dublin"; £1 4s. 6d., "Curlew"; £1 1s. 0d., "Emperor of India"; £1, Lady Mercer, Maj.-Gen. F. A. Ogle, C.B., Maj.-Gen. J. R. H. Oldfield, C.B., "Durban"; 15s., R.M. Office; 14s. 6d., "Hood"; 13s 6d., Sergeants' Mess, Plymouth Division; 10s., Capts. W. Seabrook, J. S. Selby-Tuppen, Lt. F. P. C. Lordon, Mr. W. Roper, "Thunderer"; 9s. 7½d., "Danae"; 9s. Canteen (Ply. Div.), "Diligence"; 7s. 10s., Capt. W. J. Pearmain, U.S.A.; 7s. 6d., Mr. Frampton, Jun. N.C.O.'s Club (Ply. Div.); 7s. 3d., "Calypso"; 6s., Lt.-Col. A. B. Liardet; 5s. 9d., R.M. Div., Chatham; 5s. 3d., Ceres"; 5s., Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. R. J. Carpenter, Lieut. H. S. Rider, Pte. E. Waind, Mrs. A. E. Ovenell, Messrs. G. F. Weston, E. J. Larkman, W. Roberts; 4s. 9d., Canteen (Chat. Div.); 4s. 8d., "Valiant"; 4s. 4½d., "Delhi"; 4s. 1d., "Calcutta"; 4s., Miss F. M. Onslow, Maj.-Gen. C. L. Gor Lt.-Col. J. R. H. Homfray, C.B.E., Major F. Duffin, Capts. W. B. Lukis, G. Harrington, M.B.E., T. A. Goldring, Lieut. J. A. Gates, 2nd Lt. J. C. Cairncross, Messrs. D. Fowler, C. Dadd, B. Cottier, Sergt. Clemow, Pte. C. W. Seilbel; 3s. 6d., Col. R. O. Paterson, O.B.E., Lt.-Cols. G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., W. S. Poe, D.S.O., Major H. Blount, D.S.O., Lieut. B. Baseby, D.S.C.; 3s., Mr. J. Cutting; 2s. 11d., W. H. Everett & Son, Ltd.; 2s. 6d., Main Gate (Ply. Div.), 2s., Mr. A. E. Elworthy; 2s. 5½d., Miscellaneous. Total, £35 8s. 5½d.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

The Minister of Pensions announces that the list of persons empowered to attest war pensioners' life certificates now includes all members of War Pensions' Committees and all duly accredited voluntary workers appointed under Regulation 31 of the War Pensions' Committees (General) Regulations; members of the Regional Advisory Councils, the Central Advisory Committee, and the Standing Joint Committee for ex-Service Questions.

"GLOBE AND LAUREL" BALANCE SHEET,

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
By	Balance Brought Forward	17	0	7
,,	Subscriptions and Donations	428	0	1
,,	Advertisements	137	11	0
,,	Refund Cost of Blocks	4	7	6
		£586	19	2

EXPENDITURE.

		£	s.	d.
To	Printing and Stationery	387	2	10½
,,	Wages and Commission	31	5	0
,,	Postage and Carriage	67	0	2½
,,	Commission on Advertisements at 5 per cent.	6	16	3
,,	Durrants Press Cuttings	2	2	0
,,	Cheque Book		5	0
,,	Office Sundries			9
,,	Expenses of Transfer of Journal to Chatham Division, R.M.L.I.	4	5	0
	Balance 31. 3. 1923— ... £ s. d.			
	In Bank 83 9 5			
	In hands of Treasurer 4 5 8			
		87	15	1
		£586	19	2

I certify that the above is a true account of the *Globe and Laurel* Accounts from 1st April, 1922, to 31st March, 1923, and that the Balance in the Bank is as shown. I further certify that there are no outstanding liabilities.

GEO. BURT,
Lieutenant, R.M.L.I.
Hon. Treasurer, *Globe and Laurel.*

Audited and found correct.
C. L. Mayhew, *Lt.-Col., R.M.L.I.*

ROYAL MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION,

BALANCE SHEET. 1922-23.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance Brought Forward	188	9	10
Affiliation Fees of Divisions—			
R.M. Artillery	25	0	0
Chatham Division, R.M.L.I.	25	0	0
Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I....	25	0	0
Depot Royal Marines	30	0	0
Junior N.C.O.'s Club, Plymouth Division ...	5	0	0
Depot R.M., Deal Advertising Scheme ...	6	0	0
Officers' Subscriptions	31	15	0
Repayment of Men's Expenses	3	0	0
Interest on Deposit Account		7	5
	£339	12	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
National Association for Employment of ex-Regular Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen	25	0	0
Advertising	25	2	2
Salaries, Postage, Stationery, as per Petty Cash Account	30	11	0
Hon. Secretary's Expenses	37	10	0
Cheque Book		8	4
Expenses paid for men	7	10	0
Balance Credit— £ s. d.			
In Bank on Deposit 150 0 0			
Current Account 59 17 5			
Petty Cash 3 13 4			
	£213	10	9
	£339	12	3

Audited and found correct.
(Signed) R. H. Morgan *Colonel, R.M.L.I.*
17th April, 1923.

(Signed) H. E. Blumberg, *Lt.-Gen.*
Hon. Treasurer.



PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Lieut. E. E. Johnson, R.M.A., appd. Adjutant, R.M.A., Heavy Batteries, 21-10-22.

Major G. H. Kindle, R.M.A. (Supy.), absorbed vice Bourchier, 31-3-23.

Major R. Sinclair, R.M.L.I., will return to Corps duty about 16th April, 1923, and is posted to Plymouth Division.

Major W. L. Huntingford, C.B.E., R.M.A. (Supy.), absorbed vice Kilvert (deceased), 29-3-23.

Capt. J. M. Tuke, R.M.A., passed in subject (c.) for promotion at Dover, on 13th Feb., 1923.

Lieut.-Col. H. A. H. Jones, R.M.L.I., apptd. Officer Commanding 11th R.M. (Medn.) Battalion, vice Col. 2nd Commandant J. A. M. A. Clarke, C.M.G., R.M.L.I.

Capt. R. G. Sturgess, R.M.L.I., apptd. Assistant Instructor of Musketry, Depot, Deal (Tempy), and appointed to Plymouth, 4-3-23.

Major A. G. W. Grierson, R.M.L.I., apptd. to H.M.S. "President," additional, for duty inside Admiralty, under D.N.I., from 16th to 21st April, 1923.

Major A. G. W. Grierson, R.M.L.I., is absorbed from Seconded List, and posted to Chatham.

The following Proby. 2nd Lieuts., R.M.L.I., are confirmed in their rank, and posted to Divisions, as stated against their names: G. R. Hawkins (Ply.), J. Robinson (Po.), F. G. Sillitoe (Po.), D. J. Grey (Po.), 5th Sept., 1922.

2nd Lieuts. G. R. Hawkins and J. Robinson, R.M.L.I., promoted Acting Lieuts., 5th March, 1923.

The appointment of Capt. and Bt. Major A. J. Bell, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., in N.I. Dept., Admiralty, is extended to 6-4-24.

Surgn. Lt.-Comdr. O. D. Brownfield, O.B.E., M.B., R.N., to H.M.S. "Victory," for R.M.A. Division, Eastney, vice Fitz-Maurice.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. R. F. C. Foster, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.A., relinquishes the temporary rank of Lt.-Col., 6-4-23.

Major and Bt Lt.-Col. R. F. C. Foster, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.A., is placed on the Supplementary Unemployed Pay List from 6-4-23 to 24-5-23.

R.M. Gunner J. Murdoch, R.M.A., promoted to Commissioned R.M. Gunner, 8-3-23.

The undermentioned Officers passed for promotion in the subjects and on the dates specified:—

Subject (c.): At Haidar Pasha, 23rd Jan., 1923, Capt. E. J. Hughes, O.B.E., R.M.L.I.

Subject (a): At Constantinople, 23rd Jan., 1923, Lieuts. L. H. Wrangham, M.C., and A. P. Gumm, R.M.L.I.

RETIREMENTS.

Major W. K. Garnier, R.M.L.I., placed on the Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 1358/22, and appointed to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held on the Active List, 31-3-23.

Lieut. R. L. Harris, R.M.L.I., placed on the Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 1358/22, and apptd. to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held on the Active List, 10-3-23.

Major T. A. Macn. Bourchier, R.M.A., is placed on the Retired List, under A.F.O. 1358/22, and apptd. to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held on the Active List, 31-3-23.

Major J. H. Prynne, R.M.L.I. (seconded), placed on the Retired List, and apptd. to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held on the Active List, 31-3-23.

R.M. Gunner E. H. Taylor placed on Retired List on account of medical unfitness, 12-11-21.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. E. Parker, R.M.L.I., to H.M.S. "Valiant," vice Capt. F. C. Law, D.S.C., R.M.L.I.

Major W. A. Jolly, R.M.A., to H.M.S. "Barham" (and as Squadron R.M. Officer), vice Major R. Kilvert, D.S.O., R.M.A.

Capt. E. T. Farmer, R.M.L.I., to H.M.S. "Curacoa," vice Capt. L. Hollis, R.M.L.I., to disembark to Headquarters, 15-5-23.

Capt. E. J. Williams, R.M.L.I. (now in ship), to H.M.S. "Dragon," on re-commissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. V. Clayton, R.M.L.I., and E./14648 Clr.-Sergt. T. G. Kemp, qualified in Anti-Gas Measures at the R.N. Gas School, Chatham, on 16th March, 1923, obtaining 92 per cent. and 94 per cent. of marks respectively.

The A.G. R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this Officer and N.C.O.

The following Officers have undergone a course at the School of Musketry, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., and qualified for promotion to Major, under Art. 9a. (ii.) Instructions for R.M. Divisions, on 17th Feb., 1923: Capts. J. A. Bath, D.S.C., E. Bowring, E. G. M. Roe, and R. C. G. Mackenzie, R.M.L.I.

Capt. R. C. G. Mackenzie, R.M.L.I., and Ch./16293 Sergt. G. A. Chennery, qualified at the 7th Lewis Gun Instructors' Course, at the School of Musketry, Portsmouth, on 17th March, 1923, obtaining 90.3 per cent. and 92 per cent. of marks respectively.

The A.G. R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this Officer and N.C.O.

Ch./13668 Cr.-Sgt. J. C. Edwards qualified in Anti-Gas Measures at the R.N. Gas School, Chatham, on 23rd March, 1923, obtaining 95 per cent. of marks. The A.G. R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this N.C.O.

The following Officers qualified as stated at the 7th Lewis Gun Instructors' Class, on 21st March, 1923: Capt. Bath, D.S.C., 1st Class (84.6 per cent.), Capt. Roe, 2nd Class (72.6 per cent).

The following Officers have undergone a Battery Commander's course at Eastney and qualified for promotion to Major, under Instructions for R.M. Divisions, Art. 10 (i), on 27th March, 1923: Capts. C. W. Adair and H. R. Lambert, D.S.C., R.M.A.

Capt. Bath, D.S.C., qualified in Anti-Gas Measures at Chatham, on 29th March, 1923, obtaining 99 per cent. The A.G. R.M. notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this Officer.

Capt. Roe qualified in Anti-Gas Measures at Chatham, on 13th April, 1923, obtaining 70 per cent.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. R. F. C. Foster, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.A., has been selected for the Senior Officers' Course, Woking, commencing 25th May.

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CHATHAM.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Senior Clr.-Sergeants: C./13130 Clr.-Sergt. G. E. Blake, serving Headquarters; C./13539 Clr.-Sergt. S. C. Mason, serving "Pembroke"; G./13306 Clr.-Sergt. G. Pittman, serving Headquarters. Senior Sergeants: E./14316 Sergt. G. A. Meade, serving Depot, R.M.; A./16106 Sergt. M. Henderson, serving "Dragon"; C./15115 Sergt. J. D. McColl, serving Headquarters. Senior Corporals: G./15945 Corpl. R. H. Keir, serving Headquarters; C./16775 Corpl. C. Goodwin, serving Headquarters; A./18000 Corpl. G. Campbell, serving "Royal Sovereign."

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Blenheim**"— Bugler Osborne. "**Hawkins**"— Clr.-Sergt. Gossett, Sergts. Wood, Marshall; Cpls. Moyniham, Douglas, Bglr. Rose, Ptes. Clark, Spooner, Harris, Church, East, Mitchell, King, Dumble, Gooch, Greenland, Betts, Almond, Fox, Doherty, Newstead, Smith, High, Dowman, Mumford, Harris, Sears, Hickson, Mitchell, Clark, Holmes, Reynolds, Miller, Wright, Stetting, Hill, Hopper, Redfern, Havanaugh, Ashe, Rumble, O'Connell. "**Calypso**"—Pte. Glenn. "**Diligence**"—Pte. Watson. "**Titania**"—Pte. Robertson. **11th R.M. Battn.**—Ptes. Franklin, Hooper, Westcott. "**Vulcan**"—Bugler. Symes. "**Agamemnon**"—Cpl. Marsh, Ptes. Spinner, Hewlett, Sandy, Boggis, Jackson, Hall.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Caradoc**"—Ptes. Escott, Smith. "**Blenheim**"—Buglr. Bumpus. **11th R.M. Battn.**—Pte. Yates. "**Vivid IV.**"—Pte. Smith. "**Iron Duke**"—Pte. Such.

APPOINTMENTS.

Corpl. S. C. Voller apptd. Instr. on Gun Battery Staff. Sergt. F. C. Riddle apptd. Band Sergeant vice Sergt. Daniels. Musn. W. Johnson apptd. Lce.-Corpl. Clr.-Sergt. R. Taylor apptd. Supt. Central Dining Halls. Pte. Lowers apptd. attdt. to Proby. 2nd Lieut. Pughe. Pte. Yates attchd. to Barrack-Master's Dept. for Electrician Course. Clr.-Sergt. Blake attchd. Comdt.'s Office for duty. Clr.-Sergt. Hibben apptd. to Gun Battery Staff (tempy.). Pte. J. Grant apptd. attdt. to Lieut. J. C. Fell.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Corporals.—Ptes. F. T. Townsend, C. Knight, S. Herron, A. C. Mead, F. Knill, W. F. Hobbs, A. G. Limbrick, Lce.-Corpl. Timbrell, Ptes. Pattrick, F. E. Honeyball, A. L. Riz, W. S. Sergeant. To be Sergeants.—Corpls. B. R. Chancellor, S. A. Bromwich. To be Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. J. C. de Rose. Clr.-Sergt. W. Chalkley is promoted Q.M.S.I. (P.R.T.), for duty at this Division. Clr.-Sergt. Wright nominated for promotion to Coy. Sergt.-Major in vacancy occurring on 31-5-23.

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EASTNEY.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Clr.-Sergeants.—A. C. Millson, F. G. Chapman, G. E. Stokes. Sergeants.—H. Tarbottom, A. G. Miller, F. J. Hambly. Corporals.—A. Cadman, E. Philpott, J. H. Golding.

APPOINTMENTS.

Gnr. A. H. Hornsey to groom to Lt.-Col. Raikes. Gnr. G. F. Fox to M.O.A. to Surg.-Comdr. Holtom. Gnr. W. C. Cooper to Acting Corporal for duty as N.C.O. Shoemaker. Gnr. H. M. Pickard to M.O.A. to Surg.-Lt. Adams. Gnr. W. H. Taylor to M.O.A. to 2nd Lieut. Donaldson.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Qualified as Lewis Gun Instructor.—Corpl. James Ingram. Qualified in Part I., Gunnery Staff Course.—Clr.-Sergt. H. J. Kinch, Corpl. C. McKnight. Passed for Sergeant.—Clr.-Sergt. H. C. Dursley.

DISCHARGES.

"Termination of their Second Period of Engagement."—Gnrs. G. W. Snuff, J. B. Paice, A. V. Amies, Cpl. P. W. Kempsell. "Invalided."—Gnrs. F. W. Page, Herbert Gandy.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**King George V.**"—Gnr. Samuel Stretton. "**Valiant**"—Sgt. C. A. Wickens, Gnr. D. T. Marshall. "**King George V.**"—Gnr. W. T. Bentley. **11th Battn.**—Gnr. W. J. Day. "**Iron Duke**"—Corpl. A. J. Webb. "**Marlborough**"—Gnr. A. G. A. Piper.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Repulse**"—Corpl. S. W. M. Braine. "**King George V.**"—Gnrs. John Rogers, H. Kelly. "**Marlborough**"—Gnrs. R. J. Jurd, J. Spackman.

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FORTON.

TRANSFERS.

Ptes. A. Janney, W. F. Ings, H. Batley, transferred to Chatham Division, R.M.L.I. Pte. C. W. Davis transferred from Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I. Pte. F. T. Martin transferred to the R.N. (Supply Branch). Pte. S. G. Dubery transferred to Chatham Division, R.M.L.I.

PROMOTIONS.

Clr.-Sergt. T. Newton to C.S.M. Sergt. W. Trotton to Clr.-Sergt. Sergt. W. C. Smith to Clr.-Sergt. Corpl. G. Hillman to Sergt. Corpl. P. T. Bond to Sergt. Corpl. T. W. H. Brison to Sergt.

The three Senior Ranks on the Promotion Roster of Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., are as follows.—Sergeants: Po./15320 Sergt. C. W. Jackson; Po./15186 Sergt. A. A. Dimond; Po./15374 Sergt. J. Bowie. Corporals: Po./14118 Corpl. J. Aylward; Po./14663 Corpl. C. Barnes; Po./15542 Corpl. N. V. Jago. Privates: Po./16102 Pte. G. Shaw; Po./16376 Pte. G. Shilling; Po./17106 Pte. A. Brant.

APPOINTMENTS.

Sergt. Coppin appointed Armourer Small Arms. Sergt. C. S. Newport attached to Staff Office as Clerk. Sergt. F. T. Crosby appointed Musketry Instructor. Corpl. J. R. J. Bowyer appointed A /Armourer Sergt. Gun Battery.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Malaya**"—Pte. Rogers. "**Fisgard**"—Pte. F. Stephens, "**Dryad**"—Pte. W. A. Waldron. "**Victory**" **(Ship)**—Clr.-Sergt. W. Leddlie. "**Caradoc**"—Ptes. A. Parkin, C. W. Richardson. "**Argus**"—Ptes. C. H. Pine, C. E. Barnes. "**Tamar**"— Pte. A. Brown. "**Dolphin**"—Pte. F. Booker. "**Courageous**"—Pte. R. W. Holloway. "**Vernon**"—Pte. S. Musgrove. "**President VII.**"—Ptes. G. Shaw, R. L. Harvey. "**Resolution**"—Pte. A. Blackmore. "**Dolphin**"—Pte. E. Bacon. "**Curacoa**"—Pte. H. Hankin. "**Victory**"—Pte. E. C. Dewey. "**Vivid IV.**"—Pte. W. Poole. "**Lucia**"—Pte. B. Curtis. "**Egmont**"—Clr.-Sergt. T. Kirby, Sergt. G. H. P. Wenlock, Corpls. M. C. Redman, L. R. Hacker, H. Giles, A. J. Wigginton, A. W. J. Terry, W. F. Blanchard, Ptes. C. Mawson, E. Woods, P. C. Wilcock, G. McKechnie, F. Sherlock, N. L. May, W. H. Jones, F. Butt, H. W. Sampson, E. Stark, H. Flanagan, H. V. Limp, E. Osborne, W. Kingham, H. Spanhwick, C. E. Patstan. "**Africander**"—Pte. W. Smith. "**Fisgard**"—Pte. W. T. Cowle.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Egmont**"—Sergts. J. Bowie, J. H. Hewitt, Corpls. E. Gilding, F. Studwell, F. W. Taylor, W. G. Geary, S. H. Wallace, H. V. Beassant, Ptes. C. V. Rayment, H. T. Gordan, P. Lake, E. F. Brown, W. G. Davis, T. Partridge, S. T. Greenwood, W. L. Johnson, A. Cobbett, H. G. Bond, C. S. Payne, A. Cross, C. A.

Tawney, C. W. Harris, C. E. Pike, A. F. Vincent, E. H. Sartin, V. L. Burridge, C. G. Williams, W. J. Wayland. "**Argus**"—A. Kemp, W. L. Spreadbury, H. A. W. Allpress. "**Courageous**"—R. W. Holloway, Pte. F. Fawcett, Pte. J. E. Wilson. "**Victory**"—Corpl. E. F. Pledger. "**Revenge**"—Pte. F. G. Smith. "**Resolution**"—J. M. Ford. "**Curacoa**"—Ptes. W. H. Dyer, C. J. Avey, F. Booker. "**Durban**"—Pte. F. C. Horner. "**Lucia**"—Pte. R. L. Harvey. "**Conquest**"—Pte. T. Bottings.

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PLYMOUTH.

MEDALS.

Long Service and Good Conduct.—Corpl. Kilvington, Pte. A. E. Richards.

EMPLOYMENTS.

Corpl. Davidson, Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s Dept. Ptes. Hicks, Nurse at R.M. Infirmary; Davies, Dispenser at R.M. Infirmary; Freeman, Canteen Supt., Fort Scraesdon; Williams, Boat's Crew; Currie, Attdt. to 2nd Lieut. Cairncross; Dugdale, Pioneer; Johnson, Lamplighter-Electrician.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension: Ptes. Bell and Holmes. Invalided: Pte. Laws. Limited Engagement: Pte. Benfield.

PROMOTIONS.

To Corporal: Ptes. Phillips, Freeman and Ward.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**President VII.**"—Ptes. McDowell, Beasley, Bray. "**Impregnable**"—Pte. Holmes. **Woolwich Arsenal**—Pte. Davies. "**Vivid IV.**"—Clr.-Sergt. Sumner, Sergts. Emerson, Dillon, Thompson, Tibbles, Butt, Corpls. Lambert, Perry, Sallis, Hutchings, Raymond, Ptes. Snell, Pope, Prince, Ensten, Gagg, James, Miller, Kimber, Pollard, Woodley, Pennell, Mayo, Pedlar, Bevis, Hubert, Keeler, Villiers, Banham, Kingdon, Wathen, Yates, McDonald, Wilson, Smith, Evans, Holwill, Horrell, Boobyer, Hull, Williams, Gilbert, Croker, Lee, Edwards, Tungate, Ruffles, Wheeldon, Evans (E. W.), Pease, Agar, Barnett, Lambert, Millard, Singleton, Williams (R. V.), Warrilow, Williams (P. E.), Willis, Wheat, Pope (G. W.), Stone, Sawyer, Drage, Fisher, Bolwill, Moore, Weeks, Ghagan, Walker, Foxworthy, Smith (E. J.), Bugler Wright. "**Egmont**"—Pte. G. F. Moore. "**Emperor of India**"—Pte. Dellar. "**Afrikander**"—Pte. Kidd. "**Alecto**"—Pte. Poolman. "**Maidstone**"—Pte. C. Williams.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Maidstone**"—Ptes. Worgan, Hext. **11th Bn., R.M.L.I.**—Ptes. Short, White. "**Durban**"—Pte. Packer. "**Barham**"—Pte. Furneaux. "**Emperor of India**"—Pte. Whiddon. "**Royal Sovereign**"—Pte. Mortimore. "**Iron Duke**"—Pte. Harvey. "**Alecto**"—Pte. Cox. "**Impregnable**"—Pte. Mahoney.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Iron Duke**"—Bandmaster (W.O.) A. V. Sparrow. "**Hawkins**"—Bandmaster (1st Class) C. T. Mansfield, Musns. H. E. Pickett, W. S. Walters, Wm. Bellinger, Hubert Sanders, Frank Kirkby, C. A. Hastings, James Marchant, C. H. Wright, Frank Penrose, V. T. Richards, James Mackay, W. G. Wade, Joseph Heathcote, W. H. Carpenter, A. H. Greenlees. "**Queen Elizabeth**"—Musn. H. P. Smith.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Victory**" (R.N.B.)—Musn. Vincent Hammick. "**Pembroke**" (R.N.B.)—Musn. C. E. Hicks. "**Queen Elizabeth**"—Musn. Harry Wooding.

DISCHARGE.

Musn. Vincent Hammick (Purchase).

ADVANCEMENT.

Band Boys A. F. Howard and J. L. Freeman to Musician.

EXAMINATION.

Bandmaster 1st Class A. C. Green, L.R.A.M., R.M.B., has received the Certificate of the "Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music (Military Bandmastership)" which he was successful in passing for at the January examination.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st Jan., 1923.

Name	*Rank*	*Divn.*	*Official No.*	*Date of Death*
Blinman, J.	Pte.	Ply.	1536	19/1/23
Burke, T.	Pte.	Ply.	5667	2/12/22
Butt, H.	Pte.	Ply.	13363	24/1/23
Capel, A.	Sgt.	Ply.	8526	29/1/23
Carter, J.	Pte.	Chat.	13th Co.	5/1/23
Carter, L.	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	2198	6/1/23
Clapp, G.	Sgt.	R.M.A.	689	29/1/23
Clemett, T.	Pte.	Ply.	33380	12/1/23
Cope, T.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	10120	24/1/23
Cottrell, E. H.	Pte.	Chat.	14333	6/1/23
Critchlow, P. H.	Q.M.	Ply.	1712	4/1/23
Elliott, T.	Pte.	Chat.	?	16/12/22
Fox, W.	Pte.	Ports.	560	1/2/23
Galvin, J.	Cpl.	Chat.	20996	18/1/23
Goddard, W.	Pte.	Ports.	15936	21/12/22
Harris, J.	Pte.	Ply.	F. Co.	20/1/23
Hills, W.	Pte.	Ports.	8270	1/2/23
Holmes, E.	Pte.	Ports.	2407	30/1/23
Jackson, A.	Pte.	Ply.	1002	4/1/23
Kerving, R.	Pte.	Ply.	603	3/12/22
Leary, H.	Pte.	Chat.	2443	6/1/23
Lewis, J. H.	Sgt.	R.M.A.	5745	27/1/23
Michell, R.	Sgt.	Ports.	738	22/1/23
Phillips, J.	Pte.	Ply.	932	21/12/22
Morton, J.	Pte.	Ports.	2 Co.	30/11/22
Richards, H.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	1938	11/12/22
Robinson, H.	Sgt.	Eastney	R.M.A. 3202	16/1/23
Saint, S.	Pte.	Ply.	845	16/12/22
Savage, S.	Bk. Sgt.	Ply.	711	14/1/23
Simmonds, C. G.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	12556	13/1/23
Smith, T. W.	Pte.	Chat.	10334	13/1/23
Weaver, J. W.	Sgt.	Ply.	?	30/1/23

Period 1st to 28th February, 1923.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Official No.*	*Date of death*
Bristow, W.	Bdmr.	Eastney	R.M.B. 405	17/2/23
Brumby, D.	Pte.	Chat.		25/1/23
Cabble, W.	Pte.	Ply.	632	1/3/23
Chilvers, J.	Cpl.	Ply.	2 Co.	17/2/23
Churchill, A. G.	Pte.	Ply.	1221	4/2/23
Dayment, W. H.	Sgt.	Ply.	731	9/2/23
Dee, J.	Sgt.	Chat.	1454	22/1/23
Etherington, J. W.	Pte.	Ports.	11395	21/2/23
Gouge, H.	Gnr.	Eastney	R.M.A. 6293	23/2/23
Heames, A.	Pte.	Ports.	3675	5/3/23
Hunt, T.	Cpl.	Chat.	64 Co.	23/2/23
Jaminson, I. J.	Clr.-Sgt.	Ply.	1901	17/1/23
Knight, T. F.	Sgt.	Ply.	502	8/2/23
Polwin, E.	Pte.	Ply.	11 Co.	27/2/23
Rawlings, W.	Cpl.	Ports.	3 Co.	7/2/23
Sutherton, E.	Pte.	Ply.	48 Co.	12/2/23
Stroud, J. F.	Pte.	Ply.	3593	7/2/23
Thomas, W.	Pte.	Chat.	2033	2/3/23
Vines, A. J.	Pte.	Chat.	15049	31/1/23
Waldron, T.	Pte.	Ports.	26 Co.	11/2/23
Willis, J. G. W.	Gnr.	Eastney	R.M.A. 1211	21/2/23
Wilson, S. R.	Pte.	Ply.	7930	25/2/23
Winston, W.	Pte.	Ply.	4150	28/2/23
Wood, B.	Sgt.	Chat.	746	16/2/23
Woolrich, T.	Pte.	Ports.	7000	12/12/22
Young, J.	Pte.	Chat.	316	14/2/23

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Officer, 1664.

"I never knew an appeal to them for honour, courage or loyalty, that they did not more than realise my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England, they will be found the Country's Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

Spring being the traditional time of year for the donning of new clothes, we think that this is not an inappropriate month in which to change the cover of the "Globe and Laurel," and we trust that the artistic efforts of the designer, Capt. J. S. Hicks, R.M.L.I., will meet with the same appreciation from the remainder of the Corps and our other subscribers as they have already met with from the Editorial Staff of the paper. The original rough design was made more than a year ago, when the paper was edited at Plymouth, and it was only lack of funds which prevented its adoption before, as the old block has for some time shown signs of wear. When the financial difficulty was overcome, the impending changes in the constitution of the Corps necessitated a good many small changes in the original design, which we think, however, have not detracted in any way from its artistic merits. They have, nevertheless, meant a great deal of extra work on the part of the artist, and we should like to take this opportunity of thanking him most heartily for all the time and trouble he has taken, both in executing the original design and in altering it subsequently to suit our requirements. The dress of the Marines on the top of the cover, in the uniform of the various periods, is as historically correct as it is possible to make it, and it is easy to estimate the great amount of research work which this alone must have necessitated to ensure such accuracy. The original R.M.A. uniform was one of the most difficult to discover, and Capt. Hicks, in the course of his researches, unearthed some interesting correspondence on the subject which will be found on a later page of this issue.

As regards the colour of the cover, this month's is merely an experiment, and it will be quite easy to alter it if required; we hope that any of our readers who would prefer another colour will give us the benefit of their ideas on the subject.

To change the subject: we are sorry to say that there has been a regrettable lack of copy sent in recently. It is a very long time since we have had any news from the China Station, and we have no regular correspondent on any Station except the Atrican, though we do occasionally get news from individual ships on others. We hope that someone in each of these other Stations will constitute himself a regular correspondent, and send us some news every month, and we also think that it is high time that we had some more news from the 11th R.M. Battalion in Constantinople.

Now that the cricket season has started, we hope that our local correspondents will send us the full scores of all Divisional cricket matches, and we intend to print as many of those as we can find room for, as we know how interesting they are to all cricketers, particularly to those on foreign stations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

We must apologise for an editorial blunder in last month's issue of the paper. The dedication of the poem on Zeebrugge from the pen of our distinguished contributor, Baron de Santa Maria, should, of course, have read, " to Lieut.-General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B."

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The Plymouth Division, Royal Marines, have recently taken over from H.M.S. " Impregnable," the Naval saluting duties at the Port.

A Saluting Battery of four 3-pounder Hotchkiss guns has been established in Eastern King's Fort, close to the Signal Station of King's Harbour Master.

The Battery was completed on 13th April, 1923, and the first salute was fired on 17th April, 1923, in reply to a salute of 17 guns to the Commander-in-Chief from the Swedish cruiser " Fylgia."

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The Admiralty has decided to introduce regulations under which commissioned officers of the Royal Marines will be liable to compulsory retirement on the completion of certain periods of non-service. This principle already obtains among officers of the Royal Navy, and has been extended considerably in recent years in order to stimulate the flow of promotion.

It is now ordered that commissioned officers, R.M., of or below the rank of Colonel-Second-Commandant, entered as such or promoted to commissioned rank under Order in Council of February 11th, 1913, as amended by Order in Council of December 21st, 1920 (Corps Commissions), are to be retired on completion of two years' non-service, but if placed on half-pay or unemployed pay on return from extra-regimental employment or for sickness, the period is to be three years. The order also applies to Quartermasters, Directors of Music, and to the Musical Director, Assistant Musical Director, Company Officers, and Quartermaster of the R.N. School of Music. Colonels-Commandant, R.M., are to be retired on completion of three years' non-service, but are not to be liable to retirement for non-service if placed on the Reserved List of Colonels, R.M. Major-Generals will be retired on completing three years from their last date of service in the rank, or, if not employed, on the completion of three years from the date of promotion. The same rule applies to Lieutenant-Generals and Generals, with the proviso that no Officer is retired before completing one year from the date of his last promotion.

The new regulations are applicable to all officers entered or promoted to a higher rank on or after October 25th, 1922, with the exception that all officers holding the rank of Captain, R.M.A., or Captain, R.M.L.I., on that date are to be subject to the rule first mentioned above.

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It is under consideration to allow a Hospital Staff Sergeant at each Division, in lieu of the present Hospital Sergeant, and a Q.M.S. i/c Stores at the R.N. School of Music, in lieu of the present Bandmaster, 1st Class, i/c Stores.

The rate of pay for the Hospital Staff Sergeant will be 8s. 6d. to 9s. 6d., without extra-duty pay.

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The Bands at R.M. Divisions and Depot, R.M., Deal, are to wear Buff Waistbelts in all orders of dress in which belts are worn, with the exception that Girdles are to be worn in No. 1 Dress, Review Order, and on occasions when the Cloth Tunic is worn. The Web Waistbelts now in possession of these Band ranks are to be withdrawn.

OPENING OF GOSPORT, ALVERSTOKE & R.M.L.I. WAR MEMORIAL.

On 28th April Major-General Sir John Davidson, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., M.P., opened the War Memorial Hospital, in Bury Road, Gosport, in the presence of a great concourse of people, representative of all classes and creeds. The Hospital has cost £37,000 to build, equip and furnish. The money has been raised by public subscription, and thus far receipts from all sources stand at £47,000, leaving an approximate capital sum of £10,000 to be invested as endowment fund.

Gosport's War Memorial Hospital is also the War Memorial of the Portsmouth Division of the R.M.L.I. Officers and men of the Division have helped the fund very considerably, and a tablet to be placed in the institution will serve to remind us in years to come of the happy associations that always existed between the Corps and the civilian population.

The opening ceremony took place in front of the building. Sir John Davidson was accompanied by Lady Davidson, and amongst those who had seats reserved for them were the Mayor and Mayoress of Gosport (Alderman J. F. Lee, J.P., and Mrs. Lee), the Rev. Canon Guy Landon, M.A. (Chairman of the Fund) and Mrs. Landon, Major General St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., R.M.L.I., and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. B. W. Nicholson (Hon. Treasurer) and Mrs. Nicholson, Dr. Charles Lamplough and Mrs. Lamplough, Mr. Frank Usher (Secretary to the Fund) and Mrs. Usher, Mr. F. Chandler (Chairman of the Gosport Workers' Hospital Maintenance Fund) and Mrs. Chandler, Mr. Alner Hall (architect), Mr. John Hunt (contractor), and Mrs. Hunt, besides a number of officers representing the several branches of the Services in the town.

Owing to restricted space, the other invitations were confined to representatives of the many bodies interested in the erection of the Hospital and their wives.

Those representing the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., were Lt.-Col. W. T. C. Jones, C.B., D.S.O., President of the R.M.L.I. War Memorial Committee and Mrs. Jones, Lt.-Col. H. N. H. Houghton, Major J. T. de S. Washington, Major C. D'O. Harmar, D.S.O., Major M. F. Bennett, Capt. J. G. Johnstone, Lieut. B. W. O'Donnell, A.R.A.M., and Mrs. O'Donnell, Supt. Clerk F. W. Phillips, R.M. Gnr. C. W. Ryman, S.M.s J. Watts and W. A. Stratton, and Supt. Clerk W. Owen, Q.M.S. Hatcher, Cpl. H. E. Facer, Pte. H. A. Wathell.

Major C. O. Graham, O.B.E., Hon. Sec., R.M.O.C.A., Gosport, and Mrs. Graham were also present.

A detachment consisting of Lieuts. H. T. Tollemache and R. H. S. Teek and 50 other ranks kept the ground and the Band of the Division played the music required for the occasion.

There was little that was spectacular in the opening ceremony. The sun was hidden, and a few spots of rain fell, whilst a keen north-west wind stirred the leaves of the trees. Thousands of people turned out to see their Memorial opened, and the pity of it was that the accommodation for the general public was so limited. Conditions did not permit of it, however, and beyond a privileged few, principally relatives of the fallen, public men and their wives, and, of course, those who had been connected with the movement since its inception, no one was allowed in the Hospital grounds. A clear view was kept to enable those in the roadway to witness the ceremony, and, generally speaking, the arrangements made worked very well.

Barely forty-five minutes the ceremony took, from the opening explanatory speech of Canon Landon to the singing of the National Anthem. As representing the Hospital Committee, the Canon gave an account of what had been done since 1918, when the first Town's Meeting was called.

In the course of his survey, Canon Landon said the finest way of commemorating the dead was to do something for the living, and Gosport unanimously decided that its War Memorial should take the form of a General Hospital. As soon as the decision had been arrived at, the Portsmouth Division of the R.M.L.I., which had been for so many years connected with Gosport and its life, decided to abandon their own private plan for a War Memorial, and joined hands with Gosport.

In describing the work of the Hospital Committee, the Canon spoke of the " Continued generous help, financial and personal, of the R.M.L.I."

He said, in conclusion, that it was his pleasing duty to call on the Mayor, as representing the Citizens of Gosport and Alverstoke, and Major-General St. G. B. Armstrong, as representing their old and tried friends, the R.M.L.I., to request Sir John Davidson, their Member, to declare the Hospital open.

The Mayor, in the course of his speech, expressed the town's intense regret at the decision of the Admiralty to sever the connection between the Marines and Gosport, a connection which had so happily existed for such a long period, which had been of such great advantage to the town in so many directions, and of which they were so justly proud.

Major-General St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., said :—

" Sir John Davidson, in the late War, the casualties of the Portsmouth Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry, by Sea and by Land—*Per Mare per Terram*—all over the world, included 68 officers and 1703 other ranks dead, whose names are on this Roll.

" Among these were 668 temporary officers and men —civilians who gallantly came forward in the country's need, and whose deaths completed a sacrifice of very great merit.

" The others were Regulars—soldiers by profession— whose standing obligation it was to risk life, if need be, for King and country. Of these we will only say that they did their duty—very faithfully. They would have wished no higher praise—nor higher reward than the pride of the Corps in all those who have given their lives to uphold its traditions.

" We had intended to put up our own Memorial to our dead comrades, and would have done so but for Gosport's decision to build this Memorial Hospital.

" It is now 75 years since the Division marched into Forton Barracks on 31st March, 1848, and, in those 75 years it has developed the most intimate and cordial relations with Gosport and the vicinity. Indeed, our families and their connections are deeply rooted in the population.

" Thus Gosport's need was largely our need ; we are glad to think that we have shared in a Memorial which will have a practical as well as a sentimental value for this town which, for so long, has been our home, and which we shall leave with such deep regret.

" In the name of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, I beg to associate myself, Sir John, with the Mayor of Gosport in asking you to open this Memorial Hospital."

Opening and Dedication.

Sir John Davidson then declared the Institution open, and he expressed his sincere wish for its future welfare, and he did so, he said, with a full measure of confidence, seeing the fine spirit which had animated the whole community, both in conceiving the project and in carrying out a task of such magnitude. There could have been no finer memorial to those who fell in the great war.

The key, provided by the architects, was placed in the door, Sir John turned it, and in this formal way Gosport's War Memorial was opened.

A service of dedication followed. The hymn " O God, our help in ages past " was sung, and then there was one minute's silent remembrance of the fallen. This was, perhaps, the most impressive and sad part of the ceremony. Our minds went back to those terrible years of the war. The soldier, for a moment, saw over again the bloody actions he fought through in France, Gallipoli, Egypt, Mesopotamia, and other parts of the world ; those who stayed at home marvelled how the Old Country pulled through it all ; and the bereaved, for whom everybody felt sympathy afresh, mourned the loss of their loved ones but once again.

In simple language the Rector dedicated the Memorial " to the relief of the sick and suffering amongst us as a Memorial to those who gave their lives for us." Suitable prayers followed the lesson selected from St. Matthew xxv, 31–41, read by the Rev. E. D. Martin, and the service ended with the singing of the hymn " Now thank we all our God."

A vote of thanks to Sir John Davidson for performing the opening ceremony was proposed by Commander J. F. Hutchings, D.S.O., R.N., H.M. Submarine Depot, Fort Blockhouse.

Dr. Chas. Lamplough, in seconding, spoke as a doctor of twenty years' practising in Gosport, and said how very much the doctors of the town welcomed the form of Gosport's War Memorial.

Sir John Davidson then accepted a cheque for £720 from Mr. Chandler, the Chairman of the Workers' Hospital Maintenance Fund.

Sir John, in replying, assured the people of Gosport that he valued very highly their invitation and the honour paid him in asking him to open the Hospital. Having been associated with Lord Haig during the war, he was particularly glad the Field-Marshal was asked to lay the foundation-stone of that Hospital in July, 1921, because he knew that Lord Haig, as much as any man, had the interests of the fighting man at heart, just as he now had the interests of the disabled men at heart. Only on Thursday Lord Haig asked him to give a message of good wishes to Gosport, with the hope for success and prosperity of their Hospital. Speaking of the pending departure of the R.M.L.I. from Gosport, Sir John said he regretted it as much as anybody else. It seemed to him that the departure of a body of troops from one locality, when they had been there for 75 years, was very much to be regretted, especially considering the fine spirit the Marines had shown.

A memorable occasion concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

The amount contributed to this Memorial Hospital by the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., is £2,196 17s. 9d. (includes £805 profits from Country Fair, 1921).

THE IMPERIAL SERVICES BOXING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

The I.S.B.A. Meeting was held at Aldershot on 10th and 11th May, with the following result :—

Equal 1st	Royal Navy ...	32 points
	Army	32 points
3rd	Royal Air Force	28 points
4th	Royal Marines...	22 points

Considering the recent reductions in the Corps, and the smallness of our numbers compared with the other Services, and also the fact that the 11th Battalion is still away, thus further reducing the field of selection, the Corps Team did very well indeed to get as many points as it did.

The method of scoring was 2 points for the winner, and 1 point for the loser in each fight. No points to be awarded to a competitor who was disqualified or "threw up" the fight.

Corps Team.

Officers.

Heavy-weight ...	No entry.
Middle-weight ...	Capt. Shepherd, R.M.L.I. (winner)
Welter-weight ...	2nd Lt. Hayter, R.M.A.
Light-weight ...	2nd Lt. Woolley, R.M.L.I.
Feather-weight ...	2nd Lt. Westcott, R.M.L.I. (winner)

Other Ranks.

Heavy-weight ...	Pte. Mottram, R.M.L.I.
Light Heavy-weight ...	Gnr. Hornsey, R.M.A. (runner-up)
Middle-weight ...	Pte. Piddock, R.M.L.I.
Welter-weight ...	Cpl. Davey, R.M.L.I.
Light-weight ...	Cpl. Downton, R.M.L.I. (runner-up)
Feather-weight ...	Cpl. Cawthraw, R.M.L.I.
Bantam-weight...	Cpl. Hayes, R.M.L.I.
Fly-weight ...	Bugler Coles, R.M.L.I.

Trainers.—Sergt. Sheppard, R.M.L.I. ; Cpl. Jennings, R.M.A.

OFFICERS.

CAPTAIN SHEPHERD fought Lieut. Orr-Ewing (Royal Navy) in his first fight and won on points after a good fight. In the final he defeated Lieut. Schoales (Army) on points. The first two rounds of this fight were very even, but Capt. Shepherd, lasting much better, won the last round easily.

2nd LIEUT. HAYTER met the eventual winner in Lieut. Jarman (Army), who was a stronger and more experienced boxer, and was defeated on points, after putting up a very plucky fight.

2nd LIEUT. WOOLLEY was knocked out by Lieut. Spencer (Army), who won the weight last year and again this year. 2nd Lieut. Woolley was giving away about a stone in weight.

2nd LIEUT. WESTCOTT beat Lieut. Haynes (Royal Navy) easily in his first fight ; the fight being stopped after Lieut. Haynes had been put down several times. In the final he beat Flight-Lieut. Walker (R.A.F.) after one of the best fights of the Meeting. Flight-Lieut. Walker is a strong, rushing fighter with a hard punch, but Lieut. Westcott slowed him up and weakened him by good use of the "straight left," and finally knocked him out in the last round.

OTHER RANKS.

PTE. MOTTRAM was knocked out by A.C.2 Hankinson (R.A.F.), the eventual winner. Hankinson is very quick and strong, and is reputed to have knocked out Goddard recently, whilst doing sparring partner to that boxer.

GNR. HORNSEY, though only a middle-weight, fought as a light heavy-weight. He knocked out A.C. Williams (R.A.F.) in his first fight, and was only just beaten on points in the final by Stoker Miller (Royal Navy), last year's winner, after a very hard fight.

PTE. PIDDOCK put up a splendid fight against last year's winner, Cpl. Higgins (R.A.F.), an older and far more experienced boxer, but was beaten on points.

CPL. DAVEY was knocked out by A.C.2 Bill (R.A.F.), the eventual winner.

CPL. DOWNTON won his first fight, his opponent being disqualified for holding after he had been badly punished by Cpl. Downton. In the final he was beaten on points by Stoker P.O. Cartledge (Royal Navy) after a very close fight. S.P.O. Cartledge appeared to just win the first two rounds, and Cpl. Downton the last round.

CPL. CAWTHRAW met the eventual winner, Sergt. Instr. Hoban (Army) and was beaten on points, after an even fight.

CPL. HAYES was beaten on points by the eventual winner, Lce.-Cpl. Harvey (Army). He "brought the house down" with the way in which he stood up to some very heavy punishment in the 2nd and 3rd rounds.

BUGLER COLES was knocked out in the first round by the last year's winner, Ord. Seaman Harrod (Royal Navy).

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THE MEDAL COLLECTION, R.M.L.I.

The Naval General Service Medal awarded to Capt. Robert Stevens, R.M., has been purchased for the Collection. The three clasps are for Camperdown, Gut of Gibraltar, 12th July, 1801, and "Victorious" with 'Rivoli," the two last-named being new to the Collection. Robert Stevens entered the Marines as 2nd Lieut., 30th July, 1796; became 1st Lieut., 14th January, 1801; Captain, 23rd November, 1808 and was placed on half-pay, 1st January, 1816. He died in 1857.

At the Battle of Camperdown on the 11th October, 1797, when Admiral Duncan defeated the Dutch so decisively, he was serving as a 2nd Lieut. in the "Russell" (74 guns). The following incidents in connection with the action are worth recording.

"One of the men's wives assisted in firing the gun where her husband was quartered, though frequently requested to go below, but she would not be prevailed upon to do so, till a shot carried away one of her legs and wounded the other." (Extract from a letter from an officer on board the "Ardent.") Again, in the height of the battle, Duncan's signal for close action was shot away, and a seaman named Jack Crawford volunteered to nail the flag to the maintop-gallant masthead of the "Venerable." He performed this hazardous service and regained the deck unhurt, amid the cheers of his messmates. The Dutch were always tough opponents, and it was only when he found himself the one unwounded man on the quarter-deck of his mastless ship, the "Vryheid," that the Dutch Admiral, De Winter, struck to the "Venerable." Admiral Duncan, when his gallant opponent offered his sword, refused to take it, saying, "Rather a brave man's hand than his sword."

On the 6th June, 1801, 1st Lieut. R. Stevens was present on board the "Spencer" (74 guns) when Admiral Sir James Saumarez fought his action against the Spanish and French in Algeciras Bay, and again on the 12th July, 1801 (clasp awarded). On the 22nd February, 1812, he was mentioned in despatches for his gallantry in the engagement between the "Victorious" (74 guns) with the French ship "Rivoli" (74 guns). The French ship struck her colours when much battered and having sustained a loss of some four hundred of her crew.

H.C.

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THE FIRST R.M.A. UNIFORM.

The following correspondence, extracted from contemporary Naval records in the Public Record Office, may be of interest to readers of the "Globe and Laurel." These letters were used as the authority for the R.M.A. figure on the new cover of the Journal.

Secretary of the Admiralty to Commandant, R.M., Chatham.

17th June, 1807.

Sir,

Having laid before my Lords Comm[rs] of the Admty the enclosed letter from Adm[l] Young with the one therewith transmitted from Capt. Lockyer of his Majesty's Bomb Vessel Hound, by which it appears that the Party of Royal Marine Artillery embarked on board that Vessel were dressed in blue Clothes; I am comm[d] by their Lordships to send you the same and to signify their direction to you to Report upon what Ground and upon what Authority the dress of this party differs from the Established Clothing of the Corps; at the same time You will please return the Inclosures.

WM. MARSDEN.

Col. Anderson, Chatham.

Commandant, R.M., Chatham, to Secretary of Admiralty.

Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham.
18th June, 1807.

Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Yesterday, with the Enclosures, calling upon me to State by what authority the Royal Marine Artillery wear Blue Undress Jackets, in answer to which be pleased to acquaint their Lordships that, when I was appointed to the Command of this Division, I found that Undress had been established, under the sanction of Lieutenant Generals Campbell and Barclay, and now enclose Captain Williams's report on the same.

I return the enclosure herewith and am

Sir

Your Most obedient humble servant

HENRY ANDERSON, Col.

William Marsden Esq[r].

Enclosure to Above.

Royal Marine Barracks,
Chatham, June 18, 1807.

Sir,

In compliance with your directions to report to you, upon what ground, and by what authority, the Non Commission Officers and Gunners of the Royal Marine Artillery Companies occasionally wear a blue cloth working jacket with a red Cuff and Collar: I beg leave to state to you that in June 1805 I was induced to propose to Lieut. General Barclay who then commanded at this Head Quarter, that on account of the great injury which the uniform clothing of the Companies sustained from the Powder, when at Gun and Mortar practice, but more especially the

latter ; they should be permitted to purchase a blue Jacket and a pair of Overalls, which they were to wear upon all duties of fatigue, and upon such other occasions as might be necessary, in order to preserve their Uniform Clothing. That in consequence of this proposal the L^t. General in the orders of June 14th 1805 signified his approbation of this undress ; which was to be purchased at the expense of the men, in lieu of the undress red Jacket usually furnished to the Royal Marines.

At the Annual Inspection of the Division by Lieut. General Campbell in Dec. 16th 1805, he was pleased to examine this Jacket, and to consider it as an appropriate dress.

All the detachments of Artillery that have embarked since that period, have been furnished with it, and I beg to observe, that generally speaking, each man has taken with him two suits of Uniform Clothing, differing in no respect from the established Clothing of the Corps, independent of his working Jacket, and which Clothing has been annually supplied him in the usual manner.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant
RD. WILLIAMS (Capt. R.M.A.).

Colonel Anderson,
Commd^t Royal Marines.

Secretary of Admiralty to Commandant, R.M., Chatham.

19th June, 1807.

Sir,

Having laid before my Lords Comm^rs of the Admty Your Letter of the 18 Inst inclosing a Report from Capt. Williams of the Royal Marine Artillery explaining the reasons why the Men of that Establishm^t had been supplyed with Blue Jackets ; I am comm^d by their Lordships to acquaint You that they have no objection to their continuing to wear blue Clothing while on Shore, but cannot allow it to be worn when embarked.

WM. MARSDEN.

Col. Anderson, Chatham.

An examination of the dates at the head of the letters is instructive, as an example of the speed at which official business was transacted in the days when the horse was the speediest means of communication !

J.S.H.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges the following donations and subscriptions :—

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WHO'S WHO IN THE R.M.O.C.A.

Alderman J. P. HAMILTON, late Royal Marines.



It is popularly supposed that, given a knife and a piece of string, a Royal Marine can do anything. That, of course, is barely stating the fact ; and Royal Marines have done, are doing, and will do very wonderful things. Here and there one comes across cases which, by standing out from the crowd, go far to prove the truth of my assertion.

The subject of this month's thumb-nail sketch has risen in a comparatively short space of time to high civic honours. Indeed, having once embarked on the troublous waters of municipal politics, how could Alderman Hamilton do otherwise than reach his goal ?

Mr. Hamilton joined the Service in 1882, and specialised in Gunnery and Musketry at the Plymouth Division. His athletic record is good and very versatile, competing in high jump, long jump, cycling and swimming, and carrying all before him at all distances from 100 yards to 3 miles in running.

He took part in events all over the country during the years 1894–5. His prize average works out to about 70 per cent. firsts and several seconds and thirds —and one sprained ankle !

His principal hobby in the Service was boat-sailing, a hobby in which he again excelled.

In 1901 he became the owner of " Pixie," a half-rater Gunter rig sail, and as a member of the Minima Yacht Club he competed with the Royal Western, Royal South-Western and Corinthian Yacht Clubs in the class for all boats of five tons and under during the years 1901–2. His average for these competitions was about 25 per cent. of 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes—and one capsize!

After leaving the Service in 1903 he became a resident of Acton, Middlesex, and a few years afterwards he became a member of the District Council, and during his Service he has served on all Standing and Special Committees of the Council. He has been a Governor of the Higher Education Committee, Fuel Overseer, and for two years he held the position of Acton's Senior Citizen.

For five and a half years he was Chairman of the Housing and Town Planning Committee, and the Acton Housing Estate will stand as a monument to the Alderman, who made it possible.

The residents of one road in Acton paid him a great compliment when they asked the Council to change the name of their road to Hamilton Road.

He was a Justice of the Peace, and on the Incorporation of Acton he was named in the Charter of In-

corporation as an alternative Charter Mayor. He is now an Alderman of the Borough.

Of the man himself much might be written—a very pleasing personality, a charming manner underneath which can be detected the forcefulness of the man, the man who knows, and the man who gets things done.

Mr. Hamilton himself would say that his success in private life has been made possible by his service in the Royal Marines; his record should do much to inspire the younger generation; he is a decided acquisition to the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, and, though we do not see a great deal of him, owing to his many public duties, he makes up for that by a generous use of his cheque book!

C. J. MOYNIHAN, R.M.O.C.A.

R.M.O.C.A., LIVERPOOL.

ANNIVERSARY OF ZEEBRUGGE.

On Saturday, 21st April, 1923, a large gathering of the members of the R.M.O.C.A. assembled at the St. George's Restaurant, Liverpool, on the occasion of their third Annual Dinner.

Comrade A. C. Johnson, the Chairman, presided, and was supported by Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C. (President), Capt. H. E. Beere (Vice-President), Capt. J. Pearson, M.C., and Capt. Boyle. Amongst others present were Comdr. E. L. Grieve, D.S.O. (S.N.O., Liverpool), Lieut. Comdr. Kenyon, Capt. D. Agnew (retd.), Alderman W. E. Chantrell (Mayor of Wallasey), Capt. W. H. Fry, R.N.R. (Wallasey Ferry Coy.), together with Comrades Hughes, Moynihan and Carter of the R.M.O.C.A., London.

After dinner the usual loyal toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

In the course of the various speeches during the evening fitting references were made to the glorious part taken by the Corps in the historic raid on Zeebrugge—a part which added yet another laurel to our wreath and shed further lustre on our great traditions.

During the course of the evening the following telegram was received from H.M. the King:—

"The President, R.M.O.C.A., Liverpool Branch.

"The King sincerely thanks you and the members of the Liverpool Branch of the R.M.O.C.A. for the loyal message contained in your telegram. His Majesty wishes all present a happy evening together."

The day following, Sunday, 22nd April, there was a large gathering of the Old Comrades and their relatives, together with representatives of the Navy, at the Princes Landing Stage, to await the arrival of the "Royal Iris," on board of which a Memorial Service was to be held, under arrangements made by the R.M.O.C.A.

At about 11.15 a.m. she was seen, dressed all over with bunting, making for the landing stage. As soon as she was berthed alongside, the company proceeded on board, the Service being held on the Saloon Deck.

The Rev. H. Browne, of the Mersey Mission to Seamen, officiated, while the band of the Lancashire and National Sea Training Homes (Navy League) furnished the musical portion of the service.

On the conclusion of the Chaplain's address wreaths were placed at the foot of the Bronze Tablet, on which are inserted the names of those who were killed on board during the raid.

Floral tributes were sent by Mrs. Elliot (widow of Lt.-Col. Elliot, D.S.O.), Mrs. Eagles and Canon Eagles (widow and father respectively of Major Eagles, D.S.O.), Mrs. Inskip (mother of Capt. Inskip); also by all R.M. Divisions and the Depot, the R.M.O.C.A.'s of London and Liverpool, and by some ex-Royal Marines in Manchester.

At the close of the ceremony the "Last Post" was sounded, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

To those who do not already know, it may be of interest to point out that the "Royal Iris" and "Royal Daffodil" (which latter also took part in the Zeebrugge Raid), prior to being commandeered for Service, were (and still are) passenger ferry-boats plying across the Mersey between Wallasey and Liverpool.

The people of the Mersey-side, and those of Wallasey in particular, feel very proud of these two vessels, and they feel very grateful to the R.M.O.C.A. (Liverpool) that it has undertaken to organise annually a Memorial Ceremony on board the "Royal Iris."

CORRESPONDENCE.

19-5-23.

Dear Sir,—In your "Editorial" in the May "Globe and Laurel," you refer to the proposed "amalgamation" of the R.M.A. and L.I. as a matter of "purely Corps interest." I suggest that the abolition of the R.M.A., involved in this "amalgamation," is a matter in which the Royal Navy and the Army, to say nothing of the nation, are interested.

Again, you "express regret that this step should have been found *necessary*," But why "necessary" you do not venture to say. Nor do you explain how "reducing the number of Headquarters will increase their strength and maintain their efficiency." It is difficult to understand how the "glorious traditions" of the Corps will have "more laurels added." by the scrapping of the Royal Marine Artillery. Kindly explain yourself candidly and without ambiguity.

Yours faithfully,

R.M.A., (retired).

We think that it will serve no useful purpose to explain the meaning of our last month's "Editorial" "candidly and without ambiguity" as you request, as the subject is not a suitable one for discussion in the pages of the Corps Journal, and the pros and cons have, in our opinion, been more than sufficiently argued in recent correspondence in the public Press. We imagined that it was sufficiently obvious to all that the reduction of the number of Headquarters would increase the strength of the remaining ones (as the Establishment of the Corps is, according to the Navy Estimates, not to be reduced), and thus help to maintain their efficiency. We did not state "that the glorious traditions of the Corps would have more laurels added by the scrapping of the Royal Marine Artillery"; we should be sorry to be guilty of such bad English and fail to understand how you can attach such a meaning to our remarks.—Editor.

TOURNAI,
BELGIUM.
19th April, 1923,

Dear Editors,—I have been staying for some days with my wife and daughter in this wonderfully interesting and historical old town, which shows many signs of German occupation during the war; and from which the British troops drove the Boche just before the Armistice. All the stone bridges over the river Scheldt, six in number, were destroyed quite unnecessarily, and the temporary wooden bridges were constructed by the British. New stone and iron bridges are now being erected. I took the opportunity of visiting the big local cemetery, and there I spoke to the English Caretaker (Mr. Parker, late Sergt.-Major of the Yorkshire Regiment) and his assistant, who are working under the War Graves Commission. They showed me what work is being done. There are 500 British, 64 Portugese, a large number of Russian, some Italian and others, and 500 German graves, all neat and tidy and well cared for. I saw two graves, with stone headpieces of Royal Marines—Sergt.-Major Philip Chapman, A Coy., 2/R.M.L.I., 16/5/1917, and Sergt. Thomas Brown, A Coy., 2/R.M.L.I., 8/5/1917. (The dates given are probably the dates of death, if they were prisoners.) I do not know if they had been killed in action or had died of wounds, or as prisoners. Can you say if any Royal Marines were fighting in the Tournai area at any time during the war? The relatives of these two heroes will be glad to know that they are lying at rest in a beautiful and well kept cemetery and that their graves are looked after by old soldiers. Mr. Parker told me that his brother won the D.S.O. as a subaltern in the Dardanelles and eventually reached Lt.-Colonel's rank. I have met another ex-soldier of the East Surrey Regiment, who is living in Tournai. He told me that he married a Belgian (after being discharged) and is now a Belgian subject, and that there are eight other British soldiers living in the same town; two of West Surrey and one of the Buffs. Mr. Parker told me that he is going to remain in Tournai, and to be buried amongst the heroes whose graves he has been attending to.

I would advise any reader who wants a quiet, interesting holiday to come to Tournai for a few days. It is probably the oldest town in Belgium, and has records of the time of Henry VIII. and his British Army of occupation. The magnificent cathedral, beautiful old churches, convents and houses are well worth seeing.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. MARCHANT.

ROYAL MARINES' RECORD OF SPORTS.

To the Editor, "Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—May I ask your kind assistance? Some of us are endeavouring to get together a Record of the successes of the Corps, by individuals and by teams, both at home and abroad, in Championship Competitions.

We propose to include the names of any individuals who have represented their country, the Navy, or the Army in such competitions.

We have details of:—

The National Rifle Association Meetings.
The Royal Tournament.
The Army Athletic Meeting, since 1890.
The R.N. and R.M. Boxing Association.

We have, at present, no details of successes in championship events abroad, except such as are recorded in the "Globe and Laurel" subsequent to its first issue in May, 1892.

If any of your readers would kindly send me particulars of any championship events, which they themselves won, or in which they captained the winning team, or in which they have represented their country, the Navy, or the Army, and would also state where any photographs, recording such events, may be seen, it would be very helpful to us in compiling the Record.

It is thought that we ought to have such a Record, and if all ranks, past and present, will help by sending us details from their personal knowledge, there should be no great difficulty in compiling a fairly accurate record of our past achievements in the field of Sport. Any suggestions for the proposed Record will be welcomed.

Yours sincerely,
C. G. BRITTAN.

The Grange, Deal.
17-5-23.

THE R.M.A. IN 1813.

The following letter which appeared in a recent issue of *The Times* contains a fine tribute to the R.M.A. in the early stages of their existence.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE TIMES."

Sir,—May an old Line soldier be permitted to supplement the generous admiration expressed by Admiral Campbell for the Royal Marines in your issue of the 15th? The subjoined extract is from the diary of Sir Charles Napier (Life, Vol. I., p. 222), kept during that ill-organised American Expedition of 1813, when Napier was in temporary command of a brigade:—

"Well, whatever horrible acts were done at Hampton, they were not done by the——nd [his own regiment], for they were never let to quit their ranks, and they almost mutinied at my preventing them joining in the sack of that unfortunate town. The Marine Artillery behaved like soldiers; they had it in their power to join in the sack, and refused. I said to that noble body of men: 'I cannot watch your conduct, but trust you will not join these miscreants.' They called out: 'Colonel, we are picked men; we blush for what we see; depend on us, not a man of the Marine Artillery will plunder. We are well paid by his Majesty; and we will not disgrace him and ourselves by turning robbers and murderers. Whatever you order we will execute.' Never in my life have I met soldiers like the Marine Artillery. We suffered much fatigue and hardship, but never was seen anything not admirable in these glorious soldiers; should my life extend to antediluvian years, their conduct at Little Hampton will not be forgotten by me."

Charles Napier attached particular honour to the terms "soldier" and "officer." A bad officer was invariably addressed by him solely (and inferentially only) as a "gentleman."

We all trust that the Marines may be kept intact and undiminished. They are of our very best.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
F. A. ADAM, Major-General (retired pay).

Dunain House, Inverness, May 17th.

ENGAGEMENT.

An engagement is announced between Capt. W. E. V. Bashall, R.M.L.I., elder son of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Bashall, of 30, Claremont-road, Surbiton, and Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn Lasenby, of Pantiles, Thames Ditton.

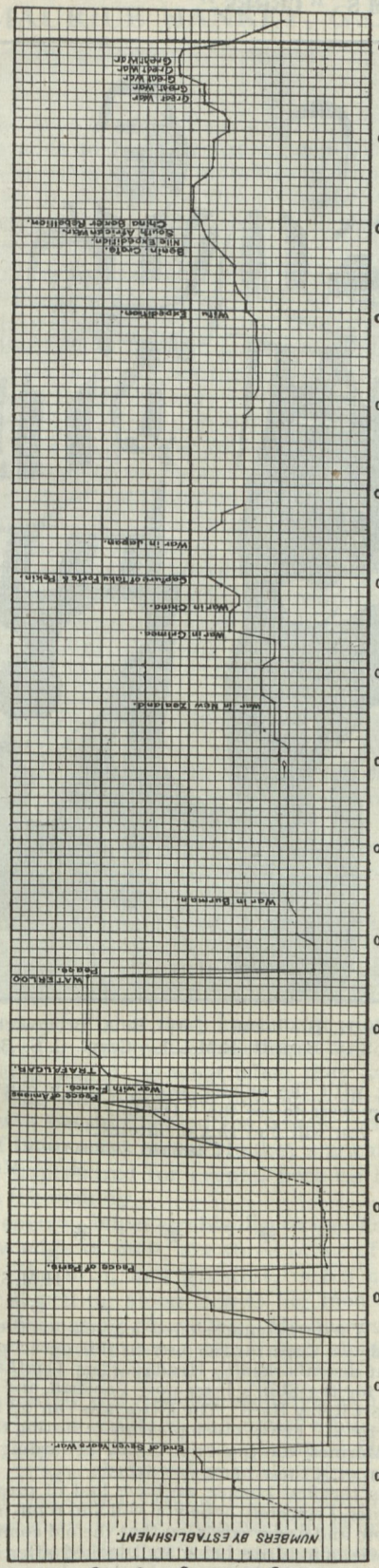
BIRTH.

On 11th May, at 5, Clarence Road, Gosport, to the wife of Pte. R. J. Howse, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. "Conquest," a daughter, Eileen Elizabeth Joan.

DEATHS.

COEN.—Lieut. W. J. Coen, D.S.M., Spec. Res. of Officers, R.M., at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, on 22nd April, 1923.

TIMBRELL.—The death took place at his residence, 2, Mill-road, Frindsbury, on Friday, of Mr. Henry Timbrell, an ex-Colour Sergeant of the Royal Marines, who, after retiring from the Service, was employed at the Royal Naval Armament Dept., Lodge Hill, until a distressing nervous affliction, culminating in paralysis some few years ago, rendered him incapable of work. Mr. Timbrell was well-known at Frindsbury, where he started and trained the local company of the Church Lads' Brigade. Many old boys of the Brigade, as well as many other residents of the parish were at the funeral at Frindsbury, on Tuesday. The service was read by the Rev. E. Salisbury Jose, Vicar, who also spoke kind words of appreciation of the deceased, and of sympathy with the bereaved widow and family. The floral tributes were very numerous, and included wreaths from past and present members of the Church Lads' Brigade and other organisations in the parish.



THE SHEET ANCHOR

VARIATION IN ESTABLISHMENT OF ROYAL MARINES.

FLEET NOTES.

H.M.S. "Lowestoft."
AFRICA STATION.

The West Coast cruise is over and most of us are very thankful to get back into a cooler climate. There have not been many opportunities for games ashore; but our physical training expert on board has made up for that by introducing all sorts of new and painful games which he calls "Recreational Training." The Royal Marine hockey team was disappointed in not being able to play a match which had been arranged at Accra; but boat accommodation was much restricted, as everyone had to land in surf boats, only a limited number of which were available. Rifle matches were fired at Accra and Lagos.

Accra:—24th March, 1923. Range 200 yards. Possible 35:—

Lowestoft 1st Team.		*Accra Rifle Club.*	
Major Trench	32	Mr. Smart...	24
P.O. Davis	29	Major Gosling	31
P.O. Westacott	28	Mr. Hayward	26
Dr. Wright	26	Capt. Oman	26
Cpl. Venables	26	Mr. Ross	26
P.O. Fyson	24	Major Keast	22
Midn. Bassett	24	Mr. Strathairn	22
L.S. Fletcher	24	Capt. Barlow	21
Total	213	Total	208

Lowestoft 2nd Team.		*Accra Ladies' Rifle Club.*	
Pte. Trett	26	Mrs. Bettington ...	25
Serjt. Roberts	24	Mrs. Garrish	24
A.B. Cobb	22	Mrs. Logan	23
Lt.-Comdr. Bevan ...	21	Mrs. Cranston	22
Cpl. Peters	20	Mrs. Keast	20
Sign. Hodges	19	Miss Wood	17
Midn. Drew	17	Mrs. Martin	16
Pte. Stonham	13	Mrs. Talland	14
Total	162	Total	161

A return match was fired on 26th March, 1923, under the same conditions:—

Accra Rifle Club.		*Lowestoft 1st Team.*	
Mr. Smart	31	Midn. Moore	29
Mr. Wright	30	Major Trench	28
Major Gosling	30	P.O. Davis	27
Major O'Shaughnessy ...	29	L.S. Fletcher	27
Mr. Mansergh	28	Cpl. Venables	26
Major Keast	25	P.O. Westacott	25
Mr. Hayward	25	Surg.-Lt. Wright ...	23
Mr. Dixon	23	P.O. Fyson	20
Total	221	Total	205

Lowestoft 2nd Team.		*Accra Ladies' Rifle Club.*	
Sign. White	29	Mrs. Martin	23
Cpl. Peters	28	Mrs. Keast	22
Midn. Drew	25	Mrs. Bettington	20
A.B. Arnold	25	Mrs. Logan	19
Serjt. Roberts	24	Mrs. Garrish	16
Pte. Trott	24	Mrs. Talland	15
Pte. Stonham	23	Mrs. Cranston	11
A.B. Knight	23	Miss Wood	9
Total	201	Total	135

Lagos.—3rd April, 1923. Ranges:—400 and 500 yards. Possible 70.

Lowestoft.		*Lagos Rifle Club.*	
Major Trench	59	Mr. De Boltz	62
Midn. Moore	53	Mr. Watson	58
P.O. Davis	52	Mr. Bradley	48
Midn. Bassett	51	Dr. Clark	48
P.O. Fyson	46	Dr. Foy	45
Sign. White	46	Mr. Webb	45
Midn. Gregson	43	Mr. Townley	43
Total	350	Total	349

INTER-PORT RELAY TEAM OF H.M.S. "CERES."



Pte. E. V. Goodman. Pte. J. Allison. Col.-Sergt. T. J. Bignell. Pte. H. Bradnam. Corpl. S. A. Bromwich.
Actg./Corpl. W. J. Elmes. Capt. J. K. im Thurn, C.B.E., R.N. Capt. S. J. Bassett, R.M.L.I. Corpl. C. S. Baker.

The "Lowestoft" is due back at Simonstown on April 24th. Four days' leave is to be given to each watch, after which Gunnery and Torpedo Exercises will occupy the next fortnight.

The "Dublin" has been to Tristan da Cunha, taking stores to that island. It is hoped that some account of the trip may be forthcoming.

B. F. TRENCH,
Major, R.M.L.I.

14th April, 1923.

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H.M.S. "Dublin,"
AFRICAN STATION.
April 12th, 1923.

Sir,—I am forwarding a small item on the Ship's cruise to Tristan Da Cunha, the most lonely spot in the world. As far as we have found out, it is associated with the Royal Marines, as the founder of the Settlement was a Robert Glass, Royal Marines, who settled there in 1819, and lived there until his death 37 years later. The most educated man on the island now is a John Glass, whose grandfather was the founder of the Settlement. There are 27 families and the population is 127. They have 600 head of cattle and 56 pigs, and live mostly on potatoes and fish, unless a ship calls, which is very seldom. There are no means of communicating with the outside world, so you can imagine how pleased they were to see the "Dublin."

Trusting you will find this of interest.

I remain, yours truly,
H. T. MASTERS.
Corpl.

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H.M.S. *Ceres*,
5th April, 1923.

Editor,—When we commissioned last year, on the 19th September, we had two Cups turned over to this detachment from the old one that disembarked to Headquarters, Chatham.

One was for the Ship's Inter-port Football, and the other was for Inter-port Relay Race. The latter was run off at Mudros, on 3rd March, 1923. I have much pleasure in stating that once again the Royal Marines won this Cup. I am forwarding a photograph of the team with their names attached.

As this is the first chance we have had of proving ourselves Royal Marines, I sincerely hope you will find room in your Journal for this photo and a few words, so that the old commissioners can see that their laurels are being well looked after.

I hope later to be able to send other photographs, as other events come along.

"CERES" CORRESPONDENT.

SIR MAURICE HANKEY, G.C.B.

(By a Former Colleague.)

In his quiet way Sir Maurice Pascal Alers Hankey, G.C.B., who adds to his Secretaryship of the Cabinet and his Secretaryship of the Committee of Imperial Defence the post of clerk to the Privy Council, when Sir Almeric Fitzroy retires in May, is one of the most remarkable men of the time.

His capacity for work alone is extraordinary. During the war his labours were often such as would have prostrated an ordinary man; but no one has ever seen him fatigued. Each of the two posts he now holds is a full-time job, yet he combines them with ease; and he will take his new third job easily in his stride.

Of medium height, trim and dapper, quick-moving, unobtrusive, with a charming smile and brisk manner, a wide candid eye and a tooth-brush moustache, he looks much like any one of the thousand staff officers who frequent "The Rag." But looking closer you may perceive the exceptional forehead, and when you talk to him you get a hint of his amazing knowledge of men and affairs. He knows as much about world affairs as, and rather more about the inner history of latter-day events in this country, than any other living man.

His career has been swift. He is only 46 now, and looks younger. Sixteen years ago he was an obscure intelligence officer in the Mediterranean. He was quite junior—he had been only four years in the intelligence branch, and was but 30. He had entered the Royal Marine Artillery from Rugby, and seen most of his service in the Mediterranean.

Then Lord Fisher, busy on great schemes for preparing the Navy against the war which he foresaw was coming, came south, met Hankey—and Hankey's career began. The young intelligence officer rendered the tyrannous old genius certain unofficial services, and Fisher brought him home and made him his mouthpiece on the Committee of Imperial Defence.

From Hankey, Fisher had knowledge not only of what transpired at committee meetings, but of strings that were being pulled, to what effect they were being pulled, and who was doing the pulling—everything, in short, that was passing behind the scenes. Getting information of that sort is one of Hankey's uncanny gifts. He is never unprepared for events, because he always sees them in the making.

Inhuman energy, impenetrable discretion, and a penetrating knowledge of men, are three other of his valuable gifts. The fifth, and greatest, is his unbounded capacity for "getting along" with big men of diverse but always dominating character. He has pursued his career along a path strewn with fallen chiefs, but he himself has never been thrust aside.

When war broke out Asquith used him as a source of sure knowledge on military and naval affairs and personalities. Asquith, like Fisher, gave him his absolute confidence. When Asquith fell, Lloyd George inherited Hankey and was shrewd enough not to discard him.

Made Secretary to the all-powerful War Cabinet, Hankey was Lloyd George's intimate personal adviser and encyclopædia. At Versailles and at Genoa he was to the ex-Premier what Colonel House was to President Wilson—a trusty second self.

As head of the Cabinet Secretariat he surrounded himself with an expert staff of his own choosing. That Secretariat, which Lloyd George used as an instrument for exerting a personal dictatorship, was one of the main causes of the downfall of the late government.

Bonar Law dissolved the Secretariat, but retained Hankey as Secretary of the Cabinet. In that capacity Hankey has access to all State secrets. On instructions from the Premier he fixes the Cabinet agenda.

"Bristol Times and Mirror."

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

PORTSMOUTH.

R.M. THEATRE, FORTON.

The Anniversary of Zeebrugge was celebrated in fine style by the members of the Sergeants' Mess on Monday, April 23rd. By kind permission of Major-General Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., the Theatre and Divisional Band were placed at their disposal. About 400 members, past, present and honorary, were present, and a fine programme of some 24 items was gone through. Major-General Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., and Col.-Commandant Picton Phillips, R.M.A., Commandant, Eastney, Officers and Warrant Officers of both Divisions were also present during the evening. Colonel Picton Phillips, in response to the toast of the R.M.A., spoke with some feeling on the amalgamation of the famous Corps, and promised all ranks who were fortunate enough to be transferred to Eastney a hearty welcome, and said he would assist everyone to his utmost ability.

The members of the R.M.A. Sergeants' Mess turned up in full force, and some good broadsides were fired from both sides with excellent results. With the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem the party retired at midnight, having spent a most enjoyable evening, for which the Committee responsible are to be congratulated.

SERGEANTS' MESS ANNUAL BALL.

The Annual Ball took place on Friday, 27th April. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Among the guests were Major-General Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Armstrong, Lt.-Col. Houghton and several other officers.

The Lecture Hall was most tastefully arranged and the refreshments left nothing to be desired.

The committee responsible were Clr.-Sergt. Austin (President), Q.M.S. Kingrose, Clr.-Sergts. Wilson, Flipcroft, Wiltshire, Sergts. Stone, Crosby, Clr.-Sergts. Westcott, Burgess, Sergt. Higgs, Arm.-Sergt. Dolphin, Sergt. Giles.

Several ladies also assisted to prepare decorations and refreshments.

The Ball was the wind-up of the dancing season. The monthly dances this season have been of a very high order and excellently arranged, the attendance being well up to the mark.

The same committee was responsible for the arrangements.

The hard work of this committee during the season has been of great value to the social standard of the Mess.

PLYMOUTH.

SKILL AT ARMS CUP.—This Cup, which is competed for annually between the Royal Navy and Royal Marines of the Port was won for the year, 1923–24, by the Royal Marines.

Previously only three weapons had been used, bayonet, sabre and foil. This year there was an epée competition as well.

The winner of two meetings out of the three holds the Cup for the year; the winner being the team at each meeting with the greatest number of fights won in all weapons.

The first meeting was held at the Royal Marine Barracks, when the Marines won by 25 wins to 19.

The second was held at the Royal Naval Barracks and the Marines again carried off the honours by the narrow margin of 25 points to 24. The Royal Marines, having thus won two meetings, it was unnecessary to hold the third.

This is the second occasion the Marines have held the cup. The Navy won it for the last two years and the Marines in 1920, when it was presented.

DEVONPORT SERVICE SAILING RACES.

The first race of the season took place on 2nd May. There were 14 entrants, of which the R.M. provided 3, and our boats obtained 6 of the 10 points obtainable in the race.

The day was sunny and warm, but the harbour was in its most fickle mood, making the racing very difficult but most interesting. The race started in a stiff blow from the east, but a dead calm fell after the first half-hour, to be followed by another stiff breeze from S.E. Then came a period when the wind was anywhere. Boats within a hundred yards of each other were sailing in the same direction on different tacks, others lay becalmed with near neighbours heeling to their gunwales. A strong flood tide still further complicated matters.

The R.M. 25-ft. whaler (Capt. Sergeant, D.S.C.) had the honour of being first over the starting line for the season, the R.M. 27-ft. whaler (Major Arbuthnot) being two seconds behind her. A lucky cast during the baffling wind period gave our 27-ft. boat a lead of about six minutes on the first round, but she was then rapidly overhauled by several boats (including the R.M. cutter, Colonel Mullins, C.B.) which brought a following breeze with them. The race was stopped after the second round, the R.M. cutter getting the 1st gun, closely followed by the R.M. 27-ft. whaler, and the " Woolwich " 25-ft. whaler (Commander Woodward).

The result after adjustment of time allowances was :—H.M.S. " Woolwich " 25-ft. whaler, 1st (4 points) ; R.M. 27-ft. whaler 2nd (3 points) ; R.M. cutter, 3rd (2 points) ; R.M. 25-ft. whaler, 4th (1 point).

This year the cutter has the advantage of another 7 mins. 48 secs. on her handicap, and if the first race may be taken as a guide this should put her on an equal footing with the whalers.

The second race was sailed on 19th May. A steady breeze developed during the race into a hard N.W. blow, which kept boats bailing and dismasted one of the gigs. The R.M. cutter (Colonel Mullins) was easily first over the starting line, but was picked up during the first round by the R.M. 27-ft. whaler (Major Arbuthnot) and the K.H.M.'s 25-ft. whaler (Commander Rayne). The latter boat took the lead and increased her distance steadily, running home an easy winner. " Impregnable's " 32-ft. sloop cutter failed to save her time, and the R.M. cutter took second place with just over a minute in hand from the R.M. 27-ft. whaler. The R.M. 25-ft. whaler was 5th ; K.H.M. (4 points) ; R.M. cutter (3 points) ; R.M. 27-ft. whaler (2 points) ; " Impregnable " (1 point).

We are asked to state that the amount handed over to the Three Towns Nursing Association as a result of the amateur performance of " Tilly of Bloomsbury " at the Globe Theatre, Plymouth, on 3rd and 4th April, an account of which appeared in our May number, was £111 8s. 3d.

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DEPOT.

SERGEANTS' MESS ANNUAL BALL.

The members of the Sergeants Mess held their Annual Ball on Friday, 27th April, in the Gymnasium, South Barracks.

About 300 members and their friends were present.

The Gym. was tastefully decorated for the occasion by members of the committee.

Great credit is due to C.S.M. A. Munro, who was Chief Organiser, assisted by a working committee of members of the Mess, for a very successful evening.

A very delightful programme was arranged by Sergts. Walker and Viggers, who also acted as Joint M.C.'s.

GUARD OF HONOUR.

On Saturday the 5th and Monday the 14th of May, the Depot, R.M., Deal, provided a Guard of Honour consisting of three Officers, four N.C.O.'s and 100 Rank and File at Dover, on the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties The King and Queen to Rome.

The Guard was formed from the four senior squads at the Depot (70B, 71A, 72A and 73A squads), and they put up a splendid display, their bearing, appearance and movements of arms bringing forth great praise from several Army Officers in attendance on the quayside ; also their marching to and from the quay, was a feature well worth watching.

This occasion upheld the high standard of efficiency of the Corps in general and maintained the impressions always left behind by the R.M.L.I. on these occasions.

The Officers were :—Capt. and Adj. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., Lieut. C. A. Power, 2nd Lieut. R. F. Cornwall.

GLOBE THEATRE.

On May 10th, 11th and 12th, the Officers' Dramatic Club presented " The Bosun's Mate," by W. W. Jacobs and " Belinda," by A. A. Milne.

" The Bosun's Mate " is founded on the story by Mr. Jacobs, in which George Benn, an ex-boatswain, tries to frighten the landlady of the " Beehive Inn " into marrying him by persuading Ned Travers, a demobbed soldier, to pretend to be a burglar, but is found out and the lady gets engaged to Travers.

Major Wainwright as Ned Travers and Capt. Alcock as George Benn were a typical pair of old schemers trying to outwit the landlady and made the most of the very witty dialogue. Mrs. Denne made a very charming landlady.

" Belinda " was a great success. The story represents Belinda Tremayne, a charming grass widow, whose husband left her 18 years ago and who always has two or three men in tow, waiting the arrival of her latest adorers, Harold Boater, a matter-of-fact business man and Claude Devenish, a typical spring poet ; meanwhile, her grown-up daughter, Delia, returns from school. In order to hide her real age, Delia is introduced as Miss Robinson, a niece, who has lost her father. The two lovers are given the task of finding the missing man, the winner to wed Belinda. Meanwhile, Mr. Tremayne returns under the name of Robinson. The subsequent *dénouement* is cleverly worked out in a series of amusing incidents, and all ends happily.

Mrs. Halliday made a delightful Belinda, with her natural charm and vivacity, and to her acting is due a great deal of the credit of the success of the piece. Mr. O'Callaghan was very good as Harold Baxter and acted very cleverly. Capt. Alcock had a difficult part as the spring poet, but acted it with great skill. Miss Farquharson made a charming Delia and looked the part. Major Owen filled the role of the missing husband with great credit. Mrs. Owen made a good maid.

The theatre was crowded all three nights, and judging by the applause, the performance was a great success and much appreciated.

A word of praise must be given for the exceedingly tasteful way the stage was decorated.

FOOTBALL.

PLYMOUTH.

(Association.)

One hardly knows whether or not to be glad the football season is over ; after all ! what is there to do now on Saturday afternoons ? It seems almost uncanny not to hear the familiar cry, " Have you a pair of stockings for me ? " or " My boots require studding," etc., etc. However, during the days, 18th April to 5th May last, we all had a hard gruelling time, due to so many fixtures to complete our obligations. On 18th April we entertained the 2nd K.O.S.B. in a four-point game on the Longroom, a Plymouth and District League fixture, which it had been impossible to arrange earlier in the season. After a well-contested struggle we came out winners by the odd goal in five. We always have had good games from our " soldier " opponents, and the game in question did not fall below par. The following evening we had a visit from Liskeard A.F. Club. Another good game ensued from which we gathered two points ; this also being a P. & D. fixture. Our display, however, was nothing to boast about. In spite of the very weak team against us we could only scrape the one goal, whilst our custodian had many difficult shots to deal with. On the following Saturday we journeyed to Saltash, more or less confident of winning yet another two points, but we were to be disappointed in this respect, we were beaten to the tune of 3 goals to 2. It must be said that our fellows were feeling the effects of the previous games, but from the spectators' point of view we ought to have done better, especially as our opponents have done very little during the season, and we had just begun to get a good team together. Saltash, however, won on their merits, and all honour to them. Our next game was on the Longroom, against Millbrook Rangers, this taking place, 26th April. Our previous Saturday's defeat had taught us a lesson not to take these teams too easily, so eventually we emerged victors by the odd goal of five. The following Monday evening saw us away to Green Waves. This game was won by two goals to one. The following afternoon we entertained the R.N. Barracks in a U.S. League game on the Longroom. The game was typical of Service football, but the score was beyond the expec-

tations of all, namely, five goals each. Boisterous play pervaded the game towards the end so the least said the better. The next day saw us at Newquay for an evening match. We kicked off at about 6 p.m., and after a good game, played for most of the time in a fog, we won by 3 goals to 1. It is believed that by this time all were looking forward to the end, to reach which we had one more game to play, *i.e.*, with Turo City. This took place on 5th May on our ground. Our opponents were late in arriving, the kick off not taking place until 6 p.m. We won by the satisfactory margin of 4 goals to 1. Thus finished our football season, in a very fitting manner all will agree. Had we experienced the good fortune at the beginning of the season as at the end, we might have appeared even higher in our League honours. In spite of its many regrets the season has had its sunny side, and none better than when a win is registered, especially against a formidable opponent away from home. One meets some good sporting teams in going around in this manner, and we wish them every success. All thanks are due to those who helped to make the running of a football team possible during the season 1922-23. It has often been a hard struggle, the same prospects not making it very enticing for the future, but, perhaps, times will be better by then, in saying au-revoir to season 1922-23, let us give vent to a very fervent " Hope so."

CRICKET.

Report of match between Chatham Divn. R.M.L.I. and Gore Court, played on 16th May, 1923, on R.N. and R.M. ground.

Chatham Divn. R.M.L.I.—Capt. Congdon, b Gore, 48; Capt. Mercer, ret. hurt, 11; Lt.-Col. Little, b Gore, 1; Capt. Weir, c Bishop, b Gore, 17; Lt.-Col. Mayhew, b Gore, 58; Capt. Quill, b Gore, 64; Col. Hutchison, c Bishop, b Measday, 6; Pte. Watts, not out, 1; Rev. Hastings, b Gore, 0; Sergt. Booth, b Gore, 0; 2nd Lt. Phillips, c and b Gore, 0; extras, 2; total, 208.

Gore Court.—Pemberton, st Hutchison, b Little, 24; Bishop, b Hastings, 0; Watson, b Hastings, 12; Wills, b Watts, 1; Bowes, b Little, 6; Whibbey, b Congdon, 43; Atkins, b Little, 5; Shepherd, l-b-w, b Watts, 25; Gore, b Watts, 0; Measday, b Congdon, 48; Gransden, not out, 0; extras, 6; total, 170.

DEPOT, R.M., v. DUKE OF YORK'S R.M. SCHOOL.

Played at Deal, Saturday, 12th May, 1923.

Duke of York's R.M. School.—Lt.-Col. A. C. Johnston, run out, 47; C.S.M. Meehan, c Whitmarsh, b Vicary, 11; W.O. Cooke, b Sillitoe, 28; Prefect Walton, b Sillitoe, 20; W.O. Smailes, b Sillitoe, 12; C.S.M. Rayson, c Yeo, b Sillitoe, 7; C.S.M. Connors, c Dykes, b Sillitoe, 8; Std. Hazell, b Sillitoe, 0; Std. Humphreys, b Sillitoe, 1; Prefect McGully, c Maxwell, b Hill, 1; Prefect Cooper, not out, 0; extras, 12; total, 147.

Depot R.M.—Major Maxwell, b Hazell, 30; Capt. Yeo, b Smailes, 105; Capt. West, b Smailes, 6; Sg.-Lt.-Cdr. Vicary, b Smailes, 7; Lt.-Col. Shine, b Smailes, 26; 2nd Lt. Cornwall, b Connors, 5; Clr.-Sergt. Hill, not out, 59; Capt. Campbell, b Johnston, 13; 2nd Lt. Sillitoe, b Johnston, 22; 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh, b. Johnston, 4; 2nd Lt. Dykes, not out, 5; extras, 6; total for 9 wkts., 288.

2nd Lt. Sillitoe 7 wkts. for 44 runs.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the ROYAL MARINE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PROGRAMME.

Thursday, 14th June—
Practice for Units not quartered at Portsmouth.
12.00 noon. Meeting of the Committee.

Friday, 15th June—
Competition for the VIII. 1st Shoot.
Revolver Bowl. 1st two Shoots.

Saturday, 16th June—
Revolver Bowl. 3rd Shoot.
" Duke of Edinburgh's " Cup.
Competition for the VIII. 2nd Shoot.

Monday, 18th June—
Competition for the VIII. 3rd Shoot.
" Victory " Cup. Lewis Gun Competition.
Revolver Bowl. 4th Shoot.

Tuesday, 19th June—
Revolver Bowl. 5th Shoot.
" Prince of Wales " Cup.
Competition for the VIII. 4th Shoot.

Wednesday, 20th June—
Competition for the VIII. 5th Shoot.
S.R. (b) and Past Members Competition.

NOTE.—Past Members unable to be present at the Meeting may shoot at the nearest Division, or Depôt, during the week prior to the Meeting, by arrangement with the Instructor of Musketry concerned.
Revolver Bowl. 6th Shoot.

Thursday, 21st June—
Competition for the VIII. 6th Shoot.
The " Officers " Cup.
The " Mercer " Cup.
Officers' Revolver Match.

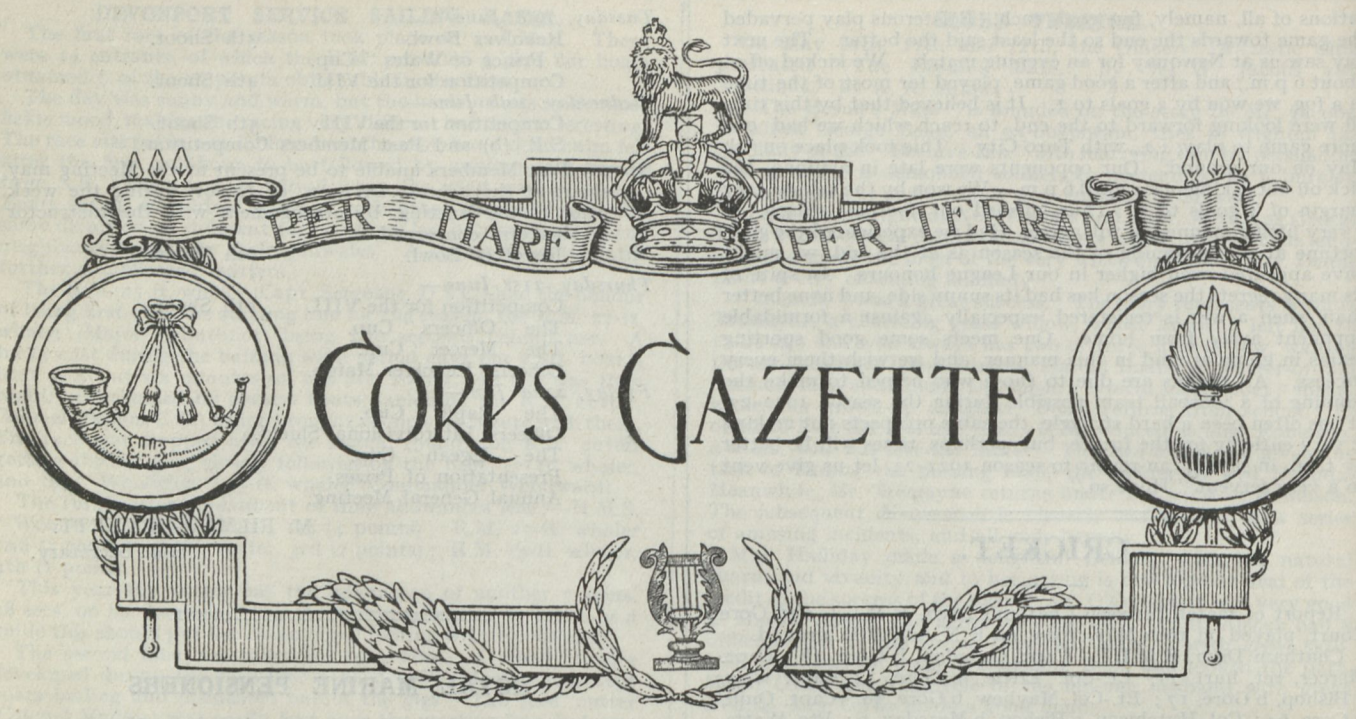
Friday, 22nd June—
The " Rapid " Cup.
Officers' Interdivisional Shield.
The " Ægean " Cup.
Presentation of Prizes.
Annual General Meeting.

M. FILMER-BENNETT.
Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st March to 30th April, 1923.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Official No.*	*Date of death*
Allen, F.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	6893	28/4/23
Bartaby, W.	Clr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	3172	29/3/23
Bean, F.	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	6685	8/4/23
Brown, D.	Pte.	R.M.A.	257	22/4/23
Bull, H. T.	Pte.	Chat.	22313	11/3/23
Coombes, W.	Pte.	Ply.	697	10/4/23
Clark, W.	Pte.	Ply.	695	4/3/23
Edwards, S.	Pte.	Ply.	12887	11/4/23
Evans, E.	Sgt.	Chat.	21179	21/4/23
Ewer, J. J.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	8502	1/4/23
Favell, E.	Pte.	Ply.	454	10/4/23
Figgett, F. A.	Mus.	Chat.	9237	25/3/23
Freeman, H. W.	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	6921	25/3/23
Gellatt, H.	Sgt.	R.M.A.	340	23/4/23
Gibbs, S.	Pte.	Ply.	13184	29/3/23
Hargreaves, F.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	2439	13/3/23
Hooper, G.	Pte.	Ports.	1426	8/4/23
Horne, G.	Pte.	Ports.	C. Co.	3/4/23
Hutchings, W. L.	Cpl.	Ply.	F. Co.	17/4/23
McGordrick, P.	Pte.	Ports.	82	22/2/23
Martin, J.	Pte.	Chat.	15582	20/4/23
Meadows, T. J.	Pte.	Ply.	9786	3/4/23
Minton, T.	Sgt.	Ply.	43 Co.	28/4/23
Moss, T.	Pte.	Chat.	2972	4/3/23
Ness, W.	Pte.	Ports.	772	2/5/23
O'Donnell, J.	Cpl.	R.M.A.	15 Co.	9/3/23
Ogilvie, S. H.	Pte.	Ports.	6441	14/3/23
Provis, H.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	15 Co.	10/3/23
Rangley, S.	Pte.	Chat.	1605	27/4/23
Reed, T.	Pte.	Chat.	C. Co.	8/4/23
Roberts, H.	Pte.	Ply.	G. Co.	8/3/23
Rodgers, H.	Pte.	Ply.	C. Co.	27/3/23
Rose, J.	Pte.	Ports.	6565	22/4/23
Russel, H.	Pte.	Ports.	6343	9/4/23
Sheppard, C.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	7670	11/4/23
Simmons, E.	Pte.	Ply.	1691	14/4/23
Simons, J.	Pte.	Ply.	815	11/11/22
Timbrell, H.	Clr.-Sgt.	Depôt	107	20/4/23
Timson, D. F.	Pte.	Ply.	4509	9/4/23
Usk, C. F. A.	Pte.	Ply.	5147	13/2/23
Vickery, S.	Pte.	Ply.	709	12/3/23
Williams, W.	Pte.	Ply.	20810	16/2/23
Wills, L. R.	Pte.	Ply.	4050	12/3/23



HONOURS AND AWARDS.

"King George Prize Scholarships" for the year 1923 have been awarded to the undermentioned officers :—Capt. R. Glunicke, R.M.L.I., Capt. and Bt. Major G. Seath, D.S.O., R.M.L.I.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

The undermentioned Officers passed in subject (*c*) for promotion to Major at Deal on 9th April, 1923 :—Capts. E. T. N. Farmer, H. R. Haines, O.B.E., L. S. Wilkinson, C. A. C. Lucas and F. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., R.M.L.I.

Major W. L. Huntingford, C.B.E., R.M.A., apptd. Company Commander, R.M.A. Division, Eastney, for a period of three months, 1st May, 1923.

Major R. Sinclair, R.M.L.I., absorbed in the establishment from the Seconded List and posted to Plymouth Division, 23rd April, 1923.

Lieut. P. R. Smith-Hill, R.M.L.I., apptd. A.I. of M., Portsmouth Division, vice Jameson.

The appointment of Major F. C. Benett, C.M.G., R.M.L.I., as Drafting Officer, Chatham, is extended for three months from 31st May, 1923.

The undermentioned qualified on 9th April, 1923, for promotion to Warrant Rank, etc. :—

Sergeant-Major.—"Pass Certificate," Ply./12844 Clr.-Sergt. C. S. Jole, R.M.L.I., and Ply./13388 Clr.-Sergt. J. C. O. Beynon, R.M.L.I.

Part I for Sergeant-Major.—R.M.A./11422 Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II) A. A. Attwood.

Superintending Clerk.—"Pass Certificate," R.M.A./10972 Q.M.S. S. Foster, Sergts. Ch./17396 C. A. Lyons and Ch./16833 G. W. Weaving, R.M.L.I.

Commissioned Rank, R.M. Band.—"Pass Certificate," Lieut. S. Fairfield*, M.V.O., L.R.A.M., R.M. Band, and Bandmaster (W.O.) A. Pragnell, R.M. Band.

* Also qualified for promotion to Musical Director or Assistant Musical Director.

Bandmaster (W.O.) R.M. Band.—"Special Certificate," R.M.B./702 Bandmaster (1st Class) A. C. Green, R.M. Band.

Subjects "P" and "Q" for Bandmaster (W.O.), R.M. Band.—R.M.B./420 Bandmaster 1st Class S. Taylor, R.M. Band.

Capt. F. M. Jones (Reserve of Officers, R.M.) apptd. to the R.M. Police and posted to Portsmouth Division, 19th May, 1923.

S.M. (W.O.) W. A. Stratton, apptd. to the 11th R.M. Battalion vice Acting S.M. B. I. Wilson, R.M.L.I., to rejoin Headquarters.

The appointment of Major N. S. Clutterbuck, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., as I. of G. Portsmouth, is extended till further orders.

Capt. C. S. Goldingham, R.M.L.I. (Secd.) apptd. to H.M.S. "President" addl. (tempy.) for service inside Admiralty, not exceeding six months, 1st April, 1923.

Capt. E. C. Weston, R.M.A. (Secd.) apptd. to H.M.S. "President" addl. for service inside Admiralty under D. of P. 1st April, 1923.

Lieut. C. R. L. Scott, R.M.L.I., placed on the Seconded List whilst holding Army appointment of Asst. Military Landing Officer (Class F.F.).

2nd Lieut. R. Hall, Special Reserve of Officers, R.M., promoted to Lieut. and posted to Chatham, 26-5-23.

Capt. S. Bucknall (Res. of Officers, R.M.) apptd. to R.M. Police and posted to Chatham, 4-6-23.

Capt. R. H. Campbell, M.C., R.M.L.I., apptd. A.I. of M. Depot, R.M., Deal (Tempy.) vice Sturgis, 17-5-23.

Capt. R. G. Sturgis, R.M.L.I., apptd. Asst. Military Instructor (Tempy.) for one year vice Campbell, 17-5-23.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. R. Foster, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.A., relinquishes tempy. rank of Lt.-Col., dated 2nd April, 1923, and is placed on Supplementary Unemployed Pay List until 24-5-23.

Major H. G. Grant, R.M.L.I., apptd. Coy. Commander at Depot, R.M., Deal, 23-6-23.

The Rev. G. W. Page, A.K.C., Chaplain, R.N., to H.M.S. "Pembroke," for Depot R.M., Deal, vice Evans, 15-5-23.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Lieut. C. M. G. Luxmore, R.M.L.I., to H.M.S. "Carysfort," vice Lieut. P. R. Smith-Hill, R.M.L.I., to disembark to Headquarters.

R.M. Gnr. J. Murdoch to Eastney (Staff) vice Pearcey, 14-5-23.

R.M. Gnr. H. Pearcey to H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth" vice Shaw.

R.M. Gnr. W. Lane from H.M.S. "Hood" to H.M.S. "Excellent" for re-qualifying Course, 15-5-23.

Lieut. R. J. Gumm, R.M.L.I., to H.M.S. "Comus" on commissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. Haines, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., is selected for Officers' Field-works Course (All Arms) at the S.M.E., Chatham, commencing 1st May and ending 9th June, 1923.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to undergo a course of instruction in H.M.S. "Excellent" from 4th June to 19th October, 1923, inclusive, with a view to qualifying as Instructors of Gunnery.

Capt. W. Lukis, R.M.L.I., Lieuts. H. Shackleton, R.M.A., C. Kitchen, R.M.L.I., G. Viner, R.M.A., J. T. Hall, R.M.L.I., and S. Appleyard, R.M.L.I.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s have been selected to undergo a course of instruction to qualify for the rank of R.M. Gunner:—

R.M.A./13042 Sergt. J. Figg, R.M.A./13114 Sergt. A. D. Layzell, R.M.A./12991 Sergt. S. H. Blake, Ch./16045 Clr.-Sergt. G. Hughes, Ch./16979 Sergt. C. B. Feary, Po./15166 Clr.-Sergt. G. C. Parry and Ply./14866 Sergt. R. M. Yea, R.M.L.I.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut. R. L. Harris, R.M.L.I., placed on the Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 1358/22 and apptd. to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in rank last held on Active List, 31-3-23.

CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

Vulcan—Clr.-Sergt. W. H. Geater. **Cambrian**—Clr.-Sergt. Tapsell, Ptes. Wood, Parr. **Cyclops**—Cpls. A. A. C. Quinn, C. T. Evans. **Dunedin**—Sergt. Brown, Cpl. Limbrick, Ptes. Greenwood, Corne. **Malabar**—Ptes. Callaby, Ariss, Bolton, White, Wildey, A. C. Perry, T. G. Perry, Bug. Adams. **Caledon**—Ptes. Edwards, Stokes, McKechnie, Gilbey, Hancock. **Danae**—Pte. Hicks. **Calypso**—Pte. Faulkner. **Marlborough**—Pte. Kerr. **Royal Sovereign**—Ptes. Bainbridge, Criddle. **11th R.M. Battn.**—Ptes. Coulman, Harris.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Victory II.—Ptes. Bond, Hicks. **Calliope**—Ptes. Verrall, Hedges, Milsom, Fillingham, Braybrook, Ginn, Anderson. **Cambrian**—Pte. Mottram. **Dunedin**—Cpl. Straw. **Danae**—Ptes. Walton, Brown. **Shotley T.E.**—Sergt. H. J. Taylor. **Heather**—Cpl. Kenward.

APPOINTMENTS.

Ptes. Taft, Clarke, Ford apptd. Dining Hall Attdts. Ptes. Taylor and Wheatley apptd. 1st and 2nd Storemen, 1st Q.M.'s Dept. Pte. H. Weight attchd. 3rd Q.M.'s Dept. for duty in Butcher's Shop. Cpl. Pond apptd. Electrician, Barrackmaster's Dept. Pte. Austin apptd. 3rd Q.M.'s Dept. for duty as Asst. Gardener. Cpl. Straw attchd. Paymaster's Dept. for duty in Allotment and Marriage Allowance Branch. Cpl. Player apptd. Addtl. Clerk Comdts.' Office. Sergt. Mattingly apptd. Gunnery Instructor on Gun Battery Staff. Pte. J. W. Greenaway attchd. 1st Q.M.'s Dept. for training as Clerk. Pte. H. Springett apptd. Attdt. to Surgn. Comdr. Cheesman. Cpl. Straw apptd. Clerk in Paymaster's Dept. at 1s. *per diem*. Pte. Fletcher apptd. Dining Hall Attdt. Clr.-Sergt. Winstanley apptd. Dining Hall Superintendent. Pte. J. Escott apptd. Dining Hall Attdt. Pte. F. Smith confirmed in appt. as Barber at this Division. Cpl. R. Anderson apptd. Pioneer Cpl. Pte. Walton attchd. Works Dept. as Caulker. Pte. W. Huggett apptd. Groom to Capt. Haines, O.B.E.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant.—Cpl. J. F. Barnett. To be Corporals.—Pte. J. H. Harvey, A. J. Anderson, T. J. Hickman.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Senior Sergeants.—E/14316, Sergt. G. A. Meade; A/16106, Sergt. M. Henderson; C/15115, Sergt. D. McColl.

Senior Corporals.—G/15845, Cpl. R. H. Keir; C/16775, Cpl. C. Goodwin; A/18000, Cpl. G. Campbell.

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EASTNEY.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Clr.-Sgts. A. C. Millson, F. G. Chapman, G. E. Stokes; Sgts. H. Tarbottom, A. G. Miller, F. J. Hambly; Corps. A. Cadman, E. Philpott, J. H. Golding.

APPOINTMENTS.

Gnr. J. W. Bedford as M.O.A. to Major (Bt. Lt.-Col.) W. S. Poe, D.S.O.; Gnr. R. J. Radford, as M.O.A. to Surg.-Lt.-Cmdr. Brownfield, O.B.E.; Gnrs. L. Ridson and W. C. Hamilton to Company Cook; Gnr. W. L. Greenway to Recreation Room Attendant.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of First Period of Engagement.—Gnr. Hugh Kelly. Termination of Second Period of Engagement.—Gnrs. Thomas Laurie and Frank Collis, Gnrs. C. F. Jenkins and Robert Hendry, Clr.-Sgt. Arthur Magson. Invalided.—Gnrs. William Hemsworth, Alec Benford.

EMBARKATIONS.

Revenge—Cpl. P. G. Berry; Gnrs. C. R. Dinnage, J. F. Moffatt, David Smith. **Repulse**—Cpl. Fredk. Chivers; Gnr. J. G. Ingram. **Afrikander** (St. Helena)—Gnr. Robert Elwood. **King George V**—Gnr. W. J. Holiday. **Valiant**—Gnrs. C. S. Short, E. C. Ware. **Royal Sovereign**—Gnr. V. L. Coleman. **Marlborough**—Gnr. V. J. Penny. **Iron Duke**—Gnr. A. L. Ainger. **Resolution**—Gnr. W. J. Symes. **Iron Duke**—Gnrs. Fredk. Brown, J. H. Fullalove. **Barham**—Gnrs. C. A. Tomlin, Joseph Spackman, George Wood, T. E. Hunt, Clr.-Sgt. F. G. Sheldrick. **Warspite**—Gnrs. T. H. Fulwell, Harry Gower. **Queen Elizabeth**—Cpl. S. H. January; Gnrs. Walter Parsons, G. J. West, J. F. Halley, J. F. Jones, Percy Barden. **Ramillies**—Cpl. James Ingram, Gnrs. Herbert Smith, R. J. Milcoy, S. W. Eldridge, Geo Russell, Ernest Light. **Hood**—Bug. F. J. Chapman, Gnrs. Albert Hubbard, E. P. Ham.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Hood—Bug. Brand; Gnrs. Smith and Lawman. **Afrikander**—(St. Helena)—Gnr. Hurn. **Valiant**—Gnrs. Burbridge, Allen, Pearce. **Barham**—Gnrs. Reece, Atkinson; Clr.-Sgt. Millson. **Queen Elizabeth**—Gnrs. Radford, Lewis, Hillier, Sadler, Creighton and Cathcart. **Warspite**—Gnr. Kennedy. **Ramillies**—Gnr. Cartwright.

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PORTSMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Conquest—Pte. T. Botting. **Fisgard**—Pte. R. G. Gent. **Victory**—Cpl. P. C. Cousens, Pte. W. M. Harris. **Vernon**—Ptes. H. W. Nash, H. Walker. **Dryad**—Ptes. A. E. Read, C. W. Jackson, H. G. Spindler, A. Yeomans. **Thunderer**—Pte. L. H. Betsworth. **Victoria and Albert**—Bugs. A. E. Swift, A. W. Simpson. **Lucia**—Ptes. V. T. Sweet, F. Steppens. **Ramillies**—Pte. A. E. Cairns. **Repulse**—Pte. A. Armitt. **Coventry**—Pte. C. Peacock. **Courageous**—Pte. C. W. Richards, Pte. J. W. Henbest. **Barham**—Ptes. C. H. Harris, F. F. Portlock, S. C. Cooper, H. Hill, H. R. Lewis, Cpl. A. L. Hockin, Sgt. P. T. Bond. **Adamant**—Ptes. J. Atkinson, W. T. Cowell, G. R. Puryer. **Assistance**—Bug. F. Webb, Ptes. J. W. Marriott, W. E. Marsh. **Queen Elizabeth**—Sgt. F. Bessant, Cpl. W. T. Green, Ptes. W. Cowles, A. C. Carter, R. S. Harris, R. C. Jones, C. W. Searle, F. E. Mitchell, L. V. Wright. **Egmont**—Ptes. T. Power, F. W. Matthews, A. E. Page. **Victoria and Albert**—Clr.-Sgt. T. E. Moore, Ptes. F. Merritt, W. G. Ware, C. F. Wayman, H. Castley, W. Cummins, E. J. Wiltshire, A. H. Diaper, B. Newsam, F. L. Calloway, J. Nursall, C. H. Cunnington, H. C. Willis, B. L. Chips, A. Pinnell.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Fisgard—Pte. W. T. Powell. **Egmont**—Sgt. W. W. House, Ptes. M. Jacobs, F. Turner. **Iron Duke**—Clr.-Sgt. A. H. Fripp, **Victory**—Sgt. P. T. Bond. **Assistance**—Bug. H. Parrett. **Lucia**—Pte. W. Smith. **Conquest**—Ptes. C. E. Davis, P. J. Parsons. **Courageous**—Pte. P. F. Pepper, A. W. Allpress, L. V. Wright. **Argus**—Ptes. P. L. Chipps, P. G. Heather. **Barham**—Sgt. E. S. Whipp, Ptes. J. Carlisle, E. Bacon, H. Jones, W. Baxter, W. E. Jewell, G. Vidler, F. Hagan. **Birmingham**—Ptes. William Garrett, E. Nobbs, W. J. Smith, H. Lester, A. W. Marsh. **Assistance**—Ptes. F. T. Chapman, H. W. Hayley, Sgts. F. Fuller, T. C. Palmer. **Colombo**—Ptes. J. R. Thompson, S. F. Francis. **Queen Elizabeth**—Sgt. E. G. Williams, Ptes. E. Mears, T. W. Dominey, H. Thornton, W. F. Langford, J. Harvey, W. C. Moss, A. G. Garrett, T. J. Stanton, J. W. Buckeridge. **Adamant**—Ptes. W. Brimble, J. Jones. **Thunderer**—Pte. A. Giggell. **Victoria and Albert**—Clr.-Sgt. J. Walker.

PROMOTION.

Clr.-Sgt. J. Clark to A/Q.M.S.

APPOINTMENTS.

Pte. H. A. Wathell, to 3rd Clerk Staff Office; Cpl. H. Headland, to 4th Clerk Staff Office; Sgt. A. C. Tant, to 5th Clerk Staff Office; Pte. F. M. Brown, to 6th Clerk Staff Office; Cpl. Jeavons, to 7th Clerk Staff Office; Sgt. C. F. Newport, to 8th Clerk Staff Office.

TRANSFERS.

Pte. J. Carlisle to R.N. as stoker. Ptes. C. Evans, A. H. D. Chatters, J. A. Yates, D. W. Patterson, W. H. Peters, C. E. Davis, all transferred to Chatham Division.

It is notified for information that all transfers to Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., are to be discontinued pending reorganisation of the Corps.

DISCHARGES.

Clr.-Sgt. J. Miller, Ptes. F. T. Eales, E. Briggs, H. A. Rogers, R. P. Atkinson, William Spreadbury, F. A. Wadey.

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PLYMOUTH.

EMPLOYMENT.

Clr.-Sgt. Cross, Musk. Instr., at Deal; Sgts. Dean, C.M.G. Postman; Oakes, Secretary, Divl. Library and Recreation Room; Cpls. Davidson, R.F.R. Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.; Willson, Asst. Printer; Ptes. Thompson, 4th Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.; Hunt and Malsbury, Markers; Westwood, 1st Storeman; Ford, 2nd Storeman, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.; Walters, Mess Attendant; Barrett, Shopman, Grocery Canteen; Jackson, Attendant to Major Sinclair.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension: Ptes. T. Ellis, E. Harris, J. H. Cheetham, S. M. Thyer.

PROMOTIONS.

To Corporal: Pte. J. G. Fletcher.

EMBARKATIONS.

Dauntless—Sgt. Tibbles, Ptes. Crowl, Horrel, Boobyer, Williams, Croker, Lee, Ruffles. **Delhi**—Ptes. Holwill, Evans. **Ajax**—Sgt. Scamp, Cpl. Tredgett. **Centaur**—Cpl. Jenkins. **Resolution**—Pte. Packwood. **Pegasus**—Pte. Mackay. **Heather**—Cpl. Johns, Ptes. Phillips, Bray, Poolman, Adams, McDowell, Beasley, Thurtle. **Valiant**—Ptes. Diffey, Milligan, Stone. **Defiance**—Pte. Pollard. **Revenge**—Ptes. Golding, Wheeldon. **Impregnable**—Cpl. Gale, Ptes. Lawrence, Miller, Tungate. **Glorious**—Ptes. Skipper, Hole. **Maidstone**—Ptes. Keeler, Moore, Osmond. **Warspite**—Cpl. Hutchings, Ptes. Lambert, Wheat, Tolhurst. **King George V**—Clr.-Sgt. Morris, Sgt. Lewis, Ptes. Jeffrey, Middleton, Logan, Pinwell, Race, Roberts, Blake, Davies, Berryman, Pinnock, Eptlett, Easterbrook. **Woolwich**—Cpl. Male, Pte. Barrington. **The Depot**—Clr.-Sgt. Cross, Pte. Gwinnell. **11th R.M. Battalion**—Sgt. Dillon, Pte. Summerhayes.

TRANSFER.

Pte. Furston, to Chatham.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Southampton—Sgts. Oldcroft, Bittles, Ptes. Riddell, Mealing, Hannaford, Stonehouse, Cooper, Harding, Watson, Byrne, Matthews, Ogden, Ingerson, Langton, Fletcher. **Woolwich**—Cpl. Feeney, Pte. Freeman. **King George V**—Clr.-Sgt. Whitefoot, Sgt. Oakes, Ptes. Hooper, Sullivan, Murphy, Johnston, Chappell, Thompson, Little, Soper, Mewhort, Marston, Scribbens, Radford. **Hood**—Pte. Dent. **Cairo**—Ptes. Willis, E. Harris, A. E. Harris. **Maidstone**—Ptes. Malsbury, Stanford, Rowney. **Impregnable**—Cpl. South, Ptes. Baker, Tolhurst, Ford. **Glorious**—Ptes. Hunt, Thyer. **Warspite**—Sgt. Dean, Ptes. Woods, Drake. **Valiant**—Ptes. Barrett, Butler, Kent, Barron. **Dragon**—Pte. Barnett. **Dauntless**—Sgt. Lord, Ptes. Graham, Hill, Sutton, Burnett' Robinson, Hill (H. C.), McLoughlin, Wells. **Defiance**—Pte' Wilmott. **Revenge**—Ptes. Spencer, Dyble. **Delhi**—Cpl. Ward' Ptes. Thurston, Wood. **The Depot**—Sgt. Harding, Pte. Hogarth'.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Iron Duke—Bandmaster (W.O.) Thomas Hawkins. **Birmingham**—Bandmaster (1st Class) Percy Hammond; Band Cpl. H. A. Butler; Musns. E. Bradley, P. G. Boxall, N. W. Bryant, R. E. Compton, William Croft, A. J. Curd, H. H. Hyde, J. F. Mills, T. N. W. Lawrence, F. H. Ransley, W. H. Trevett, F. H. Sycamore, A. W. S. Turner, G. R. Watts. **Barham**—Bandmaster (1st Class) B. J. Holt. **Queen Elizabeth**—Band Cpl. C. F. Cambridge. **Thunderer**—Musn. C. E. Webb. **Victory**—(C. in C.) Band Cpl. C. W. Fitch, Musns. R. J. Ferguson, W. H. Boobier, C. J. Allingham, A. W. Cleeton, Charles Henderson, Jack Downer, H. E. Hewitt, A. E. Collier, Walter Case. **Revenge**—Band Cpl. P. F. Grace. **Warspite**—Musn. Alfred Turner.

EMBARKATIONS.

Barham—Bandmaster (1st Class) A. M. Knight. **Queen Elizabeth**—Band Cpl. F. P. Harrison. **Pembroke** (R.N.B.) Muscn. Cecil Wratten. **Victory** (C. in C.) Band Cpl. W. H. Saunders; Musns. G. A. Newman, Fredk. Hatton, E. W. Thomas, James Wharrington, A. H. Howard, W. P. Neville, A. E. Williams, C. R. M. Robinson, B. A. Stevens. **Marlborough**—Bandmaster (2nd Class) S. H. Rendell. **Ajax**—Musn. W. A. L. Smith. **Revenge**—Musn. E. T. Evered. **Warspite**—Musns. R. J. Ferguson, George Whittington. **Lowestoft**—Musn. George Moody. **Hood**—Band Cpl. Hugh McConnell, Musns. A. I. Downer, M. C. Orrin, J. W. M. Neal, R. C. Webb, Albert Wicker, H. H. Bush, Walter Reedy, J. E. Wardle, H. E. Parker, S. H. Stevens, F. L. Pickering, Frank Greenwood, Alfred Turner.

ADVANCEMENT.

Band Boy W. F. Owen to Musician.

DISCHARGES.

Musn. Lemuel Boorer to Pension; Muscn. C. E. Hicks, Invalided; Muscn. C. E. Webb, Termination of 1st Period of Engagement.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.

Commissioned Rank, R.M. Band.—"Pass" Certificate—Lieut. Samuel Fairfield, M.V.O., L.R.A.M., R.M. Band. (Also qualified for promotion to Musical Director or Assistant Musical Director). "Pass" Certificate—Bandmaster (W.O.) Arthur Pragnell, R.M. Band.

Bandmaster (W.O.) R.M. Band.—"Special" Certificate—Bandmaster (1st Class) A. C. Green, L.R.A.M., R.M. Band.

Subjects "P" and "Q" for Bandmaster (W.O.) R.M. Band—Bandmaster (1st Class) Samuel Taylor.

"BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS."

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel Field's "History of the Royal Marines.":—

Previously acknowledged, £1,246 11s. 6d.

Loans—R.M. Canteen, Gosport, £100.

R.M. Canteen, Plymouth, £25.

£2 7s. 6d., Miss E. Odell; £2, Right Hon. L. S. Amery, Admiral Sir H. F. Oliver, Colonel R. Brittan, Lt.-Cols. A. E. Rombulow Pearse, R. D. Bridges, Officers' Mess, R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, Capts. W. F. Lukis, R. A. Stewart, Lieut. E. C. L. Bearcroft, Lord Riddell, Lady Mercer, Mr. Hugh Gardiner, Mrs. Marke Wood, Rev. J. W. Evans, Mr. F. W. Sargant, Dr. C. T. Birdwood, Mr. G. Rathbone, Mrs. de M. Roche, The Athenæum, Liverpool, Editor, John o'London Weekly, Cadets' Ref. Library, R.N.C., Dartmouth, News of the World, Liverpool Public Library. £1 2s. 6d., H.M. Stationery Office; £1, Capt. C. Attwood, Sergt. S. Hazlett, Mr. J. F. Wheeler; 10s., Col. R. H. Morgan, Mr. H. C. Bailey, Pte. T. H. Fisher; 8s., Capts. A. C. G. Mackenzie, M. H. Spicer; 7s. 6d., Lieuts. G. V. Walton, J. H. Moxham, Mr. W. S. Hobbins; 5s., Capts. A. B. F. Alcock, R. H. P. West, Lieut. G. Hill, 2nd. Lieut. D. J. Grey, Pte. A. Taylor; 2s. 6d., Lt.-Cols. W. S. Poë, A. S. Cantrell, Majors W. L. Huntingford, A. G. Bourne, G. Rutledge, Capts. C. T. Brown, J. Ballard, H. R. Lambert, A. Whitworth, Lieuts. V. D. Thomas, H. Mc. C. Slater, R. M. Giddy, T. E. N. Knox, E. C. Green, Cpl. A. F. Booth, Ptes. J. E. F. Higgs, A. Potts, Mr. E. Jeater, Mr. J. Henderson, Mr. T. J. Atkins—Total, £1,431 5s.

Parts I, II, III have now been issued. Part IV will be issued this week. Subscribers who have not completed their subscriptions are requested to do so as soon as convenient, as large calls are shortly expected on the funds.

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Officer, 1664.

"I never knew an appeal to them for honour, courage or loyalty, that they did not more than realise my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England, they will be found the Countrys Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

Our heartiest congratulations to the Royal Marine Artillery on repeating their magnificent performance of last year at the Royal Tournament at Olympia and winning all three Inter-Service Team Championships, the 130 stone and the 110 stone Tugs-of-war and the Bayonet Team Competition, fuller particulars of which will be found on a later page. When we consider the great difficulties with which they must have had to contend in raising and training these teams, in view of the great shortage of men at Eastney as at all our Headquarters, we must take off our hats to all the Officers, N.C. Officers and men concerned in so worthily upholding the traditions of the Corps, and we hope that these victories may often be repeated in future years, despite the great reductions in our strength and any consequent changes in our organisation that may be found necessary.

We are very anxious to see published in our pages a series of articles which we think would prove of great interest to all our readers. The subject of these would be a history of the Barracks at our various Headquarters and the Depot, and would include a description of them as they were at the time of their first occupation by Royal Marines and the various additions and alterations that have taken place since.

There are some articles in the back numbers of the "Globe and Laurel" that would prove of assistance in the work, but it would take a lot of time and trouble to hunt up all the records required to complete it; however, we hope that some altruistic individual will be discovered at each Headquarters who will volunteer his services for such a task and we are convinced that the results of their labours would well repay them and prove of the utmost interest.

We are glad to say that we have received no uncomplimentary criticisms of our new cover, in fact very much the reverse, and so far no suggestions as to any alteration in the colour, so we hope we may take this as a sign of general approval.

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VIDE MAY EDITORIAL.

The Royal Marines—both Red and Blue,
If stories in the Press are true—
Though one beneath the "Globe and Laurel,"
Unanimous have picked a quarrel.

The Blues are extra blue with passion—
Ultramarine; and similar fashion
The Reds with bugles make outcry
While Blue grenades flare in the sky.

Ye stuffy pressmen in "The Fleet"
(No, not afloat, I mean the street),
Take note your braying nothing means
To either Blue or Red Marines.

We know that both by land and sea
The Royal Marines have got to be
Responsive to their country's call,
Even though the Geddes axe must fall.

So let the Jingo Press outcry
At R.M.A., R.M.L.I.
Thank God the Corps remains a Corps
At sea, and just the same ashore.

R.N.V.R.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Lieut.-General Sir Herbert Blumberg, K.C.B., Adjutant-General, R.M., had the honour of an audience with His Majesty on the 8th June at Buckingham Palace.

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Lord Latymer, sometimes known as the banker poet, died at his residence in Hanover Square on the 8th June. Francis Burdett Thomas, fifth Baron Latymer, it will be remembered, was the author of a short History of the Royal Marines, published in 1915 (A. L. Humphreys, 187, Piccadilly, W.). Many of the grievances to which he then drew attention have, we are pleased to add, now been remedied. It is, therefore, only fitting that the passing of this self-constituted champion of the Corps should be recorded with regret in our journal.

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Part IV. of Colonel Cyril Field's new History of the Marines concludes the adventures of Hannah Snell, the female Marine, and the author relates some details of other women who sought to emulate her naval and military performances. He then passes on to the taking of Belle Isle in 1761, to commemorate the Marines' part in which the Government authorised the Corps to adopt the proud emblem which now encircles the globe on their Colours. The next chapter deals in an informative manner with the duties and discipline of Marine detachments afloat in the eighteenth century. The coloured frontispiece illustrates Marine uniforms in the period 1740-8, and there are a number of other good pictures, both old and new, including reproductions of paintings by Serres, whose Christian name curiously is here spelt " Domenic " instead of Dominic. The work certainly gets more interesting with each successive part.

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We propose, with the kind permission of the Editor of " Cornhill's Magazine " and the author, to start next month reprinting two articles, which appeared in the " Cornhill Magazine " some three or four years ago, entitled " Nobody's Children " by that well-known writer Bennet Coplestone. We are sure that a great many of our readers have not seen these articles, and those that have, we are equally sure, will agree with us in thinking that they are well worthy of reproduction in our pages.

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We offer our hearty congratulations to Major R. A. D. Brooks, D.S.O., R.M.A., on three very fine batting performances in the Navy Trial Matches, which have recently been played at Chatham. In the first match v. I. Zingari on 18th June, he made 114, in the second v. Incogniti on 20th June, 79, and in the third v. Free Foresters on 22nd June, 94.

A SWORD OF HONOUR : Lieut. T. J. COX, R.M.

Thanks to the kindness of Miss Helen Ramus, the officers of the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., have been enabled to obtain a sword of honour, presented originally to Lieut. Thomas Sherlock Cox, Royal Marines, with whom she can claim family connection.

The sword blade bears the following inscription in gilt lettering :—

" From the Patriotic Fund at Lloyd's to LIEUT. THOS. SHERLOCK COX, of the R.M. of H.M.S. " Nereide," severely wounded in the gallant defence of that ship against a superior force of the enemy at the I. of France on the 23rd August, 1810."

Accompanying the sword are the belt and slings of dark blue leather ornamented with gold, cross belt plate in gilt and a plain metal scabbard, together with his commission bearing the signature of King George III. appointing Lieut. T. S. Cox a First Lieutenant in the 171st Co.

Private letters written by various brother officers, which were also forwarded by Miss Helen Ramus, bear testimony to the gallantry of Lieut. Cox on many occasions.

The mahogany case in which the sword, etc., are contained has the following printed inscription in explanation of the design of such swords awarded for gallant services, by Lloyd's Patriotic Fund :—

" The ornamental design for the Hilts of the Swords, presented from this Fund, in reward of BRITISH VALOUR, imports that NATIONAL UNION (figured by the Roman Fasces), produces Herculean efforts (of which the Club of Hercules is emblematic), which, aided by Wisdom (denoted by the Serpent), lead to Victory (implied by the skin of the Nemean Lion—the proudest of that Hero's Trophies). The Wreath of Laurel denotes that REWARDS await the Brave who shall successfully Wield their Swords in the Cause of their Country, of British Security, Independence and Honor."

In 1810, while serving in H.M.S. " Nereide," a 36-gun frigate, Lieut. T. S. Cox saw considerable service in cutting out expeditions and in minor operations ashore, until his ship was compelled (July, 1810) to strike her colours to the French after a most gallant resistance against superior forces. Of her 281 officers and men, 92 were killed and 137 wounded. Lieut. Cox " received several severe wounds in this action for which, on his return to England, he had a pension granted him and £350 for the cure of his wounds, and subsequently volunteered to the 2nd Battalion under Major Malcolm in Canada."

The letter from which we quote, was written by Lieut. and Adjt. Coryton, dated Woolwich, 21st Aug., 1814, to . . . Evans, Esq., Admiralty, London, and continues " after having received several wounds in the act of landing he continued leading his men until he fell, and Lieut. Lloyd, who has lately returned from Canada and who attended his funeral, says he shortly after expired, deeply lamented by every officer who knew him."

Lieut. T. S. Cox, "that gallant and repeatedly distinguished officer," as he is referred to by Nicolas in his Historical Record of the R.M. Forces (p. 260, Vol. II) was killed in action at Sandy Creek on the 28th May, 1814.

MEDAL COLLECTION, R.M.L.I.

Mr. W. G. Bulley, of 124, High Street, Chatham, has most kindly presented a very interesting medal awarded to his great-grandfather, Col.-Sergt. Benjamin Boley, in 1839. The medal is for Long Service and Good Conduct, and one of the type granted by an Order in Council, 24th August, 1831, to the Navy and Marines. On the obverse is an anchor and crown surrounded by an oak wreath. On the reverse the inscription: "*Benjamin Boley, Colour Sergeant, Plymouth Division, Royal Marines 34 years*" within a circle surrounded by the words "*For Long Service and Good Conduct.*" The ribbon is dark blue. The medal was superseded in 1848 by the present type with the head of the reigning Sovereign on the obverse and on the reverse the representation of an old-fashioned line-of-battle ship at anchor suspended from a blue ribbon with white borders.

H.C.

A MARINE VETERAN.

Many of the older Volunteers of Bristol and many old Cliftonians will be interested to know that Staff Sergeant W. P. Elton, late of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and the 2nd Gloucestershire Royal Engineers (Vols.), has just resigned his post at Clifton College. Born at Frome in the year 1835, he enlisted in the Royal Marines on Dec. 3rd, 1853. At that time there were, at Millwall, three men-o'-war building for the Russian Government, named the Cossack, Esk, and Tartar. On the outbreak of the Crimean War, these three vessels were commandeered by the British Government, and on the first-named, under the command of Captain (now Admiral) Fanshawe, Elton embarked for the Baltic in June, 1854. He served at the engagement of Ango Head, Kotka, and the bombardment of Sveaborgh, which lasted three days and nights, and many smaller affairs. Promoted corporal in December, 1857, he returned home and was appointed as a drill instructor at the R.M.L.I. barracks, at Woolwich, where he continued until 1867, during which period he was promoted sergeant in 1859, and colour-sergeant in February, 1864.

As colour-sergeant, he served on the China Station in H.M.S. Zebra, from February, 1867, until his arrival at Spithead on H.M.S. Donegal, in September, 1870. On September 26th, 1870 he had the misfortune to meet with a severe accident at the hands of an insane comrade, who, breaking loose during the bustle of disembarking, and possessing himself of a rifle and bayonet, which he fixed, made an attack on Colour-Sergeant Elton, and drove the bayonet right through his body. Marvellous to relate, no vital part was touched, but, in consequence of this wound, Colour-Sergeant Elton was invalided out of the service in July, 1872, after a service of 18 years and 224 days, of which his N.C.O. service consisted of 14 years and 210 days.

In September, 1872, Colour-Sergeant Elton was appointed by Dr. Percival (now Bishop of Hereford), then head master of Clifton College, as drill instructor to the boys, and when the Clifton College Cadet Corps was formed, in 1875, Colour-Sergeant Elton became its first sergeant-instructor, retaining that position until the advent of the R.E. instructors in July, 1888. During this period Sergeant Elton was one of the best shots in the 2nd G.R.E.V., and many trophies in his possession bear witness to his skill in that direction. As a coach, he was equally successful, and during the time he acted in that capacity his efforts were rewarded by the boys' success in winning the Ashburton Shield in 1884, 1885, and 1888, the Cadet Trophy in 1880 and 1886, and the Spencer Cup in 1884. The good wishes of his numerous friends follow him in his retirement.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

A. Royal Marine Championships.

(1) Team Events :—

(i) Tug-of-War (130 stone).—R.M.A. beat Royal Marines, Atlantic Fleet, by two pulls to nil.

(ii) Tug-of-War (110 stone).—R.M.A. beat Royal Marines, Atlantic Fleet, by two pulls to nil ; R.M.A. beat R.M.L.I., Gosport, by two pulls to nil.

(iii) Bayonet Team Combat.—R.M.A. beat Royal Marines, Atlantic Fleet ; R.M.A. beat R.M.L.I., Gosport.

(2). Individual Events :—

Foil *v.* Foil (Officers).—Major MacNair Smith, R.M.L.I. ; (O.R.).—Clr.-Sergt. Jones, R.M.A.

Sabre *v.* Sabre (Officers).—Major MacNair Smith, R.M.L.I. ; (O.R.).—Q.M.S.I. Hawes, R.M.L.I.

Epée *v.* Epée (Officers).—Capt. Shepherd, R.M.L.I. ; (O.R.).—Cpl. Stokes, R.M.L.I.

Bayonet *v.* Bayonet (Officers).—Capt. Adair, R.M.A. ; (O.R.).—Q.M.S.I. Hawes, R.M.L.I.

The Champions of each Service (Officers and Other Ranks) then fought in the Inter-Service Championship Pools, *i.e.*, the Champions of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, and Royal Air Force, together with certain Staff Physical Training Instructors from all Services who were not allowed to compete in the Championships of their own Services.

There were two Preliminary Inter-Service Championship Pools, and then a Final Pool (consisting of six competitors) in each weapon.

Places gained in the Final Inter-Service Pool (i.e., the last six left in) by the Royal Marines :—

Foil Championship Pool.—5th, Sergt. Peasnell, R.M.L.I.

Sabre Championship Pool.—4th, Q.M.S.I. Hawes, R.M.L.I. and Sergt. Peasnell, R.M.L.I.

Bayonet Championship Pool.—3rd, Q.M.S.I. Hawes, R.M.L.I. ; 5th, Sergt. Peasnell, R.M.L.I.

Q.M.S.I. Hawes was awarded a special silver medal for the best style in Bayonet Fencing.

Sergt. Peasnell was awarded a Skill-at-Arms Certificate for being in the Final Inter-Services Championship Pool in three different weapons.

B. Inter-Service Championships.

(i) Tug-of-War (130 stone).—R.M.A. beat Training Battalion, R.E., Chatham (Champions of the Army) by 2 pulls to nil ; R.M.A. beat R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth (Champions of the Navy) by 2 pulls to nil.

(ii) Tug-of-War (110 stone).—R.M.A. beat R.A.F. base, Gosport (R.A.F. Champions) by two pulls to nil; R.M.A. beat Training Battalion, R.E., Chatham (Champions of Army) by two pulls to nil.

(iii) Bayonet Team Combat.—R.M.A. beat R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth (Champions of Navy) ; R.M.A. beat 1st Battalion, Scots Guards (Champions of Army).

ROYAL TOURNAMENT TEAMS.

Bayonet Combat Team.—

Lt.-Col. G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., Capt. C. W. Adair, 2nd Lieut. J. M. Phillips, A/11933 Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Jones, A/10099 Sergt. A. B. Richardson, Cpls. A/12635 Richard Spanton, A/13735 Leonard Todd, Gunrs. A/11874 Jack Penfold, A/12214 C. G. Duncan, E/13313 W. C. Hamilton, A/16915 C. E. Hurley, A/13798 George Coley, A/16183 Wm. Davey, Q/17083 R. J. Easter, I/16784 F. M. D. Tallant, Q/17070 J. W. List, E/17034 F. P. G. Silsbury, Q/17071 Sidney Farrant, I/17052 Reginald Frost, Q/17077 W. J. Crook (Reserve).

Tug-of-War Team (110 stone).—Q.M.S. E. F. Burgess, Coach. A/12714 Sergt. W. H. Darters, I/14513 Cpl. W. I. Everett, E/11707 Lce./Bdr. G. W. Gordon, Gunrs. E/13934 W. Venables, A/11923 W. H. Cousins, I/15104 R. G. Docherty, N/17058 J. W. Mogford, I/17051 Alfred Joines, N/17055 H. J. Watkins, I/12906 J. W. Pritlove.

Tug-of-War Team (130 stone)—Sergt.-Major Charles Ellis, Coach. Cpls. N/13133 Edward Philpott, E/13585 A. G. Crowther, Gunrs. I/15408 L. F. Penny, I/10361 Walter George, E/17025 D. C. Penniger, N/16996 Andrew Telford, E/17022 Albert Le Gassick, E/17028 Harold Ballard, N/16241 R. W. C. Durrant, E/16986 James Brennan.

R.M.R.A. MEETING.

The following results have been received up to the time of going to Press:—

"Duke of Edinburgh Cup."—R.M.A. 997. R.M.L.I. (Ports.) 985. R.M.L.I. (Ports. Afloat) 957. R.M.L.I. (Ply.) 954.

"VictoryCup."—R.M.L.I. (Ports.) 446. R.M.L.I. (Ply. Afloat) 318. R.M.A. 307.

"Prince of Wales' Cup":—

Sergt.-Major Jervis (1st), Q.M.S.I. Foster and Fuller, R.M.A. (2nd).

S.R. (B) Shoot:—Q.M.S.I. Foster, R.M.A., (1st), Sergt. Butcher, R.M.A., (2nd), Colr.Sergt. Westcott, Ports. (3rd).

"Collard Cup":—Corpl. Howard, Ports., (1st), Sergt. Barratt, Ports., (2nd), Sergt. Tugwell, Ply. (3rd).

"Revolver Bowl":—R.M.L.I. Ports., (1st), R.M.L.I. Ply., (2nd), R.M.L.I. Chatham (3rd).

"McCarthy Cup":—R.M.L.I. Ports. 6155, R.M.A. 5955, Depot 5789.

Gold Jewel:—Colr-Sergt. Westcott, Ports.

Silver Jewel:—Sergt. Fuller, R.M.A.

Bronze Medal:—Sergt. Lee, Ports.

N.R.A. Bronze Medal:—Sergt. McColl, Chatham.

"Officers' Cup":—R.M.L.I.Ports. 55, R.M.A., 45, Ports. (afloat) 45.

"Mercer Cup":—Chatham 184, Ports. 181, R.M.A. 153.

Officers Revolver:—Chatham 370, Ports. 342, R.M.A. 325.

ROYAL MARINES DINNER CLUB.

The Annual Dinner was held, on the 25th May, at the Edward VII. Rooms, Hotel Victoria. General Sir Charles Trotman presided and 62 officers dined.

A telegram was sent presenting the loyal duty of the officers, Royal Marines, to His Majesty, their Colonel-in-Chief.

The following gracious reply was received and read by the President:—

To Sir Charles Trotman.

"I have received with much pleasure the telegram you sent on behalf of the Royal Marines and trust that you will convey to all present my sincere thanks for their loyal sentiments.

"GEORGE, R.I."

The Colonel-Commandant and officers of the Chatham Division again kindly allowed a part of their band to play during and after dinner.

Officers dining:—

Gen. Sir W. T. Adair, K.C.B., Maj.-Gen. St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., Capt. J. C. Adams, Lt.-Gen. Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., Maj.-Gen. C. G. Brittan, C.B., Major H. C. Benett, C.M.G., Maj. A. C. Barnby, Maj. J. J. Bramble, Col. C. Clarke, M.V.O., O.B.E., Lt.-Col. G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., Maj. A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C., Lt.-Col. R. V. Ford, C.B.E., Maj.-Gen. H. D. Farquharson, C.M.G., Col. H. Gritton, Lt.-Col. B. C. Gardner, C.B., Lt.-Col. W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G., Maj. C. O. Graham, O.B.E., Maj. H. C. Gillespie, O.B.E., Maj. M. K. Gray, Capt. R. C. Glunicke, Maj. R. S. Gibson, Col.-Commdt. A. R. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., Lt.-Col. H. N. Houghton, Maj. G. S. Hobson, Maj. C. Hill, Maj. J. G. Horne, Capt. F. A. Hamer, Col. J. H. Lambert, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. A. G. Little, C.M.G., Maj. H. M. Leaf, D.S.O., Col.-Comdt. G. J. Mullins, C.B., Col. R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., Lt.-Col. C. L. Mayhew, Maj. C. Micklem, D.S.O., Maj. A. R. Maxwell, Capt. L. Mercer, Capt. M. Morris, Gen. Sir W. Nicholls, K.C.B., Maj.-Gen. J. R. H. Oldfield, C.B., Lt.-Col. R. D. Ormsby, Lt.-Col. H. D. O'Sullivan, C.B.E., Rev. O. E. Owen, Maj.-Gen. Sir A. Paris, K.C.B., Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Porter, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.H.P., Col. P. Peacock, C.M.G., Lt.-Col. A. Peel, C.M.G., Lt.-Col. F. J. Raitt, Col. G. V. Robinson, Surg.-Lt. J. McB. Ross, M.C., Capt. W. Ronaldson, Maj. A. W. Ridings, Maj.-Gen. E. J. Stroud, C.B., C.M.G., Brig.-Gen. G. B. Stevens, Col. W. G. Simpson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Maj. H. K. Stephens, Maj. A. E. Syson, O.B.E., Maj. H. H. Stockley, O.B.E., Gen. Sir C. Trotman, K.C.B., Gen. E. A. Wylde, Maj.-Gen. H. S. Neville White, C.B., M.V.O., Lt.-Col. Rt. Hon. L. O. Wilson, C.M.G., D.S.O., P.C., M.P., Maj. G. C. Wainwright.

General Sir William Adair, K.C.B., presided at the General Meeting of the members of the Club, which was held at 55, Whitehall on the day of the Dinner.

The balance sheet for 1922 (published in "Globe and Laurel," March, 1923) was passed.

On the proposal of Colonel Gritton, seconded by General Sir H. Blumberg, K.C.B., General Sir C. Trotman, K.C.B., was unanimously elected a member of the general committee *vice* General L. T. Pease, C.B., retired.

It was agreed that further efforts should be made to bring the existence of the Dinner Club to the notice of gentlemen who held temporary commissions in the Royal Marines during the war.

NOTICE.

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THE 1st ROYAL MARINES MEMORIAL TROPHY.



Front Face.

PRESENTED BY

THE 1st BATTALION ROYAL MARINES,

11th November, 1918.

To you from failing hands We throw
The Torch, be Yours to hold it high.
If You break faith with Us who die,
We shall not sleep.

Right Face.

The Great War, 1914–1918.

Principal Actions in which the Brigade of Royal Marines was represented :—Antwerp, October, 1914; Landing at Gallipoli Peninsula, April, 1915; Krithia, June, 1915; Achi Baba, July, 1915; Evacuation of Gallipoli Peninsula, January, 1916; Beaumont Hamel, November, 1916; 2nd Battle of Arras, April, 1917; Passchendaele, October, 1917; Aveluy Wood, April, 1918; Le Barque, August, 1918; Queant, September, 1918; Cambrai, September and October, 1918.

Left Face.

WON BY

1920—The Royal Marine Artillery.
1922—The Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I.

Rear Face.

The 1st Battalion, Royal Marines, originated from the brigade of Royal Marines, which was mobilised on 3rd August, 1914. This Brigade consisted of one battalion from each of the R.M.A., Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth Divisions. Early in September, 1914, the R.M.A. Battalion was withdrawn for artillery duty, and its place taken by the "Deal" Battalion. In July, 1915, the Brigade was reconstructed into two battalions, named the 1st and 2nd Royal Marines. In April, 1918, these two battalions were amalgamated in one battalion known as the 1st Battalion, Royal Marines, which remained in the field until the termination of hostilities, capturing Villers-St. Chislain on Armistice Day, 11th November. This Challenge Trophy to be held for the year by the Unit of the Corps, whose representatives, including the Cadets, win the Championship of the Annual Team Competitions, decided upon by the Royal Marines Rifle Association.

The block for this picture was kindly presented by The Goldsmiths & Silversmiths Company, 112, Regent St., London, W.1, who were also the makers of the Trophy. Our best thanks are due to them, and we are asked to state that anyone who would like a copy of the excellent photograph, from which the block was made, can obtain one from the same Firm at the following prices:—Size 12×10, 2s. 6d. each: 10×8, 2s. 0d. each; Postcards, 6d. each.

WHO'S WHO IN THE R.M.O.C.A.

MAJOR A. KELLY EVANS.

I have no knowledge of the ancestry of Major Evans, but I imagine that he must be able to trace back to the time of the Spanish Inquisition, the time of the Rack and Screw ; he most certainly proves himself an adept at laying people on the racks of their consciences and making them see that service for others must always be the great watchword. If you doubt this, ask the merchant princes of Liverpool whom Major Evans interested in the Liverpool Branch of the Royal Marines Old Comrades Association.

It would be a very simple matter for me to confine myself to Major Evans's activities in connection with the Liverpool branch of the R.M.O.C.A. because, by the sheer force of his magnetic personality, he produced from thin air a very live branch of which the parent Association has every reason to be proud.

I do not wish to confine myself entirely to this portion of his very active career ; many officers of the Royal Marines both before and during the war, held high staff appointments with the Army, and among those was Major Evans, who held in 1916 the appointment of G.S.O.3 in the 63rd (R.N.) Division, and in 1917 the appointment of Brigade Major 57th Infantry Brigade. From May, 1917, until August, 1919, he was G.S.O.2 on the Headquarters of 6th Corps. Previously, 1915–1916, he had been a Company Commander in, and later Adjutant of, the 1st (Chatham) Battalion, Royal Marines.

His service previous to the late war was, like that of the majority of Royal Marines, up and down the seven seas : 1903–1906, H.M.S. " Monmouth," 1906–1907 ; H.M.S. " Bedford," 1907–1909 ; in command of Royal Marine Guard, Wei-Hai-Wei, 1911–1912 ; Assistant-Instructor of Musketry, Plymouth Division, until promoted Captain, Chatham Division, and then, 1912–1915, H.M.S. " Bellerophon."

In 1919 Major Evans was appointed to the Intelligence Division, Admiralty, and he afterwards became District Intelligence Officer, Irish Sea Area, until March, 1922, when he became Instructor of Musketry at Chatham.

In November, 1922, Major Evans retired from the Service.

In May, 1920, he founded the Liverpool Branch of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, of which he is President, and by so doing performed a great work in that the service he has rendered to the Corps, to the R.M.O.C.A., and incidentally to the City of Liverpool, is a great service indeed, far greater than any mere words of mine can adequately convey.

Major Evans has been awarded the O.B.E. (Military) and the Military Cross, and in addition has the 1914–15 Star, the British Victory and War Medals and has been twice mentioned in dispatches. I regret I cannot give any details about these decorations, as Major Evans is silent on the subject, but those of my readers who have served with him will know that they were very hardly earned.

In conclusion I would say that Major Evans is one of the most valuable assets of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, and I feel sure that all its members would wish me to place on record the fact that he at all times commands their respect, their admiration and affection.

C. J. MOYNIHAN,
R.M.O.C.A.

Next month : Lieut.-Col. The Right Honourable Leslie O. Wilson, P.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., J.P., M.P.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, R.M.C.A.

HELD AT 47, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.1., ON 25TH MAY, 1923.

Present :—
Lieut.-General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., A.G., R.M. (Chairman).
Lieut.-Col. H. C. Evans, R.M.L.I. (Hon. Secretary).
Lieut.-Col. H. N. H. Houghton, R.M.L.I.
Major C. F. O. Graham, R.M.L.I.
Staff Clerk G. W. Rayner, R.M.L.I. (R.M. Office).
Major M. K. Gray, R.M.L.I. (Chatham).
Sergt. A. T. McGuffie, R.M.L.I. (Deal).
Sergt. S. Richardson, R.M.L.I. (Portsmouth).
Mr. C. E. Marshall, (R.M.O.C.A.).

1. On the proposition of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, seconded by Major Graham, the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read by the Hon. Secretary, and passed.

2. The balance sheet of the Association was read and explained by the Hon. Treasurer, and on the proposition of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, seconded by Staff Clerk Rayner, accepted.

3. Hon. Secretary's Statement was read. (*See* attached).

The Chairman in supporting the statement stated that advertisements in the *Times* and " Tubes " had been inserted, and while those in the former had brought fair results, the advertising in the " Tubes " was a failure.

After consideration the opinion had been formed that it was better to advertise in the *Times* at frequent intervals, instead of continuously. Much more satisfactory results were obtained by the Hon. Secretary in interviewing prospective employers, and he (the Chairman) stated that the Association owed a great debt of gratitude to Colonel Evans for the much time and labour spent by him in trying to extend the work of the Association, and also to Major Graham and the Portsmouth branch for the very excellent results obtained by them during the past year.

On the proposition of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Sergt. McGuffie, the Secretary's statement was unanimously accepted.

5. Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, seconded by Major Gray, the following Executive Committee was elected for the ensuing year :—

Lieut.-General Blumberg (Chairman).
Lieut.-Col. Houghton, R.M.L.I.
Major C. F. O. Graham, R.M.L.I.
Staff Clerk Rayner.
Mr. Marshall (R.M.O.C.A.).
Hon. Secretary (ex-officio).

6. Tentative proposals from the Gosport branch regarding the provision of men for Stewards in the Mercantile Marine were discussed. The proposal that the Gosport branch should send a representative periodically to the other branches to :—

(*a*) Interview intending applicants.
(*b*) Explain the conditions personally to each man.
(*c*) To take the names and addresses of those who are willing to comply.
(*d*) That the other branches should bear the cost of the representative's visit,

met with much opposition, but on the proposition of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, seconded by Mr. Marshall, it was proposed that the Head Office, R.M.C.A. bear the expenses of the Portsmouth representative to visit R.M. Establishments for one visit, should the branches express their willingness for the representative to attend.

Carried with one dissentient (Depot, R.M.).

7. Statements by Col. Houghton were read :—

(*a*) Progress of the National Association, and proposal that the R.M.C.A. should contribute to its funds, either by a single contribution to the central office of the National Association, or by earmarking a portion for their branches at the Naval Ports.

(*b*) What sum the R.M.C.A. should give, if any, in the event of the Navy being willing to send a voluntary subscription towards financing the Chetwode Committee scheme.

(*c*) Progress of Resettlement.

With regard to proposal (*a*) :—

On the proposition of Major Gray, seconded by Sergt. Guffie, it was decided that the sum of £20 be given from the Head Office, R.M.C.A., in the name of the Divisions.

Proposal (*b*) :—

After discussion, was withdrawn.

Proposal (*c*) :—

The Chairman stated that Colonel Griffiths would be home soon, and he hoped to have an opportunity to discuss this question with him.

8. Proposed by Colonel Houghton, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that a vote of thanks be extended to Major Graham and the Portsmouth branch for the very excellent work done during the past year.

Carried unanimously.

9. The question of bringing the Association more to the notice of employers of labour in London, and large Provincial towns was discussed. The Chairman stated that good work had been done amongst the clubs in London, but in several instances men had been sent by the R.M.C.A. to prospective employers for a situation, accepted for the job, and then failed to turn up at the proper time, or not at all. This was a bad advertisement for the Association and did not tend to increase the scope of its work.

10. The Deal representative stated that Divisions did not in all cases inform them when vacancies for civil employment existed, and it was left to the Divisional representatives to arrange for the Deal branch to be informed when such vacancies existed.

11. It was suggested that the procedure adopted by the Head Office, *i.e.* :—

Sending a post card to men registered at periods of about six months, ascertaining whether they were in employment, or desired to still be considered for any vacancies.

The Hon. Secretary, R.M.C.A., stated that in his case the names of 350 men had been removed from the register for various causes, as a result of this notification.

12. Proposed by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, seconded by Staff Clerk Rayner, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Colonel Evans for his continued interest and hard work in connection with the Association.

The Chairman in supporting this resolution desired to also add the name of Major Graham for his splendid efforts on behalf of the Portsmouth branch.

Carried unanimously.

13. Mr. Marshall, Hon. Secretary, R.M.O.C.A., stated that he was in communication with late members of the Corps relative to the formation of branches of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association at Hong Kong and Shanghai, and had also raised the question of finding channels for the employment of ex-Marines in those places.

14. The question of advertising the Association in Provincial Towns, etc., was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

1. Working and results :—

Up to about March 23rd, 1921, 530 men had been registered. During the year just completed 328 men have been added to the list, making a total of 858.

It is not possible to confine the remarks under this heading to the last year only, but, from what follows, it will be understood that they cover the whole period during which the Association has been in existence.

Last Autumn a certain amount of inconvenience was experienced owing to the fact that men had neglected to inform this office of change of address, and also of the fact that they had obtained employment. A circular was, therefore, sent to the men registered, asking them whether they had got employment, and informing them that if they failed to reply within a week their names would be struck off the register. All the men registered up to 10th June, 1922, have now been circularised with the result that 350 men's names have been removed, leaving an actual total on the books of 505.

The effect of this action has been to (*a*) reduce the numbers registered to men who really want employment; (*b*) verify addresses and the existence of the men. Two deaths were discovered by this means.

It can be fairly assumed that out of the 350 names that have been struck off a ce tain proportion have got work while others, not being in urgent need of employment, do not wish to keep their names on the list. Three men have been struck off for misbehaviour.

During the period that the Association has been in existence 293 men have been placed. This represents a percentage of 34·4 of the total number (858) on the books; or 57·67 of the actual number (508) registered.

2. The question of the employment of the Royal Marines in the Post Office is in the same position as it was last year, owing to the holding up of the Chetwode Report.

3. The question of the employment of Royal Marines by the Office of Works is still in a very unsatisfactory position. Though a great deal of work is being done in the Royal parks no calls have been made on this office for men.

4. A certain advance has been made with reference to getting men into clubs and shipping offices.

5. The principal applications still come from employers of domestics. One or two cases have occurred where ladies are replacing their female staffs with men. In one case certainly the experiment promises success.

6. As regards emigration the scheme formulated by Colonel Griffiths and Mr. Darlot for sending parties of men to Western Australia, has practically fallen through. Australia House, when approached on the subject, knew nothing about it and, in reply to their enquiries, could get no information about it from the Government of Western Australia, who also expressed ignorance on the subject.

It is hoped that the official delegation that has gone out to New South Wales will be able to bring back such information as will enable the Government to see their way towards giving State aid towards helping ex-Service men to emigrate.

H. C. Evans, Lieut.-Col.
Hon. Secretary, R.M.C.A.

Tentative Proposals put forward by the Gosport Branch, R.M.C.A., for Agenda and Discussion at the Annual Meeting of the R.M.C.A. on May 25th.

1. The Forton branch anticipates that in the near future the demand it will be receiving for stewards in the Mercantile Marine will be more than it will be able to supply, and is anxious that men of the other branches should share in this type of employment, and accordingly now propose to send a representative periodically to those branches :—

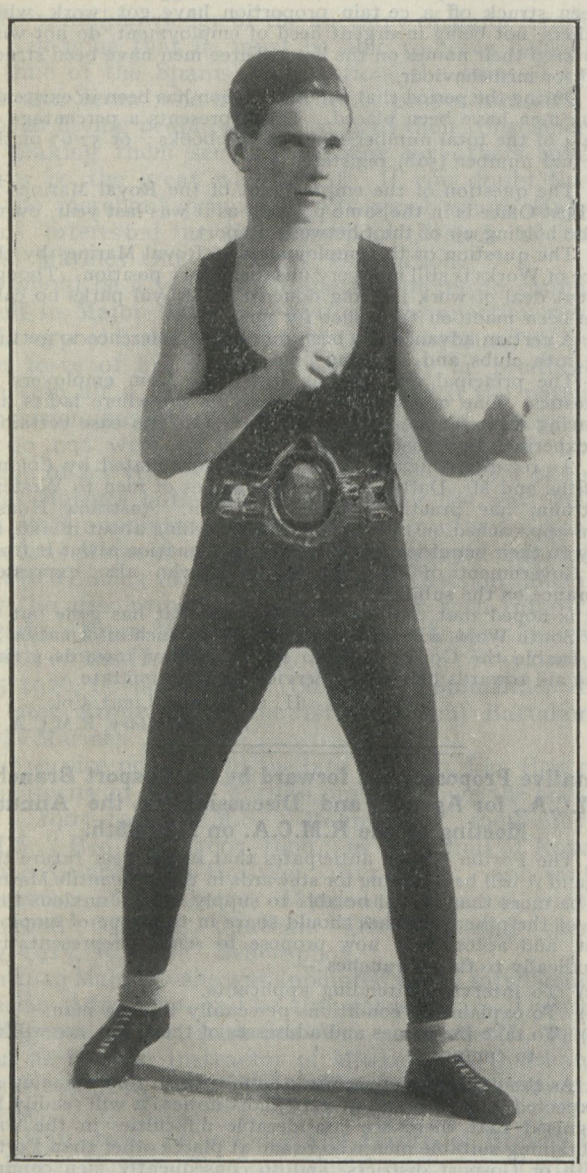
(*a*) To interview intending applicants.
(*b*) To explain the conditions personally to each man.
(*c*) To take the names and addresses of these who are willing to comply.

2. As the demands for stewards from time to time come up at unexpected intervals, and at very short notice, it will readily be recognised that there are considerable difficulties in the way of obtaining suitable men who reside at places other than Portsmouth or Gosport districts, and so consequently men coming from other districts will, under any circumstances, have to run a great amount of risk at their own expense, even if they have been wired for, as it is quite possible, and frequently happens that the jobs do not always materialise at the date given, and sometimes not at all. No guarantee can, therefore, be given, and the Forton branch cannot be responsible for any expense incurred. However, the outstanding fact remains that the Forton branch has filled 150 odd jobs in the last six months, a fact which it considers encouraging for the future.

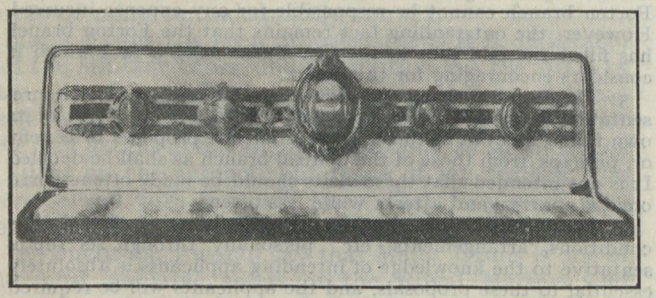
3. The Forton branch considers that the expense of its representative in visiting other branches should not come out of its own funds, but out of those of the branch it proposes to benefit or, perhaps, from those of the Central branch as shall be decided It is not intended that these visits should be made oftener than once a quarter, and after a while less often.

4. The Forton branch considers that the bringing of all details conditions, arrangements, etc., personally through its representative to the knowledge of intending applicants is absolutely essential to these proposals, and the applicants will be required to sign a paper that they are willing to comply.

BUGLER LAKE.



EX-BUGLER LAKE, wearing the LONSDALE BELT he recently won by defeating Tommy Harrison, the former Bantam-weight Champion.



THE LONSDALE BELT.

EXPERIENCES OF A ROYAL MARINE IN THE CRIMEAN WAR.

The following account of a Royal Marine, who was present at Inkerman and Balaclava, was found among the late Colonel Edye's papers, and we think will prove of interest to our readers. The writer was of a time when Certificates of Education were unknown, and we have thought it better to let him tell his story in his own words and to make no corrections to his copy:—

9, Fraser Road,
Southsea, 12 Oct. 1893.

To Captain Edie, R.M.L.I.,
Historian of R.M.L.I.

Sir,—Pardon the liberty of one of the rank and file of 1854 trespassing upon your valluable time, or even persuming to write to you. I was discharged from the Chatham Division in 1869 as a Sergeant. I was with the Royal Marines in the Crimea and have been awarded the Crimea Medal with bars for Balaclava, Inkerman and Sebastopol. I have never yet seen any account or History that I have a right to these bars. Can you give me any information.

I will briefly, without any books or corrections tell you my remembrance of things that bear out our claime to the Balaclava bar and those for Inkerman.

I landed with 10 pte. Marines and one officer, Lt. Dalby from H.M.S. Diamond, and about 150 from H.M.S. Agememnon in the villiage of Balaclava on the 29th day of September, 1854. We took possession of the first heights, and in a few days over 1,200 Marines arrived from the fleet under the Command of Lt.-Col. Hurdle; after a few days he pushed on and occupied the heights higher up to our right and extended the Second Battalion to the left out into the middle of the West side of the plain, our left resting on the Heavey Cavalry, and our right up to the High Cliff to the sea (about four miles).

I will now ask you to go with me to the extreem left of our line near the Cavalry. Here redoubt No. 1 was Constructed and manned by 78 Blue Marines under the Command of then Captain Alexander, R.M.A. (generally he went by the name of Black Jack). Linked with No. 1 Battery was No. 2 with 56 Red Marines, and I think Lt. Jolliffe R.M.A. was in this, going accross the plain towards the hights was entrenched, and passing up the hights from the plain a steep round hill stood out; upon this the late Captain Simon Fraser, with a company of Red Marines and some Blue, Constructed an earth work and Mounted some guns; this we called No. 3 Battery. Continuing due south about two hundred Yards then turning due East accross the end of the Old Vinyard was another Battery of 18 pounders Manned by Red Marines under the Command of Captain Blythe, R.M.L.I. (who was given the Legion of Honour by the French for the skill of his gunners upon the Russian Cavalry on Balaclava day). Also No. 1 and 2 Batteries were engaged and fired the fist shots on that day, and had to cease fireing when our Heavey Cavalry charged the Russians—who were close up to the Marines Guns—and again fired upon the enemy when our Cavalry had cleared out of them. Some of the Marines Guns had fired as many as 21 rounds each.

It would have been all up with Balaclava if our men had not had these earthworks and batteries ready (yet they don't even mention us at all as being there).

Following the trenches from Captain Blythe's Batteries No. 4 the ground dips and then a spur runs out about 50 yards upon which a redoubt was made and guns mounted (we called this the Spur Battery) then turning due south and facing the 2nd heights was the ground occupied principally by the 1st Battalion under Colonel Hurdle. Colonel Holloway was 2nd in Command. Near the spur the trenches extend up to the sea and Commanded the Road over the Heights, then turning East the dip was very steep and in the ravine was Constructed a Sandbag battery (when reconnoitring out this way one day Captain Rodney had a shot through his cloak). The extent of the trenches was about 4 miles from our right to our left on the plain.

I forgot to mention that Captain Mariot of the Agamemnon was in Command until the 1,200 Came from the fleet, and after a few days he embarked again with his men, but the 10 men of the Diamond remained with the Brigade.

On the 15th October the Officer of my Ship met with an accident and had to be sent home, viz., Lt. N. B. Dalby, R.M.L.I.

On the 1st November, 1854, four companies of Marines were made up out of the Brigade, in all 312 Rank and file under the Command of Lt.-Colonel Hopkins, Captain Marsh, Lieut. Pritchard and Carey, but I do not quite remember which day we set off, the 2nd or 3rd, and took up our position on the extreme right of the British near Inkerman Valley, and relieved some Rifles; and on the 5th we were engaged. We lost 21 men killed and wounded, including Captain Marsh. The Acting Sergeant Major Richards was the first man killed, and our dear old Colonel when the men were tumbling down gave the word "forward double," he walking quietly along amidst a shower of shot and shell. When called to take shelter, he said "Every bullet has its billet. I take my chance," and when Captain Marsh fell he directed his removal to a sheltered place and Pte. Sullivan, 44 Co. was one of the men who helpt to carry Captain March to shelter. Corporal Prittyjohn, Acting Sergeant, was given the V.C. afterwards and Colr.-Sergeant Jordan the Medal for Distinguished Conduct. About the first week in March 1855 Col. Hopkins returned from the Light Division to the Brigade with his shattered four Companies to about half and again took his place as Third in rank under Lt.-Col. Hurdle and Holloway, altho he had been made a full Colonel in the Army he was only Lieut.-Col. of Marines. He felt this very much after having an independent command with distinction leading his men so well. Great activity was displayed on the heights. Buffalos dragged up to the heights Heavey Guns, and a battery of 32 pds. was Constructed on the apex of the heights and entrenched. Seven days' food put in in advance.

I left the heights on the 27th September, 1855 after 363 days on shore duty, returned to my ship and left for Eupatoria, then to Malta and Ionian Islands, until March, 1857.

I am yours truly,
W. TURNER,
Late 21st Co. R.M.L.I., Chatham.

WATERLOO.

We are indebted to Colonel D. Hailes, O.B.E., R.M.L.I. (retired) for the following information. A reference also to Waterloo and the services of certain former officers of the Corps will be found on page 181 of "Globe and Laurel," Vol. XVII (1910).

No members of the Corps participated in the great battle on the 18th June, 1815, but two officers who received their early training in the Marines are mentioned, although only one was actually present, viz. :—

Captain Neil Campbell (of Ardnahow, Islay), who joined the Marines as Lieutenant, 6th November, 1799, and resigned 10th August, 1804, having received an Ensigncy in the 2nd West India Regiment. He transferred to the 79th Foot (Cameron Highlanders) as Lieut., 25th March, 1805, and was promoted Captain 8th April, 1806. He served in the Peninsula with the 79th and was present at the battles of Salamanca, Burgos, Nivelle, Nive and Toulouse; he also served in the Waterloo Campaign, was slightly wounded at Quatre Bras and mortally at Waterloo.

The other officer was Major-General George Johnstone, who was not actually present but received the medal.

Major-General G. Johnstone commanded the 6th Brigade (2nd/35th, 2nd/34th, 2nd/59th, and 1st/91st Regiments), to which Major Unett's Company of Foot Artillery was in reserve at Hal, and so not actually present. General Johnstone received his first commission as Lieut. in the Marines, 5th March, 1776, and served at New York and Halifax and in several sea engagements in the Indian Ocean. In 1792 he received a company in the newly-formed New South Wales Corps.

It has been stated that Lieut. T. Wearing (subsequently Commandant, Chatham Division, 1854) arrived on the field during the evening with despatches from the Fleet, but as the fighting had ceased he did not qualify for the medal. Had he received it, it would have been an unique case of the medals for Waterloo and Trafalgar being conferred on an individual, as Lieut. Wearing served on board the "Conqueror" at Trafalgar.

FLEET NOTES.

H.M.S. "Lowestoft,"
Africa Station.

Since our return from the West Coast cruise on April 22nd, all ships have been busy preparing for the Competitive Firing and other Gunnery exercises. These took place between the 7th and 15th of May. The "Lowestoft" won the cup with a score of 1,231·5 against the "Dublin's" 1,085·7. The Marines' gun's crew obtained the best loading average during the practice.

The only event which marred an otherwise perfect day was the sudden death of Pte. Beams, R.M.L.I., which occurred whilst the ship was at sea, firing. He was buried with full military honours on Thursday, 17th May.

An interesting event took place at Capetown on Saturday, May 12th, when the Memorial erected to the memory of the members of the South African Heavy Artillery Association was unveiled and dedicated.

This Regiment was formed in 1915, under the wing and godparentage of the R. Marine Artillery, originally under the command of Lt.-Col. J. Markham Rose, D.S.O., and in France, under the command of Lt.-Col. W. H. L. Tripp, D.S.O., M.C. The Regiment contained a fair quota of R.M. Artillery personnel, and on the roll of honour are recorded the names* of several R. Marine Artillerymen who lost their lives serving the South African guns. The Regiment was disbanded in 1919.

In view of their old and affectionate companionship, the Hon. Secretary of the Association invited a Royal Marine Guard of Honour to attend the ceremony. This Guard was provided from H. M. Ships "Lowestoft" and "Dublin." The South African Permanent Garrison Artillery also provided a Guard under Lieut. John Clisdal. The whole was under the command of Lieut. C. N. S. Smith, R.M.L.I.

The Memorial was unveiled by Lt.-Colonel C. W. Alston, R.A. He was seriously wounded under conditions of great gallantry in commanding one of the batteries, losing an arm and an eye at Ypres in 1916. In his address he spoke of the Royal Marines having rendered invaluable assistance in instructing the members of the S.A.H.A. He also thanked the Commander-in-Chief, Rear-Admiral Rudolf Bentinck, for allowing the Royal Marines to be present as a Guard of Honour.

General Smuts and the Archbishop of Capetown also gave a short address. The Commander-in-Chief placed a wreath at the foot of the Memorial on behalf of the Royal Navy.

The following is an extract from a letter from the Hon. Secretary, South African Heavy Artillery Association to the Commander-in-Chief :—

10th April, 1923.

"The fine bearing and turn-out of the R.M. Light Infantry Guard under Lieut. C. N. S. Smith has aroused general favourable comment and the example of their steadiness and soldierly bearing will have, I am sure, a very fine influence on the men of the comparatively new S. African Artillery Regiment, who formed the remainder of the Guard of Honour."

Hockey is now in full swing. The Royal Marine team from the detachment and band of the "Lowestoft" drew against the Army. Their play has improved considerably since last year; but there is still a strong tendency to allow the stick to come not only above the shoulder, but also well above the head.

The "Dublin" has now gone into dock for her annual refit, and the ship's company commenced a course of Musketry and Field Training up at the Sanatorium on May 24th.

B. F. TRENCH,
Major, R.M.L.I.
21st May, 1923.

* The names of these R. Marine Artillerymen are: R.S.M. Wm. Emeny, Sgt. G. Bentley, Bdr. S. Churchill, Gnr. G. H. Allison.

CHINA STATION.

Field Day.—On March 12th a Royal Marine Company took part in a tactical exercise with the Army, working with the 2nd Battn. the King's Regiment. The "enemy" were the Bombay Grenadiers.

Polo.—Lt.-Col. Darwall, F.R.M.O., and Captain Neville, A.D.C. to the Governor, played for the Navy in a competition for the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup. It is hoped to enter a Marine team for this cup next season. Capt. Neville played for Hong Kong in the interport games.

Racing.—Lieut. K. E. Previté won a race which paid 38—1 in the Pari Mutuel.

R.M.O.C.A.—A Hong Kong and South China branch has been started. There are many ex-Royal Marines out here. The Governor and Naval C.-in-C. are Patrons.

Canton Memorial.—A memorial was dedicated at Canton on January 8th, by the Bishop of Victoria in memory of those who died or were killed at Canton between the years 1858 and 1861. The Regiments named on the monument are the Royal Marines, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, the Royal Regiment, the East Lancashire Regiment, the R.A.M.C., the 3rd Bombay Light Infantry and the 99th Regiment of Native Infantry.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION 60th ANNUAL MEETING, BISLEY, 1923.

EXTRACT FROM PROGRAMME.

Date	*Period*	*Competition*	*Range*	*Remarks*
6th July	a.m.	"Methuen" Cup	Century	Army Rifle Association. One team from each R.M.A. and R.M.L.I.
7th July	all day	"Queen Mary's"	Century	Individual. Service conditions
9th July	all day	"Alexandra"	Century	Individual. Tyros. S.R. (*a*)
	1630	"Cheylesmore"	Stckldn.	Unit Teams. Knock-out Match
10th July	a.m.	"L. & S.W.R."	Century	Individual. Tyros. S. R. (*a*)
	p.m.	"B.S.A."	Stckldn.	do.
11th July	a.m.	"Aldershot" Cup	Century	Unit Teams. R.N. and R.M. Service Conditions
	p.m.	"Hamilton Leigh"	Century	Unit Teams
	p.m.	"Roberts"	Century	do. 1st Stage
12th July	a.m.	"Roberts"	Short	Final Stage
	a.m.	"Watts" Bowl	Century	Cadet Corps. Holders—Chatham R.M.L.I. Cadet Corps
	5.0p.m.	Public Schools, Veterans	Century	Three R.M. Officers Shot for their Schools.
13th July	a.m.	"Donegal"	Century	Badge Winners
		"Conan Doyle"	Century	Rifle Clubs. Individual
	p.m.	"United Service"	Century	Holders—Royal Marines
	p.m.	"Astor"	Century	County Cup Winners. Teams
14th July	all day	"Stock Exchange"	Century	Individual S.R. (*b*), Aggregate of "Graphic" and "Wimbledon"
16th July	a.m.	"Daily Graphic"	Century	Individual S.R. (*b*)
	p.m.	"Duke of Cambridge"	Stckldn.	do. 900 yds.
17th July	p.m.	"Bargrave Deane"	Deer	Revolver Match. Holders—Portsmouth Divn., R.M.L.I.
18th July	all day	The King's 1st Stage	Century	
19th July	p.m.	"Whitehead"	Deer	Revolver Teams. Corps.
21st July	a.m.	"St. George's"	Century	Final Stage
	p.m.	"The King's"	Stckldn.	Final Stage

Presentation of Prizes.

Other trophies held by Units of the Royal Marines:—The "Mappin" Cup (R.M.A.) and "J. H. Steward" Cup (Depot) are competed for concurrently with certain Individual Matches.

BIRTH.

COLLIS.—On 1st June, at Iona House, Dawlish, S. Devon, the wife of C.R.H. Collis, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

UNWIN—MATTHEWS.—On 2nd June, at St. Mary's, Walmer, Lieut. E. H. M. Unwin, R.M.A., elder son of Capt. E. Unwin, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., R.N., and Mrs. Unwin, of Wootton, Staffordshire, and Charlton Lodge, Cheltenham, to Doris Blandford younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Matthews, of The Old House, Walmer, Kent.

LYWOOD—WYLDE.—On the 6th June, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, Colonel Edwin Gifford Lywood, R.M.L.I. (retired), to Mabel Mary, widow of Lt.-Col. A. W. Wylde, R.M.L.I., and daughter of the late Thomas Winch, of Higham, Kent.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Major N. S. Clutterbuck, D.S.O., Royal Marine Light Infantry, son of the late R. H. Clutterbuck, Durran Hill, Cumberland, and of Mrs. Clutterbuck, Weymouth, and Irene, only daughter of the late S. W. Trevenen, St. Ewe, Cornwall, and of Mrs. Trevenen, Welton, Cheltenham.

The engagement is announced between Capt. John Melville Tuke, R.M.A., second son of Commander J. F. Tuke, R.N., and Mrs. Tuke, of Westcroft, Gravesend, and Gwladys Ruth, second daughter of Dr. Edward J. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, of 74, Hamilton Terrace, N.W.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO R.M.C.A., PLYMOUTH

£1, Lt. K. E. Previté; 10s., Col.-Cmdt. G. J. H. Mullins, C.B., Maj. J. W. Snepp, O.B.E.; 5s., Lt. S. S. Appleyard, 2nd Lt. G. R. Hawkins, Lt. R. W. Gordon, Capt. C. R. W. Lamplough, Col. 2nd Cmdt. F. C. Edwards, Lt.-Col. P. Molloy, Maj. W. P. Arbuthnot, Maj. A. D. Welch, Maj. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. H. W. Channer, Maj. F. E. Benham, Rev. M. T. Hainsellin, Surgn. Lt.-Cmdr. A. C. V. Green, Surgn. Lieut. J. C. Brown, Capt. N. K. Jolley, Capt. C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C., Capt. H. E. Ravenshaw, Capt. H. T. Newman, Capt. A. M. Craig, O.B.E., Capt. J. F. Hore, Capt. G. H. Stevens, Lt. P. S. G. O'Donnell, Lt. H. A. Morris, Lt. H. A. Bass, Lt. R. J. Gumm, 2nd Lt. J. F. M. Moulton, 2nd Lt. W. S. North, 2nd Lt. F. A. Milliken, 2nd Lt. J. Cairncross, Hd. Mstr. J. P. Newcombe, Capt. A. H. E. Reading, Col. (retd.) A. P. Grattan, Capt. D. B. Carter, Capt. E. Bowring; total, £10 10s.

Capt. C. G. de B. Godfrey and Lieutenant R. L. Harris, both of whom retired from the Royal Corps this year, have established a motor business in Chatham.

They undertake repairs, overhauls, garaging and cleaning of cars, and employ skilled mechanics for these purposes. Six-seater Talbot, Darracq, Coupé and Talbot touring cars, for long and short distances, may be hired at reasonable rates.

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FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

PLYMOUTH.

At the South-Western Area Athletic Meeting, 14th June, C/19959 Pte. D. E. Price, R.M.L.I. won the mile open to Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force and H.M. Police, in the creditable time, 4 minutes 59 four-fifths seconds.

TUCKEY CUP.—This Cup is for the champion Company at Sport. It was given to the Plymouth Division by the relatives of the late Capt. Tuckey, R.M.L.I., who was killed at Zeebrugge, and is presented on Zeebrugge Day; it was won by "G" Company. Results:—

Event.	"A" Co.	"C" Co.	"E" Co.	"G" Co.
Bayonet Combat Team	0	1	0	2
Tug-of-War ...	1	2	0	0
Shooting ...	0	0	1	2
Football ...	1	0	0	2
Billiards ...	1	2	0	0
Bowls	2	0	0	1
Boat Pulling ...	1	0	0	2
Total ...	6	5	1	9

The football final was a great tussle between "A" and "G" Companies, the match having to be replayed and then only after extra time did "G" Company win the Shield by 3 goals to 1.

The Boat Race also proved interesting. Commander Sueter, of H.M.S. "Impregnable" very kindly lent four 12-oared cutters for the race. The course was two miles, with a fairly high sea running. "G" Company got away well and kept the lead throughout, but "A" Company made a great show, and it was only the extra training of "G" Company which enabled them to win.

Cross-country running and cricket have been added to the events for the coming year.

WATER POLO.

Result of our first match in the League:—H.M.S. "Woolwich" 1, Royal Marines 1.

DEVONPORT SERVICE SAILING RACES.

The weather on the 16th May was so bad that only five boats started in the weekly race. Three of these were R.M.L.I. representatives.

The K.H.M. (Commander Payne) took the lead from the start with his 25-ft. whaler and, increasing his lead steadily, won a well-sailed race easily.

The R.M. cutter (Colonel Mullins) came in second, but was unable to save her time from the R.M. 25-ft. whaler (Capt. Sergeant) which took second prize, the R.M. 27-ft. whaler also retiring, waterlogged.

This was a straightforward race, skill in boat-sailing being more of an asset than local knowledge, and the K.H.M. is to be congratulated on his win.

The race on the 23rd May, started under very favourable conditions, with a nice breeze from the S.W. The boats started in a bunch, but the K.H.M. (Commander Rayne) soon drew ahead, followed by the R.M. cutter (Colonel Mullins), and "Woolwich" 25-ft. whaler (Lieut. Wright) 27-ft. whaler (Major Arbuthnot) and R.M. 25-ft. whaler (Capt. Sergeant). These two, standing on to the breakwater made the New Grounds on one tack and started for home close on the heels of the 30-ft. Gig (Capt. Cameron) of the "Glorious." Heavy rain now started and the breeze slackened until in the second round it died away to a flat calm for about ¾ of an hour. The Gig and R.M. 27-ft. whaler had fortunately rounded the New Grounds, and cleared the tide rip there, before the wind died away. The gig gradually increased her lead and had a good half hour in hand at the buoy 400 yards from the finish.

Standing out into the tide, she drifted helplessly about and the R.M. whaler making into the Cattewater, picked up a light northerly air and won a close race with the gig by 40 seconds, the remaining boats retiring, except the K.H.M. and R.M. whaler 25-ft. which, sticking it out, were 3rd and 4th respectively.

The first qualifying race for the Coburg Cup took place on the 30th May. Eight boats turned out and sailed the western course with a S.E. breeze. Four boats crossed the line together, immediately after the gun, and at the end of the first round the R.M. 27-ft. whaler (Major Arbuthnot) had a nice lead from the K.H.M. 27-ft. whaler (Comdr. Rayne) and "Maidstones" 25-ft. whaler (Lieut. Nash) respectively. At the New Grounds the R.M. whaler had considerably increased her lead, but the wind now backed to north of east and increased very considerably, leaving the leading boat in a lee position, and by the time the boats reached the Duke Rock K.H.M. and "Maidstone" were well away. At the end of the second round K.H.M. had a good lead with "Maidstone" and R.M. 27 in second and third places. At the mark boat R.M.27 cut out "Maidstone" which gradually dropped away and going in chase of K.H.M. a hard struggle in a tearing wind took place between the two leading boats; K.H.M., however, got his gun 56 seconds ahead of R.M.27, "Maidstone" 25 coming in about 7 minutes later, followed by "Glorious" 30-ft. gig (Capt. Cameron) who was unable to save her time on R.M. 25-ft. whaler (Capt. Sergeant), the latter boat getting fourth prize. The R.M. cutter (Major Jerram) fouled the Duke Rock, during a lull in the wind, and retired.

Eleven boats entered for the race on the 6th June, which was sailed in a moderate to stiff N.W. wind. K.H.M. (Comdr. Rayne took the lead from the start, with the R.M. 27 (Major Arbuthnot) in close attendance. The race was a straightforward one, and calls for no special comment, except, perhaps, to say that, had "Seabear" 25 (Lieut. Comdr. Nash) not fouled another boat, he would probably have gained a place.

The result was K.H.M. 25 1st, R.M. 27 2nd, R.M. 25 (Capt. Sergeant) 3rd, and "Impregnable" 32-ft. cutter (Capt. Berwick Curtis) 4th.

In order to encourage boat-sailing amongst men on the lower deck, a challenge cup has been presented; rules for the races for this trophy are attached. It is hoped that Marines of any ship in port, as well as those in establishment, will compete for the cup.

RULES FOR THE SAILING RACES FOR MAJOR ARBUTHNOT'S CHALLENGE CUP.

1. The rules and handicaps as laid down and published by the Devonport Sailing Sub-Committee are to be adhered to.

2. The helmsman must be a seaman or marine below the rank of warrant officer.

3. An officer can form one of the boat's crew, but he is not expected to take charge of the boat, and is not to touch the helm except to avoid serious accident. If this happens the boat will be disqualified.

4. Points will be awarded to the winning helmsman as follows:

First	... ...	4 points.
Second	... ...	3 ,,
Third	... ...	2 ,,
Fourth	... ...	1 ,,

The cup will be awarded to the helmsman with the highest number of points at the end of the season, and will be held by him on board his ship or in his establishment (or if he leaves the Port by his ship or establishment) till next season.

A small replica of the cup will be presented to the winning helmsman for his personal property.

Subject to the weather and other conditions, the races will be held on June 14th and 28th, and July 12th and 26th. A general signal will be made beforehand to warn competitors.

Entrance fee for these races is three shillings per boat. Sailing certificates are to be sent to the Hon. Secretary, H.M.S. "Glorious, by noon on the previous day.

Entrance fees will be collected at the Royal South-Western Yacht Club before the start of the race.

Prizes of twenty-five shillings, fifteen shillings and ten shillings will also be given in each race, provided there are sufficient entries (*vide* para. 13 of General Sailing Rules).

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EASTNEY.

SHOOTING.

After having had a fairly successful season at Miniature during the winter months, we commenced Open shooting in March, and fired our first match on 12th May, against H.M.S. "Victory" under United Services Conditions, winning by 80 points. Our second match was against Portsmouth Rifle Club, on 26th May, under 1st Stage King's Conditions, which we lost by 16 points. On 30th May we had a match with Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., United Services Conditions, and also revolver. We lost the rifle match by 28 points, but won the revolver match by 53 points.

On 6th June we had the return matches at Browndown, losing both, the rifle by 9 points, and the revolver by 35 points.

During the first week in June, our Young Soldiers fired two matches with Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I. Young Soldiers, under 1st Stage King's, the R.M.L.I. winning by 44 points, at Browndown, and the R.M.A. winning by 32 points at Eastney.

On 9th June we entered a team for the Astor County Cup, and finished 5 points behind the winners, H.M.S. "Excellent," Sergt. Fuller being highest scorer on the Range with 101 points out of a possible 105 points.

We are just starting the R.M.R.A. Meeting at Browndown, and hope to do fairly well, although there are so few shots to choose from, owing to so few men being in Barracks.

LAWN TENNIS.

Four lawn tennis courts have been laid out on the "Gunners' Lawn" for the use of N.C.O.'s and men, and were opened for play on Monday, 11th June. The grass is in good order, and the courts compare very favourably with any of the public courts in Portsmouth.

Up to date the attendance has been encouraging, and, though the standard of play may not be very high at present, it is hoped that the venture will be a popular one, and that many N.C.O.'s and men who have little opportunity of playing other games in Barracks will become enthusiastic tennis players.

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FORTON.

WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

An "Olde English Faire" was held for four days, 30th May to 2nd June, in the New Barracks Field, in aid of the War Memorial Hospital.

As the War Memorial of the Portsmouth Division is included in this Hospital, the R.M.L.I. were requested by the Gosport Committee to assist in any way possible, and with the Commandant's permission a committee was formed to organise and carry out such side-shows as could be arranged, having regard to the personnel available.

Lt.-Col. W. T. C. Jones, C.B., D.S.O., Capt. J. G. Johnstone, Lieut. C. T. Savill, Supt.-Clerk F. W. Phillips, Supt.-Clerk W. Mc. K. Brown and a representative from each department composed the Committee.

The Fair portion, roundabouts, etc., having already been arranged by contract (it being impossible to run the whole Fair by R.M.L.I., as in 1921), it was decided to run attractive items, as follows, the amount realised being shown against each item :—

	£	s.	d.
Rifle Range	15	18	4
Big Gun Competition	5	8	3
Cricket	9	6	9
Jack-in-Box and Rummage Sale ...	12	2	2
Hidden Treasure	8	18	3
Cover the Disc.	3	8	2
Weight and Height	4	16	2
Pig Raffle	12	15	1
Money for Nothing No. 1	11	4	10
,, ,, ,, No. 2	4	19	6
Cycle Enclosure		19	11
Propeller Blade No. 1	68	6	1
,, ,, No. 2	30	6	11
Dancing	28	16	2
Guessing Competition	58	11	9
	£275	18	4

The Dancing enclosure was run by the members of the Sergeants' Mess and was a great success, the music being provided by members of the Divisional Band.

The Gosport Committee set the task of raising £1,000. The total receipts were approximately £2,000 and expenses are expected to rank about £500, so that expectations have been much more than realised and the result is very gratifying, having regard to the present state of trade and unemployment. Certain it is that the R.M.L.I. effort contributed in no small measure to the great success achieved, and Gosport will be hard put to it to find a more able and hard-working body of helpers, when the Division leaves Forton on amalgamation.

It is regretted that no Corps Gazette nor Local Notes have been received from the Depot this month.

CRICKET.

FIXTURES.

Mead Memorial Cup, to be played at Depot, R.M., Deal :—

1. Monday, Tuesday, 9th and 10th July—Chatham Division v. Plymouth Division.

2. Wednesday, Thursday, 11th and 12th July—Eastney v. Forton.

3. Friday, Saturday, 13th and 14th July—Winner of 1 v. Winner of 2.

Monday, Tuesday, 16th and 17th July—v. Stratford-on-Avon, at Stratford-on-Avon.

Wednesday, Thursday, 18th and 19th July—v. Harrow Wanderers, at Eastney.

Friday, Saturday, 20 and 21 July—v. I Zingari, at Eastney.

CORPS MATCH.

Royal Marines v. Royal Army Ordnance Corps. The R.A.O.C. were at home to a side of Royal Marines on their ground at Hilsea, Portsmouth, on Monday, June 4th.

Capt. J. M. Tuke lost the toss and the Royal Marines took the field at 11.30 a.m., and Colonel Bush (the old Surrey captain) and Lt.-Col. Wethered faced the bowling of Major Hunton and 2nd Lieut. Phillips, the latter bowling Lt.-Col. Wethered with the third delivery of his second over, with the score standing at 18.

Runs came freely for a while when Major Sheppard joined Colonel Bush, double bowling changes being necessitated. Eventually Colonel Bush mis-timed an off drive and was easily taken at mid-off by Capt. Tuke, off the bowling of 2nd Lieut. Phillips, the score then being 66. No stand of note was made by the remaining batsmen and the home side was dismissed for a total of 131.

The fielding of the Royal Marines was good without being brilliant and runs were difficult to get. The most successful bowlers were Sergt. Smith and Major Hunton, the latter bowling steadily with little fortune.

The Royal Marines opened with Major Brooks and Capt. Congdon against the bowling of Capt. Knox (the old Surrey and England fast bowler) and Capt. Love. Runs came very freely from the commencement until Capt. Congdon succumbed to an easy catch at mid-on in endeavouring to hook a short ball from Capt. Love, the score then being 33—1—18. Lieut. O'Donnell joined Major Brooks and runs continued to come slowly until the former was bowled by Capt. Love at 72—2—10. With the score unchanged Brooks mis-timed a shortish ball from Knox, and was caught and bowled.

Simpson and Tuke gave little resistance to the bowling and when Major Hunton joined Cooper who was batting very steadily the score was 84 for 5 wickets, and the game was in a very interesting condition. These two officers batted with extreme caution, helping themselves only to loose balls. The total slowly rose to 128, when Major Hunton endeavoured to hit Capt. Love, and was caught and bowled.

Sergt. Smith then joined Cooper and the winning hit soon followed and Cooper had the satisfaction of seeing his side win comfortably, thanks to a meritorious innings of 40 by himself. Full score was as follows :—

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

Colonel Bush, c Tuke, b Phillips	41
Lt.-Col. Wethered, b Phillips	5
Major R. O. Sheppard, b Smith	18
Capt. Love, c Barnby, b Hunton	15
Lt.-Col. Fernyhaugh, b Brooks	11
Capt. Knox, b Hunton	23
Capt. Skinner, b Smith	8
Lieut. Swinney, lbw, Hunton	0
L/Cpl. Carter, c Phillips, b Hunton ...	0
Capt. Picketrall, not out	0
Pte. Kelly, b Smith	0
Extras	10
Total	131

Bowling Analysis :—Major Hunton, 4 for 47.
2nd Lieut. Phillips, 2 for 45.
Sergt. Smith, 3 for 13.
Major Brooks, 1 for 16.

ROYAL MARINES.

Major Brooks, c and b Knox.....	37
Capt. Congdon, c Picketrall, b Love...	18
Lieut. R. O. O'Donnell, b Love.....	10
2nd Lieut. Cooper, st Skinner, b Picketrall	40
Capt. Simpson, b Knox.....	0
Capt. Tuke, b Knox.....	8
Major Hunton, c and b Love.....	26
Sergt. Smith, b Kelly.....	14
2nd Lieut. Phillips not out.....	1
Gnr. Bennett, c Skinner, b Kelly.....	0
Major Barnby did not bat.	
Extras	8
Total (9 wickets)	162

Bowling Analysis :—Capt. Knox, 3 for 83.
Capt. Love, 3 for 49.
Capt. Picketrall, 1 for 17.
Pte. Kelly, 2 for 5.

The officers of the R.A.O. Corps were at home in the afternoon, and, in spite of the weather, the match attracted a number of friends of both sides, who greatly enjoyed the regal entertainment they had so kindly provided.

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PORTSMOUTH.

May 12th v. Catherine C.C.—R.M.L.I., 33, 98 (4) ; Catherine C.C., 10, 67 (9). Mus. Mallard, 68 ; Cpl. Henwood, 5 for 10 ; Pte. Osborne, 5 for 10.

May 16th v. Gosport Secondary School.—R.M.L.I., 99 (5) ; School, 32, 27 (6). Sergt. Smith, 33 ; Pte. McCurley, 21 ; Sergt. Smith, 6 for 22.

May 19th v. Gosport Athletic.—R.M.L.I., 130 (4) ; Gosport Athletic, 66. Mus. Mallard, 63 ; Cpl. Maughan, 31 ; Cpl. Henwood, 4 for 16 ; Sergt. Smith, 4 for 24.

May 24th v. Portsmouth Grammar School.—R.M.L.I., 118 ; School, 51. Sergt. Smith, 59 and 5 wkts for 17 ; Rev. Peshall, 2 for 9.

May 30th v. Southsea C.C.—R.M.L.I., 30 ; Southsea, 156.

June 9th v. Trojans (Southampton).—R.M.L.I., 150 ; Trojans, 175 (8). Rev. Peshall, 59 ; Capt. Simpson, 20 ; Cpl. Henwood, 3 for 45 ; Sergt. Smith, 3 for 61.

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PLYMOUTH.

The season has not opened as well as might have been desired, chiefly owing to the scarcity of anti-cyclones on days when matches have been arranged. There is also a remarkable lack of really good players in the Division at the present time, but we are carrying out our fixtures and doing our best to give a good game. At the present time the Garrison contains, at least, three regimental teams who would give many a county team a good run for their money, so that it is no disgrace to be beaten by them.

We have been trying to invent a graceful substitute for cricket which can be played in sea boots and oilskins, but we have not yet succeeded.

The Division has again entered for the Royal Navy Cricket League (Devonport) and have won both matches played. A Company Cricket League has also been instituted, points being given to the winners, to count towards the award of the Tuckey Cup, which is won each year by the Company gaining the most points in all Sports.

Results :—

R.M.L.I. 21 and 36, Callington 108. Away.
R.M.L.I. 49, Constr. Draughtsmen 11 (no wicket). Home.
R.M.L.I. 49, Kelly College 112. Away.
R.M.O.A. 73, Some Staff 12. Away.
R.M.L.I. 83, H.M.S. " Glorious " 67 (league). Home.
R.M.L.I. 62, H.M.S " Hood " 121. Home.
R.M.L.I. 80, 2nd K.O.S.B. 263 (5 wickets). Home. (Trask 33, Lester 20 not out.)
R.M.L.I. 190 (7 wickets), R.N. Hospital 79 (league). Home. (Lieut. O'Donnell 130 not out ; Capt. Bowring 25.)
" A " Company 138, " C " Company 61 (Company League). (Cr.-Sgt. Summer 39 ; C.S.M. Palk 26; Mus. Trask 25 ; Major Sinclair 18 not out).

Report of the match between R.M.L.I., Chatham, and U.S. C.C., Sheerness, played on 9th June, 1923 on U.S., Sheerness ground. Scores :—

U.S. C.C., SHEERNESS.

Capt. Peyton, b Mercer.....	2
E.R.A. Grieves, b Mercer.....	3
Lieut. Bradshaw, c Barnby, b Watts	13
O.A. Mills, not out 120	
Lieut. Cutler, c Watts, b Mercer.....	1
Lt.-Cdr. Ewbank, b Watts.....	4
Capt. Allenby, st Barnby, b Congdon...	23
Rev. Burbery, b Mercer.....	12
Mr. Borroughs, b Watts.....	6
E.R.A. Rowley, b Watts.....	7
Mr. French, run out	3
Extras	2
Total	196

Bowling Analysis :—Capt. Mercer, 4 for 81.
Pte. Watts, 4 for 38.
Capt. Congdon, 1 for 46.
Sergt. Watts, 0 for 29.

R.M.L.I., CHATHAM.

Capt. Mercer, c Bradshaw, b Rowley...	28
Capt. Congdon, lbw Mills.....	58
Major Pope, b Grieves.....	2
Major Barnby, c Allenby, b Rowley...	10
Lt.-Col. Mayhew, c Cutler, b Rowley...	1
Pte. Watts, b Mills	11
Col.-Comdt. Hutchison, b Borroughs...	42
Pte. Escott, b Rowley.....	0
Capt. Clayton, c Bradshaw, b Borroughs	12
Lieut. Holford, not out.....	9
Sergt. Watts, not out.....	19
Extras	5
Total (9 wickets)	197

Bowling Analysis :—Rowley, 4 for 57.
E.R.A. Grieves, 1 for 74.
O.A. Mills, 2 for 27.
Lt.-Ccmmdt. Ewbank, 0 for 12.
Mr. Borroughs, 2 for 22.

EASTNEY.

At Eastney.—R.M.A., 112 (Lt.-Col. Cantrell 39, Sergt. Tilley 20) ; Commercial Travellers, 156 for 4.

At Eastney.—R.M.A., 73 (Gnr. Langridge 28, Hcsp.-Sergt. Scotson 16) ; Portsmouth Orleans, 164 for 6 (Gnr. James 3 for 49).

At Eastney.—R.M.A., 49 (Capt. Grover 18) ; Southsea C.C., 205 for 2.

At Eastney, 130 (Major Brooks batted in fine style and out of the total of 130 he contributed 73, which included 10 4's) ; Havant C.C., 163.

At Eastney.—R.M.A., 230 for 2 (Major Brooks played an admirable innings of 144 not out, his chief hits being 2 sixes and 14 fours. 2nd Lieut. Cooper also batted well, compiling a useful 57 not out) ; R.A.O.C., 223 (Lt.-Col. Cantrell, 5 for 79).

At Eastney.—R.M.A. 77 (Lt.-Col. Trotman, 22) ; Royal Sussex Regt., 155.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges the following subscriptions and donations :—

£9 10s.—Officers, Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I. £2 14s.—Officers of the Junior Military Class, Depot Deal. £2 13s.—" C " Company, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division. £1 10s.—R.M. Detachment, H.M.S. " Ceres." £2 10s.—Warrant Officers' Mess, R.M.A. 18s. 1d.—" E " Company, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Division. 13s. 6d.—R.M. Detachment, H.M.S. " Southampton." 10s.—Col. J. L. Homer, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. H. Oldfield. 9s.—Sergeants' Mess, R.M.A. 6s.—Lt.-Col. F. H Griffiths. 5s. 6d.—Band and Buglers, R.M.A. 5s.—Major Barnby, Capt. Bath.

M. FILMER-BENNETT,
Hon. Secretary.



CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

A Meritorious Service Annuity of £10, together with medal, has been conferred on Po./299 Barrack Sergeant Charles Scrimgour, R.M.L.I., vice the late Sergeant G. Evans, R.M.L.I., 22nd April, 1923.

The King has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, to give orders for the following promotions in and appointments to The Most Honourable Order of the Bath :

To be Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the third class, or Companion of the said Most Honourable Order :—

Colonel R. C. Temple, O.B.E., R.M.A.

Also the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order.

To be Member of the fourth class :—

Major H. H. F. Stockley, O.B.E.

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PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Major and Brevet Lt.-Col. R. Foster, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M.A., returns to Corps Duty from the Supplementary Unemployed Pay List, and is borne supernumerary, 25th May, 1923.

Surg. Lt.-Comdr. A. C. Patterson, R.N., promoted to Surg.-Comdr., 19th March, 1923.

Capt. L. C. Hollis, R.M.L.I., assumed the duties of A.I. of M., Plymouth Division, on 29th May, 1923.

Lieut. P. R. Smith-Hill, R.M.L.I., assumed the duties of A.I. of M., Portsmouth Division, 11th June, 1923.

Capt. R. C. A. Glunicke, R.M.L.I., to the Seconded List on appointment to H.M.S. " Bee " addl. as D.I.O., Shanghai, vice McCausland.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. L. M. McCausland on return to Corps Duty from Seconded List will be posted to Chatham Division.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. A. M. Craig, O.B.E., R.M.L.I., to H.M.S. " Thunderer, " vice Capt. R. S. Burgess, R.M.L.I., to disembark to Headquarters. Date of joining.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION, ETC.

At the R.M. Anti-gas School, Devonport, during April, 1923 :— Capt. G. E. Wildman-Lushington, R.M.A., qualified, obtaining 93 per cent., also R. M. Gunner G. Seyd, obtaining 91 per cent.

At the 8th Qualifying Course, Machine Gun School, Netheravon: Ch./16786 Sergt. C. R. Collins, R.M.L.I., obtained a " distinguished " qualification.

The Adjutant-General R.M. notes with satisfaction the high standard obtained by these officers and this N.C.O.

Schoolmaster (W.O.) J. P. Farmer, R.M.L.I., obtained 92 per cent. of marks at the Schoolmasters' Course, H.M.S. " Defiance," on 18th May, 1923. The Adjutant-General, R.M. notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this Warrant Officer.

Lt.-Cols. T. B. Luard, D.S.O., and G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.M.L.I. have been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course, Small Arms School, Hythe, commencing 24th June, 1923.

Ptes. Ch./14081 R. W. Watts and Ply./14849 A. Warden, qualified as R.M. Signallers at the Central Signal School, Chatham, on 12th May, 1923, obtaining 98·1 per cent. and 98 per cent. of marks respectively.

Ch./13925 Clr.-Sergt. W. F. Foulsham qualified in Anti-gas Measures at the R.N. Anti-gas School Chatham, on the 18th May, 1923, obtaining 91 per cent.

The Adjutant-General, R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this N.C.O. and these Privates.

Ch./20883 Cpl. H. Saint, qualified as Dispenser at the R.N. Hospital, Chatham, on 23rd May, 1923.

Proby. 2nd Lieuts. Tracey, Sims, Phillipps and Deane, R.M.L.I., qualified in Anti-Gas Measures, at R.N. Gas School, Chatham, on 25th May, 1923, obtaining 88 per cent., 90 per cent., 84 per cent., and 89 per cent. respectively. The Adjutant-General, R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by Proby. 2nd Lieut. Sims, R.M.L.I.

The undermentioned have been selected to attend the Hygiene Course, commencing at the Army School of Hygiene, Aldershot, on 2nd July, 1923 :—

Lieut. L. Priestley, Po./13707 Sergt. G. Hillman and Ply./21152 Pte. H. J. N. Mealing.

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CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Clr.-Sergt. Cooper apptd. C.Q.M.S. of " E " Coy. Clr.-Sergt. T. J. Ball attchd. to Examiner of Accounts during period of audit. Pte. A. Warren attchd. Barrack-master's Dept. as Carpenter. Pte. J. Bowles attchd. Works Dept. as Bricklayer. Sergt. S. G. Groves and Cpl. Dean apptd. P. & R. T. Instrs., vice Sergt.

Jordon and Cpl. Stares. Pte. A. G. Gregory attchd. Barrack-master's Dept. as Electrician. Cpl. H. C. J. Saint apptd. Asst. Dispenser. Pte. Lucas apptd. attdt. to Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. Orde. Pte. H. Swain apptd. Shoemaker in an existing vacancy. Pte. J. Briscoe apptd. Boatman, Boat's Crew. Pte. Collins apptd. attdt. to Major Barnby. Pte. G. Massee apptd. attdt. to Capt. Mercer. Cpl. C. E. Spurden apptd. Supt. Beer Canteen, Fort Borstal. Pte. L. Motley apptd. Asst. Printer. Pte. R. W. Watts attchd. Central Signal School for duty.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Corporals: Ptes. E. H. Bircham, W. F. Ings, C. E. E. Wildey, E. C. Fessey.

EMBARKATIONS.

Shotley—Cpl. C. G. Claydon. **Caledon**—Clr.-Sergt. Kemp. **Castor**—Clr.-Sergt. Hibben, Pte. J. R. Boaz. **Ramillies**—Sergt. Chown. **Dragon**—Ptes. A. J. Foster, A. E. Fillingham, W. A. Edward. **Cyclops**—Pte. C. W. Pearce. **Curacoa**—Pte. F. H. Grant. **Afrikander**—Cpl. F. C. Howse. **Cambrian**—Ptes. F. E. Lines, G. A. Walker. **Hecla**—Pte. A. Woods. **Vulcan**—Pte. W. B. Smith. **Dunedin**—Pte. J. W. Lovell.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Shotley—Cpl. W. J. Dyer, Pte. S. J. Jagger. **Cyclops**—Pte. A. G. Gregory. **Dragon**—Ptes. G. A. Chapman, C. Hemmett, G. Massee, F. Holding. **Malabar**—Ptes. F. Crompton, W. A. Gassan, A. Burton. **Curacoa**—Pte. A. T. Pilcher. **Marlborough**—Pte. T. W. Gray. **Royal Sovereign**—Pte. H. King. **Calypso** Cpl. A. C. Mead, Ptes. P. S. Tickett, A. Hills. **Repulse**—Pte. W. E. Stowe. **Malaya**—Pte. E. Barnes. **Hawkins**—Clr.-Sergt. G. R. Franks. Sergts. F. J. Greening, A. E. J. Goeden, Cpls. A. Tandridge, W. G. Jones, H. J. Hillsden, Buglr. R. C. G. Bailey, Ptes. C. J. Burfoot, G. W. Buckingham, W. A. Bryans, G. W. Adby, F. Rumbelow, F. M. Galliers, D. Keir, G. Roberts, G. C. Munns, E. W. Kenson, H. A. Bassett, S. H. Owers, W. J. Callender, A. S. Richards, L. G. Fenn, F. H. Whitcombe, H. W. Fawcett, J. W. J. Beadle, S. W. Staley, E. F. Tracey, J. J. Bousfield, G. T. Wild, F. L. Hale, J. F. Redgrave, E. G. Ingle, A. T. Haynes, R. Burnett, T. Guest, J. Watson, J. J. Boyd, J. H. W. Warboys, F. A. J. Applin. **Cambrian**—Ptes. A. H. Chawner, F. H. Simmonds. **Hecla**—Pte. A. Scrivenes. **Queen Elizabeth**—Pte. A. Cohen.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Senior Sergeants.—E/14316 Sergt. G. A. Meade; A/16106 Sergt. M. Henderson; C/15115 Sergt. D. McColl.

Senior Corporals.—G/15845 Cpl. R. H. Keir; C/16775 Cp. C. Goodwin; A/18000 Cpl. G. Campbell.

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EASTNEY.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Clr.-Sergts. A. C. Millson, F. G. Chapman, G. E. Stokes; Sergts. H. Tarbottom, A. G. Miller, F. J. Hambly; Cpls. A. Cadman, E. Philpott, J. H. Golding.

APPOINTMENTS.

Gnr. A. V. Lewis to Tailor. Gnr. H. A. J. Burgess to Attdt. (Sculleryman) Officers' Mess. Sergt. A. E. Asher to Infantry Instructor. Q.M.S. A. H. Turner to President, Junior N.C.O.'s Club.

DISCHARGES.

Discharge by Purchase:—Gnr. T. J. Bambury. Termination of their Second Period of Engagement:—Gnrs. W. H. Barkwill, A. S. Steel, A. R. Archer, G. T. Mellish, J. P. Dillow, Clr.-Sergt. David Milne, C.S.M. H. L. Vale.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Passed for Sergeant:—Clr.-Sergeant P. W. Buckingham, Cpls. A. T. Caddye, Alfred Watts, Ed. Philpott.

EMBARKATIONS.

Repulse—Cpl. Peter Rawson, Gnr. F. W. Rogers. **Hood**—Sergt. H. C. B. Glasspole, Gnr. F. A. Lowman. **Queen Elizabeth**—R.M. Gnr. H. Pearcey. **Malaya**—Cpl. Harold Watts, Gnr. W. H. Ellis, Gnr. Walter Smith. **Revenge**—Gnr. F. E. Annetts. **Calcutta**—Cpl. J. H. Campbell.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Revenge—Gnrs. J. M. Neal, T. J. Bambury. **Queen Elizabeth**—Clr.-Sergt. Stanley Sparks. **Hood**—Sergt. F. J. Hambly. **Valiant**—Gnr. W. J. Trinder. **Repulse**—Sergt. S. M. Follet, Gnrs. E. F. Porter, F. J. Hodgson. **Southampton**—Gnr. P. G. Cleall. **Malaya**—Cpl. W. R. Walker, Gnr. F. A. Jennings. **Iron Duke**—Cpl. T. Tatton, Gnrs. H. Wood, A. E. Thompson, B. Escott. **St. Helena**—Gnr. F. V. Green.

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PLYMOUTH.

EMPLOYMENTS.

Sgt. J. Ponsford, Commdt.'s Orderly. Cpl. T. Nuttall, Asst. Instr. of Signals. Ptes. T. Dore, Attdt. to Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O.; E. Scribbens, Attdt. to 2/Lt. J. C. Cairncross; R. Drake, Attdt. Divl. Library; J. Grime, Attdt. to Major J. W. Snepp, O.B.E.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension: Pte. S. Willmott. Invalided: Sgt. W. G. Mann and Pte. F. B. Butler.

TRANSFER TO RANKS.

Buglr. C. Meadows.

EMBARKATIONS.

Maidstone—Ptes. Gray, Soper. **Alecto**—Cpl. Carpenter, Pte. Bowyer. **The Depot**—Sgt. Oldcroft, Cpl. Featherstone, Ptes. Steptoe, Scribbens, Meadows. **King George V**—Ptes. Feeney, Pope, Sawyer, Weeks, Alston, Gray, Miller, Barnett. **Southampton**—Cpl. Doidge. **Queen Elizabeth**—Pte. Hogg. **Hood**—Sgt. Thorne. **Carysfort**—Sgt. Harding, Cpl. Brown, Pte. Fenton.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Valiant—Ptes. Allot, Butler. **King George V**—Ptes. Brailey, Rorke, Tombs, Smith, Toyne, Warden, Hoskins, Luxton. **Tamar**—Ptes. Martin, Carson. **Hood**—Sgt. Jennings, Ptes. Wheeler, Jones, Wills, Jeffery, McCartney, Gray. **Alecto**—Cpl. Swann, Pte. Grime. **Ajax**—Sgt. Soden. **11th R.M.Battn.**—Ptes. Briggs, McNamara. **Maidstone**—Pte. Dore. **Concord**—Pte. Mann. **The Depot**—Ptes. Currie, Longwell, Brimlow. **Carysfort**—Sgts. Ponsford, Henkel. **Hawkins**—Ptes. Bean, Lawford. **Dauntless**—Pte. Burnett. **Centaur**—Pte. Widdicombe.

TRANSFER FROM ROYAL HUSSARS.

Pte. Rampton.

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PORTSMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Courageous—Cpl. Henwood, Ptes. A. G. King, P. G. Heather. **Fisgard**—Cpl. Blanchard, Pte. Smith, Pte. Hailey. **Hood**—Pte. A. Gingell. **Excellent**—Buglr. R. H. Brown. **Argus**—Ptes. J. W. Grunden, H. J. Flanagan. **Curacoa**—Clr-Sgt. J. Walker, Pte. H. J. Edwards, Pte. C. Fletcher. **Excellent**—Clr.-Sgt. G. C. Parry. **Victoria and Albert**—Pte. H. Moore. **Comus**—Sgt. F. Fuller. **Dido**—Cpl. W. A. Fowler. **Courageous**—Pte. E. G. Tollfrey. **Canterbury**—J. W. Key. **Dolphin**—Ptes. W. Pepperall, E. W. Warwick. **Malaya**—Ptes. G. Hardaway, F. Sherlock, C. Dodinson, D. Cross, C. E. Milne, J. Leddie, H. Thornton, D. Gwynne, E. Woods. **Yarmouth**—Pte. W. Smith. **Renown**—Pte. W. Bowler. **Calcutta**—Pte. J .C. Pangbourne. **Conquest**—Pte. H. Goodchild. **Coventry**—Cpl. V. J. Jago. **Malaya**—J. Bradley. **Barham**—Sgt. E. A. Dimond.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Excellent—Buglr. A. F. Martin. **Courageous**—Pte. H. Peckham, P. Anstey. **Fisgard**—Sgt. G. Hillman, Ptes. A. Whitecross, F. J. Hockley. **Greenwich**—Ptes. R. F. Martin, C. F. Chapman. **Thunderer**—Ptes. E. Warwick, C. L. Wye, G. Hardaway, C. Dobinson, J. W. Key, F. Stapleton, J. Gordan, T. Kerridge, W. Bowler. **Argus**—Ptes. G. Miller, P. Higgins. **Curacoa**—Sgt. N. Young, Pte. W. Cuthbertson. **Malaya**—Ptes. H. Cooper, D. Scotney, H. Abrahams, C. E. Taylor, G. Kyte, T. A. Cullen, F. A. Smith, G. Bolton, W. Hayter, J. Cooney. **Ajax**—Cpl. W. M. Hartnell. **Centaur**—Cpl. A. Long. **Egmont**—Pte. G. Southwell. **Comus**—Sgt. T. Goodwin. **Dido**—Cpl. K. McKenzie. **Espiegle**—Cpl. G. Wallace. Ptes. E. Hammond, T. Lorimer, A. Burnett, A. Wright, C. V. Catchpole, J. Sheppard, W. H. Wilkins, E. Springall.

DISCHARGES.

Musen. C. E. Wright, Ptes. W. T. Jackson, A. A. Baxter, A. T. Dean, A. Tarvis, H. Westerby, S. E. Curling, C. T. Ferris, S. C. Hudd, C. R. Emery, E. Briggs, A. H. Rodgers, T. Eales, P. Atkinson, W. Spreadbury.

Pte. C. J. Cole, discharged "dead" whilst serving 11th R.M. Battn. (Medt.). Pte. W. E. F. Debney, discharged "dead" whilst serving **H.M.S. Curacoa.**

TRANSFERS.

Pte. Parnall, transferred to R.N. as Stoker. Ptes. H. J. Kent, H. F. Houghton, R. P. Burt, transferred to Ch. Division. Pte. R. G. Northcott, transferred to Ply. Division. Pte. S. Collins, transferred to Supply Branch R.N. Ptes. H. B. Allen, L. C. F. Flemming, transferred to Ch. Division.

APPOINTMENTS.

Pte. J. Patey, to Mess Attendant, Sergeant's Mess. Clr.-Sgt. Thorpe to A/C.S.M. "G" Company.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Senior Sgts.—15320 Sgt. C. W. Jackson. 15186 Sgt. E. A. Dimond, 15374 Sgt. J. Bowie. Senior Corporals—14118 Cpl. J. T. Aylward, 14663 Cpl. C. Barnes, 15542 Cpl. N. V. J. Jago. Senior Privates—16102 Pte. G. Shaw, 16376 Pte. G. Shilling, 17106 Pte. A. G. Brant.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKATIONS.

Hood—Band Cpl. McConnell, Musns. A. I. Downer, M. C. Orrin, J. W. Neal, R. C. Webb, Albert Wicker, H. H. Bush, Walter Reedy, J. E. Wardle, H. E. Parker, S. H. Stevens, F. L. Pickering, Frank Greenwood, Alfred Turner. **Malaya**—Musns. A. I. H. Smith, J. J. Kiddle. **Impregnable**—(T.S.) Musns. A. R. Eggleston, Harry Ramsey, Edward King. **Ramillies**—Bandmaster 2nd Class John Whittaker. **Thunderer**—Musns. A. E. Collier. **Curacoa**—Bandmaster 2nd Class F. T. Rose, Band-Cpl. C. F. Cambridge, Musns. H. E. Hewitt, I. F. Marcussohn, P. E. Cole, C. J. Harris, J. H. Matthews, Wm. Gorridge, Arthur Gage, L. P. Flewer, P. G. Boxall, A. S. G. Turner, R. O. Mullis, Joseph Rouse, W. H. Boobier. **Victory**—(R.N.B.) Bandmaster 1st Class P. J. Whelan, Musns. John Freeman, A. W. Cutler, J. G. Carter, A. S. Sneath, E. H. Skinner, R. J. Whittington, John Newton, A. E. S. Bashford, Ernest Lowe, A. F. Merecki, G. W. L. Purnell, Thomas Martin, John Costigan, H. E. Head, Ernest Bradley.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Hood—Band Cpl. Samuel Ellick, Musns. W. H. Akerman, W. A. Battista, John Costigan, William Evans, H. C. Head, W. P. Jeune, A. C. Loader, Thomas Martin, George Naylor, T. T. P. Powell, Albert Poole, E. M. Vockings, Harold Wilkins. **Malaya**—Musns. V. H. Alley, Joseph Rouse. **Hawkins**—Bandmaster 1st Class E. J. M. Watson, Musns. Michael Allpress, George Cockroft, W. H. Cooper, A. J. Edney, W. H. Fletcher, John Guarniere, Thomas Johnson, A. E. McCormick, J. T. Northcote, F. H. Norman, P. W. G. Robbins, L. H. Sell, Thomas Scott, W. J. Wilson, E. M. Watts. **Impregnable**—Musns. E. C. Blaney, H. W. Ford, E. W. Tucker. **Ramillies**—Bandmaster 2nd Class Fredk. Higgins. **Victory** (R.N.B.)—Bandmaster 1st Class Harold Beedon, Musns. C. J. Adams, W. N. Davis, C. H. Diprose, T. J. Davies, J. A. Dawes, W. A. Firminger, A. H. George, Charles Humphrey, J. H. Millington, M. J. Little, A. J. Price, W. E. C. Podger, W. R. Reynolds, S. F. Treend, W. W. Searle.

ADVANCEMENT.

Band-Boys C. E. Hogan and C. D. Gibson to Musicians.

DISCHARGES.

Band-Cpl. Fredk. Ranger, discharge to Pension. Musns. Harry Wooding and Walter Case, "Invalided."

Extracts from letters received in various Naval Offices during the war, and referring to Pensions, Marriage Allowances, etc., etc.

1. "Respected Sir, Though I take the liberty as it leaves me at present, I beg to ask of you will kindly be kind enough to let me know where my husband is, though he is not my legible husband as he has a wife, though he says she is dead though I don't think he knows for sure though we are not married but I am getting my allowance regular which is no fault of Mr. Loyd George who would stop it if he could and Mr. McKenner but if you know where he is belong to the Navy Fling Corp for ever since he joined in January where he was sacked for his work for talking back to the boss which was a woman at the laundry where he worked. But I have not had any money from him since he joined though he told Mrs. Brown that lives on the ground floor that he was a pretty officer (Petty Officer) for six shillings a week and lots of under clothing for the cold weather and I have three children which is been the father of them though he says is my fault. Hoping you will see to me as you are well as it leaves me at present. I must now close hoping you are well."

2. (Referring to a promised grant of money from the Admiralty). "I am writing these few lines for Mrs. Morgan who cannot write herself. She is expecting to be confined and can do with it."

3. "Mrs. Haynes has been in bed with a little lad, wife of Private Haynes."

4. "In accordance with instructions in your letter I have given birth to a daughter on the 21st April."

5. (Referring to a letter from the Admiralty). "I see you have changed my little boy into a little girl. Does it make any difference?"

6. "My Bill has been put in charge of a spitoon (platoon). Shall I get any more pay?"

7. "Herewith 5 birth certificates of my 5 children and will let you have the other one as soon as it is borne which won't be long now."

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J. A. TUPMAN, Lt.-Col.
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Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

ORDER OF H.M. THE KING.

H.M. the King, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines, has directed the following Order to be promulgated to the Corps :—

"It is with great regret that, in consequence of the reduction in numbers, and the necessary financial economies necessitating the abolition of one of the historic Divisions, I have concurred in the amalgamation of the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Marine Light Infantry.

"The two branches during their period as separate Units have each worthily upheld the traditions of the old Corps of Royal Marines from which they were derived.

"As their Colonel-in-Chief, I desire to express to them my appreciation of their former services, and I am confident that, under the new title of Royal Marines, they will continue to maintain that reputation for loyalty and devotion to duty which has ever been the pride of the Corps of Royal Marines."

REORGANISATION OF THE CORPS.

Further economies in the Royal Marines being essential, The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have decided that one Division is to be abolished.

2. *Amalgamation.*—After carefully considering the requirements of the Fleet, the duties and training of Royal Marines, and the arrangements for drafting and mobilisation, Their Lordships have decided to amalgamate the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and there will in future be common entry and training.

3. *Distribution.*—The Corps will be called "The Royal Marines," and be composed of :—

		Stationed at :—
(*a*)	First Division	Chatham.
(*b*)	Second Division	Portsmouth—Eastney Barracks
(*c*)	Third Division	Plymouth.
(*d*)	Depot, Royal Marines ...	Deal.
(*e*)	R.N. School of Music	Portsmouth—Eastney Barracks.
(*f*)	School of Land Artillery ...	Do. do.
(*g*)	Small Arms School ...	Portsmouth—Browndown.
(*h*)	School of Signalling ...	Chatham.
(*i*)	School of P.R. Training ...	Deal.

(*e*), (*f*) and (*g*) will be under the command of the Colonel-Commandant, Portsmouth Division.

(*h*) will be under the command of the Colonel-Commandant, Chatham Division.

(*i*) will be under the command of the Colonel-Commandant, Depot, R.M.

4. *Training.*—All ranks will be trained as Infantry in accordance with the Army Training Manuals and in Naval Gunnery as at present, thus providing the non-substantive ratings now open to the Royal Marines.

A percentage of Officers and men will be trained in Land Gunnery, including management of Searchlights

—forming a nucleus for Coast Defence, Anti-Aircraft and Medium Batteries. Specialists will also be trained in Machine-Gun, Signalling, and other special ratings required by H.M. Fleet.

5. *Abolition of a Division.*—The R.M. Artillery at Eastney, and the R.M.L.I. at Forton will be combined into the Portsmouth Division, R.M. (they were originally divided in 1862); the three Divisions will be of equal strength, and the numbers required to bring Chatham and Plymouth up to new establishment will be drafted in equal proportions from Eastney and Forton. Each Division will then draft to Ships of its own Port.

6. *Combined List of Officers, etc.*—Officers and Warrant Officers will be combined on one list in accordance with the following principles :—

(i) *Officers.*

(*a*) According to rank by date of seniority; when two or more Officers are of the same date of promotion, they will be placed in order of date of entry into the Service. If still of the same seniority, they will be placed in each batch in promotion of 1 R.M.A. to 3 R.M.L.I., the senior of the batch being determined by age.

(*b*) Officers, of Captain's rank, entered prior to 1907, who joined Greenwich together and underwent the same examinations, will be placed in order of passing out of Greenwich, added to marks obtained in "Excellent"; otherwise as in (*a*) above.

(*c*) Officers entered subsequent to 1st January, 1912, in original order before lists were divided in 1919, the seven senior Subalterns, R.M.A., being promoted to Captains (Supernumerary) and replaced in their positions on the list without adjustment of arrears of pay or allowances.

(ii) *Warrant Officers.*—By dates of seniority.

Lists of Officers amalgamated on above principles will be promulgated separately. To adjust their positions, the seniority of three Captains, R.M.A., is ante-dated, and seven Lieutenants, R.M.A., promoted to Captain with seniority of the R.M.L.I. Captains next below them on the list.

(iii) *Other Ranks.*—Will be combined on Divisional lists by date of promotion. Corporals, R.M.A., promoted prior to 1918 will count their time from date of promotion to Bombardier.

In cases in which date of seniority in present rank is the same, seniority is to be determined by reference to the rank next below, *vide* General Standing Orders, R.M., paragraph 275, or date of candidature for promotion in the case of Corporals of the same seniority.

7. *Nomenclature.*—The titles "Gunner" and "Private" will be dropped and the title "Marine" (abbreviation "Mne.") adopted. Arrangements are being made to amend existing Regulations in which "Marine" includes N.C. Officers.

8. *Transfer and Posting.*—Voluntary transfer from Eastney and Forton to Chatham and Plymouth Divisions will be open for three months from the date of this Order.

If at the expiration of three months from the date of this Order insufficient candidates for transfer are forthcoming, N.C. Officers and men of R.M.A. and Forton will be posted to Chatham and Plymouth Divisions to complete numbers. As far as possible these transfers will be unmarried men.

Sanction has been given to the payment of reasonable removal expenses of Officers and other ranks and their families transferred from Eastney and Forton to other Divisions as a direct result of reorganisation.

9. *Surplus Ranks.*—Ranks rendered surplus as a result of amalgamation will be allowed to retire and to take their discharge on the special terms issued in 1922.

Details (including terms for ranks not dealt with in this Order) will be issued separately.

10. *Colours.*—All three Divisions will carry the King's and Regimental Colours; those presented to Portsmouth Division by H.M. Queen Victoria in 1894 will continue to be borne by that Division.

11. *Uniform.*—Consequent on amalgamation, the following alterations to Uniform have been approved by His Majesty The King :—

Cloth Tunic.—To be of Blue Cloth with Scarlet Facings, the details to be considered when full Ceremonial Dress is reintroduced.

The Detachment of the Royal Yacht to remain for the present in Scarlet Tunics, and the Divisional Headquarters Bands, *i.e.*, the Chatham, Plymouth, and Deal Bands to be in Scarlet, and the Portsmouth Division (late R.M.A.) in Blue.

Cap Badges.—The Grenade and Bugle in the Cap Badges and elsewhere, where worn, will be replaced by the "Lion and Crown."

The Cap and Helmet Badges of the Portsmouth Band will be those granted by His Majesty in 1911 to the R.M.A. Band, and the Prince of Wales' Feathers worn by the Band of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., in memory of the visit of His late Majesty to India in 1877, will be transferred to the Depot Band at Deal.

Trousers and Overalls.—The Scarlet Welt, as worn by Infantry, will be worn by the Corps generally (except Divisional Bands, who will continue to wear the present R.M.A. pattern).

Collar Badges.—"Globe and Laurel" of present pattern to be worn by all ranks. Grenade abolished.

Buttons.—To be inscribed "Royal Marines." Present patterns abolished.

Shoulder Letters.—Letters "R.M." to be worn by all ranks. Present patterns abolished.

Shoulder Sashes.—Will be worn by all Sergeants.

Whistle Cords.—To be Blue.

Bugle Strings.—R.M.A. Pattern to be worn by all Buglers.

Mess Dress.—To be Scarlet Cloth of the pre-1920 Infantry Pattern, but Officers now posted to R.M.A. will have the option of wearing their present pattern R.M.A. Mess Jackets until they require replacement. Scarlet is retained for the Mess Jackets as it is the traditional colour of the Royal Marines.

Officers' Swords.—Infantry Pattern, except that Officers now in possession of Artillery Pattern will continue to wear them.

12. Badges, Scarlet Stripes on Trousers, Shoulder Letters and Whistle Cords are to be replaced by new pattern by 1st April, 1924. Red braid on the front of the Caps, now worn by Corporals and below, R.M.A., is to be removed.

13. The uniform of R.M. Band Service and R.M. Schoolmasters is not affected by these alterations.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges the following donations and subscriptions :—

£1 10s., Warrant Officers and Men, Forton Barracks; £7 5s., R.M. Detacht., H.M.S. "Durban"; 10s., Col. A. de W. Kitcat.

M. FILMER-BENNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, BROWNDOWN, 14th—22nd JUNE.

THE COMPETITION FOR "THE EIGHT."

(Aggregate of six shoots under standardised Service conditions.)

1.	Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott, R.M.L.I. (Po.)	823	Gold Jewel
2.	Sergt. F. W. Fuller, R.M.A.	822	Silver Jewel
3.	Sergt. R. H. Lee, R.M.L.I.	808	Bronze Jewel
4.	Cpl. A. J. Howard, R.M.L.I. (Po.)	805	
5.	Sergt. T. W. Paddon, R.M.A.	786	
6.	Sergt. T. F. Barrett, R.M.L.I. (Po.)	783	
7.	Cpl. F. A. Hiscock, R.M.L.I. (Po.)	781	
8.	Sergt. L. Stapleton, R.M.L.I. (Ply.)	778	
9.	S.M. J. H. Wilson, R.M.L.I. (Ply.)	776	
10.	S.M. E. C. Jarvis, R.M.L.I. (Po. Afloat)	774	

THE "COLLARD" CUP.

(Aggregate of six shoots under "Whitehead" (Revolver) conditions.)

1.	Cpl. A. J. Howard, R.M.L.I. (Po.)	655	The Cup and Replica.
2.	Sergt. T. F. Barrett, R.M.L.I. (Po.)	572	
3.	Sergt. C. W. Tugwell, R.M.L.I. (Ply.)	565	
4.	Maj. H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., R.M.L.I. (Ch.)	564	
5.	S.M. J. Bach, R.M.A.	548	
6.	Sergt. L. Stapleton, R.M.L.I. (Ply.)	547	
7.	S.M. J. Watts, R.M.L.I. (Po.)	536	
8.	S.M. J. H. Wilson, R.M.L.I. (Ply.)	533	
9.	Sergt. F. McGarvey, R.M.L.I. (Po.)	530	
10.	Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon, R.M.L.I. (Ch.)	526	

THE "PRINCE OF WALES" CUP.

(S.R. (*a*) Ten shots at each 300 yds. and 600 yds. H.P.S. 100.)

1.	S.M. E. C. Jarvis, R.M.L.I. (Po. Afloat)	92	
2.	Sergt. F. W. Fuller, R.M.A.	91	won Tie Shoot
3.	Q.M.S.I. B. P. Foster, R.M.A.	91	lost Tie Shoot

168 Competitors, of whom 30 scored 81 or more.

THE INDIVIDUAL S.R. (*b*) SHOOT.

(Seven rounds at each of 200, 300, 500 and 600 yds. H.P.S. 140)

1.	Q.M.S.I. B. P. Foster, R.M.A.	131	
2.	Sergt. A. B. Butcher, R.M.A.	128	
3.	Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott, R.M.L.I. (Po.)	127	

149 Competitors, 200 yds.; two "possibles," Clr.-Sergt. Westcott and Cpl. F. A. Hiscock, R.M.L.I. 300 yds., "Possible," Sergt. A. B. Butcher, R.M.A.

YOUNG SOLDIERS' PRIZE.

Gnr. T. W. C. Clowes, R.M.A. 118

RANGE PRIZES.

200 yds.—Clr.-Sergt. Westcott, Cpl. Hiscock, Pte. W. H. Hill.

300 yds.—Q.M.S.I. Foster, Capt. Leech-Porter, R.M.A., Cpl. Hiscock.

500 yds.—S.M. J. Bach, R.M.A., Sergt. Crosby, R.M.L.I., Clr.-Sergt. Westcott.

600 yds.—Q.M.S.I. Foster, C.S.M. W. J. Baker, R.M.L.I., Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper, R.M.A.

THE "DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S" CUP.

1.	R.M. Artillery	997
2.	R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	985
3.	R.M.L.I., Plymouth	954
4.	Portsmouth R.M. Afloat	951
5.	R.M.L.I., Chatham	943
6.	Depot, R.M., Deal.	932
7.	Plymouth, R.M., Afloat	893

YOUNG SOLDIERS' PRIZES.

1.	Gnr. Chatfield, Po. Afloat	90	won Tie Shoot
2.	Cpl. A. Ward, Ply.	90	lost Tie Shoot
3.	Pte. A. Lymburn, Po.	89	

Winning Team.—Capt. J. E. Leech-Porter (captain), S.M. J. Bach (coach), 2nd Lt. Farrington, Sergt. Paddon, Cpls. Timbury, Blundell, Gnrs. Langford, Clowes, Warren, Carter, Lynn, Funnell, Baxter.

Second Team.—Q.M.S.I. Bland (captain), Sergt. F. Crosby (coach), Clr.-Sergt. Westcott, Sergt. T. F. Barrett, Cpls. Howard, Hiscock, Ptes. G. V. Cornelius, Carey, Ashby, Dacher, Edwards, Grimshaw, Lymburn, Downing.

THE OFFICERS' INTERDIVISIONAL SHIELD.

1.	R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	307
2.	R.M.A.	292
3.	Depot, R.M., Deal	286
4.	Plymouth, R.M. Afloat	262
5.	Chatham, R.M.L.I.	244
6.	R.M.L.I., Plymouth	244

Winning Team.—Lt.-Col. W. T. C. Jones, C.B., D.S.O., Major M. Filmer-Bennett (captain), Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., Lieut. R. H. S. Teek.

Second Team.—Capt. H. R. Lambert, Capt. J. E. Leech-Porter (captain), 2nd Lt. G. B. O. Farrington, S.M. J. Bach.

THE OFFICERS' REVOLVER MATCH.

1.	R.M.L.I., Chatham	370
2.	R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	342
3.	R.M.A.	325
4.	Depot, R.M., Deal	299
5.	Plymouth, R.M. Afloat	274
6.	R.M.L.I., Plymouth	249

Winning Team.—Major Gillespie, O.B.E. (captain), Capts. H. R. Haines, O.B.E., S. A. Field, L. Mercer.

Second Team.—Major Filmer-Bennett, Capt. C. H. Coode (captain), Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., S.M. J. Watts.

THE "GRAHAM" CUP.

Cpl. A. J. Howard, R.M.L.I. (Po.) 87

THE "RAPID" CUP.

1.	R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	593
2.	R.M.A.	531
3.	R.M.L.I., Chatham	531
4.	Depot, R.M., Deal	495
5.	Plymouth, R.M. Afloat	479
6.	Portsmouth, R.M. Afloat	478
7.	R.M.L.I., Plymouth	469

Winning Team'—Clr.-Sergts. W. A. Westcott, J. Burgess, Sergts. F. McGarvey, C. P. F. Budd, P. F. Barrett, C. Morgan, Cpls. F. A. Hiscock, A. J. Howard

Second Team.—S.M. J. Bach, Q.M.S.I. Foster, Clr.-Sergt. T. F. Cooper, Sergts. T. W. Paddon, F. W. Fuller, S. V. Hadley, Cpl. W. N. Blundell, Gnr. T. W. Clowes.

THE "McCARTHY" CUP.

1.	R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	6155
2.	R.M.A.	5955
3.	Depot, R.M., Deal	5789
4.	R.M.L.I., Chatham	5606
5.	R.M.L.I., Plymouth	5479
6.	Portsmouth, R.M. Afloat	5436
7.	Plymouth, R.M. Afloat	4938

Winning Team.—Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott, J. Burgess, Sergts. Morgan, Hancock, T. F. Barrett, Budd, Cpls. Howard and Hiscock.

Second Team.—S.M. J. Bach, Q.M.S.I. Foster, Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper, Sergts. F. W. Fuller, C. H. Barker, T. W. Paddon, Cpl. Blundell, Gnr. Clowes.

THE "OFFICERS" CUP.

1.	R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	53	
2.	R.M.A.	45	won Tie Shoot
3.	Portsmouth, R.M. Afloat	45	lost Tie Shoot
4.	Depot, R.M., Deal	40	
5.	R.M.L.I. Chatham	33	
6.	R.M.L.I., Plymouth	30	
7.	Plymouth, R.M. Afloat	25	

Winning Team.—Clr.-Sergt. Westcott (captain), J. Burgess, Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., Sergts. McGarvey, T. F. Barrett, Budd, Morgan, Cpls. Hiscock, Howard, Pte. E. J. Carey.

THE "ÆGEAN" CUP.

1st Round.—Plymouth R.M. Afloat beat R.M.L.I., Chatham.
R.M.A. beat Depot, R.M., Deal.
Portsmouth R.M. Afloat beat R.M.L.I., Plymouth.
R.M.L.I., Portsmouth—bye.

2nd Round.—R.M.A. beat Plymouth R.M. Afloat.
Portsmouth R.M. Afloat beat R.M.L.I., Portsmouth.

Final.—R.M.A. beat Portsmouth R.M. Afloat by one tile. Plymouth R.M. Afloat beat R.M.L.I. Portsmouth for third place.

Winning Team.—Cpl. S. G. Timbury, Gnrs. Clowes, R. A. Lynn, S. Carter, Wm. Warren, G. Mills, C. G. C. Kelsey.

Second Team.—Clr.-Sergt. Dodds, Ptes. Mackie, Tolfree, Heather, Turner, Davis, Hall.

THE "VICTORY" CUP.

1.	R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	466
2.	Plymouth R.M. Afloat	318
3.	R.M. Artillery	307
4.	R.M.L.I. Plymouth	301
5.	P.rtsmouth R.M. Afloat	268
6.	RoM.L.I., Chatham	198
7.	Depot, R.M., Deal	158

Winning Team.—Cpl. Hiscock, Ptes. V. S. King (Lewis Gnr.), E. W. Hallford, Booth, Cornelious, Ashby.

Second Team.—Cpl. F. A. S. Scott, Gnr. R. G. Archard (Lewis Gnr.), Ptes. W. Barratt, H. Willis, Gnrs. G. A. Chandler, W. Crane.

THE REVOLVER BOWL.

(Aggregate of six shoots under "Whitehead" conditions.)

1.	R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	4230
2.	R.M.L.I., Plymouth	4032
3.	R.M.L.I., Chatham	3872
4.	R.M.A.	3723
5.	Depot, R.M., Deal	3431
6.	Plymouth R.M. Afloat	2629

Winning Team.—Capts. C. H. Cocde, T. H. Jameson, D.S.O. (captain), S.M. J. Watts, Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott, Sergts. F. McGarvey, T. F. Barrett, C. Morgan, Cpl. A. J. Howard.

Second Team.—S.M. J. H. Wilson (captain), Clr.-Sergts. N. J. Hiscock, W. Meatyard, Sergts. L. Stapleton, S. T. Skinner, C. W. Tugwell, J. J. Manfield, Pte. H. W. Hill.

THE "MERCER" CUP.

1.	R.M.L.I., Chatham	184
2.	R.M.L.I., Portsmouth	181
3.	R.M.A.	153
4.	Portsmouth R.M. Afloat	141
5.	R.M.L.I. Plymouth	135
6.	Depot, R.M., Deal	108
7.	Plymouth R.M. Afloat	75

Winning Team.—Capt. S. A. Field, Sergt. J. D. McColl, P. A. Ford, Ptes. J. E. Collins, W. Alltimes, W. Pollard. Leader, Q.M.S.I. Bacon.

Second Team.—Clr.-Sergt. Westcott, Cpls. Howard, Hiscock Ptes. Cornelious, Ashby, Carey. Leader, Sergt. F. McGarvey.

PAST MEMBERS MATCH.

1.	Cpl. P. C. Duley, late R.M.A.	94
2.	Clr.-Sergt. E. Miller, late R.M.L.I. (Po.)	89

Seventeen competitors.

N.R.A. SILVER MEDAL.—Sergt. F. W. Fuller, R.M.A.

N.R.A. BRONZE MEDAL.—Sergt. J. D. McColl, R.M.L.I. (Ch.).

N.R.A. REVOLVER MEDAL.—Cpl. A. J. Howard, R.M.L.I. (Po.).

THE R.M.R.A. CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD MEDAL.

Sergt. F. W. Fuller, R.M.A., beat Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott, R.M.L.I. (Po.) in shooting off the Tie.

THE "FIRST ROYAL MARINES" MEMORIAL TROPHY.

1.	R.M.L.I. Portsmouth	60	marks.
2.	R.M. Artillery	40	,,
3.	R.M.L.I. Chatham	17	,,
4.	R.M.L.I. Plymouth	9	,,
5.	Portsmouth R.M. Afloat	6	,,
6.	Depot, R.M., Deal	5	,,
	Plymouth R.M. Afloat	5	,,

THE "POTTER'S" JEWEL.

Lieut. N. Lennox, R.M.L.I., Plymouth R.M. Aflcat.

The prizes were presented by Lieut.-General Sir H. E. Blumberg, Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.

A General Meeting of the R.M.R.A. was held after the Presentation of Prizes, at which various suggestions were recorded for the consideration of the Committee.

Money prizes for team matches having been abolished, members of winning teams received Silver Medals, with bars for events, and "seconds," Bronze Medals with bars. No Competitor could receive more than one medal (silver or bronze).

The weather during the meeting was fair. The light was variable, and the wind was bothering.

BISLEY, 1923.

Dear Sir,

I enclose results of competitions at Bisley which have been published. Further results will be sent as they come out.

The weather has been extremely hot, and on most days sultry.

The standard of S.R. (*b*) shooting is very high indeed. It is considered that it is due, to a large extent, to the fact that the Long Rifle has been excluded from competitions this year for the first time, so that competitors have perforce made a great study of the S.M.L.E. and understand how to make it shoot, by various "doctorings" which are too numerous to discuss. The fact remains that in S.R. (*b*) Competitions a competitor cannot afford even one "magpie" this year. As an example, one competitor scored 50, a "possible," in the S.R. Association Cup; he then fired tie shots and scored 11 "bulls," making 21 bulls in succession, at 600 yards.

M. FILMER BENNETT,
Major, Hon. Secretary, R.M.R.A.

THE "METHUEN" CUP. 6th July, 1923.

Winners—Royal Marine Light Infantry.

Captain of Team—Major Cuthbert Williams.

Clr.-Sergt. Westcott (Forton)	42	9	41	36	128
Cpl. F. A. Hiscock (Forton)	43	12	45	38	138
Clr.-Sergt. J. Burgess (Forton)	27	15	42	37	121
Sergt. Stapleton (Plymouth)	37	12	41	41	131
Cpl. A. J. Howard (Forton)	41	18	40	43	142
Sergt. T. F. Barrett (Forton)	24	9	44	37	114
Capt. S. A. Field (Chatham)	37	18	42	45	142
S.M. E. C. Jarvis (Ports. Afl.)	27	3	40	43	113
					1029

Next best scores—English Regiments, 1027; Brigade of Guards, 1015; Green Jackets, 1003; Small Arms School, 995; H.M.S. "Excellent," 955.

Seventeen teams competed.

THE "CANADA" SHIELD, 7th July, 1923.

Winners—The Royal Marine Artillery.

Sergt. F. W. Fuller	41	18	40	36	135
Sergt. T. W. Paddon	41	21	38	27	127
Gnr. T. Clowes	34	24	31	44	133
Clr.-Sergt. Cooper	41	18	39	41	139
Cpl. W. N. Blundell	22	18	37	40	117
					651

H.M. QUEEN MARY'S PRIZE.

£3	9.	Cpl. A. J. Howard (Forton)	142	
£3	12.	Cpl. Woolley	140	Class B.
£2	18.	Clr.-Sergt. Cooper, R.M.A.	139	
£2	30.	Gnr. Clowes	133	Class B.
£2	32.	Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard (Ply.)	132	Class B.
£1	36.	Sergt. F. W. Fuller, R.M.A.	135	
£1	40.	Clr.-Sergt. Westcott	—	
£1	44.	S.M. Wilson (Ply.)	131	
£1	45.	Capt. S. A. Field	131	
£1	54.	Sergt. Ford (Chatham)	—	
£1	57.	Clr.-Sergt. Hiscock (Ply.)	128	
£1	59.	Sergt. Stapleton (Ply.)	127	
£1	60.	Pte. Burnett (Chatham)	127	
£1	61.	Cpl. F. A. Hiscock (Forton)	127	
£1	62.	Sergt. T. W. Paddon, R.M.A.	127	
£1	69.	Sergt. H. Bonnett (Chatham)	126	
£1	76.	Arm. Q.M.S. King (late R.M.A.)	124	
£1	81.	Sergt. Owens (Depot)	—	Class B.
£1	84.	Drum-Major Gouge (Depot)	122	Class B.
£1	99.	Sergt. McCalpin (Depot)	—	
£1	103	Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Dodds (Ports. Afl.)	117	Class B.
£1	108	Cpl. W. N. Blundell, R.M.A.	117	Class B.

The following were displaced by Class B competitors:—Clr.-Sergt. Cross, Burgess, Sergt. R. H. Lee, S.M. Jarvis, Sergt. T. F. Barrett, Q.M.S.I. J. D. Spicer.

THE "ALEXANDRA" (TYROS), H.P.S. 105. 9th July, 1923.

£8	2.	Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard (Plymouth)	96
£3	14.	Pte. G. Mackie (Ports. Afl.)	93
£2	21.	Gnr. T. W. Clowes, R.M.A.	92
	24.	Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Chatham)	92
	44.	Sergt. S. J. Hadley, R.M.A.	89
£1	45.	Pte. W. Barrett (Ply. Afl.)	89
	46.	Sergt. M. McCalpin (Depot)	88

48. Pte. J. E. Collins 88
52. Cpl. W. N. Blundell, R.M.A. 88
68. Cpl. H. Henwood (Ports. Afl.) 87
84. Sergt. F. T. Crosby (Forton) 86
89. Pte. R. Grimshaw (Forton) 85
92. Sergt. H. Bonnett (Chatham) 85
103. Q.M.S.I. T. Bland (Forton) 84
110. Sergt. W. Goadsby (Ports. Afl.) 84
114. Pte. G. V. Cornelious (Forton) 83

THE "L. & S.W.R." (TYROS) H.P.S. 70.
(Aggregate of 200 and 500 yards.)

£6 ... 2. Sergt. S. J. Hadley, R.M.A. 68
£3 ... 5. Sergt. M. McCalpin, Depot 67
£2 ...15. Capt. J. E. Leech-Porter, R.M.A. 66
22. Cpl. W. N. Blundell, R.M.A. 65
33. Cpl. J. Woolley 65
£1 ... 39. Pte. G. Mackie, Ports. Afl. 64
53. Gnr. T. Clowes, R.M.A. 63
84. Pte. R. J. Ashby, Forton 62
91. Sergt. A. B. Butcher, —.M.A. 61
93. Sergt. E. H. Bonnett, Chatham 61

THE "B.S.A." (TYROS) 800 yds. H.P.S. 50.

£3 ... 7. Cpl. A. Ward 48
£2 ... 15. Pte. G. V. Cornelious, Forton 46
17. Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard, Plymouth 46
18. Capt. H. R. Haines, O.B.E., Chatham 46
£1 ... 23. Gnr. T. Clowes, R.M.A. 45
24. Capt. J. w. Leech-Porter, R.M.A. 45
32. Pte. W. Barratt, Ply. Afloat 45

THE "CLEMENTI-SMITH" AGGREGATE (TYROS).

£2 ... 9. Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard, Plymouth 200
10. Gnr. T. Clowes, R.M.A. 200
14. Sergt. M. McCalpin, Depot 197
16. Pte. G. Mackie, Portsmouth Afl. 197
25. Sergt. S. J. Hadley, R.M.A. 196

Reserved prizes for those who have not taken a prize in any of the competitions of which the Clementi-Smith Aggregate consists.

£1 ... 45. Pte. W. S. Davidson 179
62. Pte. A. Lymburn, Forton 173
66. Sergt. A. Coombes, Portsmouth Afl. ... 172
68. Lieut. R. H. S. Teek, Forton 171
84. Pte. W. Pollard 169
86. Clr.-Sergt. W. Keirby, Forton 168
92. Sergt. W. Owens, Depot 167
99. Clr.-Sergt. E. E. Penney, Depot 165

THE "GRAPHIC," 14th July. H.P.S. 70. 300 and 500 yds.

£1 ... 57. Sergt. P. A. Ford, Chatham 67
Displaced by Class "B."
Pte. J. E. Denham, late R.M.L.I. 66

THE WIMBLEDON CUP, 14th July. 600 yds. H.P.S. 35.

£2 ... 17. Sergt. F. W. Fuller, R.M.A. 34

THE "DONEGALL" CUP. 14th July, 200 yds. H.P.S. 50.

2£ ... 14. Arm. Sergt. G. R. King, late R.M.A. 49

THE "ALDERSHOT" CUP. Naval Match.

Standardised Service Conditions, as for "United Service" Match.

Won by Forton Division. Captain of Team—Sergt. F. McGarvey.

Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott	41	15	45	47	148
Cpl. A. J. Howard	39	3	44	43	129
Sergt. T. F. Barrett	31	6	44	41	122
Cpl. F. A. Hiscock	36	21	42	43	142
Clr.-Sergt. J. Burgess	27	21	40	43	131
Sergt. R. H. Lee	38	15	36	42	131
Sergt. C. W. Morgan	37	21	37	27	122
Sergt. F. O. Budd	34	24	34	41	133
					1058

Next best score—H.M.S. "Excellent," 1044. Eight teams competed.

THE "ROBERTS" CUP. H.P.S. 100.

1. The Small Arms School ..... 60 The Cup and £15
2. Forton Division 54 £5
3. R.M. Artillery 51 £5
4. Plymouth Division 50 £5

THE "CHEYLESMORE."

1. H.M.S. "Excellent" ..... The Cup and £15
2. Depot, Royal Marines £10
3. { Forton Division ..... £5 / Chatham Division £5

THE "UNITED SERVICE" CUP.

1. The Regular Army 1131
2. The Royal Navy 1070
3. The Royal Marines 1037
4. The Royal Air Force ..... —
5. The Territorial Army ..... —

ROYAL MARINES TEAM.

Captain—Major Cuthbert Williams.

Cpl. A. J. Howard, Forton	41	21	44	48	154
Clr.-Sergt. E. A. Westcott, Forton.....	51	18	42	39	140
Capt. S. A. Field, Chatham	34	18	36	43	131
S.M. E. C. Jarvis, Po. Afl.	31	15	44	39	129
Sergt. F. W. Stapleton, Ply.	26	12	40	44	122
Sergt. F. W. Fuller, R.M.A.	36	18	34	34	122
Cpl. F. A. Hiscock, Forton	37	12	35	37	121
Clr.-Sergt. J. Burgess, Forton	26	15	38	39	118

Cpl. A. J. Howard receives the Gilt Bar to his VIII Badge, for having made the top score for his team in this match. This score was only equalled by one competitor, in the Army team.

FLEET NOTES.

11th Royal Marine Battn.,
CONSTANTINOPLE.
23rd June, 1923.

Dear Sir,—I regret having been so remiss in forwarding an account of sports in this Battalion, but am now forwarding you an account of our doings since I last wrote.

FOOTBALL.

The football season is now more or less over. Early in the year the Royal Marines (ashore and afloat) played the Royal Navy and beat them 2–1, but later were beaten by the remainder of the 1st Guards Brigade.

Teams:—v. Royal Navy.—Pte. Bond (H.M.S. "Malaya"); Pte. Afflick (11th R.M.B.), Pte. Barker (H.M.S. "Carysfort"); Pte. Tilbury (11th R.M.B.), Gnr. McGregor (H.M.S. "Iron Duke"), Pte. Kemp (H.M.S. "Malaya"); Musn. Jones (H.M.S. "Malaya"), Gnr. Davidson (H.M.S. "Iron Duke"), Gnr. Jennings (H.M.S. "Malaya"), Pte. Densham (H.M.S. "Revenge"), and Sergt. Cobb (11th R.M.B.).

v. 1st Guards Brigade.—Pte. Bond (H.M.S. "Malaya"); Pte. Kent (H.M.S. "Malaya"), Pte. Rogers (11th R.M.B.); Musn. Palfreman (H.M.S. "Malaya"), Pte. Tilbury (11th R.M.B.), Pte. Granger (11th R.M.B.); Musn. Jones (H.M.S. "Malaya"), Gnr. Davidson (H.M.S. "Iron Duke"), Gnr. Jennings (H.M.S. "Malaya"), Pte. Wheeldon (11th R.M.B.), and Sergt. Cobb (11th R.M.B.).

An inter-company league was played in the battalion, which resulted in a win for No. 2 Company (Chatham). An inter-platoon competition was started, and has not yet been completed, Nos. 8 and 11 Platoons having tied three times in the semi-final and have to play again. The winners will play No. 9 Platoon in the final.

BOXING.

There have been two boxing meetings since I last wrote. The Army Novices Competition took place in March. Each Unit was allowed two entries in each weight. We were unfortunate in not having been able to raise a full team, but, considering the small number of entries, did fairly well. Our team consisted of Pte. Wheeldon (feather), Pte. Firman (light), Cpl. Bates and Pte. Kirkwood (welter), Cpl. Kirkham and Pte. Manuel (middle), Cpl. Bates won his weight, Pte. Firman was the runner-up in his and, in addition, received a good looser's points. Pte. Wheeldon also received good looser's points. The team was trained by Cpl. Haines.

The army boxing championships took place from the 1st to the 5th May. In this meeting we were allowed to enter the R.M.A. from Chanak, which gave us the great advantage of having Sergt. Ring to help us. We stood a good chance of winning the meeting, but owing to a certain amount of bad luck, did not do so. However, we did very well, finishing fourth out of eighteen

units competing, scores of the first six units being as follows .— The Loyals, 72 ; The Buffs and Irish Guards, 62 ; Royal Fusiliers, 56 ; Royal Marines, 52 ; The East Yorks, 50, and the Grenadier Guards, 47.

Our team consisted of Pte. Martin (bantam), Cpl. Davis (feather), Pte. Conner (light), Pte. Baker (welter), Cpl. Kirkham (middle), Cpl. Stevenson (light-heavy), Sergt. Ring (heavy), and Lieut. Woodington (officers' feathers). Sergt. Ring won his weight and Cpl. Stevenson was the runner-up in his. This team was trained by Sergts. Ring and Burnell.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

In athletic sports the Battalion has held its head up well, though, as with the boxing, it has not managed to pull off a trophy. On Easter Monday we held our own gymkhana, with an inter-company competition for a cup kindly presented by Colonel J. A. M. A. Clark, C.M.G., R.M. This was won by Battalion Headquarters Wing, with 40 points. No. 3 Company were second, with 30 points, No. 2 were third, with 20 and No. 4 fourth, with 6 points.

The following were the results of the events which counted towards the C.O.'s cup .—

Half-mile.—Pte. Whimhurst, No. 3 Coy.; Sergt. Cobb, Bn. H.Q.; Pte. Press, No. 3 Coy.

High Jump.—Sergt. Cobb, Bn. H.Q.; Cpl. Flory, No. 3 Coy.; Pte. Pavey, Bn. H.Q., tied for 2nd place.

440 Yards.—Pte. Goodchild, No. 3 Coy.; Sergt. Cobb, Bn. H.Q.; Pte. Hampton, No. 2 Coy.

Long Jump.—Sergt. Seguss, Bn. H.Q.; Sergt. Cobb, Bn. H.Q.; Cpl. Stubley, No. 4 Coy.

One Mile.—Pte. Whimhurst, No. 3 Coy.; Pte. Pavey, Bn. H.Q.; Pte. Higgins, Bn. H.Q.

Tug-of-War.—Bn. H.Q., winners ; No. 2 Coy., runners-up.

Company Relay Race.—Winning team, No. 2 Coy.; runners-up, Bn. H.Q.

220 Yards.—Pte. Goodchild, No. 3 Coy.; Pte. Ives, No. 2 Coy.; Sergt. Seguss, Bn. H.Q.

Cross Country Run.—No. 3 Coy., winners ; Bn. H.Q., runners-up.

On the 4th of June the Brigade held their sports. In this meeting we were second, being beaten by the Irish Guards. The whole meeting was run on the team system, all races, except the mile, which was a team race, being relay events. Our teams were as follows.—

100 Yards—Ptes. Sneath, Ives, Cossey and Sergt. Seguss ; 880—Ptes. Pavey, Hampton, Hight and Whimhurst ; long jump—Sergt. Seguss and Cpl. Stubley ; 220 yards—Ptes. Jordon, Summerhayes, Ives and Cossey ; one-mile—Ptes. Higgins, Hampton, Pavey and Whimhurst ; putting the shot—Capt. Harden and Pte. Young ; 440 yards—Ptes. Cossey, Jordon, Sneath and Sergt. Barrett ; high jump—Cpl. Flory and Pte. Cossey ; throwing the discus—Capt. Harden and Pte. Young ; tug-of-war—Sergt. Ayres, Cpls. Bates, Ripley, Gnrs. Walker, Chisham, Bright, and Ptes. Allen, Larkins, Rouiller, Beeson ; coach, Regt. Sergt.-Major B. I. Wilson.

The Battalion won the mile and the 880 yards relay. The tug-of-war team were third, being beaten by the Coldstream Guards, two pulls to one, after three excellent pulls.

On June the 15th and the 16th the Command Athletic Meeting was held. We again kept up our reputation by finishing fourth out of twenty-two units. The first six were .—The Gordons (49 points), the Coldstream Guards, 44 ; the Irish Guards, 43 ; the Royal Marines, 40 ; the Royal Corps of Signals, 33 ; and the K.O.S.B.'s 28.

Our team consisted of .—100 yards—Pte. Cossey ; high jump—Cpl. Flory ; 880 yards—Pte. Whimhurst ; 220 yards—Pte. Cossey ; putting the shot—Pte. Young ; 120 yards hurdles—Sergt. Seguss ; 440 yards—Pte. Jordan ; 1 mile—Pte. Pavey ; long jump—Sergt. Seguss ; 3 miles—Pte. Hampton.

We entered the same tug-of-war team as for Brigade Sports.

Of individuals Pte. Pavey won the mile ; a very creditable performance. Sergt. Seguss was second in the long jump and Pte. Hampton was third in the three miles. Our tug-of-war team was third, having the misfortune to come up against their old opponents, the Coldstream Guards, in the semi-final, when they were again beaten, 2 pulls to 1 ; the first pull, which we won lasted 4 minutes 30 seconds. They beat the H.L.I. and the K.S.O.B.'s two pulls to nil. The tug-of-war team have worked really hard and our success in both meetings were, in a good part, due to their efforts and that of the coach.

AFRICA STATION.

H.M.S. " Lowestoft,"

During the last month we have been lying at Simonstown, where about one-half of the year is spent.

One wonders why more opportunity is not taken of having at our front door some of the finest mountain climbing to be found anywhere in the whole of South Africa. But the Chatham Marine is eminently a plainsman. Many of them live on the borders of that great plain, which, we are told stretches away across the continent of Europe to the Ural mountains. So mountain expeditions are chiefly confined to those who come from the West Country.

Football, hockey, billiards and the cinema are the chief amusements of the remainder and there is no reason why it should not be so. Perhaps, for this reason a field day with seamen and marines manœuvring over rough and precipitous ground is not so unpopular as it might be, for it takes them over ground which must be new to a very great many of them.

One of these field days took place on June 13th. The Marines had to scramble up a steep gorge, 1,400 feet high, to try and outflank a very strong position between Zwart Kop and Simonsberg. They had a section of midshipmen to support them. They all succeeded in getting up there in a remarkably short space of time, even our diminutive bugler who has just come from England.

The ship's company of the " Dublin " is now up at the Sanatorium for their annual course of musketry and field training. It is a wet and cold time of the year ; but after a few days of rain one is generally rewarded by a spell of most perfect summer weather, and there are few of those very strong south-easters which blow so incessantly throughout the S. African summer and make rifle shooting so difficult.

The " Lowestoft " leaves Simonstown on June 26th, for a cruise of six weeks up the East Coast. We are to visit Durban, Lorenzo Marques and East London. Of these East London is the most popular amongst the men ; there is always great enthusiasm on shore there when the " Lowestoft " makes fast alongside the jetty.

B. F. TRENCH,
Major, R.M.L.I.

21st June, 1923.

2ND DIVISION OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET.

On the 25th June, " Revenge " and " Ramillies " left Weymouth in company with the remainder of the Battle Fleet, which they dropped at Bournemouth and Eastbourne, and arrived at Folkestone late that night.

Here we were royally entertained by the civic authorities and residents. In return a thé dansant was given on board the " Revenge," and the massed bands of the " Revenge " and " Ramillies " played on the Leas, a performance which was much appreciated by the residents and visitors.

On the 29th, " Revenge " and " Ramillies " sailed for Margate, the R.M. detachments proceeding by march route.

Detachments were organised in three platoons each, strength of sections being eight and a leader. Company headquarters consisted of one C.O., one C.S.M., one runner, one batman and a bugler.

Each detachment proceeded in its own drifter as far as Dover, where they disembarked and marched to the R.M. Barracks, Deal, passing through Guston, East Langdon and Martin, picking up the main Dover–Deal road at Ringwould.

Here they were met by the Depot Band which played them into Barracks, and very welcome that band was at the end of a hot and dusty march.

In Barracks the Detachments found every arrangement had been made for their comfort, and a good hot meal awaiting them.

Leave was given till midnight and many men took advantage of it to look up old friends, while the ex-Blue Marine had a chance of seeing the cradle of the once more united Corps.

The detachments fell in again at 1000 next day and started on their march to Margate, Colonel-Commandant L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., taking the salute.

The Depot Band marched them as far as Sholden, where it turned off and played the detachments out of the Garrison to the strains of Auld Lang Syne.

A halt for dinner was made at the north end of Pegwell Bay, and Margate was entered about 1530. Here they were met by the massed bands of " Revenge " and " Ramillies," which played them on to the pier to " A Life on the Ocean Wave."

In spite of the fact that the men had done little or no marching for a long time and that they had just completed a hot and char-a-banc hunted march of nearly 16 miles they swung on to the pier as if they had just stepped on to the parade ground in their own barracks.

Short as the stay of the 2nd Division was at Margate, it was thoroughly enjoyed, thanks to the hospitality of the civic authorities. Many men also took advantage of an excellent train service to visit London.

On the 2nd July the remainder of the fleet arrived and all proceeded in company to Rosyth for the visit of the Swedish Fleet. Again another round of entertaining, but this time we were the entertainers.

Owing to "Revenge" going into dock the 2nd Division regatta had to be held at Rosyth instead of Tor Bay.

In the Marines' races, "Revenge" was first and second in cutters, while "Ramillies" was first in whalers.

The winning cutter's crew of "Revenge" went south in "Ramillies" to compete in the Fleet regatta at Tor Bay.

Unfortunately "Resolution" and "Royal Sovereign" are still in Near Eastern waters, and this robbed the Divisional regatta of some of its interest. However, it is understood that they are to hold their regatta out there and the winner shall hold the coveted Cock for six months with the present winner, "Revenge."

C.E.H.

CHINA STATION.

MUSKETRY.

The following results have been obtained at Stonecutters Island Range, from January–May, 1923, inclusive.

Royal Marines.—H.M.S. "Ambrose," average, 139·5; H.M.S. "Carlisle," 149·3; H.M.S. "Despatch," 142·18; H.M.S. "Durban," 156·58; H.M.S. "Tamar," 159·1; H.M.S. "Titania," 141·6. Average of station, 149·9.

Numbers completed, 178. Number of Marksmen, 23.

Highest individual scores :—

Officers—Capt. Quinlan, 208.
Sergeants—Ply/Sergt. J. Kennedy, 208.
Corporals—Ply/Cpl. W. J. Syms, 211.
Privates—Po/Pte. J. Emms, 214.

The future of the Naval Range at Wei-hai-Wei is obscure. It is hoped to hold the Royal Marine Rifle Meeting at Hongkong next autumn.

A new "Active Service" Cup has been presented by the Royal Marine Officers and the old Active Service Cup is to be awarded to the detachment having the highest average for the annual course.

Sergeant J. Kennedy has won the "Commodore's Cup" which is presented to the highest scorer in the Spoon Shoots of the "Tamar" Rifle Club.

Owing to the restrictions on the amount of ammunition fired for private practice no team shoots have taken place.

RECOMMISSION AND MOVEMENTS.

The flagship H.M.S. "Hawkins" recommissioned at Singapore during the early part of May. A severe heat wave was on at the time. H.M.S. "Durban" is at Vladivostok which is now in possession of the Bolsheviks.

R.N. ESTABLISHMENT, ST. HELENA.

The Royal Marine Artillery serving in St. Helena succeeded in winning outright the Peace Celebration Cup, presented by Mr. J. A. Thorpe on Empire Day, it having been won by them also in 1921 and 1922.

Sergt. W. E. Gibson, R.M.A., also won the prize presented by H. E. The Governor for the highest individual score.

The meeting was favoured by fine weather, and there was a good muster of spectators to see the final stages of the shoot and witness the presentation of cup and prizes by Mrs. Peel, wife of H.E. The Governor.

Six teams of 8 competitors; targets, bulls-eye; ranges, 200, 500, 600 yards. Scores :—

R.M.A.	561
Fencibles	414
Overseas Club—A	405
Overseas Club—B	325
Mr. Young's Team	266
St. Paul's	257

Details of R.M.A. score :—

	200	500	600	Total
Sergt. Gibson ...	29	29	23	81
Clr.-Sergt. Reeves (capt.)	28	28	24	80
Gnr. Vallance	28	26	22	76
Gnr. Collis	29	30	14	73
Cpl. Bravery ...	28	26	15	69
Lt.-Col. Iremonger ...	25	23	18	66
Gnr. Mynott	27	22	13	62
Cpl. Beedles	24	22	8	54

Total 561. Average 70.

H. E. W. IREMONGER,
Major, R.M.A. and Bt. Lt.-Col.

28th May, 1923.

R.M. OFFICERS' SPORTS FUND.

BALANCE SHEET.

30TH JUNE, 1923.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit Current Account, 31/12/22	13	1	0½
Deposit Account, 31/12/22	20	0	0
Subscription from 1/1/23–30/6/23	43	19	6
Transferred to Deposit Account	20	0	0
Interest on Deposit Account	0	3	9
	£97	4	3½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
February, 1923.			
Corps Hockey Match—Railway Fares	9	13	10
Grant to Officers' Mess, Eastney	4	9	0
Cricket Score Book	0	18	3
Transferred to Deposit Account	20	0	0
Balance Credit Current Account	22	3	2½
Deposit Account	40	0	0
	£97	4	3½

H. C. POPE, *Major, R.M.*,
Hon. Treasurer.

3rd July, 1923.

There are 127 Subscribers, of whom 102 are Serving Officers, and 25 are Retired Officers.

(FOURTH LIST, 1923.)

10s., Lt.-Col. J. A. Tupman, O.B.E.; 7s. 6d., Lt.-Col. M. Festing, D.S.O.; 5s., Capt. E. Bowring, Lt.-Col. H. Channer, Capt. V. G. Clayton, Col. 2nd Commandant F. C. Edwards, Lt.-Col. J. R. Garrett, O.B.E., Lt.-Col. P. Molloy, Lt.-Col. C. L. Mayhew, Lt.-Col. W. S. Poe, D.S.O., Capt. R. Quill.

H. C. POPE, *Major, R.M., Hon. Treasurer.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir,—Regarding the Royal Marines' War Memorial on the Hoe, would it be possible to make a suggestion in our monthly magazine for its improvement. It is three weeks ago since I visited the memorial, and my attention was drawn to the fact that the rough ground and stones caused by the erection had not been levelled off or removed, also a great number of stones were inside the enclosure. Children (thanks and credit to our Service men) are in great numbers at Plymouth, and it is only natural and childlike that where they find stones they indulge in the dangerous pastime of throwing them. It would be a great pity should our memorial get damaged in this way; it may never happen, but prevention is better than cure; the Kingsley statue at Bideford, N. Devon, was damaged in such a way, shortly after its erection, the quill being broken off. I am sure if a couple of volunteers were asked for to square things off and level the ground, the call would be responded to immediately.

21st June, 1923. H.P.

NOBODY'S CHILDREN.

A CORPS OF IMPROVISORS.

By BENNET COPPLESTONE.

(*By kind permission of the Author and of the Editor of the "Cornhill Magazine"*).

I.

Standing between the Navy and the Army, in spirit distinct from both, harried in times of peace though greatly cherished in war, proudly conscious of its unchallengeable competence, the Corps of Nobody's Children "proceeds to carry on." It is the one and only corps of long-service scientific soldiers in the British Empire. It takes the whole world for its province, and its deeds have encircled the globe with a wreath of laurel.

It has been my privilege to study, at close hand, this strange exclusive body of sea-soldiers, to live in intimate fellowship with them, to understand something of their pride, and to be remotely yet genuinely a partaker in that pride. Whenever—and this has happened not infrequently—I have been made free of the Royal Marines, I have always felt that I was coming among my own people. I am allied to them by the closest ties of blood, and the bond holds. And because I understand something of the Corps, in so far as one who is outside can understand, I venture to interpret here its essential spirit, in its weakness and in its strength—its incomparable strength.

There is little in common between a huge short-service Army, however efficient it may be within the restricted limits of its training, and the long-service professional Navy, and the equally long-service and professional corps of Royal Marines. The distinction lies in just that one word "professional." The old Regular Army, which came by its glorious end at Ypres, has ceased to exist. It died in doing what it was brought into being to do; and, though dead, will live eternally in our history. Yet even this Army was not professional in the widest sense. The officers, and some few among the non-commissioned ranks gave up their whole lives to its service; but the bulk of the men were birds of passage between the active list and the reserve. Their term of full service was short. Whatever may be the traditions of a regiment, however much it may develop through the centuries a corporate sense of undying unity, it never can realize that actual unity of mind and heart and body which comes to fruition in a professional service.

Though of the Navy, and officially controlled through their Adjutant-General by the Admiralty, the Royal Marines are soldiers not sailors. They have the handiness, and something more than the handiness, of sailors; yet they are, in spirit and outlook, soldiers. They trace their modern history from the formation of the Maritime Regiment of Foot in 1664; but, to my mind, the central idea to which they owe their being is as old as the world's naval history. For many centuries, even for thousands of years, up to times almost of yesterday, ships were sailed by seamen and fought by soldiers. Three hundred years ago it was thought natural, even proper, to send a professional soldier to sea in command of a fleet. Robert Blake was a colonel, the Duke of Albemarle was General Monk, and Prince Rupert was—you know all about Prince Rupert. Sir Edward Cecil, who muddled the Cadiz Expedition so badly in 1625, did not know one end of the ship from the other. It was not until well into the eighteenth century that seamen fought the ships which they sailed. The sea-borne soldiers did not wholly disappear, but instead of being casual regiments, embarked for sea service, they became crystallized into a specially trained corps of Royal Marines. Soldiers could not be dispensed with afloat—their services were needed as "landing parties" in peace and in war—many times Cook's marines stood between their captain and the savage death which at last overtook him—and for another queer reason, which the passage of years has made superfluous. The Marines carried on board ship were the Guard, which berthed and messed between the officers and the crew of seamen. They were a stalwart and faithful insurance against mutiny, and to this day the tradition of this duty remains, to this day their 'barracks' on board ship are set as a perpetual barrier between the naval officers and the naval men.

Marines are soldiers, all kinds of soldiers, and many other things which soldiers never have been and never will be. In them the furious warrior and the domestic angel coalesce. They are highly-trained infantrymen, skilled gunners in every man-killing instrument from maxims and trench mortars to naval fifteen-inch; they are more than tolerable engineers; they will move any weight any distance with any tackle—they call this mystery the art of 'repository.' They will turn any arid unfriendly spot into a bit of Old England, bright with flowers and fruitful in vegetables. They are housemaids of an excellence undreamed of by housemistresses; they are the most perfect of body-servants; their divisional bands rival those of the Guards—and the floor of every sea, and the soil of every land, is rich with their bodies slain in fight. As they serve faithfully, so they fight terribly.

In peace as in war the Royal Corps, like the Royal Navy, is always on active service. The Armistice, though it brought relief to the temporary and unprofessional auxiliaries, left the heart and purpose of the Corps unchanged. It held the forts of the Dardanelles, it occupied the famous Allied base at Mudros, it was frozen in winter and scorched in summer in the northern fastnesses of Russia, it was ubiquitously pervasive in the Black Sea and in the Baltic. In the great ships of the Fleet, whether in reserve squadrons or ranging as of old the high seas of the world, the Corps supplied its accustomed quota. And at home the Divisional Headquarters buzzed with active life, gathering in recruits, training and polishing, always training and polishing, so that when the call came—and in peace as in war the call is never long in coming—the answer might be instant and convincing. It is remorselessly continuous, the life of a Professional Corps of "Nobody's Children."

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In times of peace a corps of long-service soldiers, trained to such niceties of finish that it may instantly

play its part by land or by sea anywhere, trained and polished so that the more bleakly impossible the job, the more surely and inevitably the Royal Marines are charged to tackle it, a corps such as this one is not cheaply come by. With its recruit depot at Walmer, that grey line of barracks which overlooks the famous Downs, the red masses of Eastney, the solid granite blocks of Plymouth, the old buildings of Chatham, and the dilapidated Forton, measured by accommodation and numbers, it is a corps costly in its maintenance. The unit system is carried very far, surprisingly far. Though the Corps is essentially one, each Headquarters has its own individual life and is economically self-contained. Each Headquarters maintains its own staff, makes its own clothes and its own boots—at urgent call, it will equip its own men for the Arctic Seas or the blazing Tropics—it runs blacksmiths' and carpenters' shops; when land, happily, is at its service, it will indulge the conviction of all its officers and men that Nature has designed them for the peaceful pursuit of agriculture. Flowers and fruit follow the Royal Corps around the world. Wherever it may be cast during a season of growth—among the ungrateful rocks of Scapa, the gracious glens of the Greek Islands, or the richly manured horse-lines of Flanders—the earth blossoms under its hands. The Corps prints its own Divisional Orders, maintains its own Divisional Band at a high pitch of excellence, and supplies actors, scenery, and music for its own Divisional Theatres. This self-contained unit system is expensive to the Government, the officers, and the men. The life of a professional corps must be a full life, efficiency is no less dependent upon organized relaxation than upon organized work, and many very valuable stimulations to interest, for which an obdurate and unimaginative Treasury will not pay, the officers—and to some extent the men also—must pay for themselves. When Europe drowses in peace, though the flame of war may be flickering in a dozen distant corners of the world and the Marines, as always, may be stamping their great boots upon it, Whitehall invariably grumbles and inquiries, "Of what manner of use are these Marines of ours, which cost us so much good money? What are they but survivals of the dark ages of militarism?" To which enquiries the Treasury promptly supplies its own answer—for the Royal Corps are Nobody's Children, with only a step-mother who has a large and hungry naval family of her own to support—the Treasury supplies its own answer, and prunes solid chunks off the Corps' establishment. Time and again during the long spells of European peace the Corps has wasted into a shadow, and what has happened in the past will probably happen again in the future.

(To be continued).

THE END OF WOODEN LEGS.

BY CAPTAIN H. H. C. BAIRD, D.S.O. late The Buffs.

London to Brighton in 14 hours 21 minutes with an above-knee amputation. Such was the astounding record made a few months ago by Mr. Victor Bell wearing a New Desoutter duralumin artificial leg and breaking his previous record on another type of leg by no less than four hours thirty minutes. And yet, the great majority of those who have lost a leg in the service of their country are still quite unnecessarily being dragged down by the burden of wearing a heavy wooden, and often ill-fitting wooden leg of an obsolete pattern.

That this statement is true is proved by the fact that, whereas some 30,000 officers and men suffered leg amputations as a result of the late war, only some 3,500 duralumin artificial legs have been supplied up to date, and this in spite of the recommendations of the Williamson Committee on artificial legs which I shall deal with later, and in spite of provision having now been made for the immediate supply of the New Desoutter leg to the many thousands now entitled to them.

The plain fact is that the great majority of legless ex-Service men are either still unaware of the conditions under which this wonderful duralumin leg can now be supplied or, else, believe that their issue is still confined to officers, all of which explains why one, like myself, who has derived all the benefits of this wonderful leg should seek the co-operation of Regimental Papers and Old Comrades' Associations, both of which are no doubt in touch with many of their old comrades to whom this article particularly applies.

THE FIRST LIGHT METAL LEG.

It is now nearly ten years since the first light metal limb was made by the brothers Desoutter—one of whom had lost a leg while flying at Hendon. Amazed at the primitive appliance supplied by limb-makers—there has been scarcely any improvement in wooden artificial legs since the Battle of Waterloo—they set to work, both being practical engineers and experts in aluminium alloys, to experiment with light metals in relation to artificial limbs. The result of these experiments, achieved after infinite labour and many set-backs, is known to the world to-day as the "Desoutter" type Light Metal Leg and Double Swivel Pelvic Band. This limb has now been adopted by the Ministry of Pensions.

The wonderful success of the duralumin limb gradually became public property, and a steady flow of officers began to investigate the truth of the amazing stories that reached them. To these officers the enormous advantages of this limb were obvious, and those who could afford the cost gladly paid as much as £100, or more, out of their own pockets, for a duralumin limb, leaving behind an ever-growing pile of discarded heavy wooden legs.

REDEMPTION OF COUNTRY'S PROMISE.

Very soon, these officers, in their natural desire for the well-being of their less fortunate comrades; began to agitate for the redemption of the country's promise to the limbless, and insisted that the duralumin light limb should be supplied to *all* ranks irrespective of its cost, and that the cumbersome and heavy wooden legs should be scrapped. Official opposition was chiefly on the ground of the great expense involved, and, for a time, humanitarian arguments were unavailing. The position was admirably summed up by Mr. John Galsworthy, the great author, who wrote in a foreword to the Disabled Society's "Handbook for the Limbless:"

"The evidence collected here in its favour, and against the heavy wooden limb, is most striking, and exhilarating. The only real argument now against the light leg would seem to be expense. If that is so, one can only urge that every effort be made, officially and otherwise, to overcome that difficulty. We may be bankrupt, but not so bankrupt as all that, where a great boon to the limbless is concerned."

Space will not permit of telling the full story of how the Red Cross, the Press, the Disabled Society, and disabled men themselves ultimately obtained complete victory. It is sufficient to say that the evidence to which Mr. Galsworthy refers was ultimately brought before Mr. Ian MacPherson, K.C., Minister of Pensions, who set up a special Committee of Enquiry of a most representative character to investigate it. The result was a triumphant vindication of the case for the Desoutter type Duralumin limb, as is proved by the fact that the Ministry of Pensions, who up to this time had been averse to recognising the wonderful merits of light metal limbs, immediately adopted the recommendations put forward by this Committee.

SUPPLY BECOMES GENERAL.

These recommendations were that the New Desoutter Duralumin leg could be supplied in the following circumstances:—

(*a*) New cases of amputation above the knee, especially those in which the amputation is higher than midway between the knee and the hip joint.

(*b*) Other cases of above-the-knee amputation where, owing to the weight or type of the artificial leg in the man's possession, he is handicapped in his activities or occupation.

(*c*) Cases in which a metal limb is not certified to be surgically necessary, but where the pensioner, owing to his mentality, may conceive a preference for a metal limb, and might consider it a grievance if it is not supplied.

(*d*) For below-knee amputations where the surgical aspect of the case renders a wooden limb unsuitable.

Now, from the above, it will be noticed that the supply of the duralumin leg has been made almost general, and it will no doubt interest legless men to know that another concession I have recently been able to obtain from the Ministry of Pensions is that all applicants for this type of limb shall have the right of appearing before the limb-fitting surgeon of their respective areas.

So nothing remains but to make it known that limb-fitting centres have now been established throughout the British Isles, that other ranks dissatisfied with their present artificial legs should make applications for the Duralumin type through their Local War Pensions Committee, and that officers should do likewise direct to the Ministry of Pensions.

THE LEG AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS.

No one need fear disappointment. My own amputation is a short stump through the thigh, yet 36 holes of golf in one day over St. George's, Sandwich—an ardous up-and-down course—is nothing to me. And yet I feel thoroughly ashamed at mentioning these modest achievements when we hear of Mr. Bell's astounding walk from London to Brighton, of Mr. Desoutter with an above-knee amputation manipulating with his artificial leg, the controls of his aeroplane, of Mr. Herbert Marshall, also with an above-knee amputation, playing the lead in the theatres of London, and of a whole host of others achieving quite as much, if indeed not more, with the utmost freedom and ease.

Surely there can be no greater vindication of what I have written, and I would ask all, who may read this article, to pass the news it contains on to any legless man they may happen to encounter. Also, needless to say, should anyone wish for further information I shall be happy to supply it to them if they will write to me at Bridge, Near Canterbury.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.

THE OLD BOYS' DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of Retired and Active List Officers, R.M.A., was held for the last time at Eastney, on Wednesday, 4th July, Colonel-Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.M.G., presiding. Seventy officers attended, including 26 from the Retired List and General Officers, R.M.* After the invariable loyal toast, "The Health of Our Royal Colonel-in-Chief, H.M. The King," "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, all standing, hand-in-hand, accompanied by the orchestra.

On Thursday forenoon the Retired Officers were invited by the Commandant to witness some very smart infantry manœuvres by the squad under instruction, a tug-of-war by the winning team from the Olympia Military Tournament, and a bayonet v. bayonet display by the R.M.A. winners at Olympia, and it was with pride recalled that the R.M.A.'s had won in every Olympia Competition for which they had entered. In the afternoon Mrs. Picton Phillipps held a garden party, at which "The Old Boys" and their brother officers and families bid each other farewell.

* The General and Retired Officers at this farewell assembly included Generals Sir W. Nicholls, K.C.B., Sir A. J. Paris, K.C.B., L. Conway Gordon, C.B., L. T. Pease, C.B., H. L. Talbot, A. G. Tatham. Colonels S. Gaitskell, J. L. Homer, P. Peacock, S. M. Rose. Lieut.-Colonels W. B. Dauntesey, W. Dixon, H. Everitt, F. J. French, J. L. Homer, J. R. H. Homfray, C.B.E., W. M. Lambert, E. McCarthy, H. Oldfield. Majors H. de L. P. Beresford, C. A. Bishop, O.B.E., H. G. Morgan. Lieuts. Rev. O. E. Owen, A. E. Elliott.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The Annual Dinner, which could be termed "a last time reunion," took place on Saturday, July 7th. There has probably been no greater reunion in the history of the Sergeants' Mess, Eastney Barracks; some hundreds of past and present members attending this dinner and social gathering. In view of circumstances consequent on the amalgamation of the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. this annual event was brought forward in order that it could be held under the old conditions, before the actual changes took place.

The Dinner was held in the Drill Shed, a portion of which was shut off and draped with flags and bunting. Owing to the large numbers it would have been impossible to hold the Dinner in the Mess. Q.M.S. (W.O. II) E. F. Burgess (President of the Sergeants' Mess) presided and was supported by Colonel-Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., Col. 2nd Commandant R. O. Paterson, O.B.E., and practically all the officers of the Division, including R.N. School of Music. Many past members were present, which included Major G. E. Smith, Capt. and Q.M. Lidiard, Capt. J. W. Jones, Capt. W. H. Jones, Capt. T. Richards, Capt. A. E. Rann, Capt. Watson, Capt. G. Grayson, Capt. W. Russell, Lieut. W. Priddy, Lieut. E. H. Roost, Lieut. F. J. Chivers, Lieut. Maynard, Lieut. F. G. Deacon, Lieut. C. Dyer, Lieut. W. T. Hawkins, Lieut. and Q.M. Timms, Lieut. and Q.M. Holloway, Comd. R. M. Gunner Masterton, Warrant Marine Gunner Jordan, Bandmaster Moffatt (R.N.S.M.), S.M. Starling, S.M. Neil Hamilton, S.M. Arnold, S.M. Tattersall. The oldest past member of the Mess present was Sergt. J. Hetheridge, who enlisted in 1854 and was discharged in 1878.

In proposing "The health of the Commandant and Officers," Q.M.S. Burgess said that he regretted that he had to inform the company that, as far as was known at present, this would be the last reunion dinner of the R.M.A. Sergeants' Mess under the old R.M.A. conditions.

The Colonel-Commandant, in his farewell message, had asked them to carry on in the same spirit that had characterised them hitherto—the spirit that had made them what they were in the eyes of the Navy, Army, Air Force and other Marine Divisions. Discipline was absolutely essential in everything which had to be carried to a successful conclusion, whether in work or sport, and they had now to rise to the occasion and prove what they had always thought—that they were second to none. No doubt the members present had their own views on the subject of amalgamation, but he asked those who were no longer in the Service to refrain from making the situation difficult for those whose duty it was to see that the orders were carried out. They must preserve their good name to the last. No good purpose could be served by placing obstacles in the way. If they talked on the subject they must remember that it would not fall on deaf ears. There were a lot of youngsters in the barracks who listened to and followed the lead of the Sergeants' Mess, so they must see to it that these youngsters were led in the proper direction.

It was not for him to go into details of the famous men produced by, or of the performances of the R.M. Artillery in all parts of the world. They would find a short history of it all in the souvenir which each visitor would receive during the evening. It was a proud record. The keynote of it was loyalty and discipline, and, although the name of the R.M. Artillery might disappear from the Navy List and other official books as a regiment, the words could still be used as a hall-mark of efficiency. In closing, he thanked the Colonel-Commandant and officers for what they had done for them in the past and called on the company to drink to their health.

The Colonel-Commandant, in briefly responding, referred to the success of the R.M.A. in whatever field they engaged, and called upon the officers to "drink to the Sergeants, past and present, of the R.M.A., who are second to none." He himself lead the singing of "For they are jolly good fellows."

Q.M.S. Woodhouse, D.C.M., proposed the health of "The Veterans," and spoke of the fine example that had been set by them. Referring to the amalgamation, he said that the greatest blow to suffer would be the loss of some of their officers and comrades of the Mess, and also the passing of the famous grenade from their badge. His mention of the grenade was marked by the lowering of the lights and the appearance on the wall of an illuminated design of the old badge. Ex-S.M. Tattersall and Hetheridge and Capt. Jones responded. Capt. Jones said, "by your pluck and determination you have helped to place more red spots on the map than any other regiment. This is the last time we shall meet in the old "homestead," so we wish you God-speed and good luck in the different divisions in which you may go. Wherever that may be, don't forget the spirit of the R.M.A. Carry on as you have always done, so that you may say with pride "Don't forget I was once a Royal Marine Artilleryman."

The musical programme was provided by the R.M.A Band (under Band-Sergt. W. H. Heighway), Bandmaster E. Snook, Mr. T. C. Kelsey, Major G. H. Littleton, Mr. A. E. Trayfoot,

Clr.-Sergt. S. M Hales, Mr G. Millard, Bandmaster H. Beeden, Clr -Sergt. W. Fitall, Bandmaster A. C. Green, Mr. T. C. Addy, Lieut. F. J. Chivers and Q.M.S. A. H. Turner.

The Dinner Commitee consisted of Q.M.S. A. Woodhouse, D.C.M. (President), Q.M.S. Kay and Eden, Clr.-Sergts. Saunders, Fitzgerald and Jones, Sergts. Clements, Warwick, Hambly, Everett and Hancock, Drum Major Dyer, and B. M. Allen.

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PLYMOUTH.

DEVONPORT SERVICE SAILING RACES.

The third qualifying race for the Coburg Cup, which took place on the 27th June, provided the best day's sport this season.

On the corrected finishing times of the first four boats there was only a difference of three minutes, and as all the four boats belonged to different classes this gives further proof that the new handicaps under which the races are being sailed this year are very satisfactory.

The boats went the full ten-mile course, " Glorious " 30-ft. gig (Capt. Cameron, R.N.) gradually gaining ; followed by the R.M. cutter (Major Jerram) and the R.M. 27-ft. whaler (Major Arbuthnot) these two boats hanging together through practically the whole race. Result : 1st, " Glorious " gig ; 2nd, R.M. 27-ft. whaler ; 3rd, K.H.M. 25-ft. whaler ; 4th, R.M. cutter—the cutter just failing to save her time on the K.H.M.

Two races took place in June for the Arbuthnot Challenge Cup for Seamen and Marines below the rank of Warrant Officer.

There were 15 entries for the first and 12 for the second race. In both races the R.M. whaler sailed by Mne. Sergeant led from the start.

In the first race the R.M. whaler won easily, in the second she had a desperate struggle at the finish with the 25-ft. whaler of H.M.S. " Scout," but eventually won with about two minutes in hand.

Mne. Serjeant thus scores 8 points towards the Challenge Cup, with two races yet to be sailed. We congratulate him heartily, and hope to see the Challenge Cup and Replica come to these barracks at the end of the season.

The fourth qualifying race for the Coburg Cup was sailed on the 11th July in a very light breeze which occasionally died away to a flat calm. The " Seabear's " 25-ft. whaler took the lead from the start and sailed right away from the other boats, including two gigs, which was a creditable performance. The R.M. 27-ft. whaler and the K.H.M. 25-ft. whaler which were close astern of the gigs were unfortunate in being caught in a calm the wrong side of the Duke rock, while the gigs which had rounded it drifted up on the flood tide until they picked up the breeze again. Result :—

1st, " Seabear "(Lieut.-Com. Nash).
2nd, " Glorious " gig (Capt. Cameron).
3rd, " Glorious " gig No. 2.
4th, R.M. whaler (Major Arbuthnot).

The R.M. whaler failed to save her time on " Glorious " gig, No. 2 by a few seconds.

The 3rd race for the Arbuthnot cup was sailed on the 12th July, but was little more than a drifting match. Result :—

1st, " Glorious " gig (P.O. Williams).
2nd, " Scouts " whaler (P.O. Coombes).
3rd, K.H.M. whaler (C.P.O. Combsrip).

P.O. Coombes now ties with Mne. Serjeant with 8 points each, one race to be sailed.

WATER POLO.

Result of matches played in local Water Polo League Ships and Establishments, Plymouth Command :—

June 12th.—H.M.S. " Woolwich," draw, 1—1.
June 14th.—H.M.S. " Defiance," lost, 4—0.
June 25th.—R.N. Barracks, lost, 4—0.
July 3rd.—H.M.S. " Glorious " (4 points), won, 2—1.
July 9th.—H.M.S. " Woolwich," won, 4—1.
July 10th.—H.M.S. " Defiance," draw, 3—3.

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FORTON.

FINAL CONCERT.

Conviviality was the keynote of the proceedings at the final concert of the R.M.L.I., which was held in the men's lounge at Forton Barracks last night. There were about 200 past and present members in the hall, and the good, all-round programme presented by the " Hiffits " concert party was enthusiastically received.

" The Passing of the Reds " was the appropriate heading of the programme. Everybody present entered into the spirit of the evening, and the concert was the most successful of many similar events held at the Barracks.

CORPS CRICKET WEEK.

The first match of the Corps Cricket Week was played at Stratford-on-Avon against the local team on July 16th and 17th, and after a sporting game Stratford won by two wickets. The weather was fine and cool, which was a relief after the grilling heat of the previous Mead Cup Week at Deal. Winning the toss, the Corps batted first, but did none too well on a wicket which was doing funny things, but a ninth-wicket stand of 52 by Lt.-Col. Cantrell and Major Barnby saved the situation. Stratford got a lead of 83 on the first innings and during the last half-hour the Corps got 55 for the loss of one wicket. Owing to an early finish being necessary on the second day to enable the Corps team to get to Portsmouth it was the game to make runs quickly. With the score at 271 for 7 wickets and a lead of 188 Col. Cantrell made a sporting declaration, giving the home side about two hours in which to make the runs. With 8 wickets down for 96 we appeared to have the game safe, but R. H. Holyoak and Capt. G. Byrne, playing a good forward game, managed to bring off a fine win with time to spare. Unfortunately, we gave some lives, but that is part of the game.

We were most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Docker—a cricketer of fame in the days of W.G., Spofforth, Lohmann & Co.—Sir Gerard and Lady Muntz, Mrs. Thwaites, Mrs. Hargreaves, and thoroughly enjoyed a sporting game played in the good old spirit.

ROYAL MARINES.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Maj. Brooks, b Grayland	6	c Cowan, b Peshall	76
Capt. Simpson, b Grayland	12	run out	28
Capt. Congdon, b Fox	16	c Peshall, b Grayland	25
Lt.-Col. Little, c Cowan, b Grayland	1	b Ward	31
Capt. Mercer, c Byrne, b Ward	16	c Fox, b Grayland	15
Lt.-Col. Shine, c Docker, b Byrne	14	b Byrne	41
Capt. Yeo, b Ward	2	not out	24
Lt.-Col. Cantrell, b Byrne	37	st Cowan, b Ward	9
Maj. Hunton, c Grayland, b Byrne	3	not out	5
Maj. Barnby, c Fairbanks-Smith, b Ward	31		
Lieut. Phillips, not out	2		
Extras	20	Extras	17
	160		*271

* Innings declared.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Capt. C. Cowan, c Hunton, b Mercer	15	b Cantrell	38
T. C. Haitt, b Mercer	8		
R. H. Holyoak, l-b-w Hunton	18	not out	67
F. A. Ward, b Brooks	28	c Shine, b Brooks	0
J. L. Docker, c Congdon, b Brooks	62	b Cantrell	5
Rev. C. E. Peshall, st Barnby, b Cantrell	0	c Congdon, b Brooks	4
Maj. Fairbanks-Smith, b Congdon	29	c Brooks, b Cantrell	1
W. D. Riley, b Little	27	b Brooks	0
Fox, c Brooks, b Little	3	c Sub., b Brooks	4
Grayland, not out	6	run out	2
Capt. Byrne, run out	1	not out	50
Extras	46	Extras	22
	243	(8 wickets)	193

BOWLING.

Mercer	2	wkts. for	41 runs	Mercer	0	wkts. for	30 runs
Cantrell	1	,,	36 ,,	Cantrell	3	,,	53 ,,
Hunton	1	,,	30 ,,	Brooks	4	,,	49 ,,
Brooks	2	,,	58 ,,	Congdon	0	,,	8 ,,
Phillips	0	,,	2 ,,	Phillips	0	,,	18 ,,
Congdon	1	,,	14 ,,	Little	0	,,	9 ,,
Little	2	,,	14 ,,	Hunton	0	,,	4 ,,

MEAD CUP.

The Inter-Divisional matches for this Cup were played off on the Depot ground during the week 9th to 14th July in weather most glorious from the spectators' point of view, but which some of the players, who are no longer in their prime, found rather too sultry for their comfort.

As a consequence of this the winning of the toss was of even greater advantage than usual, as, with the wickets up to the usual "Tom Harding" standard, and all the teams being relatively weak in bowling, it usually meant that the side which batted first stayed in during the hottest part of the day and their opponents had an hour or two's batting when they were thoroughly tired out. All the more credit therefore is due to the R.M.A. for carrying off the Cup on this, which is the first and, unfortunately, the last, occasion of their being able to enter for it, as in both their matches they lost the toss and had to follow on in consequence. The tactics of the two captains in making them do so are perhaps open to criticism, but it is easy to be wise after the event, and the Eastney team on both occasions are to be congratulated on the magnificent fight they put up, winning the first match as they did by the skin of their teeth, the result depending on the very last ball to be bowled, and the last by a slightly larger margin when the chances seemed even more against them up to the last hour or two of the game than in their previous match.

The first match to be played was between Chatham and Plymouth, which, as the latter were somewhat weakly represented, resulted in a somewhat easy win for Chatham. It was chiefly noticeable for a good bowling performance on the part of Rev. Hastings for Chatham; in the two innings he took 10 wickets for 67 runs.

The second match was between Forton and Eastney and from all accounts it was the most exciting match played on the Depot ground for many a long year. It is regretted that we have not been able to get an eye-witness's account of the match, but Forton, who obtained a lead of 139 on the first innings, made their opponents follow on. Eastney did much better at their second attempt and declared with 9 wickets down, leaving Forton 135 to make. When their ninth wicket fell 28 runs were still wanted, 22 of which had been obtained when the very last ball of the last over, incidentally a full pitch, secured the last wicket, leaving Eastney the winners of a most thrilling match.

In the Final, Chatham, who won the toss and batted first, in spite of a useful innings of 43 by Col. Shine, had lost 9 wickets for 197 runs when Major Barnby and Mne. Watts got together and by spirited batting raised the score to the useful total of 276.

Eastney had about a couple of hours' batting and by the end of the day had made 130 for 7 wickets, Capt. Mercer bowling very well and doing most of the execution. The next morning Mne. Watts soon got the remaining 3 wickets. On following on Eastney did very much better; Lieut. Cooper played a very patient innings of 54 and Capt. Tuke, though he has played better, a very useful one of 83 not out, which enabled them to declare at 4.15, leaving Chatham 137 to make in two hours. It is better to draw a veil over the Chatham second innings; suffice it to say that despite a very plucky innings of 64 not out by Capt. Congdon, they were dismissed in an hour and a half for 107, leaving Eastney the winners by 29 runs. Col. Cantrell and Major Brooks bowled very well in both innings, but the latter had by no means the best of luck.

ROYAL MARINES, CHATHAM.

Lt.-Col. Little, run out	39
Major Pope, c Cpl. Berry, b Sergt. Hill	20
Capt. Congdon, l-b-w, b Clr.-Sergt. Hill	1
2nd Lt. Hunt, c Capt. Holliss, b Clr.-Sergt. Hill	28
Lt.-Col. Shine, c Cpl. Berry, b Clr.-Sergt. Hill	15
Capt. Mercer, c Mne. Marston, b Maj. Hunton	21
Capt. Weir, c Cpl. Berry, b Clr.-Sergt. Hill	24
Major Barnby, l-b-w, b Mne. Marston	23
Capt. Quill, not out	16
Mne. Watts, c Cornwell, b Clr.-Sergt Hill	1
Rev. Hastings, b Clr.-Sergt. Hill	2
Extras	3
	193

ROYAL MARINES, PLYMOUTH.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Maj. Hunton, b Rev. Hastings	0	c Weir, b Rev. Hastings	5
2nd Lt. Cornwell, c Maj. Barnby, b Capt. Mercer	4	c Little, b Rev. Hastings	5
Clr.-Sergt. Hill, b Capt. Mercer	18	b Capt. Mercer	22
Lt. Power b Rev. Hastings	8	c and b Rev. Hastings	0
Clr.-Sergt. Summers, c Shine, b Rev. Hastings	0	c Watts, b Rev. Hastings	0
Capt. Bowing, b Capt. Congdon	7	b Capt. Mercer	10
Capt. Holliss, b Rev. Hastings	0	b Capt. Mercer	12
Lt. Dykes, st Barnby, b Mne. Watts	24	run out	3
Cpl. Berry, st Barnby, b Capt. Congdon	1	b Rev. Hastings	4
Clr.-Sergt. Wilson, not out	0	c Watts, b Rev. Hastings	5
Mne. Marston, c Watts, b Capt. Congdon	0	not out	13
Extras	11	Extras	15
	73		91

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION, R.M.L.I.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Capt. Simpson, l-b-w, b Phillips	12	c Hayter, b Phillips	11
Lt. O'Donnell, b Phillips	0	c Scotson, b Brooks	3
Capt. Yeo, c Hayter, b Cantrell	44	run out	15
Mus. Mallard, b Phillips	0	b Brooks	30
Col. Festing, b Phillips	2	b Brooks	0
Maj. Maxwell, b Cantrell	32	l-b-w, b Cantrell	13
Cpl. Maughan, c Phillips, b Cantrell	56	c Brooks, b Cantrell	0
Capt. West, c Brooks, b Phillips	5	c Brooks, b Phillips	6
C.S.M. Thorpe, c Bennett, b Cantrell	46	not out	14
Lt. Sillitoe, st Scotson, b Cantrell	36	b Cantrell	3
Cpl. Stenning, not out	3	b Cantrell	14
Extras	32	Extras	19
	268		128

R.M.A.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Maj. Brooks, c Thorpe, b Sillitoe	4	b O'Donnell	12
Lt. Cooper, b Sillitoe	2	b O'Donnell	25
Capt. Tuke, b Thorpe	39	b Simpson	12
Mus. Hillier, c West, b O'Donnell	2	b Thorpe	61
Col. Cantrell, c Stenning, b Sillitoe	10	c Maughan, b O'Donnell	66
Co. Trotman, l-b-w, b Sillitoe	0	c Yeo, b O'Donnell	15
Lt. Phillips, l-b-w, b O'Donnell	36	l-b-w, b O'Donnell	41
Clr.-Sergt. Scotson, l-b-w, b O'Donnell	16	c Stenning, b O'Donnell	5
Capt. Brown, not out	0	not out	8
Mne. Bennett, c Yeo, b O'Donnell	0	c Mazxwell, b Sillitoe	14
Lt. Hayter, c Simpson, b Sillitoe	5	did not bat	
Extras	15	Extras	16
	129	(9 wkts. dec.)	275

ROYAL MARINES, CHATHAM.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Lt.-Col. Little, b Col. Cantrell	17	b Maj. Brooks	2
Maj. Pope, b Maj. Brooks	0	c Brown, b Col. Cantrell	3
Capt. Congdon, b Lt. Phillips	30	not out	64
Capt. Mercer, b Col. Cantrell	15	b Col. Cantrell	0
2nd Lt. Hunt, c Cooper, b Maj. Brooks	20	b Col. Cantrell	12
Lt.-Col. Shine, b Maj. Brooks	43	c Bennett, b Maj. Brooks	8
Capt. Campbell, b Maj. Brooks	21	b Mne. Bennett	1
Capt. Weir, c Brooks, b Col. Cantrell	26	c and b Col. Cantrell	3

Capt. Quill, c Scotson, b Col. Cantrell	5	b Mne. Bennett	1
Mne. Watts, not out	46	l-b-w, b Col. Cantrell	0
Maj. Barnby, c Hayter, b Col. Cantrell	37	c Brooks, b Lt. Phillips	3
Extras	16	Extras	1
	276		107

ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Capt. Tuke, c Weir, b Capt. Mercer	3	not out	83
Lt. Cooper, l-b-w, b Capt. Congdon	24	run out	54
Capt. Brown, l-b-w, b Capt. Mercer	0	did not bat	
Mus. Hillier, c Barnby, b Mne. Watts	29	c Barnby, b Capt. Campbell	23
Maj. Brooks, c Barnby, b Mne. Watts	23	c Shine, b Capt. Mercer	13
Col. Cantrell, b Capt. Mercer	17	c Weir, b Capt. Congdon	34
Lt. Phillips, b Capt. Mercer	0	c and b Mne. Watts	0
Col. Trotman, not out	31	c Little, b Mne. Watts	16
Mne. Bennett, b Mne. Watts	15	did not bat	
Lt. Hayter, c Barnby, b Mne. Watts	0		
Clr.-Sergt. Scotson, c Weir, b Mne. Watts	1	c Weir, b Capt. Congdon	15
Extras	14	Extras	17
	157		255

R.M., Chatham, *v.* R.N. Barracks, Chatham, at Chatham, 7th July.

R.N. BARRACKS.—Lt. Webb, 14; Lt. Turner, 0; Lt. Barton, 10; Lt. Nicholls, not out, 33; Lt.-Col. Falls, 6; Lt. Davis, 7; Surg.-Com. Horley, 28; Lt. Cree, 0; Lg. Tel. Bacon, 0; Chaplain Hamilton, 0; St. Battery, 3; extras, 17; total, 118. *Bowling.*—Capt. Congdon, 3–4–4; Mne. Watts, 10–28–3; Capt Mercer, 10–34–2.

R.M., CHATHAM.—Maj. Pope, 12; Lt.-Col. Little, 77; Capt. Congdon, 44; Capt. Mercer, 41; Capt. Weir, 30; Capt. Quill, not out, 19; Maj. Barnby, 18; Lt.-Col. Mayer, not out, 18; Col.-Com. Hutchison, Mne. Watts and Mne. Fisher did not bat; extras, 15; total, 274. *Bowling.*—Surg.-Com. Horley, 7–32–1.

R.M., Chatham, *v.* 1st Royal Warwick, at Chatham, 4th July.

1ST ROYAL WARWICK.—Major Hore, 11; Sgt. Kingsbury, 2; Drummer Lyons, 7; Lt. Young, 0; Lt. Harboine, 3; Lt. Evens, 4; Bandsman Jenner, 4; Capt. Onslow, 13; Capt. Barnwell, 12; Lt. Pull, not out, 3; Sgt. Adie, 0; extras, 18; total, 77. *Bowling.*—Capt. Mercer, 13–35–6; Mne. Watts, 13–24–4.

ROYAL MARINES, CHATHAM.—Lt.-Col. Little, 24; Capt. Mercer, 71; Capt. Quill, 4; Capt. Congdon, 28; Schoolmaster Farmer, 0; Sgt. Watts, 0; Capt. Weir, 3; Mne. Watts, 19; Maj. Barnby, not out, 42; Lt. Holford, 0; Col.-Cmdt. Hutchison, 10; extras, 2; total, 207. *Bowling.*—Bandsman Jenner, 20–76–5; Sgt. Adie, 19–125–5.

Depot, R.M., *v.* Broadstairs, at Wellesley House, 16th June.

BROADSTAIRS.—M. W. Peters, 30; G. Jackson, 44; B. Coleman, 79; A. Temple, 26; C. R. Wetherall, 17; G. B. Sutton, 5; C. H. S. Matthews, not out, 0; J. G. Payne, P. Huckstep, J. Boyce and J. V. Hobbins did not bat; byes, 14; total, 216.

DEPOT, R.M.—Vicary 37; Tuke, 14; Hunt, 14; Cornwall, 44; Hunton, 7; Sillitoe, 28; West, 2; Woolley, 4; Walker, not out, 10; extras, 10; total, 169.

Depot, R.M. *v.* Wye, at Wye, 21st June.

WYE.—H. J. Taylor, 8; G. H. Fisher, 53; A. H. Haines, 72; K. T. McLachlin, 1; R. H. Eccles, 3; H. R. Gadsby, not out, 34; G. L. Harford, not out, 23; extras, 7; total, 204.

DEPOT, R.M.—Major Hunton, 12; Capt. Tuke, 7; 2nd Lt. Hunt, 0; 2nd Lt. Cornwall, 0; Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. Vicary, 6; 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh, 4; 2nd Lt. Sillitoe, 0; Clr.-Sergt. Hill, 2; Capt. West, 7; 2nd Lt. Carless, 0; Pte. Drake, 0; extras, 6; total, 44.

Depot, R.M. *v.* East Kent Ramblers at Deal, 22nd and 23rd June.

DEPOT, R.M.—Lt.-Col. Festing, 2; Capt. Tuke, 31; Capt. Yeo, 56; 2nd Lt. Hunt, 6; 2nd Lt. Cornwall, 91; Lt.-Col. Shine, 32; Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. Vicary, 22; Major Hunton, not out, 20; 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh, 7; 2nd Lt. Sillitoe, 12; Capt. Conybeare, 8; extras, 4; total, 291.

Second Innings.—Lt.-Col. Festing, 3; Capt. Tuke, not out, 123; Capt. Yeo, not out, 78; 2nd Lt. Hunt, Lt.-Col. Shine, 2nd Lt. Cornwall, 2nd Lt. Sillitoe, Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. Vicary, Major Hunton, 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh and Capt. Conybeare did not bat; extras, 6; total (1 wkt. dec.), 210.

EAST KENT RAMBLERS.—N. Cholmonsley, 89; P. T. Cautley, 46; C. K. Douglas, 45; Col. Grey, 14; Capt. Oliver, 0; H. Hargreaves, 24; C. B. Barton, 27; Capt. Cremee-Roberts, 19; Col. Wray, 1; N. A. Edwards, 0; K. O'Callagan, not out, 0; extras, 15; total, 280.

Second Innings.—N. Cholmonsley, 113; P. J. Cautley, 12; C. K. Douglas, not out, 25; D. B. Barton, not out, 15; Capt. Oliver, 0; H. Hargreaves, Capt. Cremee-Roberts, K. O'Callagan, Col. Grey, Col. Wray, and N. A. Edwards did not bat; extras, 3; total (3 wkts.), 171.

Depot, R.M. *v.* Shorncliffe Garrison, at Deal, 27th June.

DEPOT, R.M.—Capt. Yeo, 4; Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. Vicary, 2; Lt.-Col. Shine, 20; 2nd Lt. Cornwall, 20; Lt.-Col. Festing, 66; 2nd Lt. Hunt, 70; Major Hunton, 8; 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh, 1; 2nd Lt. Carless, not out, 1; 2nd Lt. Sillitoe, 9; 2nd Lt. Woolley, 2; extras, 4; total, 212.

SHORNCLIFFE GARRISON.—Lt. Loup, 81; Lt. Symonds, 9; Lt. Pedder, 32; Lt. Kirkwood, 12; Lt.-Col. Poynting, 13; Col. Headlam, 5; Lt. Hugonin, 14; Lt. Scott, 6; Lt. Head, 21; Capt. Keller, 3; Q.M.S. Glover, not out, 2; extras, 17; total, 215.

Depot, R.M., Deal *v.* St. Lawrence, Canterbury, at Deal, 30th June, 1923.

DEPOT, R.M.—Lt.-Col. Festing, 35; Capt. Tuke, 31; Lt.-Col. Shine, 68; 2nd Lt. Cornwall, 27; 2nd Lt. Hunt, not out, 163; Capt. Yeo, 6; Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. Vicary, 40; Major Hunton, not out, 7; Clr. Sergt. Hill, 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh and 2nd Lt. Carless did not bat; extras, 8; total (dec.), 385.

ST. LAWRENCE.—A. Latter, 1; C. K. Douglas, 19; G. F. Howell, not out, 13; Maj. Callander, 86; L. Weigall, 12; J. Dean, 1; H. G. Dereham, not out, 36; P. D. F. Smith, 15; A. Brownscombe, 2; P. S. Sutcliffe, 1; Col. C. Fellows did not bat; extras, 3; total, 189.

Depot, R.M. *v.* First Battle Squadron, at Deal, 2nd July.

FIRST BATTLE SQUADRON.—Mid. Trentham, 18; Mid. Longden, 25; Lt. Brooke, 4; Mid. Long, 5; Lt. Sitwell, 77; Pay.-Cmdr. Woodward, 34; Capt. Noble, 16; Capt. Sarel, not out, 38; Lt.-Cmdr. Franks, 12; Rev. Robinson, 21; Eng. Lt.-Cmdr. Allen, 1; extras, 19; total, 270.

DEPOT, R.M.—Lt.-Col. Festing, 3; Capt. Tuke, 0; Maj. Hunton, 11; Lt.-Col. Shine, 92; 2nd Lt. Hunt, 8; Capt. Yeo, 34; Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. Vicary, 0; 2nd Lt. Cornwall, 4; 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh, not out 3; 2nd Lt. Sillitoe, 4; 2nd Lt. Carless, 0; extras, 8; total, 167.

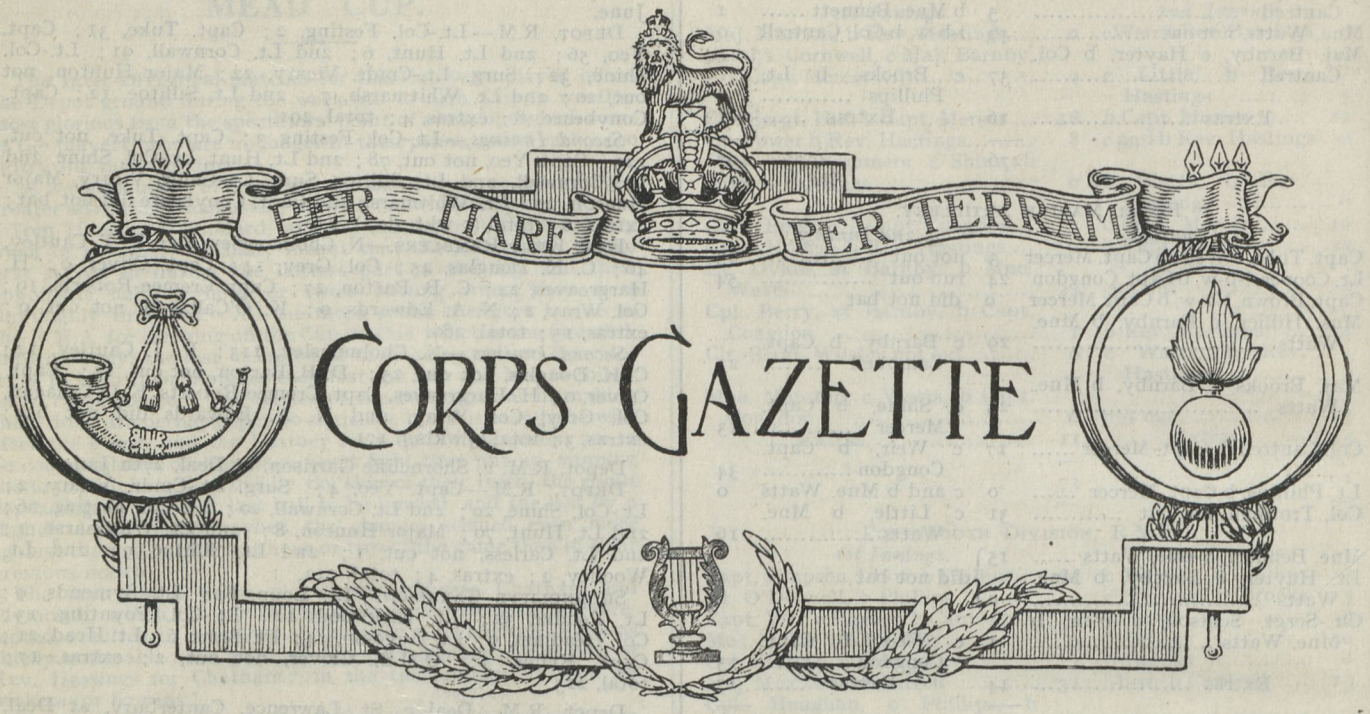
Depot, R.M. *v.* St. Lawrence College, Canterbury, at Deal, 4th July.

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE.—Martin, 7; Harrison, 41; Hartley 0; Brown, 2; Brace, 22; Barrett, 5; Perfect, 53; Farmer, 0; Phillips, not out, 21; Cantrell, 8; Lyall, 1; extras, 3; total, 163.

DEPOT, R.M.—Capt. Tuke, 0; 2nd Lt. Cornwall, 4; 2nd Lt. Hunt, 74; Lt.-Col. Shine, 65; Capt. Campbell, 7; Capt. Yeo, 24; Maj. Hunton, 4; Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. Vicary, not out, 44; 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh, 19; 2nd Lt. Woolley, not out, 2; 2nd Lt. Walker did not bat; extras, 2; total, 245.

UNION JACK CLUB.

The new Memorial Wing of the Union Jack Club is now being taken gradually into use. One of the bedrooms in it was very kindly given by Mrs. Luard and her daughters in memory of Colonel Frank Luard "and of his friend and servant, Pte. Percy Rolfe, who fell together in action, July 13th, 1915." Mrs. Luard hopes that all Marines who served with her husband in Gallipoli or at any of the Divisions will ask to have Col. Luard's room when they put up at the U.J.C.



PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Lt.-Col. R. G. Wharton, O.B.E., Qrmr., R.M.L.I. (retd.), apptd Recruiting Staff Officer, London District vice Hill, 1st Aug., 1923.

Maj. G. W. Littleton, Qrmr., R.M.A., apptd. Asst. and Deputy Director of Naval Recruiting vice Wharton.

The undermentioned officers passed for promotion in the subjects stated at Home Stations in April, 1923.

Subject " D "—Capts. J. M. Tuke, H. S. G. Bird, E. T. M. Farmer, H. R. Haines, O.B.E., L. S. Wilkinson, A. P. Dawson and H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E.

Subject " B "—Lt. R. J. Gumm.

Subject " B " IV.—Lt. H. T. Tollemache.

Lt.-Col. F. H. Griffiths (seconded) apptd. Asst. D.N.I., vice Peel and to remain Seconded.

Capts. R. Mathews (Ply.), A. L. S. Harris (Ch.) and M. H. Collet, M.C. (Po.), are promoted to Captain antedated to 6th Jan., 1921, with seniority next below Capt. L. Mercer, without adjustment of arrears of pay or allowances.

Lt. E. E. Johnson (Po.), promoted to Capt. with seniority next below Capt. E. M. Sergeant, D.S.C., dated 6–1–21.

Lt. V. D. Thomas (Ply.) promoted to Captain with seniority next below Capt. W. E. Bashall, dated 6–1–21.

Lt. G. Campbell (Po.) promoted to Captain with seniority next below Capt. W. G. Quianlan, dated 4–5–21.

Lieuts. E. H. M. Unwin (Po.), C. P. Sparrow (Po.) and A. M. Robertson (Ply.) promoted to Captains with seniority next below Capt. J. E. Cornish, dated 21–9–21.

Lt. G. J. O. Ellison (Po.), promoted to Captain with seniority next below Capt. H. A. P. de Berry, dated 29–11–21.

The above promotions to be without adjustment of arrears of pay or allowances prior to 22–6–23.

All the above are posted to the Divisions as stated against their names.

Major M. H. Marshman is placed on the Reserve of Officers, R.M., on relinquishing commission in R.A.M.C. (T.A.), dated 1–6–21.

Surg.-Cmdr. W. L. Martin, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.I., R.N. (Depot, R.M.) promoted to Surg.-Capt., dated 30th June, 1923.

Capt. C. A. C. Lucas, O.B.E., passed in Subject " D ", sub-heads II, III and V, for promotion at the examination held at Home Stations in April, 1923.

Sub-Lieut. J. K. Cordeaux is transferred from the Royal Navy and apptd. Proby. Lieut. as from 30th June, 1923, with seniority of 15th Jan., 1922, and posted to Chatham Division.

Surg.-Cmdr. W. R. Harrison, O.B.E., R.N., apptd. to H.M.S " Pembroke " addl. for R.M. Infirmary, Depot, Deal, vice Martin.

The posting of the undermentioned Warrant Officers on amalgamation is as follows: Suptg. Clerk T. C. Kelsey, Portsmouth; Suptg. Clerk W. Owen, Deal.

Major F. C. N. Bishop, Res. of Officers, R.M., is apptd. Asst. Supt. 1st Class Joint Naval and Military Design Dept., Woolwich, dated 1st April, 1923.

The appt. of Lieut. E. P. Bickford (Seconded) as Asst. Range Table Officer, Ordnance Committee, external Ballistic Dept., is extended for two years, dated 14th March, 1923.

The following alterations in the postings of Lt.-Cols. are notified :—

W. T. C. Jones, C.B., D.S.O., from Po. to Ply.

H. D. E. O'Sullivan, C.B.E., from Ch. (for Deal) to Ply. (for Deal).

C. L. Mayhew, from Ch. to Ch. (for Deal).

R. V. T. Ford, C.B.E., from Ply. to Ch.

H. N. H. Houghton, from Ply. to Po.

The following alterations in posting of Proby. 2nd Lieuts. are notified :—

S. C. Worley from Portsmouth to Plymouth.

J. M. Phillips, from Plymouth to Portsmouth.

On the amalgamation of the Corps the Divisional posting of the Special Reserve of Officers, R.M., will remain as at present with the following exceptions :—

Capt. H. N. Pearce, Capt. M. F. Cape, Lts. F. V. Stubbs, R. E. Owen, 2nd Lt. R. W. C. Hall to Plymouth.

Capt. A. M. Craig, O.B.E., passed for Adjutant at Plymouth on 18th June, 1923, in a " creditable " manner.

Capt. R. MacDonnell to Supplementary Unemployed Pay List for two months at own request, 4th July, 1923.

Capt. R. C. A. Glunicke, R.M. (Seconded), is exempted, as a special case, from passing the prescribed examination for the rank of Major.

The name of Tempy. Lt. R. M. Snider, R.M., is removed from the List of Officers entitled to retain their rank on demobilisation, 9th May, 1923.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Lt. H. A. Bass to H.M.S. " Cleopatra " on re-commissioning.

Capt. V. G. Clayton to H.M.S. " Dauntless " vice Capt. R. MacDonnell.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to attend the Rifle and Light Automatic Wings: Long Qualifying Course at the Small Arms School, Hythe, on 23rd July, 1923:—

Capt. A. P. Dawson, R.M., Lt. H. T. Tollemache, R.M., Capt. R. Haines, O.B.E., R.M., qualified (Distinguished) at the Field Works Course, School of Military Engineering, Chatham, on 14th June, 1923.

The Adjutant-General, R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

Capt. V. C. Brown, D.S.C., has been selected to attend the Junior Division of the Course at the Staff College, Camberley, commencing in January, 1924.

Capt. G. F. Haszard, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.M., has been selected to attend the anti-aircraft portion of the Gunnery Staff Course which commences at the School of Anti-Aircraft on 2nd July, 1923.

Lt.-Col. N. F. Trotman and Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. B. C. Gardiner, C.B., have been selected to attend the 13th course at the Senior Officers' School, Woking, which assembles on the 24th Sept., 1923, and terminates on 21st Dec., 1923.

Maj. L. D. Briscoe, R.M., has been selected to attend the 8th Senior Officers' Course, which assembles at the Machine-Gun School, Netherhaven on 23rd July and terminates on 27th July, 1923.

Lt. L. Priestley qualified in anti-gas measures at the R.N. Gas School, Chatham, on 29th June, 1923, obtaining 93 per cent. of marks.

The A.G. R.M. notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

RETIREMENTS.

Lt.-Col. R. G. Wharton, O.B.E., Qrmr., R.M.L.I., placed on retired list on account of age, 21–6–23.

Maj. F. C. N. Bishop placed on the retired list at own request under A.F.O. 1358/23, and appointed to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the rank last held by him on the Active List, 31–3–23

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PROMOTION ROSTER.

Clr.-Sergts. A. C. Millson, F. G. Chapman, G. E. Stokes; Sergts. H. Tarbottom, A. G. Miller, F. J. Hambly; Cpls. A. Cadman, E. Philpott, J. H. Golding.

APPOINTMENTS.

Cpl. R. G. Kraemer to Dispenser, Infirmary.

DISCHARGES.

Discharge by Purchase.—Mne. G. P. Charter. Termination of Second Period of Engagement.—Mnes. Wm. Hurn, G. A. Kennedy, J. J. Cathcart, T. H. Buckle, J. Wightman, Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II), H. R. Kimber. Invalided—Sergt. F. C. Swinbank, Mnes. E. H. Mann, H. W. Shinfield, Leonard Cooper.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Qualified as P.R.T. Instructor, 1st Class—Cpl. Alfred Lucas.

EMBARKATIONS.

Valiant—Mne. L. F. Penney. **Revenge**—Mne. R. G. Docherty. **Marlborough**—Cpl. A. F. Caddye. **Ajax**—Mnes. T. H. Day, J. C. Wyeth, James Brennan. **Resolution**—Mnes. C. W. Lidster, A. T. Eldridge. **Courageous**—Mne. George Neal. **Royal Sovereign**—Mnes. W. F. Trewick, J. H. Russell.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Barham—Mne. R. T. Leonard. **Revenge**—Mnes. W. Waite, R. J. Jones. **11th RM.. Battn.**—Q.M.S. C. A. H. Oakes, Mne. S. H. Bull. **Resolution**—Mne. R. J. Noon. **Warspite**—Mne. H. E. Wilkinson. **President**—Sgt. A. G. Miller. **Valiant**—Mne. C. E. Bassett.

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CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

Shotley—Mne. A. W. Clarke. **Calliope**, Mnes. J. Such, E. T. Merry, W. A. Gasson, E. Barnes. **Dunedin**—Mne. W. I. Ginn. **Cambrian**—Mnes. H. Briggs, J. W. Culloden. **Hecla**—Mne. W. R. Uden. **King George V**—Mne. A. E. Herbert. **Dwarf**—Mne. T. Warren. **Dauntless**—Mne. J. Parker. **Dragon**—Mne. L. V. Sargent.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Calliope—Mne. E. Adamson. **Dunedin**—Mne. G. T. Overy. **Shotley**—Mne. A. Woods. **Cambrian**—Mnes. H. P. Stevenson, J. A. Howard. **President**—Mne. J. C. Riddle. **Hecla**—Mne. R. Webster. **King George V**—Mne. M. Bazeley.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. C. Hemmett, Billiard Marker, Recreation Room, Main Barracks. Cpl. F. Knill, attchd. Comdt.'s Office for training as Printer. Mne. E. Adamson, Shoemaker in an existing vacancy. Mne. Rumble to duty from Dining Hall Attdt. Mne. A. H. Austin, attdt. to Capt. Rce. Mne. A. Bailey, Attdt., W.O.'s Mess. Temp. Sergt. C. Dixon, Librarian, Officer's Mess. Mne. F. W. Hunt, Asst. Gardener vice Mne. W. H. Austin. Mne. S. Hulett, Clerk, Allotment and Marriage Allowance Branch, Paymaster's Dept. Mne. G. C. Harding, Divisional Turncock. Mne. W. Holland, attchd. Comdt.'s Office for duty as Printer. Mne. W. Rumble, attchd. Works Dept. as Caulker. Mne. F. Corbin, Permanent Fatigueman, Officers' Garrison Gardens. Mne. A. Woods, Coal-Meter Man vice Cpl. Atkins. Clr-Sergt. Franks, attchd. 2nd Qrmrs.' Dept. Mne. G. Witham, Attdt. to Maj. Grierson. Mne. Holland, Asst. Printer. Musns. G. A. Blackmore and Harwood, L.-Cpls. vice Varrell and O'Rielly, reverted at own request. Mne. D. Kerr, Dining Hall Attdt.

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FORTON.

EMBARKATIONS.

Victory—Mne. W. A. Gooch. **Dolphin**—Mne. C. F. Paterson. **Conquest**—Mne. G. Hinch. **Dolphin**—Mne. G. Horne. **Courageous**—Mne. T. W. Dominey. **Barham**—Mne. H. O. Gardner. **Vernon**—Mnes. H. A. Pecham, F. A. Smith, W. Kingham. **Victoria and Albert**—Mne. A. W. Flemming. **Iron Duke**—Mne. L. S. Downing. **Egmont**—Mne. A. G. Trim.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Coventry—Cpl. J. S. Lockhart. **Barham**—Clr.-Sergt. W. C. Smith. **Greenwich**—Mne. J. Barnard. **Ramillies**—Mne. J. Boyes. **Canterbury**—Mne. J. W. Key. **Dolphin**—Mne. W. E. Ellis. **Vernon**—Mnes. A. Davis, H. J. Warman, Wm. Stevens. **Thunderer**—Mne. W. H. Paine.

TRANSFERS.

Transferred to Depot—Mne. A. E. Blakely. Mne. A. F. Turner; Mne. S. H. Hayes. To Chatham Divn.—Mne. C. B. Lansdown; Mne. J. Green; Mne. A. G. Knill; Mne. H. H. Harris.

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PLYMOUTH.

EMPLOYMENTS.

Cpl. E. J. Lane, Gunnery Instructor; Marines, J. Langton, Bath-house Man; J. Briggs, Qualified Ordnance, Gun Battery; W. Crout, Attdt. to Major J. W. Snepp, O.B.E.; W. Edwards, Storeman, 2nd Q.M.'s Dept.; J. Snell, Boatman; W. Jeffery, Co. Cook; E. R. Gardner, Cook; W. Perram, Batman to S.M. M. Stacey.

MEDALS.

L.S. and G.C.—Cpl. J. Sallis and Marine A. Harris.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Clr.-Sergt. E. C. Vye and Marine J. Holmes.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Revenge—Cpl. Phillips. **11th Bn., R.M.**—Mne. McNamara. **Sandhurst**—Mne. Fildes. **Valiant**—Mne. Wheater. **Depot, R.M.**—Mnes. Taylor, Whiting. **Centaur**—Mne. Birch. **Emperor of India**—Mne. Wallbridge. **Maidstone**—Mne. Worgon. **King George V**—Mne. Jeffrey. **Southampton**—Cpl. Bunker. **Defiance**—Mne. Gardner. **Ports. Divn.**—Mne. King.

EMBARKATIONS.

Depot, R.M.—Mnes. Cooper, Dore, Worwood. **Revenge**—Mnes. Hogarth, Jones. **Maidstone**—Clr-Sgt. Bray. **Flora**—Mnes. Wathen, Smith. **Comus**—Mnes. Howell, Hyne. **Hood**—Cpl. Sallis. **Sandhurst**—Mne. Cummings. **Delhi**—Mne. Wimble. **King George V**—Mne. Allen. **Border Regt.**—Mne. Widdicombe. **Vivid**—Sgt. Emerson. **Defiance**—Mne. Stronge.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKATIONS.

Impregnable (T.S.)—Band Cpl. James Vincent, Musns. E. M. Vockings, W. A. Battista. **Pembroke**—Musn. R. E. Compton. **Marlborough**—Band Cpl. L. B. Cater, Musn. W. C. Owens.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Pembroke—Musn. H. T. Chilcott. **Impregnable** (T.S.)—Band Cpl. W. A. Attrill, Musns. E. J. Cooper, Archibald Kennedy. **Ganges**—Musn. J. H. Bell.

ADVANCEMENT.

Band Boy A. J. Elsdon to Musician.

PROMOTIONS.

Bandmaster, 1st Class, Arthur Pinhorne to Quartermaster i/c of Stores. Band Cpls. R. P. Rosewell, William Martyr, Harry Holwill, to Bandmasters, 2nd Class (Promotion conditional on passing the prescribed examination held in 1923).

DISCHARGES.

To Pension—Musns. A. C. V. Godfrey and Archibald Kennedy.

RE-ENTERED.

Musns. Normand, Mead, William Bourne, George Jackson.

RE-ENLISTED.

Musn. Fredk. Humble.

TRANSFERRED FROM ARMY.

Musn. A. O. Phillips.

BIRTHS.

CRAWLEY.—On 13th July, to the wife of Lt.-Col. Chetwode Crawley, R.M.A. (ret.), a daughter. 34, Alexandra Road, S.E.19.

LUARD.—On the 24th June, at R.M. Barracks, Plymouth, the wife of Lt.-Col. T. B. Luard, D.S.O., R.M., of a son.

DEATHS.

BURTON.—On 18th June, at Queen Alexandra's Court, Wimbledon, Laura Elizabeth, aged 88, last surviving daughter of the late Capt. Alfred Burton, R.M., 1st or Chatham Division, who served under Lord Nelson, both at Trafalgar, in H.M.S. "Defence" as a 2nd Lt. Royal Marines, and in H.M.S. "Glatton," at Battle of Copenhagen, 1801, as a Midshipman Royal Navy.

HAYCOCK.—Lieut. F. A. S. Haycock (retd.), on 12th May, 1923, at the R.N. Hospital, Yarmouth.

HOWE.—Ch./14212, Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Howe, at the R.N. Hospital, Chatham, on July 14th, 1923.

O'SULLIVAN.—Barry Redmond de Waal O'Sullivan, late Capt., Royal Marines, son of the late Lt.-Col. Eugene O'Sullivan, Royal Artillery, and Grace Lucy O'Sullivan, on 22nd June, at The Bays, Boscombe.

PYM.—On the 16th July, at 3, Abingdon Court, Kensington, W., Mary, widow of the late Major-General Frederick George Pym, C.B., A.D.C., to Queen Victoria, Royal Marine Light Infantry, aged 63.

WOODRIFF.—Lieut. D. T. Woodriff (half-pay), on 1st June, 1923, at 2, Upper Shoreham Road, Kingston-by-Sea, Sussex. Statement of Service of the late Lieut. Daniel Thomas Woodriff, R.M.:—Entered R.M. as 2nd Lieut., 23-6-56; promoted 1st Lieut., 7-5-59; to half-pay under Medical Survey, 16-10-60.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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"BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS."

Part VI was issued on 10th July.

Major H. G. Grant has been elected on to the Committee as Secretary.

Lieut.-Col. G. Carpenter, D.S.O., O.B.E., has taken the place of Lieut.-Col. W. T. C. Jones, C.B., D.S.O., as the representative at Gosport.

The publication is run entirely at the Depot, R.M., Deal, and all subscriptions, enquiries, etc., should be addressed there.

Yours truly,
J. A. TUPMAN, Lt.-Col.

14th July, 1923.

The undermentioned amounts have been received.—

Previously acknowledged, £1,468 14s. 3d.

£2 10s.—H.M. Stationery Office. £2 12s. 6d.—Major C. F. O. Graham. £2 2s.—Colonel H. C. Evans. £2—Officers' Mess, R.N. Barracks, Devonport, Major E. H. Barr, Lt.-Com. J. Mansfield, Surg. Lt.-Com. J. Bruce Ronaldson, Lieut. F. G. Sillitoe, Rev. G. W. Page, H. Field, Esq., Hull Subscription Library, B. L. Hougham, Esq. £1 17s. 6d.—Lieut. G. W. Beasley. £1 5s.—Lieut. K. Hunt. 12s. 6d.—Lt.-Col. J. A. Tupman. 10s.—Majors A. L. Prynne, J. Macnair Smith, Capt. S. J. Bassett, Lieuts. G. Hill, O. C. F. Dykes, Clr.-Sergt. C. C. Mills, Mr. C. W. Bruce-Jones. 8s.—Capts. A. C. Mackenzie, R. H. P. West, M. H. Spicer. 7s. 6d.—Lieut. G. V. Walton. 5s.—Capts. A. Alcock, R. D. Hale, Lieuts. D. J. Grey, R. F. Cornwall, S. G. B. Paine, P. W. O'H. Phibbs, Sergt. T. Thomas, Musn. C. E. Handford, Mnes. J. Leeman, A. J. Kent, C. Harris, R. Havercroft, Mr. G. Lloyd, Sergt. W. B. Greasley. 2s. 6d.—General Brittan, Lt.-Cols. W. S. Poe, A. S. Cantrell, Majors W. L. Huntingford, A. G. Bourne, G. Rutledge, Capts. C. T. Brown, H. R. Lambert, A. Whitworth, J. Ballard, Lieuts. V. D. Thomas, H. McC. Slater, R. M. Giddy, T. E. N. Knox, E. C. Green, R. A. Edmondson, R. H. Donaldson, A. le R. Slater, Rev. F. J. Robinson, Corpls. A. F. Booth, J. Henderson, Messrs. T. J. Atkins, E. Jeater, Murphy. Total £1,509 5s. 3d.

J. A. TUPMAN, Lt.-Col.
Hon. Treasurer.

Depot, R.M., Deal.
14th July, 1923.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS,

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st May, 1923.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of death*
Allison, A. W. S.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	5466	9/4/23
Bevan, T.	Sgt.	Ply.	2182	1/5/23
Bibb, F.	Pte.	Gosp.	142	11/4/23
Blake, E.	Pte.	Forton	14 Co.	22/2/23
Carthy, W.	Cpl.	R.M.A.	5881	28/5/23
Coulman, R.	Sgt.	Ply.	4885	31/5/23
Ellis, R. W.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	6555	11/5/23
Galley, J.	Sgt.	R.M.A.	5078	20/5/23
Haines, J.	Pte.	Chat.	25 Co.	5/6/23
Hallum, J. H.	Pte.	Chat.	4 Co.	11/5/23
Hay, W.	Pte.	Gosp.	32 Co.	26/5/23
Johnson, W.	Pte.	Chat.	467	26/4/23
Mansell, G.	Pte.	Ports.	1541	20/5/23
Powell, T. J.	Sgt.	Ply.	4664	30/5/23
Rayner, S.	Sgt.	Chat.	150	1/6/23
Sims, G.	Pte.	Ports.	18201	23/5/23
Smith, G.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	4042	21/5/23
Thomas, D.	Pte.	Ports.	1818	17/4/23
Wright, S.	Pte.	Ply.	C Co.	30/5/23
Woodley, T.	Pte.	Ply.	1155	27/5/23

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Officer, 1664.

"I never knew an appeal to them for honour, courage or loyalty, that they did not more than realise my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England, they will be found the Country's Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

In view of the impending change of Editors, necessitated by the alteration in posting of the present Editor from Chatham to Deal, we think it advisable to give a review of the financial position of the "Globe and Laurel." The balance sheet will be given in the October number, but at the present time there are no outstanding liabilities and the balance in hand is just over £60. This should comfortably carry us over the current year and there will be no necessity for us to ask for any further financial assistance for the present, but we are by no means satisfied with this and shall not be satisfied until we can get an increased circulation of at least 200 or 300 copies a month, which would enable the paper to stand on its own legs and free the Editorial Staff from the disagreeable necessity of any further appeals for financial support. We were talking the other day to the Editor of a Line Regimental Journal, who told us that his monthly circulation was 2,500 copies. Of course, he has many subscribers in the Territorial battalions of the regiment, but when we consider that we print only 2,000 copies a month, of which only about 1,850 are sold, and this in a Corps nearly 10,000 strong, not to speak of all our retired members, it certainly gives one furiously to think.

We have recently circularised all H.M. ships carrying Royal Marines, which at present do not subscribe to the paper, and we hope for satisfactory results from this measure, but there is no doubt in our mind that the two classes of people from which we should receive much better support are (*a*) officers on the Active List, (*b*) N.C.O.'s and men serving at Headquarters. As regards (*a*) we think that every officer should be a subscriber and we are convinced that it is pure laziness on their part that this is not the case, as even with the impending decrease in pay surely they can all afford 4s. a year for so worthy a cause, quite apart from the merits or demerits of the paper at the present time. An excellent suggestion was made to us recently, which we should like to see tried, and this was that a Combined Bankers' Order Form, embracing such worthy objects of universal Corps interest as the R.M.R.A., Officers' Sports Fund, R.M. Corps Association, and the "Globe and Laurel" should be printed and circularised to all serving officers. We should like to hear what the Treasurers or Secretaries of the various funds concerned think of this suggestion; our own opinion is that a good number of officers who do not think it worth while to make out a Bankers' Order Form for such small sums as 4s. or 5s., though they may subscribe annually to one or two of these funds, would seize the opportunity to subscribe to all when they realised that a sovereign would about cover the lot. We should add that by a Combined Bankers' Order Form we mean that there would be a separate slip for each Fund, so that it would be quite possible for officers to only subscribe to such funds as they wished to. As regards (*b*) N.C.O.'s

and men serving at Headquarters, we know that all the Headquarters have been very depleted during the last year owing to various causes, but still, with an average strength of more than 600 we think that it is much to be deplored that not more than 40 to 50 copies per month are sold at each. We are afraid that we must lay the blame for this largely to our own account for not making the paper more attractive, but we are always open to suggestions which are not often forthcoming, and we can only appeal to the *esprit de corps* of all concerned and ask them not to be content with looking at a copy in their Messes or the Recreation Room but to buy one themselves at the Canteen.

There is another small point which we should like to bring to the notice of our subscribers. The Editor is continually receiving letters enclosing subscriptions and notifications of change of addresses in addition to those containing copy for the paper, which are, of course always most welcome. The Editor has quite as much as he can do to see to the monthly production of the paper but there are two most worthy members of the Staff, *i.e.*, the Treasurer and Secretary, and it would save a good deal of work to all concerned if subscribers would send all their subscriptions direct to the Treasurer and all notifications of change of address, etc., direct to the Secretary.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

CADET CORPS.—The following "places" were obtained by Royal Marine (Chatham) Cadet Corps in the various sports events held at the County Cadet Camp, Birchington, 10th August :—

Guard Mounting—1st (with a lead of 34 points).
Boxing (under 5 st.)—1st and 2nd.
,, (over 5 and under 6 st.)—1st.
220 yards—2nd. 440 yards—3rd. 100 yards—4th.
Tent Pitching—3rd.
Bugle Competition—1st.
Scouting Competition—2nd.
Relay Race—2nd.
Blindfold Race—2nd.

Prizes for the following competitions which have been decided during the past few months were also presented yesterday :—

Kent County Shooting Competition—1st—R.M. Cadets, Chatham Division.

Kent County P. and R.T. Display—R.M. Cadets, Chatham Division and R.M. Depot Cadets tied for 1st place. 1st prize was, however, awarded to Chatham Division Cadets.

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BISLEY WORKING PARTY.—The following letter of appreciation from the Secretary, N.R.A., to the Secretary of the Admiralty, has been received :—

"I am directed by the Council of the National Rifle Association to request that you will kindly convey to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty their appreciation of the able assistance given to the Association by the Working Party from the Royal Marines under Capt. A. P. Dawson in connection with the late Bisley Meeting.

"Their work was always performed with efficiency and willingness, and my Council wish to place on record their indebtedness to them for the valuable help they have given in connection with the Meeting."

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PROMOTION TO COMMISSIONED RANK.—In future, the maximum age on selection of candidates for Corps Commissions, Royal Marines, will be as follows :—

For 1924 ... ... 24 years.
For 1925 and subsequent years ... 23 years.

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Approval has been given for future entrants in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, with previous service in the Army or Air Force, to reckon such service towards the qualifying periods for increases of pay in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, subject to the general conditions applicable to the counting of former Royal Naval or Royal Marine service for this purpose. The operative date of the concession is the 26th June, 1923.

THE PASSING OF FORTON.

TRANSFER WITH COLOURS TO EASTNEY BARRACKS.

Wednesday, 1st August, was a sad day for Gosport It was the day of the departure from the town of the R.M.L.I., who have occupied Forton Barracks since 1848, and the transfer of the King's Colour and the Regimental Colour, presented by Queen Victoria in 1894, to the new headquarters of the Division at Eastney. The Colours were transferred under escort of a detachment consisting of four officers and 100 rank and file. The escort was under the command of Major M. Filmer-Bennett, with Captain W. E. V. Bashall second-in-command, the Colour-bearers being Lieut. R. H. S. Teek (King's Colour), and 2nd Lieut. J. L. R. Pym (Regimental Colour).

It is interesting to note that the father of 2nd Lieut. Pym, who carried the Regimental Colour out, had been one of the Officers, when a Lieutenant, to receive the Colours from Queen Victoria at Osborne in 1894 and carry them into Forton Barracks. Col.-Sergt. Garrett, one of the Colour Party, also had a father a Col.-Sergt. who was one of the Colour party on the same occasion in 1894.

The occasion was marked with fitting ceremony, which was simple in character, but from a military point of view intensely impressive, and one which will live long within the memories of those privileged to witness it. The Commandant, Major-General St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., and the officers of the Division gave an "At Home," to which several hundred guests were invited, and a large crowd of the civic population was admitted to the barrack square to view the final parade and the passing of the Colours.

In addition to the military ceremony, the Commandant received from the Mayor of Gosport (Alderman J. F. Lee, J.P.) an illuminated address and a silver cup, as the town's appreciation of the services rendered to the borough by the R.M.L.I. during its long association, and an expression of its regret at their departure from the town. The whole ceremony lasted little more than half an hour. At 4.55 the escort marched on to parade,

and the Colours were brought from the Mess by Q.M.S.I. Hatcher and handed over to the Colour-bearers. The presentations were made on a small dais arranged in front of the mess. The Commandant was accompanied by the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor (Councillor S. Barnard Smith), Alderman L. J. Parham, J.P., Engineer Rear-Admiral Mogg, Major Graham, and the Town Clerk (Mr. H. R. Mangnall).

The Presentations.

The Mayor said it was with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret that he made the presentations to the Marines as a parting gift from the borough of Gosport. When the date of their departure became officially known to the Town Council it was resolved it was very desirable that a suitable gift should be presented to them, which would serve as a tangible reminder of the connection which had existed between the Royal Marines and Gosport for a period of 75 years. It was with pleasure and pride they looked back on the happy relations which had always prevailed between them during that long association, an association which redounded to the credit of their Corps, and had done much to advance the well-being of the town. The time at his disposal that afternoon would not allow him to dwell upon the many and valuable services the Corps had rendered the Empire in all quarters of the globe, nor the many activities in connection with the social life of the town which they had promoted. Although many were inaugurated by the town, the success of each had been materially enhanced by their very ready help. The town would gratefully place on record its hearty appreciation for all those services. There was one town's effort, however, with which the Royal Marines were intimately connected which called for special mention. He alluded to the provision of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. It was still fresh in the town's memory, that act of self-effacement the Marines made in sinking their own natural desire to have a Marines' War Memorial and combining with the civil population in the erection of the hospital, which, besides being a joint memorial would also serve as a perpetual reminder of the close relationship the Division had with the town of Gosport. They now regretfully recognised that that relationship had to be severed. It was difficult to say "good-bye," and in doing so on that occasion he assured them the town's regret was very keen, but they wished them God-speed and good luck in their future career wherever the needs of the Service might lead them. In conclusion he expressed his personal thanks to Major-General Armstrong for his unfailing courtesy and kindness always displayed towards him as Mayor of the Borough. He would also bear testimony to the Commandant's great personal interest in the town's work in so many directions.

Before handing the address to the Commandant, its contents were read aloud by the Town Clerk.

Referring to the Cup, his Worship said it was desired it should become a trophy for competition within the Portsmouth Division in such a way as would ensure the name of the borough being brought to the notice of its members from time to time.

The Commandant accepted the address and the Gosport Cup, which he displayed to the assembly amidst applause.

Wording of the Address.

The illuminated address was inscribed as follows :—

To Major-General St. George B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., Commandant, officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Portsmouth Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry.

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of Gosport, on behalf of the inhabitants, deeply regret the severance of the association which has existed between the Royal Marine Light Infantry and this town for 75 years.

We recall with gratitude and pride the splendid services rendered by the Corps to the Empire in all parts of the globe.

On your departure from Gosport we desire to place on record the happy relations which have always been maintained between your Corps and the civil population.

We would further record our sincere appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by the Division in connection with the many efforts promoted for the good of the town, which help has materially contributed to their success.

More particularly would we refer to the generous spirit which inspired you to combine your own War Memorial with that of the town, thus enabling the War Memorial Hospital to be established, with which the name of your Corps will ever be identified.

In bidding you good-bye we wish you good luck, and are certain you will ever uphold the high traditions of your Corps and maintain the honourable position it has secured.

Given under the common seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Gosport this first day of August, 1923.

JESSE F. LEE (Mayor),
H. R. MANGNALL (Town Clerk).

The Gosport Cup is inscribed : "Presented to the Portsmouth Division Royal Marine Light Infantry by the inhabitants of the borough of Gosport to commemorate their long association with the town, 1848–1923."

Commandant's Thanks.

In returning thanks, Major-General Armstrong said :

Mr. Mayor,

The Borough of Gosport has greatly honoured the Portsmouth Division Royal Marines, this day.

We are honoured by the presence of the Civic Representatives, with yourself at their head, supported by large numbers of our fellow townsfolk.

We are honoured by the presentation of this splendid trophy as a token of Gosport's goodwill, and last, but not least, we are honoured by the expression of that goodwill in the illuminated address which, together with the Trophy, will be treasured by the Portsmouth Division so long as it lasts.

The very generous terms in which you, Mr. Mayor, have voiced the sentiments of Gosport are warmly appreciated by the officers, N.C.O.'s and men, including retired officers, pensioners and other ex-members of the Division, and by their families present here in the barrack square, and will give great pleasure to some thousands of all ranks of the Division (past and present), all over the world, who cannot be here to-day.

It is human nature to like to be missed, and it is some consolation, in a sad hour, to be assured by our fellow townsmen that our departure is likewise a sorrow to them.

It has been one of the pleasures of my period of command to hear constant expressions of goodwill in the town towards the Division, which no material interests could possibly have evoked, and to know that such feelings have been reciprocated by those serving under me.

It has therefore always been a pleasure to do anything in our power to help the town.

To-day the name "Portsmouth Division Royal Marines" passes to the new H.Q. at Eastney, and the Colours of the Division stand on this Parade for the last time.

I think you know, already, how hardly this move affects us, but you will not expect me to say more on this point. It is our duty to accept the decision loyally and cheerfully, and with the aid of our comrades-in-misfortune at Eastney, to see to it that the old Division is given the best possible start in its new home.

Mr. Mayor, we leave our name on the War Memorial of the Town, and we hope it may awake kindly recollections of our 75 years' stay in your midst.

We wish the new Borough every success, and we trust that any material loss caused by our departure may soon be made good.

For our part, as individuals, we shall take with us, wherever we go, the happiest memories of Gosport, and the Portsmouth Division Royal Marines will, in addition, be the possessor of those tokens of Gosport's friendship and esteem which it has been proud to receive this day.

The Departure.

Headed by the band under Drum-Major Wilson, the escort marched round the parade ground to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, leaving the barrack square by the main gate. Accompanied by the Commandant and the Adjutant (Capt. Johnstone) the escort proceeded along Forton Road, Clarence Road and High Street to the Floating Bridge. The whole route was thickly lined with people, and a large crowd assembled on the Hard. The escort party marched straight on to the Floating Bridge, and prior to its departure the Commandant went aboard and shook hands with Major Filmer-Bennett. As the Floating Bridge moved slowly towards Point the band, which assembled on the slipway, again struck up Auld Lang Syne and Major-General Armstrong gave his final salute to the Colours. The band having stopped, the crowd sent up a round of hearty cheers which brought to a close a fitting send-off to the men they were sorry to lose.

ARRIVAL AT EASTNEY.

Crowds Wave a Warm Welcome.

The progress from Point to Eastney Barracks was witnessed by some thousands of spectators. Preceded by the band of the Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regt.) and a band of the Royal Naval School of Music, the latter, under the supervision of Lieut. Samuel Fairfield, L.R.A.M., the Marines swung out of Broad Street through crowds of spectators, numbering many old ex-Service men. Proceeding straight to Clarence Pier the escort marched along the entire stretch of the Southsea Front to Eastney, where the Barracks was entered by the White Gate at St. George's Road. Large crowds assembled on the Front to witness the procession, while at Eastney Barracks the dimensions of the crowd were such as rendered it impossible for many to see anything at all of the ceremony of handing over the Colours.

The escort proceeded direct to the Officers' Mess, before which was drawn up a guard of honour under Capt. Whitworth. On the steps at the entrance to the Mess was Col.-Commandant Picton Phillips, C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., Col. Second Commandant R. O. Paterson, O.B.E., and Brigade Major A. G. B. Bourne, D.S.O., M.V.O. Other officers were also present at the foot of the steps.

The escort entered the Barracks grounds amidst much clapping of hands and cap-waving from the large crowd that lined the banks of the parade ground. The Colours passed with the guard of honour at the present, and when the escort was brought to a halt before the Col.-Commandant, Major Filmer-Bennett ascended the steps and an exchange of salutes between himself and the Col.-Commandant was followed by a handshake. The colour-bearers then proceeded up the steps and formally handed over the Colours while the escort stood at the present, and the band played the opening bars of the National Anthem.

The Colonel-Commandant briefly welcomed the new arrivals. "Officers and men of the Royal Marines from Forton," he said, "I bid you a most hearty welcome to these barracks. I know it has been a great hardship to you all, and especially to the married men, having to leave your homes, but I hope you will soon be very happy here. Now we have got to get to work all together in order to make this Division the best of the lot." (Applause.)

The Colour escort then marched off to the drill shed, where they were dismissed, and the guard of honour were dismissed on the parade ground.

THE LAST PARADE.

Thousands of people turned out to witness the last general parade of the Portsmouth Division of the Royal Marines in Forton Barracks, Gosport, on Sunday, 29th July, when the late R.M.L.I. attended Divine Service at St. John's Church, Forton. The route from the barracks to the church was thickly lined with spectators, but very few were able to secure accommodation in the church.

The parade, which was under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Houghton, consisted of a battalion of five companies, the Fifth Company being furnished by the Royal Marine Old Comrades and a detachment of the Royal Marine Police. The officers on parade were Major Filmer-Bennett, Capt. Shepherd, Capt. Bashall, Capt. Simpson, Capt. and Adjutant Johnstone, Lieut. Teek, 2nd Lieut. Penfold, 2nd Lieut. Marchant and 2nd Lieut. Pym. The Old Comrades, who numbered about 200, from various parts of the country, were under the command of Mr. C. T. Piper, late R.M.L.I., and Lieut. R.N.V.R. The Marines were also accompanied by the Cadet Corps and Girls' Corps.

Amongst other officers present in church were the Adjutant-General, Sir H. E. Blumberg, Major-General St. G. B. Armstrong, and Lieut.-Col. Jones.

The service as conducted by the Marines' Chaplain, the Rev. J. C. Peshall, the lessons being read by the Adjutant-General. The singing was accompanied by the Marines' Band, under Band-Sergt. Le Gallez, which occupied a portion of the choir stalls.

Commandant's Address.

Addressing the parade, Major-General Armstrong said :—

Officers, N.C.O.'s and men, Portsmouth Division Royal Marines, we are honoured by the presence of the Adjutant-General at this last general parade of the Division in Forton Barracks, which has been our home for over 75 years. As you are aware, nothing but a Sunday Church parade was possible, and it is, no doubt, fitting that we should have marked an important occasion in our lives by attending Divine Service.

The day has also made it possible for many of our relations and ex-members of the Division to be present.

I am very glad to see on parade the Cadet Corps and the Girls' Corps, in which we and all our families have taken such pride—and also the soldierly veterans representing the Old Comrades' Association, and the Royal Marine Police.

On Wednesday, 1st August, the name of the Division will pass to the new headquarters at Eastney, and the Colours, which I saw presented by Queen Victoria in 1894, will march across with due ceremony.

On Friday the Band, which has served with the Division for 140 years—one of the finest bands in the King's Service—will leave for Deal to take up its new duties with the Depot of the Corps.

From now on, officers, N.C.O.'s and men will be leaving Forton from time to time, for the new headquarters, and many will be obliged by the new organisation to go to other Divisions.

To-day is therefore my last opportunity to speak to you all, and I must take advantage of it to mention with appreciation the ever-loyal support I have received from all ranks during my period of command.

It has been a pleasure, as well as an honour, to command the Division, and I have been proud to see it maintain and improve its reputation for discipline and its high standard in training and all manly sports.

I am more than ever proud to see the way the loss of our old home is being faced by all ranks, including many who (as I know well) are hard hit by it in their private lives.

I trust that those who are exiled will remember, first and foremost, to be a credit to their old Forton up-bringing, and (as an old soldier I will add) *without talking much about it.*

That will win them goodwill, and will, I am sure, help them to be happier in new surroundings.

I hope and trust that the difficulties of the married men will be overcome—with a little patience and good-will.

As individuals who have served under my command you will carry with you my best wishes wherever you go.

As for the Division itself, I am confident that it will be worthy of its past, and, with the aid of our comrades-in-misfortune at Eastney, will miss no chance of adding to the laurels of the Corps.

With all my heart I wish the Portsmouth Division Royal Marines success and honour in its new home.

Gifts to Old Comrades.

The remainder of the parade having been dismissed, the Adjutant-General inspected the Old Comrades and the Cadets and Girls' Corps, after which the Commandant addressed the Old Comrades and made two presentations to the Association. He said it was a very great pleasure they had given the Marines by coming to their last general parade. It was the biggest muster of Old Comrades he had ever seen. He felt that possibly they, more than the Marines, felt the departure, because he could well imagine what a pleasure it was to them to come and see the old show going on under their notice, and to think how much better they used to do it than they were doing at present. It was very sad to think the Division was taken away from under their feet, so to speak, but they must remember the old Division still went on, and was only in a new home.

Handing over the Crest.

The officers wished to have a slight memento of the Division in the charge of the Old Comrades' Association, and their first gift was the Crest, a replica of the device on the Marines' helmets, which was to be lent to the Association. The officers did not ask for it back, but should anything happen to the Comrades' Club they would expect it back ; otherwise they would leave it in their charge for ever. The device had stood in the centre of the music gallery in the mess since 1882, and they could not leave it behind. It was therefore cut out, and they thought the Old Comrades would value it.

The crest was inscribed :

" Crest of the Royal Marines placed in front of the band gallery in the Officers' Mess, Forton Barracks, after the return of the R.M.L.I. from Egypt in 1882, and taken down in 1923. Lent to the R.M.O.C.A., Gosport, by the Officers' Mess, Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines."

General Armstrong also presented to the Old Comrades a barometer which had hung in the Officers' Mess for many years. The barometer was inscribed :

" Presented to the R.M.O.C.A., Gosport, by the Officers of the Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines, at the final church parade before leaving Gosport, July 29, 1923."

Having accepted the gifts on behalf of the Old Comrades, Lieut. Piper returned thanks. He said the crest would be one of the finest incentives to every old Marine in Gosport to join the Association and bind themselves together.

ROYAL MARINE RIFLE ASSOCIATION AT BISLEY 1923.

(Continued.)

16th July. THE " DAILY GRAPHIC." 200 and 300 yds. H.P.S. 70.

£	Place.	Rank. Name.	Uuit.	Score.	
2	13	Cpl. A. J. Howard	Forton	69	
1	84	Cpl. F. A. Hiscock	Forton	67	
1	91	Capt. J. E. Leech-Porter	R.M.A.	66	Class B.
1	125	Sergt.-Maj. N. Hamilton	(late) R.M.A.	65	Class B.
1	136	Q.M.S. I. O. G. Bacon	Chatham	65	Class B.

17th July. " CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON." 1,000 yds. H.P.S. 50.

2	10	Capt. F. W. Dewhurst	Ports. Afloat	43	Class B.

16th July. " DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE." 900 yds. H.P.S. 50.

1	86	Capt. F. W. Dewhurst	Ports. Afloat	43	Class B.

17th July. THE " DAILY TELEGRAPH." 500 and 600 yds. H.P.S. 70.

2	27	Lieut. W. T. Hawkins	(late R.M.A.)	68
1	53	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton	Plymouth	67
1	56	Arm.-Q.M.S. G. R. King	(late) R.M.A.	67
1	67	Cpl. A. J. Howard	Forton	66

18th July. THE " PRINCE OF WALES." 300 and 600 yds. H.P.S. 100.

(Open only to holders of N.R.A. medals).

3	7	Arm.-Q.M.S. G. R. King	(late) R.M.A.	96	

19th July. THE " ST. GEORGE'S " VASE. 600 yds. H.P.S. 75.

2		Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott	Forton	66
2		Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper	R.M.A.	66

First Stage. 300 yds. H.P.S. 75.

1	175	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton	Plymouth		
1	41	Sergt. S. J. Hadley	R.M.A.		Class B.

THE KING'S PRIZE.

First Stage. 200, 500 and 600 yds. H.P.S. 105.

1	304	Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock	Plymouth	95	
1	34	Sergt. E. H. Bonnett	Chatham	94	Class B.
1	39	Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Dodds	Ports. Afloat	93	Class B.

Second Stage. 300 and 600 yds. H.P.S. 100.

2	145	Cpl. J. Wolley	Chatham	90
2	153	Lieut. W. T. Hawkins	(late) R.M.A.	90
2	163	Sergt. T. F. Barrett	Forton	90
2	170	Sergt.-Maj. J. Bach	R.M.A.	90
2	173	Sergt.-Maj. E. C. Jarvis	Ports. Afloat	89
2	224	Cpl. A. J. Howard	Forton	88
2	271	Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard	Plymouth	84
2	273	Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott	Forton	83

THE KING'S PRIZE.

Final Stage. 900 and 1,000 yds. H.P.S. 150, to which are added the scores made in the Second Stage.

N.R.A. Badge and				
5	13	Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon	Chatham	224
3	58	Arm.-Q.M.S. G. R. King	(late) R.M.A.	213
3	78	Sergt. F. W. Fuller	R.M.A.	206

" SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR." Rapid. 500 yds. H.P.S. 50.

10	1	Arm.-Q.M.S. G. R. King	(late) R.M.A.	48
1		Sergt. F. W. Fuller	R.M.A.	47
1		Sergt.-Maj. E. C. Jarvis	Ports. Afloat	46
1		Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper	R.M.A.	45

1	Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock	Plymouth	43
1	Gnr. T. Clowes	R.M.A.	42
1	Q.M.S.I. B. P. Foster	R.M.A.	41
1	Sergt. T. W. Paddon	R.M.A.	41

"BROAD ARROW." Rapid. 200 yds. H.P.S. 50.

1	Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock	Plymouth	45
1	Arm.-Q.M.S. G. R. King	(late) R.M.A.	44
1	Sergt. F. W. Fuller	R.M.A.	44
1	Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper	R.M.A.	43
1	Sergt.-Maj. J. Bach	R.M.A.	43
1	Sergt.-Maj. E. C. Jarvis	Ports. Afloat	43

"WANTAGE" Snapshooting. 200 yds. H.P.S, 50.

1/3/4	Sergt. F. W. Fuller	R.M.A.	48
1	Arm.-Q.M.S. C. R. King	(late) R.M.A.	45
1	Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper	R.M.A.	45
1	Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock	Plymouth	45

"McQUEEN" Sniping. 200 yds. H.P.S. 40.

1	Arm.-Q.M.S. G. R. King	(late) R.M.A.	38
1	Pte. J. E. Denham	(late) R.M.L.I.	37
10s.	Major M. Filmer-Bennett	Forton	36

REVOLVER.

THE "WHITEHEAD" CUP.

Royal Navy	860
Royal Marines	856
Regular Army	853

Royal Marines, Revolver VIII.—Major H. Gillespie (captain), Sergt.-Majors J. Watts, J. Bach, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon, Sergts. C. W. Tugwell, T. F. Barrett, R. L. Stapleton, Cpl. A. J. Howard. Cpl. A. J. Howard receives the Gilt Bar for the highest individual score, 118.

THE "BARGRAVE DEANE" CUP.

Forton Division beat H.M.S. "Excellent" in the final. Team.—Sergt. Crosby (captain), Sergt.-Major J. Watts, Sergt. T. F. Barrett, and Cpl. A. J. Howard.

REVOLVER MEDALS.

Silver Medal.—Sergt.-Maj. J. Bach, R.M.A. ... 117
Bronze Medal.— Cpl. A. J. Howard Forton ... 117
(S.M. Bach won the Tie Shoot).

REVOLVER SPOONS.

Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., Chatham, won two spoons.

REVOLVER PRIZES. H.P.S. 30.

£ s. d.		
	Series III.	
8 0	Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., Chatham ...	28
	Series IV.	
1 0 0	Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., Chatham ...	26

RIFLE AGGREGATES.

THE GRAND AGGREGATE.

2 0 0	Lieut. W. T. Hawkins, (late) R.M.A. ...	566
1 0 0	Arm.-Q.M.S. G. R. King (late) R.M.A. ...	557

SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP AGGREGATE.

Bronze Badge and £1.

Sergt. F. W. Fuller	R.M.A.	442
Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper	R.M.A.	438
Arm.-Q.M.S. G. R. King	(late) R.M.A.	433
Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock	Plymouth	424
Capt. S. A. Field	Chatham	406
Gnr. T. Clowes	R.M.A.	405

WINNERS OF PRIZES IN SWEEPSTAKES.

Cpl. A.J. Howard (Forton) 40s. 10d.; Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard (Plymouth) 69s. 1d.; Sergt.-Maj. E. C. Jarvis (Portsmouth Afloat) 22s. 10d.; Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper (R.M.A.) 31s. 7d.; Pte. J. E. Denham (late R.M.L.I.) 20s. 2d.; Sergt. C. H. Barker (R.M.A.) 3s. 9d.; Sergt. F. W. Fuller (R.M.A.) 1s. 10d.; Pte. J. W. Bubb (late R.M.L.I.) 16s.; Lieut. W. T. Hawkins (late R.M.A.) 10s. 11d.; Lieut. R. H. S. Teek (Forton) 1s. 3d.; Arm.-Q.M.S. G.R. King (late R.M.A.) 14s. 1d.; Q.M.S. I. Eden (R.M.A.) 17s. 2d.

It is probable that further results will be available when the N.R.A. Prize List is printed and published.

A silver cup, presented by the Officers, R.M., in camp, for the best percentage of individual scores in team shoots was won by Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard (Plymouth).

M. FILMER-BENNETT,
23rd July, 1923. Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE "FIRST RESERVE" CHALLENGE TROPHY AND CUP.

(R.M. Cadet Corps).

Winners.—Chatham Division, Royal Marines Cadet Corps. Challenge Trophy and Silver Medals.

Name.	200	300	500	*Total.*	*Remarks.*
C. Alltimes	21	22	21	64	
E. Ackhurst ...	17	23	19	59	
J. Curtis	22	20	22	64	
R. Ackhurst ...	20	23	20	63	
G. Smithson ...	23	23	24	70	Winner of Cup and Championship Medal.
J. Roberts ...	17	20	16	53	
C. Coward	21	20	18	59	
A. E. Collis ...	20	22	19	61	
		Aggregate ...		493	

Second.—R.M.A. Cadet Corps.

	Bronze Medals.				
Cpl. A. W. Barnes ...	15	21	12	48	
Clr.-Sergt. J. M H. Pitchers	16	17	15	48	
Cpl. R. D. Walker ...	13	20	17	50	
Cdt. H. R. Lloward	15	20	4	39	
Sergt. W. Prince-Cox	21	13	23	57	
D.M. A. Prince-Cox	22	24	18	64	
S.M. S. R. J. Pitman	23	19	22	64	
Cdt. E. H. Leale ...	13	20	13	46	
		Aggregate ...		416	

No other competitors.

The Challenge Trophy and Cup and silver and bronze medals are being forwarded to the units concerned.

M. FILMER-BENNETT, Major,
Hon. Sec., R.M.R.A.

DEATH OF LIEUT.-COLONEL W. T. C. JONES, C.B., D.S.O.

We regret to report the death of one of our most talented and distinguished senior officers, Lieut.-Colonel W. T. C. Jones, which occurred very suddenly of heart disease after a game of water-polo at Portsmouth on 16th August. He was universally popular and the news of his sudden death came as a great shock to his many friends and admirers in the Corps, who, we are sure, will wish to join us in expressing our heart-felt sympathy with his wife and family in their terribly sudden bereavement.

Colonel Jones was born on 31st January, 1874, and entered the Corps as 2nd Lieut. on 1st September, 1893. He served in H.M.S. "Doris" on the Cape Station from 1897 to 1900, during which time he was landed for service with the Naval Brigade in the South African War, was present at the actions of Belmont and Graspan, where he was wounded. He was mentioned in dispatches on three occasions and awarded the D.S.O. for his services.

He was promoted to Captain on 16th March, 1900' and qualified as Instructor of Gunnery the same year; in 1901 he went out to the China Station in H.M.S. "Cressy" and spent the next seven years out there, during which time he qualified as Japanese Interpreter. After this he was appointed Intelligence Officer and served in this capacity from 1905 to 1908 in H.M.S. "Diadem," "King Alfred" and "Tamar."

He returned to England in 1908, was promoted to Major on 23rd April, 1911, and after a short time as Instructor of Gunnery at Plymouth was appointed to the N.I.D., Admiralty, where he served till 1915. On 3rd April, 1915, he was appointed to H.M.S. " Queen Elizabeth " for Special Service and remained in her till 24th July, 1915, during which time he did excellent service as Landing Officer on one of the beaches during the landing at Helles on the Gallipoli Peninsula, for which he was mentioned in the Dispatch of Vice-Admiral Commanding Eastern Mediterranean and awarded the C.B.

He then returned to the Admiralty where, after being promoted to Temporary Lieut.-Colonel on 17th September, 1915, he served in various capacities until 1921. He was promoted to Lieut.-Colonel in the Corps on 1st October, 1920, shortly after which he joined the Forton Division, where he served until the time of his death.

WHO'S WHO IN THE R.M.O.C.A.

LIEUT.-COL. THE RT. HON. LESLIE O. WILSON, P.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., J.P., M.P.

The first time I saw Colonel Wilson was at a meeting he was holding in Pimlico during the last General Election, when he was contesting the St. George's Division of Westminster.



I was greatly struck at that time by the latent power of the man ; indeed, one could not see him and not be impressed by his striking and powerful personality which is almost overwhelming. I had heard a great deal about Colonel Wilson previous to my meeting him, and also, I had read a great deal about him, and I remember seeing him described in one of the London evening papers as " the handsomest man in the House of Commons." After seeing him I had to admit that he was, as the song says, " Well set up and handsome " !

However, Colonel Wilson will not thank me for dwelling too much on his personal appearance. I really do not know which is the greater, his Service or his political career—both are equally good—that, of course, is inevitable, if an officer of the Royal Marines elects to make a career in politics, or, indeed, in any sphere ; it naturally follows he must succeed. Colonel Wilson is a case in point, as also is Colonel Sir Maurice Hankey, R.M.A.

Colonel Wilson joined the Corps in 1895, and in 1901 was promoted Captain. In 1899–1901 he served in the South African War and during that campaign he was twice mentioned in dispatches and was awarded the D.S.O. He passed the Adjutant's Course, and was 1st in Musketry at Hythe in '99. Afterwards he became Assistant Instructor of Musketry at Gravesend.

During 1903–1909, he was A.D.C. to Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, Governor of New South Wales. In 1909 he retired from the Corps.

In 1909 he became Captain, Berks Royal Horse Artillery and remained so until 1915, when he returned to the Corps as Major and in Command of the " Hawke " Battalion, R.N.D.. Whilst he was in command of this battalion at Gallipoli he was mentioned in dispatches and was awarded the C.M.G.

He was severely wounded at Beaucourt-sur-Ancre, in November, 1916.

Colonel Wilson's political career has been almost as exciting as his Service career.

In 1910 he unsuccessfully contested Poplar and Reading, but in 1913 he was returned for Reading, and sat as the Member for that constituency until the last General Election.

In November, 1922, he unsuccessfully contested the St. George's Division of Westminster, but a month later he was returned as the Member for South Portsmouth.

In 1918 he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the War Cabinet, and in 1919, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping.

In 1921 he became joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Chief Whip to the Conservative Party.

In November, 1922, on the formation of the new Government, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary and Chief Whip to the Conservative Party. In 1922, also, H.M. The King conferred on Colonel Wilson the great honour of Privy Councillor.

In addition to his busy Parliamentary life, Colonel Wilson finds time to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Berkshire, and also to be Vice-President of the Berkshire County Territorial Association.. And, in addition to all these activities, he takes a very active interest in the affairs of the R.M.O.C.A., he is always willing to give his help and advice and has never been asked in vain for either.

And now comes the news of a further upward step in Colonel Wilson's career. He is to be Governor of Bombay, the second largest province of India, with a total population of about 20,000,000.

This step does not necessarily mark the end of Colonel Wilson's service to the State, he must surely go on.

In addition to all these activities he takes a very active interest in the affairs of the R.M.O.C.A. He is always willing to give his help and advice and has never been asked in vain for either.

We of the R.M.O.C.A. are not hero-worshippers, but we can, and do admire and respect true merit and ability, and Colonel Wilson has both in abundance.

Next month : Epilogue—A Brief Résumé.

C. J. MOYNIHAN, R.M.O.C.A.

FLEET NOTES.



R.M. DETACHMENT, H.M.S. "DUBLIN," SOUTH AFRICA.

H.M.S. "Lowestoft,"
AFRICA STATION.

The Flagship left Simonstown for the East Coast on June 26th and arrived at Durban four days later. In this way we avoid the winter in the Cape Peninsula, which is apt to be most depressing with continual rain and north-westerly gales. Durban at this time of the year is at its best. The climate is like England as it ought to be in June, but not as it appears to have been recently in that country. There are not the same opportunities for football and hockey as at Simonstown; but the people are extraordinarily hospitable and there is more variety of entertainment in Durban than elsewhere. The July handicap is the feature of the season. A large amount of the "Lowestoft's" money passed into the hands of the bookies. Sergeant Barnes seems to have thought that a horse called Ironside was a certainty for this race. In his capacity as postman he may, perhaps, have penetrated the inner racing circles; but the fact remains that his selection passed the post well in the rear and with it went most of the detachment's money. Money does not go far in Durban, prices are high and there are many attractions.

The Chaplain has taken a party of boys and with them our bugler up to camp out somewhere near Maritzburg, where they are spending a week on some farm. No doubt the farmer will be glad of any additional labour, though he may suffer from the visit in other ways.

We have had one hockey match against the Eastern Telegraph Company. The game resulted in a win for them by one goal to nil. The Royal Marine team improves steadily; but they are still much too slow with their sticks. They have the great merit of playing a very clean game, there is very little fouling. They err rather on the side of caution. They often refrain from tackling for fear they may be fouling. Playing against teams of ladies has had the tendency of making them rather too gentle in their play. At present the team is better in defence than in attack. Pte. Stonham and Musn. Costigan are the shining lights.

The team was as follows:—

Musn. Alcock; Pte. Stonham, Musn. Yarnold; Musns. Robberts, Costigan, Webb; Cpl. Moizer, Pte. Coe, Major Trench, Musns. Bray and Knight.

Any future Royal Marines coming out to the African Station who may be interested in hockey would be well advised to bring out a hockey stick with them. Out here sticks are very expensive, they have been in stock a long time and are consequently very dry and frequently break the first time they are used.

B. F. TRENCH,
Major, R.M.L.I.

17th July, 1923.

H.M.S. "Dublin,"
SOUTH AFRICA.

Dear Sir,—The Royal Marine Detachment of H.M.S. "Dublin" completed their Annual Musketry Course (Table "B") on the Rifle Range at Simonstown on the 5th July, 1923.

Excellent weather prevailed during the firing of the classification practices, and good results were obtained.

Twenty-seven Royal Marines completed the course, of which 10 were marksmen and 17 first-class shots, the average of which were 170·3 per man.

The ten best scores were:—

Sergt. W. J. Emery	239	Marksman
Lieut. C. N. S. Smith	216	,,
Pte. C. Butler	205	,,
A/Cpl. C. Tull	192	,,
Cpl. H. T. Masters	191	,,
Pte. T. Thorne	191	,,
Pte. W. Evans	190	,,
Pte. R. G. Wave	190	,,
Pte. A. Druman	189	,,
Pte. F. Terry	185	,,

I am enclosing a photo of the R.M. detachment and we all hope you will find room to reproduce it in the *Globe and Laurel*.

Rifle shooting seems to be the rage on the African Station, and being happily blessed with several good shots in the detachment we can hold our own with any team on the Station.

Our O.C. detachment has had the honour of commanding the Active Service team (Plymouth Division, 1920), three others have represented the Division (Po.) at Bisley, and four in addition have represented the Division (Po.) at the R.M.R.A.— Browndown.

The detachment has beaten the remainder of the Ship's Company by 16 points, and the "Lowestoft's" Rifle Team by 19 points.

We have now started a West country cruise and are at present at Saldanha Bay, where the local rifle team holds the coveted Africa Station and Saldanha Rifle Association Challenge Cup.

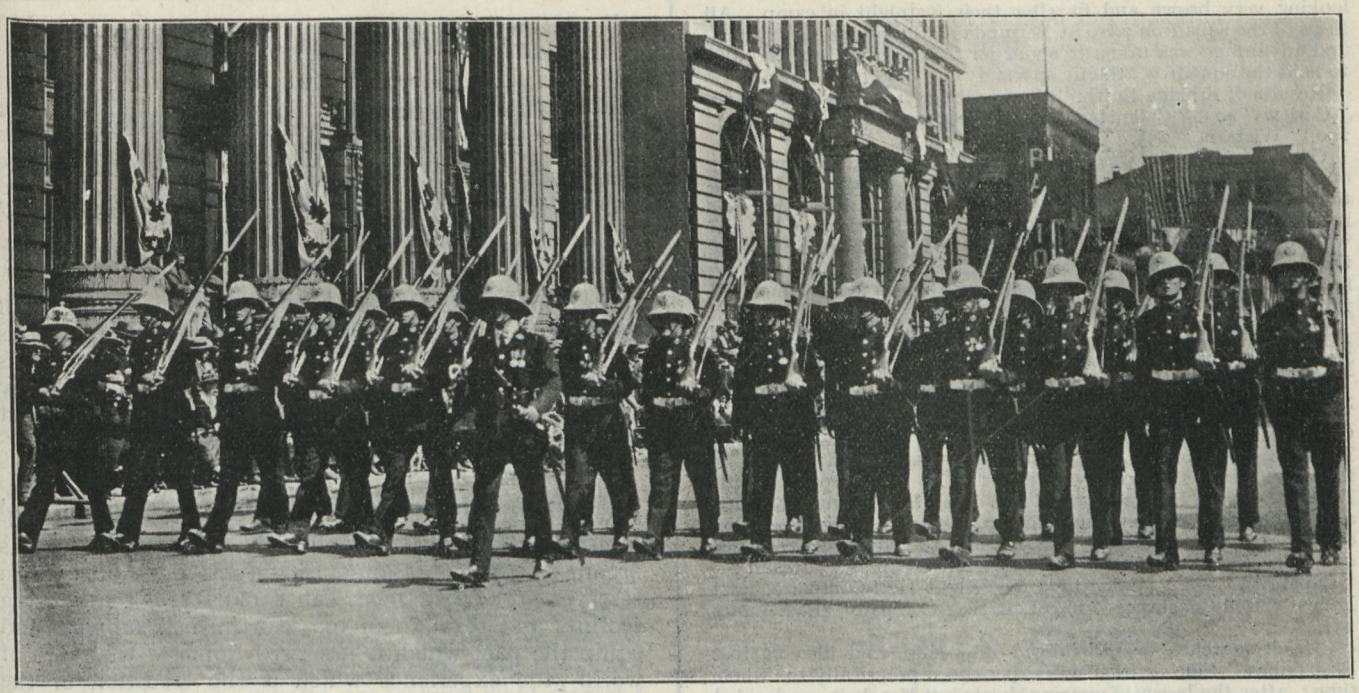
We promptly challenged the shore team to a shoot, and assisted the ship's team to win the Cup for the ship.

The teams were of 10, best 8 to count. Ranges, 200 yds., 400 yds., and 500 yds. (Score 35 at each range)—Possible 105.

This is the second time the Cup has been competed for. Last year five Royal Marines were in the team which represented the ship. This year six Royal Marines were in the team, who all found a place in the best 8 to count.

I hope to be able to send a photo of this team and cup before your next publication.

20th July, 1923. W.J.E.



H.M.S. "CURLEW" DETACHMENT AT PORTLAND, OREGON.

H.M.S. "CURLEW" AT PORTLAND, OREGON.

H.M.S. "Curlew" has been recently doing a cruise in the Pacific, during which she paid a visit to Portland, Oregon, and on the 4th July, fired a salute of 21 guns in honour of the visit of the late President Harding to the town and also landed armed parties of bluejackets and Marines to take part in the ceremonial parade in his honour. We publish a picture of the R.M. detachment of the ship marching through the town, and below are some extracts from American newspapers which give a good idea of the impression made by the visit of the ship :—

BRITISH CRUISER FIRES SALUTE.

President Harding's arrival in Portland was marked by an event, or series of events, of more than national importance, making the visit to Portland perhaps the most important stop on the western trip to date. When the presidential special steamed into the Union station from the east at 8.57 o'clock yesterday morning the British cruiser "Curlew," which had come into the harbor the day before to greet the president and help Portland celebrate the Fourth of July, fired the presidential salute of 21 guns, and later a contingent of his majesty's bluejackets under arms marched down the streets of Portland as part of the presidential escort for the parade.

This action by the Britishers, which was enthusiastically received by Portland people who gave the foreign boys a tremendous hand as they marched along, was considered of such importance as to be commented upon by President Harding himself during his afternoon address at Multnomah field. He pronounced it as the first time in the history of this nation in which British military forces have participated in a Fourth of July celebration on American soil, and saw in it an indication of that closer world harmony for which he has appealed recently and toward which he yesterday urged that entrance of the United States into the world court would be an important step.

Again at noon, the hour of the day when the official presidential salute is given, the Britishers fired the requisite 21 guns. American gunboats in the harbor were not equipped with ammunition for firing the salutes and the British guns graciously attended to the honors of the day.

Then, with bayonets flashing under a once alien sun, through rows of tens of thousands of people celebrating a day that used to be unpopular in England, stepped the officers and men from the British cruiser "Curlew."

SWORDS PUZZLE CROWDS.

At first folks didn't get just why the naval officers in the front were carrying their swords swinging close to their arms while others held theirs up and out some distance from the body.

Then suddenly the thought came that these were sailors of another English speaking nation, whose people are year by year becoming closer and closer united to the U.S.A., in spite of Volstead acts and high taxes upon chewing gum.

The British marines made a great showing. Each man is a veteran of several campaigns, and all wore their decorations and service medals and their big, white, cork hats—the sort you see in pictures of India and Central Africa. These "first to land" lads were given as royal a reception as though they were a baseball team bringing home the pennant.

And the next chief causer of applause was the snappy sailor lads from his British majesty's cruiser "Curlew." You can about count on the fingers of one hand the times British bluejackets under arms have marched down American highways since 1812—and this was declared the first time British bayonets have acted as an escort for a president of the United States on Yankee soil.

From the minute the lads from the "Curlew" started up Sixth street on the grand march, Captain Holbrook's crew received a really, truly rosebud welcome.

H.M.S. "Capetown,"

N.A. & W.I. STATION.

"Capetown's" detachment went to Warwick Camp, Bermuda, for Musketry on Saturday, March 17th. Good weather was experienced and every one enjoyed the change. We wore shorts for the first three days, but had to revert to trousers owing to the fact that so many of us could hardly walk, owing to the sun blistering our knees and back of legs.

In addition to Table "B" the Lewis Gunners fired Table "L," and all other men of the Lewis Gun sections fired two holding practices ; so there was very little spare time for games, but we managed to get in a certain amount of cricket on Saturday afternoon and the Sunday. Result of Musketry : 4 marksmen, 23 first-class shots, 9 second-class shots and 1 third-class shot. Average for the detachment, 145·00. The bugler and one private (sick) did not fire. Two days were devoted to field firing ; section in attack and defence, and platoon in the attack. The detachment marched back to the Dockyard a.m. of the 31st March,

looking very brown and fit after their fortnight in camp. All ships of the squadron were at Bermuda at the beginning of April, and advantage was taken to shoot for the Erskine Bowl and also to hold the squadron athletic sports.

Results of Erskine Bowl: "Constance" 517, "Malabar" 489, "Curlew" 473, "Calcutta" 449, "Capetown" 431, "Valerian" 290, "Wistaria" 255.

On the night of 23/24 May a combined naval and military operation was carried out. Marines from "Calcutta," "Capetown," "Curlew" and "Malabar" took part. A letter was received from O.C. Troops expressing keen satisfaction for the work of the detachment, especially for their assistance in pulling the boats from rendezvous to the various positions selected for landing. We all got on board again at about 1300 on the 24th, thoroughly tired, hungry and dirty.

On Monday, May 28th, "Calcutta" and "Capetown" fired for the R.M.R.A. medal, "Capetown's" being won by Ply/18111 Marine Mansell.

On Friday, June 15th the Rifle sections of "Calcutta," "Capetown" and "Constance" detachment went to Warwick Camp for a short Lewis Gun Course, under the F.R.M.O (Major L. Norcock, R.M.). After preliminary instruction every one fired the Lewis Gun part of Table "R." A Company of the East Lancashire Regiment was there doing their annual training, and on the 22nd of May a shooting match was arranged between each ship and East Lancs; East Lancs to provide two teams, one from Right and one from Left Half-Company. Result:—"Capetown" 202, "Calcutta" 190, Right Half-Company, East Lancs, 188, "Constance" 169, Left Half-Company, East Lancs 131.

Cricket matches were arranged inter-ship, and also against East Lancs. Fine weather was experienced practically the whole time; after the lesson of wearing shorts last March, it was decided to wear trousers, and the rig of the day was khaki trousers, flannel and sun helmet. Excellent bathing facilities were available near the Camp and every advantage was taken of this. The three half-platoons marched back to Dockyard on Saturday, June 30th, arriving on board at about 1800.

On Tuesday, 3rd July, "Calcutta," "Capetown" and "Constance" left Bermuda for the summer cruise. On Thursday, 5th July we ran into fog and the temperature of the water dropped from 79° to 59° in about 4 hours and we were all pleased to get back into blues again. The three ships arrived Halifax, 12 noon, 6th July.

Hope to be able to send description of Summer Cruise later.

A.R.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Gate House, Gateacre,
Liverpool.
20th August, 1923.

Dear Sir,

Now that the title "Light Infantry" has been removed from the Corps, it would appear that the present Corps Colours of red, yellow and green are inappropriate and will, sooner or later, have to be changed.

May I suggest the combination shown above, which is the colour and pattern of the worsted lace worn by the rank and file at the beginning of the last century.

I had been puzzled for many years by a reference in a letter from a Naval Officer published in the "Naval Chronicle," to the "tri-coloured lace" worn by the R.M., but last March, in a portfolio in the Library at Windsor Castle I came across a large sheet published in 1803 and sold at "the Military Library, Whitehall" entitled "A view of the British Army on the Peace Establishment," on which are shown in colours arranged in a series of diagrams the colours of the coats, facings, and lace worn by every regiment, including the "Marines."

Of course, the riband would have to be wider and probably the red and blue would be better if less crude and brilliant.

But in any case, such an arrangement of colours would have a certain historical sanction.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
C. FIELD,
Lt.-Col. and Bt.-Col., R.M. (ret. list).

The Editor, "The Globe and Laurel," Chatham.

We regret that the cost of printing the suggested design in colours is prohibitive, but it consists of broad stripes of red and blue and thin stripes of white on either side of the blue.

NOBODY'S CHILDREN.

A CORPS OF IMPROVISORS.

By BENNET COPPLESTONE.

(By kind permission of the Author and of the Editor of the "Cornhill Magazine.")

(Continued).

But when peace breaks up, and the vast storms of war sweep through the world, the Royal Corps enjoys its silent revenge. Gone instantly are the foolish pleas upon which its numbers and equipment have lately been cut down. Gone are all doubts of its pre-eminent usefulness. For here, to hand, is a compact highly-trained body of sea-soldiers, and much more than sea-soldiers, a Corps of Improvisors, to whom no job, however remote and forbidding, is impossible of fulfilment. A Corps, too, which, by reason of its organised self-containing Headquarters, can call in reserves and train them, can rapidly select promising recruits and train them too, can furnish supplies and equip the part which is new with some of that lore of world-wide experience which is the tradition of the part which is old. A Corps which can quickly double itself, and then, by taking thought, proceed to the process of indefinite multiplication, by three, by four, by five, by six. The Royal Corps cannot expand so quickly as a purely land army, for the range and standard of its training are by far more exacting, but give it time in reasonable measure and it will graft upon the old stock new growths, which will in turn engraft buds still newer, until at the end what was at the beginning a stunted neglected bush will have flourished into a great and mighty tree. And it will be a tree through whose branches flows the rich sap of the old imperishable stock, the sap of the old proud corps of 'Nobody's Children.'

This is precisely what happened in the war of nations which, after raging for four years, still splutters in Eastern Europe. At the beginning, the Royal Corps afloat and on land numbered 18,234 of all ranks. At the date of the Armistice, the numbers had been multiplied by three and reached 58,339. Many new branches had been grafted on to the old stock, and that stock itself had grown vigorously from its old deep roots. During the first two years of war the recruits were of a very fine type, and were jealously selected. Most of them had education and skill in civil life. They were all volunteers—artisans, farmers, schoolmasters, police, shopkeepers—all very keen and quick to learn, and the ancient repute of the Corps proved safe in their young hands. So carefully were they chosen, and so thoroughly did they assimilate the teaching which was lavished upon them, that in character as in valour they proved their worth. When, at the end, those who remained alive came to be demobilised it was found that nearly all—ninety-eight per cent.—had no black mark upon their record. Of the others, after the drag-net of general service had been put through the country, there was inevitably some falling off in quality.

By little significant touches here and there, by discursive yet always deliberate periphrasis, I am trying to convey from my mind to yours a series of impressions. I am seeking to make clear that with the Royal Corps, as with the Royal Navy, it is the spirit and tradition which counts. Picture to yourself a long-service corps of officers and men, living always in proud self-centred isolation, a corps which never operates as a whole, but always by detachments. 'We are a Service of Detachments,' said one war-battered officer to me, a phrase illuminating much and explanatory of much. The detachments, large or small—of thousands, as in Gallipoli and France—of a hundred or so, as in the great ships of the Grand Fleet—of scores, and even of single units, when on special service—are always Marines of the stamp of Eastney or of Forton, of Chatham or of Plymouth. Wherever they go, they take with them a bit of their own Headquarters, which, to each of them, is conspicuously superior to all other Headquarters. They take with them, too, that ingrained ineradicable confidence in their own self-sufficiency which is a sure solvent of every obstacle. If their tools are insufficient, or ill-suited to the job in hand, they instantly invent and make others. If they are denied new guns, they contentedly make shift with old ones; if wheels, or limbers, or bolts, are lacking, what matter? They supply the vacant space with something—rough may be, yet all-competent to the work in hand. Just as the Corps is a nucleus, so every detachment is in turn a nucleus. Flung upon its own resources in some remote spot of the wide world, it collects about it a band of followers and helpers, white or black or yellow, any colour or no colour, it conveys to these motley gangs something of its own spirit and its own skill. Except, perhaps, in the lavishly equipped ships of the Fleet, the Corps is always improvising, always doing successfully with ten men tasks before which fifty men of other stamp would dissolve into helpless tears. The self-sufficiency from which springs confidence is always the parent of hope. The unofficial motto of this Corps of Improvisors, this Service of Detachments, might be chosen from the 'Pantomine Rehearsal'—'It will be all right on the night!' There is a Joss which watches jealously the efforts of men. It tests and tries them, sets at naught their best endeavours. If their hearts fail, even by a little, it remains obdurately hostile to the end. But if they remain steadfast, if they know not the meaning of 'impossible,' that Joss will smile and soften, and pluck with his own hands success from failure. The Marines have a Joss of their own; he usually has his coat off, and is under their strict orders. He has to bestir himself and labour mightily under that stern mastership.

The Corps of Royal Marines seems to me to be agreeably characteristic of the British Empire, which the gentle German found so exasperatingly in his way. The Corps pervades the earth and the sea, not upon any settled plan—it just happens to be there. With Cook and Anson and Ross, the Marines went and landed, and stuck up flags, and presented arms, and it was so. Wherever they landed then, you will see red spots on the map now. The Corps is the bridge which connects sea and land everywhere. On the sea, one finds Marines, and on land one finds them, and between, with one foot on land and the other knee-deep in water, one finds them too. If I could paint a symbolical picture, I should paint a private of the Corps just like this, with one foot on land and the other in the water—sticking up a little flag. 'During the war,' said a Marine officer, 'I had occasion to go by train through Italy and on to Mudros. At Boulogne the first man I met was a Marine private, orderly to the Naval Transport Officer. He looked after my gear and got me a berth in the train: At the Italian frontier, the first man I met was a Marine private who was orderly to the Railway Transport Officer. Then, at my journey's end, at Mudros, a Marine Intelligence Officer came on board, carried me off and made everything sweet with the Governor of the Port, who was another Marine. It is the same at Archangel and on the Murman Coast, at Port Said and in the Persian Gulf; the Marines are the bridge 'twixt sea and land.' 'I have called you "Nobody's Children,"' said I smiling, 'and a "Corps of Improvisors" and a "Service of Detachments." Must I also call you a "Corps of Bridges"?'

(To be continued).

CORPS CRICKET.

CORPS MATCH *v.* HARROW WANDERERS.

The match between the Royal Marines and Harrow Wanderers was played in glorious weather at Eastney, on a good, fast wicket.

Colonel Cantrell won the toss and elected to bat first, sending in Major Brooks and Capt. Congdon to face the bowling of F. O. G. Lloyd and W. E. Anderson. Runs came briskly at first until Congdon misjudged a ball from Anderson, and was easily caught, the score being 18–1–7.

Colonel Little then joined Major Brooks and the total increased slowly, the batsmen taking no undue risks.

A double change of bowling was resorted to, which met with early success, Eiloart, who was keeping a good length and turning the ball, clean bowled Little at 46–2–7.

Brooks soon after succumbed to the same bowler, being caught at short-leg for a very useful 36.

Bright cricket followed, runs coming freely from 2 Lt. Hunt and Lt.-Col. Shine. The position was far from satisfactory, however, when the seventh wicket had fallen for the modest total of 124, with the wicket playing well. Despite this, by resolute batting on the part of Capt. Tuke, Colonel Cantrell and 2/Lt. Cornwall the total was only 2 short of 200 when the innings closed.

The Harrow Wanderers made an even more disastrous start, 2/Lt. Phillips catching C. F. Bennett (the Cambridge blue) first ball off his own bowling. C. P. Gooden forced the pace a little until he put his leg in front of a straight one from Cantrell at 23–2–20.

Runs then came slowly, none of the batsmen making any headway against Phillips and Cantrell, who were both bowling well, backed up by fielding that was distinctly good, with the result that 6 good wickets were down for a small total of 71.

A change came over the game when Hon. R. Anson, who had been batting well, was joined by M. C. Bird, the old Surrey captain, both scoring freely; Brooks and Congdon relieving Phillips and Cantrell, who in turn gave way to Mercer and Little. 130 runs were on the board before Bird fell to a catch off Mercer.

The only other batsman to offer resistance was Lloyd, who compiled a very useful 20 and enabled his captain to complete his 50, the latter being tenth man out for a capital 54 out of a total of 180.

Phillips bowled extremely well, taking 5 wickets at the cost of 59 runs.

The Corps' second innings was a repetition of the first, five of the early batsmen being out with only 74 runs on the board. Shine and Tuke, assisted by Simpson, by good batting brought the total up to 201 before the innings closed, setting the Harrow Wanderers 220 to get to win.

With plenty of time to get the runs, the 4th innings commenced slowly. C. T. Bennett being beaten by Phillips many times in the first three overs, but surviving he gradually played himself in and gave a fine display of perfect batting, and it was not until his side had made 201 and the match was safe, that he was caught by Cantrell off Phillips, having made 111.

Anson knocked off the remaining runs, being not out 29, with the loss of another wicket, thus winning the match by 3 wickets.

Cantrell bowled well, taking 3 wickets for 48.

ROYAL MARINES.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Maj. Brooks, c Bennett, b Eiloart	36	b Anderson	29
Capt. Congdon, c Lloyd, b Anderson	7	l-b-w, b Eiloart	8
Lt.-Col. Little, b Eiloart	7	c Bennett, b Eiloart	17
Capt. Mercer, b Eiloart	11	b Bird	14
2nd Lt. Hunt, c Anson, b Lloyd	18	run out	4
Lt.-Col. Shine, c and b Lloyd	20	b Bird	43
Capt. Simpson, b Lloyd	4	b Eiloart	26
Capt. Tuke, hit wkt., b Lloyd	25	c Lloyd, b Anderson	49
Lt.-Col. Cantrell, not out	21	b Bird	3
2nd Lt. Cornwall, b Anderson	29	c Bird, b Anderson	5
2nd Lt. J. M. Phillips, b Anson	0	not out	1
Extras	20	Extras	2
	198		201

BOWLING.—*1st Innings.*—Lloyd, 4 for 72; Anderson, 2 for 59; Anson, 1 for 8; Eiloart, 3 for 45.

2nd Innings.—Anderson, 3 for 32; Lloyd, 0 for 55; Bird, 3 for 35; Eiloart, 3 for 59; Anson, 0 for 19.

HARROW WANDERERS.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
C. T. Bennett, c and b Phillips	0	c Cantrell, b Phillips	111
W. S. Medlicott, c Brooks, b Phillips	8	c and b Cantrell	4
C. P. Gooden, l-b-w, b Cantrell	20	b Cantrell	14
R. E. Eiloart, b Cantrell	8	c Brooks, b Cantrell	24
Rev. A. S. Crawley, b Phillips	15	c Cornwall, b Brooks	10
F. M. Carlisle, c Tuke, b Phillips	6	c Mercer, b Brooks	3
Hon. R. Anson, c Shine, b Cantrell	54	not out	29
M. C. Bird, c Congdon b Mercer	30	c Cantrell, b Phillips	2
S. F. Emanuel, b Congdon	5	not out	4
F. O. G. Lloyd, c Brooks, b Phillips	20	did not bat	
W. E. Anderson, not out	0	did not bat	
Extras	14	Extras	19
	180	Total for 7 wkts.	220

BOWLING.—2nd Lt. Phillips, 5 for 59; Lt.-Col. Cantrell, 3 for 43; Maj. Brooks, 0 for 19; Capt. Congdon, 1 for 26; Capt. Mercer, 1 for 15; Lt.-Col. Little, 0 for 4.

2nd Innings.—Phillips, 2 for 71; Cantrell, 3 for 48; Brooks, 2 for 53; Mercer, 0 for 22; Congdon, 0 for 7.

EASTNEY.—A match was played on 8th August between R.M. Eastney and Jesus College, Cambridge, which resulted in a win for the Royal Marines by 4 wickets. Scores :—

Jesus College, 218.

Royal Marines, Eastney, 219 for 6 wickets.

A two-days' match between R.M. Eastney and Uppingham Rovers was played on August 3rd and 4th in perfect weather.

The visitors were lucky to win the toss and elected to bat first on what looked like a perfect wicket.

Against some good bowling, however, by 2nd Lt. Phillips and C.M.S. Thorpe, they collapsed and were all out for 126, of which C. S. Hurst made 54 and was the only player to play the bowling with any confidence.

The Royal Marines replied with 157, Lt. Phillips being top scorer with a well-played 40. On going in again the Uppingham Rovers did better, making 240, Hurst again batting well for 33. This left the Royal Marines 210 to get to win in about three hours' cricket.

They started disastrously, losing three wickets for 42, but then a good stand followed between Maj. Brooks and Capt. Simpson, who took the score to 141 before Simpson was out to a mis-hit. He was very unfortunate to just miss his 50, as he was batting well. Major Brooks continued to bat in fine style, and the remaining runs were knocked off for the loss of one more wicket, Major Brooks being out l-b-w at 178 in trying to turn a straight ball to leg, after an admirable innings of 102.

Thus the Royal Marines won by five wickets, scores being :—

Uppingham Rovers, 1st innings, 126; 2nd innings, 240.

Royal Marines, 1st innings, 157 (Lt. Phillips, 40); 2nd innings, 210 for 5 wickets (Maj. Brooks, 102, Capt. Simpson, 48).

R.M. Depot, Deal, *v.* S.E. Agricultural College. Played at the South Green on 18th July, 1923.

S.E. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—Taylor, 20; Fisher, 5; Haines, 0; Duffield, 83; Gadsby, 11; Eccles, 19; Machin, 21; Abraham, 23; Balgon, 26; Harford, not out, 5; Andrew, 1; extras, 11; total, 225.

DEPOT, R.M.—Capt. Yeo, 82; Maj. Maxwell, 60; Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. Vickary, 7; Capt. West, 7; Capt. Campbell, 1; Maj. Hunton, not out, 17; 2nd Lt. Sillitoe, 14; 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh, not out, 26; extras, 12; total (6 wkts.), 226.

Depot, R.M. Deal, *v.* Shorncliffe Garrison, played on the South Green on 26th July, 1923.

DEPOT, R.M.—Major Maxwell, 12; Capt. Yeo, 40; Capt. Tuke, 6; 2nd Lt. Cornwall, 0; 2nd Lt. Hunt, 12; Lt.-Col. Shine, not out, 109; Clr.-Sergt. Hill, 14; 2nd Lt. Whitmarsh, 0; Capt. West, not out, 8; extras, 13; total, 214.

SHORNCLIFFE.—Lt. Eyston, 24; Lt. Symonds, 11; Lt. Kirkwood, 0; Lt. Hugonin, 29; Capt. Smith, 19; Sergt. Grant, 33; Band-Mastr. Smith, not out, 12; Major McQueen, not out, 1; Extras, 8; total (6 wkts.), 137. Rain stopped play.

Depot, R.M., Deal *v.* Eton Ramblers. Played at the South Green, on 27th and 28th July, 1923.

DEPOT, R.M.—Lt.-Col. Festing, 25; Capt. Yeo, 4; Capt. Tuke' 117; 2nd Lt. Hunt, not out, 115; Lt.-Col. Shine, 21; 2nd Lt. Cornwall, 1; Sg.-Lt.-Com. Vickary, not out, 1; extras, 25; total for 5 wickets, 310.

ETON.—Lt.-Col. L. L. Hoare, 1; Lord Dunglass, 5; J. P. Dewhurst, 52; R. A. G. Tilney, 1; M. E. Impey, 8; J. L. Booth, 0; G. E. Vivian-Smith, 102; R. H. Vivian-Smith, 0; Lt.-Col. G. L. Hoare, 7; M. Clowes, not out, 9; C. W. Gurney, 5; extras, 18; total 208.

Depot, R.M., Deal *v.* Hythe C.C. Played at the South Green, on 1st August, 1923.

DEPOT.—Major Maxwell, 0; Capt. Tuke, 33; Capt. Yeo, 12; 2nd/Lt. Hunt, 5; Lt.-Col. Shine, 42; 2nd/Lt. Cornwall, 3; Sg.-Lt.-Com. Vickary, 1; Capt. Campbell, 12; Clr.-Sgt. Hill, 11; 2nd/Lt. Whitmarsh, not out, 33; 2nd/Lt. Sillitoe, 32; extras 3; total, 187.

HYTHE C.C.—D. Cooke, 26; R. Murds, 19; H. M. James, 41; S. Standing, 22; Col. Stansfield, 22; Col. Fortune, 81; F. L. Haigh, not out, 11; Col. Aitkinson, 16; J. S. Fuller, not out, 4; extras, 6; total for 7 wickets, 248.

Depot, R.M., Deal *v.* Oxford University Authentics. Played at the South Green, on 3rd and 4th August, 1923.

DEPOT. *1st Innings.*—Lt.-Col. Festing, 37; Major Maxwell, 16; Capt. Tuke, 83; Lt.-Col. Shine, 25; 2nd/Lt. Hunt, not out, 87; Lt. O'Donnell, 14; extras, 14; total for 5 wickets, dec., 305.

2nd Innings.—Lt.-Col. Festing, 62; Major Maxwell, 1; Lt. O'Donnell, 121; 2nd/Lt. Whitmarsh, 13; Capt. Campbell, not out, 33; Major Hunton, not out, 12; extras, 6; total for 4 wickets, 248.

OXFORD. *1st Innings.*—H. W. Stranding, 2; B. D. Cooke, 102; D. A. Stranding, 9; A. R. V. Barker, 39; G. R. Hunt, 4; S. R. G. Bucknell, not out, 209; H. R. Hunt, 51; W. H. Murray, 32; W. T. Sanctury, 0; A. D. Penn, 16; W. S. S. Stallybrass, 8; extras, 27; total, 499.

R.M.O.C.A.

The Tenth Annual Dinner of the Association will take place on Saturday, October 20th, at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, London, W.C.1., at 7 p.m. Dress optional.

Tickets, 9s. each are to be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Dinner Committee, Mr. C. J. Moynihan, 7, Great Quebec Street, London, W.1.

Vice-Admiral Sir Roger J. B. Keyes, Bt., K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., LL.D., D.C.L., has kindly accepted an invitation to be present.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

PORTSMOUTH.

WATER POLO.

The team, this year at Eastney, are somewhat behind in their fixtures, owing to several members of the team being at Olympia, so we are now faced with a stiff programme of matches.

The first few matches were played by the R.M.A., but since 31st July we have played as a combined team with the R.M.L.I. from Forton. This has somewhat strengthened the team, and we hope to do better as the team settles to one another's play. Strangely enough, our first game as a combined team was in the first round of the Hants County Championship when we met our old favourites, the Borough Police. This match proved to be a tough struggle, as the Borough Police are a far improved side to what they have been of late. The result, however, was a win for us by 3 goals to 1. We now have to meet the Portsmouth S.C. in the next round, which is to be played before the end of August.

The results to date are as follows :—

Portsmouth & District League, Div. I—
- *v.* R.N. Barracks, lost 5–2.
- *v.* "Excellent," won 1–0.
- *v.* Portsmouth S.C., draw 1–1.
- *v.* Borough Police, won 3–1.
- *v.* Borough Police, draw 3–3.

Portsmouth & District League, Div. II—
- *v.* R.N. Barracks, lost 4–0.
- *v.* "Excellent," won 6–1.
- *v.* Portsmouth S.C., won 3–1.
- *v.* Coppersmiths, won 4–2.

United Service League, Div. I—
- *v.* R.N. Barracks, lost 5–2.
- *v.* "Excellent," won 1–0.

United Service League, Div. II—
- *v.* R.N. Barracks, lost 4–0.
- *v.* "Excellent," won 6–1.
- *v.* "Courageous," draw 4–4.
- *v.* "Fisgard," lost 6–1.

SWIMMING.

In the Governor General's Challenge Cup Competition which took place off Southsea beach on August 4th, the Royal Marines, Portsmouth, were successful in 3 places out of 4. The distance was 560 yards.

The holder, Clr.-Sergt. Hales, R.M., took part in the race and swam very well indeed, but youth prevailed and the winner, who swam with a very powerful trudgeon stroke throughout, finished an easy winner. The results were :—

Mne. J. S. Heaton, 1st (challenge cup and gold medal).
Mne. H. W. Simpson, 3rd (silver medal).
Clr.-Sergt. S. Hales, 4th.

RUNNING.

In the R.N. and R.M. athletic championships held at Plymouth this year the representatives from the Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines, did exceedingly well, Musn. J. Dacombe retaining the championship of 100 yds., 220 yds., and 440 yds. In the 100 yds., Musn. Dacombe beat his own record, the new time being 10 mins. 1·5 sec., also in the 440 yds., his time being 51 mins. 4·5 sec. The relay team of the late R.M.A., which competed in the preliminary heats of the Port, were selected to represent Portsmouth in the finals, and they ran out easy winners. Results of the meeting were as follows :—

100 yds.—First, Musn. Dacombe.
220 yds.—First, Musn. Dacombe.
Third, 2/Lt. Buckley.
440 yds.—First, Musn. Dacombe.
880 yds.—Second, Cpl. Bradley.
Putting the Shot.—Mne. Trinder.
Relay Team Winners.—Musn. Dacombe, Mne. Trinder, Cpl. Bradley, 2/Lt. Buckley.

At the Hants. A.A. sports, held at Southampton, on August Bank Holiday, the Royal Marines, Portsmouth, maintained their record by the following results :—

220 yds.—First, Musn. Dacombe (Champion of Hampshire).
880 yds.—Second, Cpl. Bradley.
330 yds.—Second, Mne. Trinder.
Relay Race.—Second, R.M., Portsmouth.

At the Royal Air Force Meeting at Uxbridge, Musn. Dacombe, Cpl. Bradley and Mne. Trinder were selected to represent the Navy.

PLYMOUTH.

DEVONPORT SERVICE SAILING RACES.

The usual Wednesday race down for the 25th July was abandoned owing to the Navy and Marine Sports being held on that day.

On the 1st August the race was provided by the Plymouth Corinthian Y.C., and although the entries were fewer than usual, the racing was very keen with a close finish. The R.M. cutter (Major Jerram) was first over the line 7 sec. after the gun, and led for the greater part of the beat to the Duke, but was overhauled by the K.H.M. whaler (Cdr. Rayne) and R.M. whaler (Major Arbuthnot). K.H.M. led at the end of the first round, a few sec. ahead of R.M. whaler. On the second beat out R.M. whaler picked up K.H.M. and gradually increased her distance until near the New Grounds near the end of the 3rd round.

Here a liner coming out held up the R.M. whaler which cleared the Buoy only half a minute ahead of K.H.M. and the latter boat took the lead in the last 50 yards and got her gun 4 sec. before our boat. R.M. cutter was 3rd.

The final race for Major Arbuthnot's Challenge Cup took place on the 2nd August. K.H.M. whaler (C.P.O. Pomfret) just saved her time on the R.M. whaler (Marine Serjeant) after an excellent race in which our whaler got the first gun. This, however gives Marine Serjeant 11 points against C.P.O. Pomfret's total of 10, thus he wins the cup and replica, and we congratulate him very heartily on bringing the cup to these barracks in this, the first year of the series of races open to Ratings below the rank of Warrant Officer. P.O. Coombes (H.M.S. "Scotsman") also obtained 10 points.

It is considered that the large number of entries for these races has fully justified the experiment, and it is hoped that the interest shown this year will be maintained in the future, and that a high standard of the useful art of boat handling will result.

There is no doubt that a most marked improvement was noticeable in the manner in which the boats were handled between the first and last races of the series.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

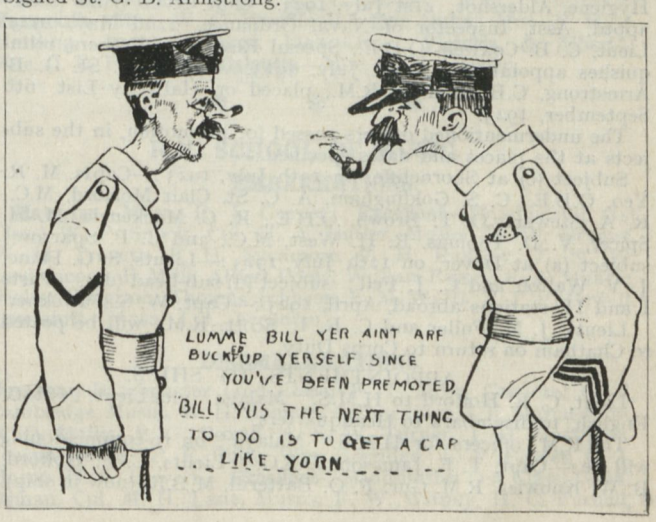
TRANSFER OF COLOURS.

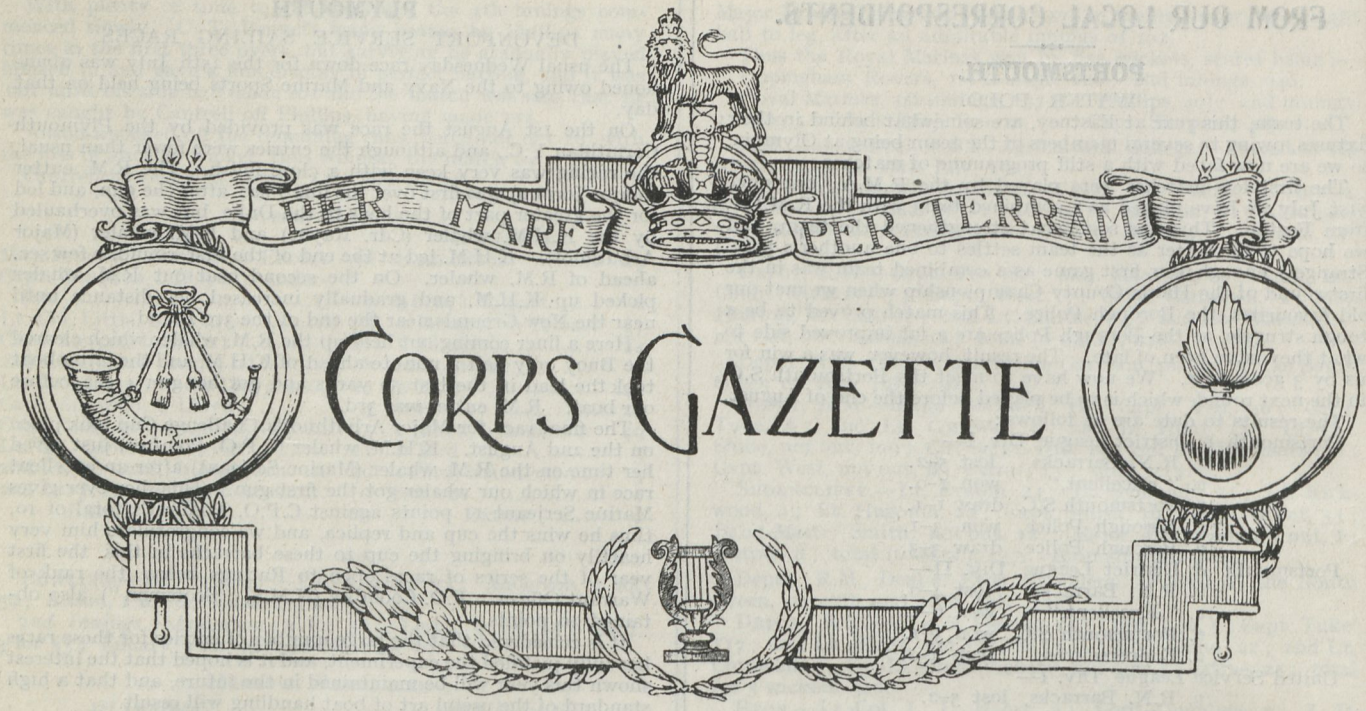
The following is an extract from R.N. School of Music Orders of the 2nd August, 1923 :—"The Superintendent congratulates the R.M. Band Service on the Band which had the honour of playing the Colours of the Portsmouth Division into their new home.

The appearance, march discipline, and time and playing of the marches were excellent, and I hope that all will remember with pride the congratulations of the Commandant on the Parade afterwards, when he said, with regard to your appearance and marching, 'nothing could be better.'

It is a standard I hope you will always strive for."

The following letter was received from the Commandant, Forton :—"Will you please express the grateful thanks of the Royal Marines, Forton, to the magnificent Band of the School of Music, for their services yesterday." (1st August, 1923), Signed St. G. B. Armstrong.





PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Capt. R. MacDonnell placed on Supplementary Unemployed Pay List, at own request, for 2 months at half-pay rate. 4th July, 1923. Capt. E. E. Johnson (Supy.) absorbed in the establishment vice MacDonnell, and posted to Portsmouth. 4th July, 1923. Capt. C. S. Desprez removed from the list of Special Reserves on account of age. 9th August, 1923. Capt. D. A. C. Shephard, apptd. Asst. Supt., P.R.T. School, Depot, R.M., Deal. 31st March, 1921. Capts. H. R. Lambert, D.S.C., posted from Portsmouth to Plymouth and G. E. Wildman-Lushington from Plymouth to Portsmouth. Lieuts. L. O. Jones, posted from Chatham to Portsmouth, and P. J. Burgess from Portsmouth to Chatham. Capt. C. S. Goldingham (secd.) and Capt. (Bt.-Major) H. McCausland (secd.) apptd. to **President** for War Staff Course at R.N. Staff College, Greenwich, commencing 24th September, 1923. R.M.-Gnr. A. F. Vicking apptd. to Plymouth, Headquarters Staff (Tempy.) vice Dean. 1st. September, 1923.

Capt. M. R. Yeo, O.B.E. (Plymouth) apptd. Coy.-Cdr. at Depot, R.M., Deal. Capt. (Bt.-Major) Bamford, V.C., D.S.O., posted from Portsmouth to Plymouth. Capt. A. Whitworth, posted from Plymouth to Portsmouth. Lt. Priestly obtained a "Pass" Certificate at the Hygiene Course, Army School of Hygiene, Aldershot. 21st July, 1923. Capt. F. C. Willis (secd.) apptd. Asst. Inspector of Naval Ordnance. 22nd May, 1923. Lieut. C. B. Coxwell, O.B.E., Special Reserve of Officers, relinquishes appointment. 30th July, 1923. Major-Gen. St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., R.M., placed on Half-Pay List. 6th September, 1923.

The undermentioned officers passed for promotion, in the subjects at the places and dates specified :—

Subject (c) at Shorncliffe, on 13th July, 1923 :—Capts. M. R. Yeo, O.B.E., C. S. Goldingham, A. C. St. Clair Morford, M.C., R. A. Stewart, O. T. Brown, O.B.E., R. C. Mackenzie, M. H. Spicer, V. D. Thomas, R. H. West, M.C., and C. P. Sparrow; subject (a) at Dover, on 12th July, 1923 :—Lieuts. S. G. Paine, J. V. Walton and C. J. Fell; subject (d) sub-head (d1). Parts I and II, stations abroad, April, 1923 :—Capt. W. S. Fawckner.

Lieuts. J. M. Fuller and C. R. L. Scott, R.M., will be posted to Chatham on return to Corps Duty.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Lieut. C. F. Holford to H.M.S. "Malaya" vice Lieut. F. St. G. English, to disembark to Headquarters.

The R.M. officers for H.M.S. "Malaya" on re-commissioning will be :—Capt. T. F. Jameson, D.S.O.; Lieuts. C. F. Holford, B. W. Knowles, R.M. Gnr. F. O. Batterill, M.B.E. (now in ship).

Capt. Clayton (in ship) will re-commission H.M.S. "Dauntless."

Capt. S. A. Field to H.M.S. "Ajax" on re-commissioning.

Capt. H. W. Simpson to H.M.S. "Valiant" vice Capt. E. M. Parker.

S.M. W. A. Stratton to H.M.S. "Pembroke" vice Swain to disembark to Chatham Division.

Cmd. Bandmr. H. Reely, R.M. Band, to H.M.S. "Impregnable" vice Bandmr. F. Radcliffe, R.M. Band, to Headquarters.

R.M. Gnr. J. Dean, apptd. to H.M.S. "Revenge" vice W. Harvey.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieut. L. O. Jones has been selected to attend the Battery Commander's Course commencing at the Coast Artillery School on 27th Aug. and terminating about 6th Oct., 1923.

R.M. Gnrs. H. W. Edmunds, W. H. Harvey and W. E. Shaw to "Excellent" (addl.) for Dagger Course, 13th Oct. 1923.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to attend the Vickers Machine-gun Section, Sergeant's Course, at Browndown, commencing 4th Sept. and terminating 12th Oct., 1923 :—Capts. A. Whitworth and L. Mercer, Lieuts. W. Hanson, M.C., and L. Priestley.

Lt.-Col. H. Houghton and Major W. P. Arbuthnot have been selected to attend the 9th Senior Officers' Course at the Machine-gun School, Netheravon, on 10th Sept., 1923.

RETIREMENTS.

Lt. F. St. G. English placed on retired list at own request under A.F.C. 1358/22, and apptd. to Reserve of Officers, R.M., 30th July, 1923.

Capt. T. J. Eastman (half-pay) placed on the retired list on account of non-service, 19th July, 1923.

CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

Diligence—Mne. S. L. Davies. **Benbow**—Mnes. H. W. Mitchell, F. J. Fisher. **Malaya**—Mne. H. King. **Lowestoft**—Mnes. A. Ellis, R. Bartholomew, A. P. Richardson. **Calliope**—Mne. G. MacQuillan. **Cleopatra**—Sergt. T. Brakes. **Repulse**—Sergts. T. Lee, A. T. Blackgrove, Mne. E. C. Bilbow. **Shotley T.E.**—Mne. S. F. Band. **Dunedin**—Sergt. H. J. Chowne. **Southampton**—Mne. E. A. Clarke. **Victory**—Mne. G. Hunt. **Cyclops**—Mne. F. J. Skinner. **Endeavour**—Mne. J. J. Boyd, G. A. Brown. **Castor**—Mne. H. P. Stevenson. **Malabar**—Sergt. J. D. McColl. Mnes. A. C. Murfitt, G. H. Walpole.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Calcutta—Mne. J. R. Fisher. **Lowestoft**—Mne. O. Todd. **Repulse**—Sergts. A. J. Beavan, A. F. White. **Calliope**—Sergt. W. J. Day, Mne. C. Rea. **Dunedin**—Sergt. S. F. Brown. **Benbow**—Mnes. F. J. Lawlor, W. C. Hatcher. **Marlborough**—Mne. W. J. Bailey. **Cyclops**—Mne. P. J. Jeffries. **Barham**—Mne. W. A. Wright. **Shotley**—Mne. W. G. Barnes. **Endeavour**—Mne. F. A. Meacock. **Repulse**—Mne. S. P. Edwards. **Castor**—Mne. C. F. Hambleton. **Cyclops**—Cpl. C. T. Evans.

APPOINTMENTS.

Cpl. H. J. Hillsdon, attd. Infirmary for training as Dispenser. Mne. E. W. Henson, apptd. Dining Hall Attdt. Mne. J. C. Riddle, apptd. attdt. to Lt.-Col. Little. Mne. F. J. Gurney, apptd. Attdt. to Capt. Congdon. Cpl. L. F. Lynham, to be M.T.I. 2nd Class. Clr.-Sergt. Ball, atd. Allotment Office tempy. for duty. Mne. W. A. Bryans, apptd. attdt. to Proby. Lieut. Cordeaux. Mne. J. B. Weston, apptd. Victualling Clerk, 3rd Qrmr.'s Dept. Mne. Rumbelow, apptd. Dining Hall Attdt. Mne. J. H. Houghton, attchd. Armourer's Shop, Gun Battery, as Q.O. Sergt. W. J. Day apptd. M.T.I., 2nd Clas. Sergt. T. C. Franks apptd. Recruiting Sergt., Depot, R.M. Mne. F. Aplin apptd. Boatman, Depot, R.M. Mne. H. Soffe apptd. Pioneer, Depot, R.M. Mne. J. W. Humphreys apptd. Infirmary Labourer, Depot, R.M. Mne. P. L. Wraight apptd. Garrison Military Police, Depot, R.M. Mne. S. H. Hobbins apptd. Barber, Depot, R.M. Cpl. F. A. Thompson apptd. Provost Asst., Depot, R.M. Sergt. A. Surgey apptd. Steward, W.O.'s Mess. To be L.-Cpls.: Mnes. A. J. Lord, J. Tilsley, E. G. Riddford, G. W. Milsom, Mne. L. G. Fenn attchd. Comdts.' Office for training as Printer. Mne. J. R. Prendergast nominated for appt. as Asst. Engineman, Swimming Baths, Depot, R.M. Mne. J. W. Greenaway apptd. Clerk, 1st Qrmr.'s Dept. Mne. E. H. Fittall apptd. Armourer, Small Arms. Clr.-Sergt. G. French apptd. Acting Qrmr. Sergt. for 3 months on probation. Mne. C. F. Hambleton apptd. attdt. to Lt. Burt. Sergt. H. A. Branson attchd. Paymaster's Department as Ledger Clerk.

Promotion Roster as last month.

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PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Comus—Mnes. Morrow, Thompson, Lewis, Watson, Richards, Burgess, Fowkes, Bugler Crocker. **Depot, Deal**—Clr.-Sergt. Casey, Mnes. Henry, Berry, Ingerson, Fletcher, Wallis, Mann. **Hood**—Mnes. Willis, Blacker. **Tamar**—Bugler Robbins. **King George V.**—Mne. S. T. Davies. **Woolwich**—Mne. Mealing. **Alecto**—Mne. A. S. Wilson. **Dauntless**—Mne. L. Edwards. **Delhi**—Mne. G. Dellar. **Hermes**—Sergt. Potter; Mnes. Wheater, Goddard, Gray, Mewhort, Radford, Kington, Yates, Marshall, Bluett, Gregg, Callighan, Willcox, W. Thompson, Whiting, Jones, Allott, Warrilow. **Glorious**—Clr.-Sergt. Radford. **Cairo**—Mnes. Singleton, King.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Maidstone—Mne. Coldridge. **Vivid**—Sergt. Radford, Cpl. Stone. **Concord**—Sergt. Coombes, Mnes. Whitnell, Moyse, Mitchell, Tohill, A. E. Smith, J. Stevens, West, Macey, Burman, Blackwell, Richards, Clarke, Stewart, Bailey, Whitfield, Bugler Ruthven. **Hood**—Mnes. Price, Whaley. **Glorious**—Clr.-Sergt. Rudge. **Woolwich**—Mne. Lee. **King George V.**—Sergt. Lewis, Mne. Watkin. **Tamar**—Mne. Hole. **Delhi**—Mnes. Wright, Houseman. **Egmont**—Mnes. Quigley, Sheppard. **Emperor of India**—Mne. Shimmings.

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From R.M.A., Eastney—Mnes. Leadbitter, Farrant, Kimber, Groves, Cook, Haynes, Easter. From Ports. Divn.—Mne. E. A. Tait. Depot, R.M., Deal—Mnes. Lewis, Busby, Naylor, Callighan Richards, Gregg, Ridyard, Bould, Stabler, Cartledge, Duffield, Fairhall, Achley.

APPOINTMENTS.

Clr.-Sergt. H. Parker, Recruiting Sergt. Sergt. T. Convery, Gunnery Instructor. Sergt. T. Soden, Boat's Crew Sergt. Cpl. A. Walker, Gunnery Instructor. Cpl. H. Saunders, Clerk 1st Q.M.'s Dept. Mnes. W. Chappell, attdt. to Capt. F. C. Law, D. S. C. J. Taylor, Attdt. to Lt.-Col. B. C. Gardiner. S. Rookes, Clerk Bde. Office. J. Beasly, Divl. Cook. M. Watkins, M.T. Driver (Temp.). R. Bean, Provost Cook. (At Deal) Clr.-Sergt. J. Casey, C.Q.M.S. Mnes. S. Henry, Tailor. A. E. Berry, Billiard Marker. F. Ingerson, Butcher.

MEDALS.

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DISCHARGES.

To Pension—Clr.-Sergts. W. Clarke, T. Harris, T. Rudge. Sergts. S. Jennings, S. Elliot, A. Lynch, W. Lord, C. Cooper, E. Gopsill, A. Lewis, Cpl. B. Swan, Mnes. W. Shaw, T. Woods, J. Glover, T. Gully, G. Wells, C. Coldridge.

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PORTSMOUTH.

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Clr.-Sergts. A. C. Millson, F. G. Chapman, G. E. Stokes. Sergts. H. Tarbottom, A. G. Miller, F. J. Hambly. Corpls. A. Cadman, E. Philpott, J. H. Golding. Mnes. G. W. Hind, H. C. King, W. T. Trick.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. F. M. Wellstead, as Groom to Col. 2nd Commdt. Sergt. W. J. Last to Steward, Sergts.' Mess. Sergt. S. G. Tilley to N.C.O. i/c Sports Pavilion. Mne. Walter George to Provost Cook. Mne. Walter Bull to Labourer, School of Land Artillery. Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott as Military Training Instr., 1st Class. Sergts. F. A. McGarvey and F. T. Crosby as Military Training Instrs., 2nd Class.

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Statement showing employment found for month ended 31st July.

	Permanent.	*Temporary.*	*Total.*
Navy	27	14	41
Marines	5	1	6
Army	21	6	27
Air Force	1	—	1
Total ...	54	21	75

Employment found since 16th June, 1922.

	Permanent.	*Temporary.*	*Total.*
Navy	307	125	432
Marines	125	9	134
Army	140	39	179
Air Force ...	12	1	13
Total ...	584	174	758

BIRTH.

POPE—On 16th August, at Mansfield, Tain, Rossshire, to Nancy, the wife of Major H. C. Pope, R.M., a son.

DEATHS.

JONES.—Lieut.-Col. W. T. C. Jones, C.B., D.S.O., on 16th August, 1923, at Forton Barracks, Gosport.

HAYCOCK.—Lieut. F. A. S. Haycock (retired) on May 12th, 1923, at R.N. Hospital, Yarmouth.

MARCHANT.—Major J. Marchant, Army Pay Dept. (retired), late Captain, R.M., on 21st July, 1923, at R.N. Hospital, Haslar.

Statement of Service :—Entered as Proby. 2nd Lieut., 1–2–87; promoted Lieut., 24–3–88; promoted capt., 19–9–96. This officer was posted to the Portsmouth Division as a Lieut., and to the Chatham Division as a Captain. He was Seconded for duty as Adjutant of the 2nd V.B. South Staffordshire Regiment for period 25th February, 1898, to 23rd February, 1903. He was Seconded for service in Army Pay Department on 25th July, 1903, and has not served with the Corps since that date.

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The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges, with thanks, the following amounts received from 18th July to 18th August, 1923, inclusive : £5, " Repulse " ; £2, " Lowestoft " ; £1 9s. 6d., " Calypso " ; £1 7s. 3d., Mr. E. Marshall ; £1, Lieut.-Gen. E. L. McCausland ; 14s. 7d., " Hood " ; 10s. 6d., " Centaur " ; 10s., Col. E. L. Jennings, M.V.O., Mrs. B. L. Desbarres, Mr. W. Roberts ; 9s. 4d., " Danae " ; 8s. 9d., Chatham Divn., " Southampton " ; 7s., R.N. Canteen, " Cormorant " ; 6s. 5d., " Barham " ; 6s., Lt.-Col. H. N. H. Houghton ; 5s. 3d., " Ceres " ; 5s., Col. E. G. Lywood, Lt.-Col. H. J. L. Norcock, Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C., Capt. C. S. Goldingham, Miss Corbet, Mr. A. Davis, Mne. P. H. Smith, Mr. G. H. Atkinson ; 4s. 9d., Mr. C. J. Tunnicliffe ; 4s. 1½d., " Thunderer " ; 4s., Lt.-Col. H. Everitt, Major G. Boulton, Capt. A. Whitworth, Lieut. T. T. Kirby, Mne. T. J. Price, International News Co., Ltd., Messrs. A. E. Gosling, A. Lamb, C. H. Levo, S. Isaacson, T. Jones, G. Radford, A. C. Burrell, T. M. Harrison, W. S. Clark ; 3s. 6d., " Ajax," " Delhi," Officers' Mess, Ports. Divn. ; 3s., Mr. W. E. H. Richardson, " Courageous" ; 2s. 9d., Grocery Canteen, Chat. Divn. ; 2s. 7½d., " Caradoc " ; 2s., Mr. C. J. Moynihan ; 1s. 9d., " Maidstone," " Resolution " ; 1s. 6d., Clr.-Sergt. J. A. Morris ; 4s. 4½d., miscellaneous ; total, £23 5s. 5½d.

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(Fifth List, 1923.)

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ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period, 1st to 30th June, 1923.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Official No.*	*Date of Death.*
Bain, A.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	8734	15/6/23
Boulter, W. G.	Sergt.	Ply.		18/6/23
Bridge, H.	Sergt.	Chat.	70	30/6/23
Butler, T.	Pte.	Ply.	212	17/6/23
Dickson, J. J.	Clr.-Sgr.	Ports.	1255	17/6/23
Harrison, G.	Pte.	Ply.	6078	10/6/23
Hedges, J.	Pte.	Ply.	39 Co.	12/6/23
Hill, E.	Pte.	Ply.	1098	5/5/23
Hooper, P.	Pte.	Ply.	1777	13/6/23
Jordan, C.	Pte.	Ports.	7256	22/6/23
Knight, C.	Pte. Gnr.	R.M.A.	410	20/6/23
Maidment, F. C.	Pte.	Ports.	8336	15/6/23
Midgby, J.	Cpl.	Ply.	2467	18/6/23
Morgan, W. F.	Clr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	3026	5/6/23
Pearce, W. G.	Pte.	Chat.	9933	15/6/23
Robb, J.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	1957	13/6/23
Warren, C.	Cpl.	R.M.A.	15 Co.	5/6/23
Warwick, A.	Sgt.	Ports.	4895	10/6/23

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Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

We are very glad to announce that Lieut.-Colonel R. V. Ford, who has recently been posted to the Chatham Division, has very kindly consented to take over the editorship of the "Globe and Laurel," and this number will therefore be the last to be issued under the present editorship.

I feel that I owe our readers a personal apology for thus deserting my post after such a brief tenure of office, and it is only owing to the exigencies of the Service that I am forced to do so. I am leaving Chatham shortly on appointment to the Depot at Deal, and I am convinced that it is quite essential that the Editor should not be separated from his Staff or his Printers in order to ensure the successful running of the Paper. It resolved itself therefore into a question of whether to change the Editor or collect a complete new Staff, who would take some time to learn their duties, whereas the present one have got things into thorough working order, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking them all for their loyal and whole-hearted efforts on behalf of the Paper during the 12 months we have worked together. The question therefore was easily solved, and though the new Editor showed a certain amount of reluctance in assuming the duties, I am quite sure that the change will be all for the better and that the Paper will take on a new lease of life with the infusion of fresh blood and the introduction of more up-to-date ideas.

I hope I shall be forgiven for the introduction of this personal note and the abandonment of the usual Editorial "we," but I always look upon the "we" as including all the Staff, and on this occasion I am speaking for myself alone.

As will be seen from the Statement of Accounts which appears in this number we are a good deal better off financially than was anticipated in last month's Editorial, but this is chiefly due to increased income from advertisements and our remarks set forth there as to the necessity of increased support still hold good.

We give below the number of the Bound Volumes we have in hand of each year from 1892 onwards; we shall be glad to dispose of these at the reduced price of 5s. per volume.

We also give a list showing the disposal of the September number, which we think may prove of interest.

Bound Volumes.

1892–93, May, '92 to Dec. '93, 2; 1894–95, Jan. '94 to Oct. '95, 12; 1895–96, Nov. '95 to Dec. '96, 10; 1897, 14; 1898, nil; 1899, nil; 1900, nil; 1901, nil; 1902, 2; 1903–04, nil; 1905, nil; 1906–07, nil; 1908, nil; 1909, nil; 1910, nil; 1911, 5; 1912, 2; 1913–4–5–6–7, nil; 1918, 4; 1919, 20; 1920, 20; 1921, 7; 1922, 28.

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Eastney	50		
Plymouth	65		
Depot, R.M., Deal	75		
	—		250
Miscellaneous			12
			1,756

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

We are very glad to welcome back to England the 11th Royal Marine Battalion after their arduous 12 months' service in and about Constantinople. They sailed from Constantinople on the 27th August in the Admiralty Transport s.s. Poland, and after an uneventful voyage arrived at Plymouth on the 7th September, where the Plymouth Company was disembarked, and at Portsmouth on the 8th September. We hear that they left an excellent impression behind them, and that they received a great send-off from the G.O.C. and the British Garrison at Constantinople. We have been promised an article for our next month's issue on the latter part of their stay in the Near East, and hope also to receive some photographs which may be suitable for reproduction.

The following is an extract from a War Office Letter, dated 29th August, 1923 :—

"I am further to inform My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that General Sir C. H. Harrington, Commanding-in-Chief, Constantinople, has expressed to the Army Council his extreme appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by this fine Battalion."

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Appointment of Honorary Colonels-Commandant.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to sanction the appointment of a General Officer, Royal Marines, as Colonel-Commandant in an honorary capacity of each of the Royal Marine Divisions; appointments will be made under the following conditions :—

(a) Appointments to be filled by election from General Officers on the Active or Retired Lists, to be subject to His Majesty's approval, and to be vacated at 70 years of age.

(b) Appointment to carry no extra emoluments, or claim for full pay time, or for full pay benefits under sick leave regulations; no abatement from income tax to be made in respect of upkeep of uniform in the case of Retired Officers.

(c) Officers appointed to be allowed officially to visit the Division to which they are appointed once a year.

(d) For this visit Government railway passes to be issuable, but not travelling or subsistence allowances.

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The Cosmopolitan Gymnasium, Plymouth, was packed on the 5th September for the contest between Bugler Lake, of Plymouth, the bantam-weight champion, and Antoine Ascensio, of France, a very good fight ending in Lake winning on points.

During the preliminaries Jimmy Wilde entered the ring and shook hands with the two boxers. The contest was full of thrills. The Frenchman, who was very muscular, hit hard, but Lake's footwork carried him clear of danger, and he was quickly again delivering lefts and rights to the face. More than once the Frenchman at close quarters caught Lake with a right uppercut, and made an even fight of it up to the fourth round.

Ascensio then eased down, but it was not until the sixth session that Lake put the vim into his work which had the effect of outclassing his opponent. He, however, did not pursue these tactics, and Ascensio got him on the ropes, and Lake looked to be having a rough time. Ascensio was strong and clever, and Lake dared not slacken his defence. Indeed, it was remarkable how he managed to escape disaster while he proceeded to score points with his left, landing some times half a dozen blows without return.

In the last six or seven rounds Lake dominated the contest. The bout went to a finish in clean, sportsmanlike fashion, and the last round was the most eventful of all. Ascensio was out to win if possible by the knock-out route. Lake accepted the challenge, and a thrilling wind-up was seen to one of the finest contests in Plymouth.

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Promotion to Commissioned Rank.

1. Promotion from the ranks to Commissions in the Royal Marines are now made under the following regulations :—

Selection.

2. Commissions not exceeding two in number may be awarded each year to candidates selected from Warrant officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Marines (passed for promotion).

Requirements.

3. Candidates must fulfil the following conditions :—

(a) Not less than three years' service from the age of 18.

(b) Not over 24 years of age for 1924 or 23 years of age for 1925 and subsequent years.

(c) Must have obtained 75 per cent. of marks in Papers I (General Knowledge), IVa (Military Topography) and VII (Practical Mathematics) and one other (except Navigation) in the examination for first class certificate.

(d) Clear Company Conduct Sheet.

(e) Medically fit for General Service.

(f) Recommended by Colonel-Commandant of Division or, if embarked, by Commanding Officer.

(g) Unmarried.

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The following is the scale of payments for discharge from R.M. Police :—

Less than 1 year's service	£20.
After 1 year's service	£10.
After 2 years' service	Free.

A SUGGESTION FOR THE TRAINING OF THE CORPS.

Success in modern war demands specialisation and intensive training, and it seems to the writer that there is need for us more clearly to define the object to which the military training of the Corps should be directed. The following suggestion is therefore put forward with the object of specialising the military training of the Corps in one branch of warfare for which it is specially fitted.

The branch of warfare in which it is suggested that we should specialise is the Attack and Defence of Naval Bases. It may be said that this is already recognised as the chief function of the Corps. Certainly no more glorious achievements can be pointed to than those provided in the history of the Corps in operations of this nature. Speaking from his own experience, however, the writer must confess that he received little instruction or practical training in the subject before the late war.

The day of fixed coast defences is rapidly passing, except in the case of the few permanent dockyard ports, and it appears to be becoming more and more necessary for the Navy to provide for the seizure and defence of its own bases. In the next war permanent bases will probably be left behind, and the Fleet will have to depend on temporary bases for its operations. These in many cases may have to be seized from the enemy, and in practically all cases will require rapidly extemporised defences.

In order to seize such bases, surprise will be an essential factor for success, and one of the chief elements of surprise is rapidity. Time cannot be spared to embark Army trops with their *impedimenta*, and the Fleet will require its own forces, trained and ready at hand for the purpose. The Navy will naturally look to us to supply this want, and we must be fully prepared for it. Success, in this most difficult branch of warfare, will demand a high standard of training, which requires specialisation, and the writer suggests that the military training of the Corps at its schools and headquarters be directed mainly towards this one object. Incidentally it will prepare for minor landing operations which have always been the role of the Corps.

Operations of this nature might be divided into two classes: (1) Minor operations, and (2) Major operations. For (1) the Fleet will always have its own landing force supplied by the regular R.M. detachments. For (2) all the surplus personnel at headquarters, together with reserves should be held in readiness on the outbreak of war, and concentrated at once at some suitable place to complete training and organise.

With regard to training, it is suggested that a regular annual programme be carried out at all headquarters. It is recognised of course that drafting requirements of the Fleet will prevent many Officers and Marines from going through a complete annual course, but a regular programme would lead to systematic training and progress.

In winter Officers could be exercised in lectures, war games and tactical schemes on paper, and technical instruction. Company Officers could superintend the training of the personnel of their own companies in technical subjects. In the spring exercises in minor operations could be carried out at all headquarters practically, and in the summer all available Officers and Marines could be concentrated at one of the headquarters, or elsewhere, for combined training in major operations. This training should be superintended by a specially selected Officer, who might be the Director of Training, Royal Marines, with portfolio at the Royal Marine Office. If this Officer could have as his staff one Officer qualified at the Army Staff College, and one qualified at the Naval Staff College, so much the better. It is submitted that some form of annual combined training is a long-felt want. A similar programme might be carried out as far as possible in the Squadrons at sea; if this were possible a continuous training would be maintained throughout the Corps, those who miss part of the training at headquarters continuing it at sea.

The artillery problems involved will of course require special study and training, and it is suggested that specialists for this purpose be permanently detailed, and drafting arrangements be made to fit in with the training and to ensure that a correct proportion of specialists is always maintained in the Fleet.

Equipment and supplies for these operations would require careful study. It would probably be found necessary to depart from Army methods on many points, since the force must be as light as possible, and will generally be maintained from the Fleet after landing. This might well be studied at our military school, and the results promulgated to all headquarters for study and experiment.

If this suggestion were carried out, it is submitted that the R.M. Corps would come to be regarded as the expert Corps for this branch of warfare, not only by the Navy, but also by the Army. It would fit the Corps not only for this most important duty in Naval warfare, but also as a covering force for the Army in combined operations on a large scale. Officers studying at the Naval and Army Staff Colleges would keep the Corps in touch with the thought and requirements of the Navy and Army. In addition it would be essential for some Officers to study at the Air Force Staff College, since Air Forces are bound to play a large part in these operations in the future.

With the glorious achievements of our predecessors in these operations to inspire us, our future history will provide still more glorious records—provided that a high standard of specialised training is aimed at and maintained.

A.L.F.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION, R.M.L.I.

Mrs. Sercombe, of Avondale House, Glenville Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey, has forwarded the medals of her father, Mr. Samuel Savage, formerly Barrack-Sergeant, Plymouth Division. Mr. Savage, who died on the 14th January, 1923, had expressed a wish that his medals should be offered to the collection. They comprise the following: Ashanti (1873-74), Egypt with the clasp for Tamaai, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Khedive's Bronze Star.

The China medal awarded for the Boxer campaign in 1900 with the very rare clasp " Defence of Legations," has been secured for the Collection and is a very valuable acquisition.

It was originally awarded to Ply./No.8684/Private David Hill, R.M.L.I., who was " commended " for his services (Admiralty Letter of 6 Dec., 1900).

" MARINE."

Among the various changes consequent upon the amalgamation of the Corps is the substitution of the term " Marine " for " Private " and " Gunner." Curiously enough a similar change has also occurred in the Army, for a recent Army Order states that in future a soldier of the Cavalry of the Line will be designated " Trooper " and a Private of the Foot Guards—" Guardsman." Similarly " Fusilier " and " Rifleman " will in future designate the Private of Fusilier and Rifle Regiments. Now the term " Marine " is in constant use in the Marine Service Act (Act 10 and 11 Vict. Cap. 63, Art. 7 and 8) published, 2nd July, 1847, the phrase " such non-commissioned officer or marine . . . "etc., seems to leave no doubt that the Private was at this period referred to officially as " Marine." This is corroborated by two medals in the Medal Collection at the Plymouth Division. Both these with the clasp " Ava " were awarded for the first Burmese War of 1824–26, and issued about 1848. On the rim of one is " Fras. Toole, Marine, Liffey." While on the rim of the other appears " A. Strange, Marine." In the case of the latter the name of the ship, which was the *Boadicea*, is not engraved. *Plus on change plus c'est la même chose* ! Before dismissing the subject it may be of interest to mention that the term " Private " was introduced officially in the 17th Century, the soldiers of the Commonwealth resenting the term " Common Soldier." " Common " in its primary sense was probably " ordinary " as, for example, common carpenter, common sailor and common labourer.

This question was raised recently in the pages of the *Journal of Army Historical Research*, a publication deserving of every support and which should be in every library.

THE PASSING OF FORTON.

August 1st, 1923.

They're gone—the " Gosport Highlanders "
To Eastney—band and all.
And Eastney sent their band to help;
And out they marched with colours furled
To start again in a new world,
And dare whate'er befall.

No more in Haslar Hospital
Shall surgeons on their rounds
Hear " sunset " and " lights out " sound off,
And know the Royal Regiment
As well upon their tasks are bent
By those familiar sounds.

But when their friends across the tide
Are sick, and come once more
From Eastney—be they Blue or Red,
When back they come across the tide
To Haslar—be they Blue or Red,
They're welcome—as of yore. R.N.V.R.

WHO'S WHO IN THE R.M.O.C.A.

EPILOGUE : A BRIEF RÉSUMÉ.

I have endeavoured during the past nine months to portray for the readers of the " Globe and Laurel " a few of the outstanding personalities of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association. The series is by no means exhaustive; I could continue indefinitely, but where so many shine it is difficult to select, and furthermore I do not wish to exhaust the patience of my readers. In taking leave I would tender to the readers of this journal my very best thanks for having borne with me for so long; my thanks are also due to the Editor and the Staff of the " Globe and Laurel " who have been most kind to me; I am sure that at times I must have tried their patience sorely.

And last, though most certainly not the least, I wish to render thanks to one gentleman, Mr. B. J. Jones, R.N.V.R., who by his kindly criticism and help has done much towards making this series acceptable to the Editor and the readers of the " Globe and Laurel."

And now, I think, a word of explanation concerning the aims and objects of the Association would not be out of place. Those aims and objects are, or should be, known to you all, but for all that many still keep outside our ranks for some obscure reason and to those, both active and retired, I want my appeal to go home. We want your support. The R.M.O.C.A. tries in a humble and quiet way to do a little good in the strenuous outside world, and trying, it achieves. It is uphill work and at times disheartening, but we never forget we are Royal Marines and cannot see an ex-Royal Marine " down on his luck " without doing our level best to help him.

All this, I know, reads very much like bombast, but it isn't really; so many people labour under delusions as to who and what we are that it is necessary at times to be plain.

I hope then, that the message which my series of articles has sought to convey has not been lost entirely; my literary ability does not really exist, it is only " alleged " but I do hope it has been sufficient to make people wonder who and what the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association is. **When I wonder I am never satisfied until I have found out.**

C. J. MOYNIHAN, R.M.O.C.A.

DEATH.

HAMILTON.—Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel B. C. P. Hamilton, R.M. (retired), on 30th July, at Midhurst.

The late Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel Boyd C. P. Hamilton, R.M. (retired), whose death occurred on 30th July, 1923, at a Nursing Home in Midhurst, entered the Royal Marines as a 2nd Lieut. on 13th December, 1865. He was promoted Lieut. 3rd August, 1867. Captain 27th April, 1881, Brevet-Major 13th December, 1886, Major 21st January, 1887, and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel 12th August, 1887.

Placed on the retired list at own request on 12th August, 1887

H.M.S. "DANAE," INVERGORDON.



Names of Cutter's Crew, H.M.S. „Danae," 1923, commencing with back row and reading from left to right.
Back Row :—Marine T. C. Hall, Marine W. J Roberts, Marine S. J. Watts, Cpl. Cumberland, Marine T. P. Rourke, Marine C. Groves, Marine W. Dew.
Centre Row :—Marine E. E. Burr, Commdr. G. Crace, R.N., Capt. G. K. Chetwode, R.N., Capt. E. C. Heathcote, R.M., Sergt. H. W. Beal, Marine A. Norfolk.
Front Row :—Marine G. Baldry, Marine S. J. Hicks, Marine E. Lankshear.
Trophies on Photo :—Left : Squadron Aggregate Cup. Centre : Inter-Squadron Challenge Cup (Marines'Cutters). Right : 1st L.C.S Trophy.



Transport Section, 11th R.M. Battalion.

FLEET NOTES.

H.M.S. " Danae," 1st L.C.S.,
INVERGORDON, SCOTLAND.
September 10th, 1923.

Dear Editor,—Again I would like to forward a few remarks about our last Squadron Regatta. Our cutter's crew was again successful to that degree in that we retain both the 1st L.C.S. trophy and the Inter-Squadron Challenge Cup. I am sorry to have to say we were not quite so successful with our whalers. We entered two whalers but they came in fifth and sixth, the " Dragon " winning this latter race in fine style. I don't think I need here explain again as to what our success is due, but one cannot help but think how in the world they have stuck to their training like they have. It must be admitted that to be constantly at it (hard pulling) week in and week out, does get awfully monotonous ; nevertheless, they never faltered, the result of which fully compensated them for their hard work. For the Inter-Squadron Challenge Cup we had to pull the " Cyclops " Marines. Also, the same day our seamen had to pull the " Cyclops " seamen for their Inter-Squadron Challenge Cup. Their race came off first, and I am sorry to say they lost, although, one cannot help but admit, to a better crew. Then our race came along. Naturally, everyone was on tenterhooks as to what our fate would be. Incidentally, two Sergeants were coxswains—Clr.-Sergt. Green, H.M.S. " Cyclops," and Sergt. H. A. Beal, " Danae " (hence the reason for a lot of good-humoured banter). We came home in this race winning by about two or three boat-lengths after a very hard, good race. I might mention our crew was warmly congratulated by our S.O.R.M. 1st L.C.S. Major MacNair Smith, also our Admiral the Hon. Sir Hubert Brand, K.C.B. sent a signal, a copy of which is attached. We are forwarding you, please find enclosed, a photograph of our cutter's crew, and hope you will be able to find some spare corner in your next issue.

I remain,
Yours obediently,
R. COTTAM, Sergt.

(1). From L.C.I. to " Danae."
My congratulations on a very good win. I don't think I have ever seen a better cutter's crew.
(2). From S.O.R.M. " Delhi " to O.C.R.M. " Danæ "
Hearty congratulations on your fine win. A magnificent crew.

H.M.S. " Lowestoft,"
AFRICA STATION.

The Flagship returned to Simonstown from East London on August 18th, the " Dublin " is also due there from the West Coast on August 28th.

The E. Coast cruise was an interesting one, although we only called at Durban, Lorenzo Marques and East London. This was the first occasion on which many of us had visited a foreign port on this station. The visit was a most successful one. The behaviour of the ship's company was beyond all praise and the impression made upon the Portuguese and British residents was most gratifying.

We have a shining light in the boxing world in Musn. Moody. At a boxing entertainment held in the theatre at Lorenzo Marques on July 30th he defeated his opponent, a local man, in the fifth round. At Durban also he proved his efficiency by winning £5 for standing up against a local challenger for four three-minute rounds. At the conclusion of this performance there appeared to be some hesitancy on the part of the manager to produce the five pounds, but as the crowd and Musn. Moody's supporters were out to see fair play the money was soon forthcoming.

The Chaplain took a party, including Bugler Gosling, for a week's trip inland from Durban. They visited Richmond, Pietermaritzburg and Ladysmith and were hospitably entertained everywhere.

On July 18th the Durban Light Infantry put out a strong football team against the Marines and Band. They won the match by six goals to nil.

Hockey matches have been played against the E.T.C. at Durban and against the East London ladies. The E.T.C. team was rather too strong for us, six of their number having been selected to play for Natal. In the two matches played, the E.T.C. won by 6 to 1 and 3 to 1. The following had been selected to play for the Marines :—

Forwards—Musns. Webb, Bray, Pay-Lt. Kimber, Mne. Coe, Cpl. Moizer.
Halves—Musns. Robberts, Costigan, Knight.
Backs—Musn. Yarnold, Mne. Stonham.
Goal—Musn. Alcock.

The Royal Marines of the " Dublin " have completed their Musketry course, averaging 170·3. There were ten marksmen and 17 1st-class shots. The six highest individual scores were :—

Sergt. Emery	...	239
Lieut. Smith	...	216
Mne. Butler	...	205
Cpl. Tull ...	...	192
Cpl. Masters	...	191
Mne. Thorne	...	191

B. F. TRENCH, Major, R.M.

22nd August, 1923.

H.M.S. " Ceres,"
3rd Light Cruiser Squadron,
MEDITERRANEAN.

Dear Sir,

Whilst at Chanak I had an opportunity of riding over the battlefields in Gallipoli, and was able to see many of the cemeteries. A great many of the Royal Marine graves have permanent stones erected, and work is progressing on the remainder.

In last month's issue of " The Globe and Laurel " (September) there appears a statement, made by the late President Harding, that the landing of a party from H.M.S. " Curlew " was " the first time in the history of this country, in which British Military Forces have participated in a Fourth of July celebration on American soil." " Truth " and other English papers published similar statements. May I correct this inaccuracy, please. In July, 1918, I took the Royal Marine Detachment of H.M.S. " Isis " from Old Point Comfort, Chesapeake Bay, to Washington D.C. and on the Fourth July we marched from White House to the Capitol, where President Wilson took the salute.

S.J.B.

13th September, 1923.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W.J.E. (H.M.S. " Dublin ").—We regret that the photo of your ship's rifle team which we have received is much too dark to admit of successful reproduction.

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NOBODY'S CHILDREN.

A CORPS OF IMPROVISORS.

By BENNET COPPLESTONE.

(By kind permission of the Author and of the Editor of the "Cornhill Magazine.")

(Continued).

This 'Corps of Bridges,' this 'Service of Detachments,' scattered over the wide world is always and inevitably *in* everything. Did they place upon their colours any word of battles or sieges—in addition to that proud solitary 'Gibraltar'—there would not be room left for the Union crosses. It is much more easy, in any of our wars, to say where they were not, than where they served. It is not quite correct to say that throughout the Great War they were, as detachments, on every front by land and sea, though so wide a generalisation stretches but by a little the strict limits of truth. They were not, except as individual units on special duty, in Mesopotamia, though they played their part in the Persian Gulf. For a while I thought that they had not borne a share in the defence of Egypt, but in this I found myself to be wrong. In true improvising fashion, they equipped and ran those coast defences which, when German submarine activity swelled into a world-wide threat, preserved inviolate our main base for the Mediterranean operations. It was an unexciting, yet most important, duty. Very many of Nobody's Children's tasks are unexciting, though they never are unimportant.

If we set aside land campaigning in Egypt, Palestine, and Mesopotamia—in which the Corps was represented by individual officers and men, though not by detachments—the Corps of Improvisors was everywhere, by land and sea; and was especially, peculiarly, and most appropriately, in that middle region, 'twixt land and sea, which is their own unchallenged province.

I will, later on in these articles, condescend upon particulars. For the moment, I am using a wide free brush. In all the great ships of the Fleet, and in many which were less great, both branches of the Royal Corps fought big turret-guns and side-batteries, and set the pace to the seamen both in speed and accuracy. Not infrequently a grave long-service Marine Gunner 'directed' the fire of a whole ship. With Beatty's squadron, and with Jellicoe's Grand Fleet at Jutland, there were nearly six thousand of them—5,922, to be precise—they went to their deaths with their brother seamen in the *Queen Mary*, the *Indefatigable*, the *Invincible*, the *Defence*, and the *Black Prince*. They suffered heavy losses in the *Lion* and *Malaya*. They were in all the actions of the Battle Cruiser squadrons, and helped Sturdee at the Falkland Islands to wipe up the mess of Coronel, and to avenge those of the Corps who went to the bottom with Craddock. Through long months and years, they bore their full burden of the weary patrols in the North Sea, the Atlantic, and the Cape waters. With the merchantmen, armed both for offence and defence, went the Marines with their guns, and very often they were the only gunners in a whole ship's company untrained for war. They did no service in submarines—this is a Naval show—but they were not, as individuals, absent from the famous 'Q' boats. Their sea work was mainly done at the two ends of the naval scale—as turret and side-battery gunners in big ships and as solitary defenders of armed merchant ships. Marines are soldier-gunners, not seamen, and so we do not find them in the destroyers or in the submarines in which the seamen of the Navy take their savage delight.

All through the War, whenever it was sought to bridge sea and land, the Corps of Bridges came into its own. Their most typical as well as most famous service was, of course, Zeebrugge. It was exactly the desperate kind of bridging for which they had been devoted and trained, and officers and men, picked volunteers, went to it as to a rich feast. The landing of Marines upon the immortal Mole was typical in that it was a sacrifice, a diversion, technically a minor operation, designed to distract the energies of the enemy while the main sea operation—blocking the Canal—was carried through by seamen. And Nobody's Children, who for this great purpose were sacrificed, and were proud to be sacrificed, rate Zeebrugge as the supreme 'Marine Show,' because it was so exactly typical of their peculiar functions. It is no small thing, my friends, that the Empire should possess a long-service devoted Corps which glories in being sacrificed.

But though Zeebrugge was the greatest of all Marine shows, in the art of bridging sea and land, there were many others. On March 4, 1915, two battalions of Royal Marine Light Infantry went ashore at Seddul Bahr and Kum Kale—where they were badly cut up—and had ten thousand of them then been at hand and available, they would have taken the whole Gallipoli Peninsula six weeks before those bloody landings of which the ultimate issue was glorious failure. When one looks back now, in cool blood, upon the whole series of Mediterranean operations, one sees how the War might have been shortened by whole years. Two blunders stand out. First, the escape of the *Goeben* and *Breslau* to Constantinople, and then the failure to follow them up by our squadron while Turkey was still nominally at peace with us. That was the costliest of all blunders, the costliest in blood and treasure, of the entire War. Secondly, the failure to have at hand, and available on March 4, 1915, a sufficient force to have landed and taken Gallipoli after the sea bombardment and before the Turks and their German allies had secured six weeks within which to make good the defence of the Peninsula. It could have been done. Ten thousand of Nobody's Children could have done it easily; twenty thousand of less highly trained soldiers would not have failed to do it.

What better illustrations of the improvising quality of the Corps, and of its use as the flexible bridge between sea and land, could be desired than the story of the detachments in German South-West and East Africa? For the first, they swept up any old gun, of any calibre, on any old field-carriage—often with none, until something had been improvised. They trained gunners in South Africa, and finally, after many toils and disappointments, brought up their heavy batteries to underline powerfully the conditions of surrender. 'If you don't surrender,' said Botha to the German

commander, ' my heavy guns will begin to talk.' The Germans laughed, they did not believe that siege-guns could be hauled over hundreds of miles of waterless desert. But when invited to come and see for themselves, they shuddered—and surrendered. In East Africa, there was no clean finish, though the labour was greater, and the toll of life from sickness much heavier. As in South-West Africa, the trouble was to find an enemy upon whom to exact compensation for toil and loss.

At the moment when the Royal Marine Light Infantry was sweeping over the Mole of Zeebrugge, and naval ships were seeking to block Ostend, the great siege-guns of the Royal Marine Artillery, strung out along the Flanders coast, were thundering in support. They could not reach Zeebrugge ; but they could and did insistently occupy the attention of the Tirpitz and Hindenburg batteries at Ostend, and played long bowls with their old friend Leeugenboom, whose sport it was to shell Dunkirk from 50,000 yards. With siege-guns in Flanders, in harbour defence batteries at Scapa and Cromarty, in splendid isolation at St. Helena, hauling aged four-point-sevens up mountain slopes in the West Indies, wherever guns and gunners were wanted, Nobody's Children made them good. When Admiral Troubridge went to Belgrade, in that last effort to save Serbia from being overrun, R.M.A. gunners went with him, and with him did their utmost to stop the Austrian flood. Their lost guns took heavy toll before they were engulfed, and the guns' crews passed through that terrible retreat to the coast which is, perhaps, the most tragical story in a war which is full of such tragedies. It was more than the retreat of an army ; it was the retreat of a nation.

Though the services of the Royal Marines were infinite in variety, by far the greater number of the men, more especially of the newer elements, were employed as infantry. The old hands became experts at Lewis guns and Stokes trench-mortars. As infantry, the Corps fought in Belgium, in Gallipoli, and in France. I remember one gloomy afternoon in the late summer of 1914, when seated in the editorial chair of an important newspaper, word was brought to me that a Royal Marine brigade had landed at Ostend. The Germans were pressing through Belgium, and in those days we caught at straws. What more natural than that the gallant Marines should hold Ostend upon the German flank, and pass through it those hordes of fabulous Russians which just then were sweeping to our help ? The Higher Powers were not unwilling at that time to encourage the Russian fable, and perhaps the Marine landing at Ostend helped to give it a glimmer of verisimilitude. I don't know that it served any other purpose ; there were more of German divisions in Belgium than of companies in that little force. It was withdrawn, and four battalions of R.M.L.I. under General Sir A. Paris made a forlorn descent upon Antwerp, lined the trenches, were driven back through the blazing city, and composed the ultimate rear-guard in the final evacuation. It was an expedition hastily flung together, a haphazard muddled show of which the Corps does not talk very much. Gallipoli was more serious business. Historically, the Marines were the first English troops to land on the Peninsula —they were six weeks ahead of any other—and they were in the last rear-guard when Cape Helles was abandoned. In the meanwhile, four battalions of R.M.L.I. had served with the Royal Naval Division through that sad campaign, and sorely reduced in strength were afterwards transferred to France.

The Marines who served in Gallipoli originally amounted to four infantry battalions, but by July, 1915, they had been so far reduced that the four became two, officially known as the First and Second Battalions of R.M.L.I. As two battalions they passed on to France, but by the autumn of 1917, the First Battalion had disappeared—used up, dead—and the survivors of the First and Second were combined as the ' Second.' The Third Battalion occupied Mudros, and from it were drawn those gun detachments which, at the Armistice with Turkey, took over the forts of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus. The Fourth was the Battalion of Zeebrugge. It was formed for that service, trained for that service, and no small part of it died in that service. There is never going to be another ' Fourth Battalion ' of Royal Marines. It began with Zeebrugge, and ended with Zeebrugge, and no other battalion of the Royal Corps will bear the number. Wars will come again, I fear, and the Royal Corps will serve in them as it always does in all wars, big and little. First and Second and Third Battalions will add more honours to their records, and maybe there will again be a Fifth and Sixth and Seventh. But the Fourth Battalion will always remain the battalion of Zeebrugge. There were, by the way, Fifth and Sixth Battalions in the war. The Fifth was trained for special service to man floating forts between Dungeness and Cape Grisnez, but the Armistice brought the scheme to nought as it brought many others. In the autumn of 1918, the Admiralty, the War Office, and the Hotel Cecil were bubbling over with beautiful schemes for the final confounding of the Hun. The Sixth is the battalion of Archangel, whither it was sent this summer to extricate the British troops tied up on the Dvina. A Seventh was formed temporarily, but has now been dispersed.

So far, I have tried to show what the ' Corps of Nobody's Children ' is, and how it serves, by sea and by land, and forms the mobile and always dependable Bridge by which the power of the sea joins up with the power of the land. So far, I have sketched in the outline of the picture which I have set myself to draw. In my next article, if my pen holds true, I will faithfully fill in some detail.

(To be continued).

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor, " The Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,

Re your Editorial this month as to the finances of " The Globe and Laurel."

Here is a suggestion, based on a long experience of funds, etc., which I think is practical and helpful :—

When the Admiralty require funds for what they consider is for the benefit of the Navy, they arrange that one-fifth (or some other fraction) of the profits of all funds shall be devoted, for instance, to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust.

Similarly, the C.-in-C. at a Port, when *he* wants money for a Port institution (*e.g.*, Recreation Ground, etc.) allots the subscriptions for each Establishment *and it is paid without protest*—*e.g.*, at Eastney we paid our proportion for Union Jack Club Recreation Ground, etc., as decided by the C.-in-C., Portsmouth.

Now, in the case of institutions which are for the R.M. Corps generally, *e.g.*, "Globe and Laurel," Corps Association, R.M.R.A., why cannot some fraction of the profits of all funds, such as Officers' Mess Fund, W.O.'s, Sergeants' Mess, Junior N.C.O.'s and Canteens, be set aside *into one pool*—called a Corps Fund, if you like—and worked at R.M.O. or at a Division like the "Globe and Laurel" is worked—the sums to be devoted from this pool to each such Corps institution being decided by the A.G. R.M. and Commandants as a Committee?

This would ensure that the actual needs of the institution concerned were considered by those best qualified to know them.

One difficulty of the Bankers' Order Form is that constant subscriptions are going on without one's knowing the needs of the institution concerned, or whether the weight of subscriptions is being fairly borne by all ranks concerned.

With apologies for length of this letter,

Yours truly,

G.W.H. LITTLETON,
Major, R.M.

14th September, 1923.

Royal Marines Rifle Association,
Eastney Barracks,
Portsmouth.
3rd September, 1923.

To the Editor, "The Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Editorial in the current number of the Corps Journal, the suggestion *re* Bankers' Orders would, if adopted, be of great benefit to this Association. I am convinced that more officers would subscribe. In addition, the officers who subscribe by this method when serving will most probably continue their subscription when on the retired list. Again, some officers who subscribe when at Headquarters do not continue their subscriptions when embarked.

I shall be very glad if this method is adopted, as it will bring in a better income and a certain one.

Yours faithfully,

M. FILMER-BENNETT,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, R.M.R.A.

Eastney Barracks,
Portsmouth.
3rd September, 1923.

To the Editor, "The Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,

With reference to Colonel Field's letter on the subject of the Corps Colours, may I suggest that it is desirable that the Colours should not only represent the Corps as it is, but also the Corps as it was. It should surely be possible to design colours that would indicate "Royal," "Artillery" and "Light Infantry."

I was speaking recently with a retired officer of the K.O.Y.L.I., who told me that when they adopted a new design for their Regimental Colours, they included one colour to indicate the fact that they once *were* Marines.

Colonel Field's suggestion possesses great historical interest, but the colours would hardly be distinctive.

Yours faithfully.

M. FILMER-BENNETT,
Major.

R.M.C.A. (Forton Branch).

Royal Marine Barracks,
Gosport.

Sir,—On the closing of the Forton Branch of the Royal Marine Corps Association, on transfer of the Division to Eastney, I beg to submit a brief report of its working during the period of its existence (approximately two years) in the hope that there may be some points in the experience gained that may be useful to other branches.

The Branch has been managed by a general committee, constituted on practically the same lines as the Divisional Canteen Committee. It has been presided over by the 2nd Commandant and its meetings have been held quarterly.

The actual carrying out of the work has been in the hands of the Honorary Secretary—a retired Officer, Royal Marines—who has acted in conjunction with one and latterly two assistant secretaries, who are active service N.C.O.'s.

The duties of the Hon. Sec. have been chiefly of a supervisory character and have consisted mainly in seeing that the policy of the Branch has been carried out whilst to the assistant secretaries has fallen the duty of putting that policy into practical operation. The selection of the men to fill the various jobs has been, for the most part, in the hands of the assistant secretaries.

The total number registered on our books during the period of our existence has been 439, the total number of jobs filled, including temporary and permanent, has been 324, whilst in addition 60 men were utilised as working party on S.S. *Montlaurier* and approximately 31 were placed during the first six months which was before permanent records were established.

The policy of the Branch can be summed up under three headings:—

1. To advertise throughout the country the capabilities of the men of the Corps.
2. To co-operate with the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust and National Association.
3. To maintain the interest of all ranks of the Division.

The Co-operation with the two organisations above-mentioned has been highly satisfactory and to each other's mutual advantage. In fact, not only has the majority of jobs filled by us been a direct result of that co-operation, but also the closing of this Branch is a matter of sincere regret to them.

The interest shown in our Branch by all ranks has been very marked, the assistance given both in money and advice when required has been most valuable. This interest has been the main pillar of support of the Branch, and I go so far as to say that without it, it would not have been possible to run a branch at all.

The approximate cost per head of men found employment is six shillings.

C. O. GRAHAM,
Major R.M. (Retired).
Honorary Secretary.

25th July, 1923.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel C. Field's *History of the Royal Marines*.

Previously acknowledged, £1,560 18s. 3d.

£2 12s. 6d., Royal Military Academy, Woolwich; £2 10s., Col. R. H. Meister; £2 2s., Major N. S. Clutterbuck, Capt. D. B. Carter; £2, Col. J. A. Clark, Capt. W. G. Quinlaw; £1 17s. 6d., Lieut. K. E. Previté, Capt. J. N. Benbow; £1 12s. 6d., Col. F. R. Godfrey; £1 2s. 6d., H.M. Stationery Office; £1, Lieut. C. la R. Salter, Mr. C. J. Moynihan; 12s. 6d., Lieut. G. H. Morris; 10s., S.M. J. Bach; 8s., Capts. A. C. Mackenzie, R. H. P. West, M. H. Spicer; 5s., Lt.-Col. J. P. Shine, Capt. A. Alcock, Lieuts. D. J. Grey, O. C. F. Dykes, R. F. Cornwall, J. H. Moxham, S. G. B. Paine, P. W. O'H. Phibbs, Mne. C. Stanley, Major Prynne, Mrs. M. G. Cochran; 2s. 6d., Lt.-Cols. W. S. Poe, A. S. Cantrell, Majors W. L. Huntingford, A. G. Bourne, G. Rutledge, Capts. C. T. Brown, H. R. Lambert, A. Whitworth, J. Ballard, Lieuts. V. D. Thomas, H. McC. Slater, R. M. Giddy, T. E. N. Knox, E. C. Green, K. Hunt, R. A. Edmondson, G. V. Walton, R. H. Donaldson, Sergt. W. B. Greasley, Mr. E. Jeater, T. J. Atkins, Corpl. A. F. Booth, Mr. J. Henderson, Mr G. H. Brennan.

Total, £1,591 1s. 3d.

H. G. GRANT, *Major,*
for Hon. Treasurer.

14-9-23.

FOOTBALL.

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION.

It is almost too early yet to forecast the fortune of Soccer at these Headquarters for the present season. One thing we have been able to do over last season and that is to run a 2nd XI. in the Devon Wednesday League. This has been possible through having a few more N.C.O.'s and men in Barracks than conditions last year permitted; we all trust that we shall be

able to carry out our obligations in this League. As regards our Senior XI., the nucleus has been found, most of the players concerned being old and well-seasoned hands at the game. However, in certain positions we are still at a loss, and although we have tried several promising candidates it has not been possible to fix anyone proper for them. We must have the best; experience already this season with the civilian teams in our League has taught us that the football played in this part of the country is of the best, far superior to last season. So far we have played six matches in the Plymouth and District League, winning 1, drawing 1, and losing 4. The teams we have fielded have done their very best, but the standard of football this season demands more than we bargained for. One very good point has been brought home to us and that is the necessity of giving young players a chance. One team in particular we have met, namely Torpoint, put no less than eight junior players in the field against us, and although we crossed over half-time with no score, we found that youth and possibly enthusiastic training told its tale. Enough said is that we lost by 5 goals to 1. In the United Service League it has not been possible to fix up any dates owing to most of the Army Units, which will eventually join the League, not having arrived in the district. Our second string has played 2 games and won 1 and lost 1. Not bad for a start, and gives the Selection Committee a chance of seeing possible recruits for the First Eleven.

RUGBY.

The General Meeting was held in the Lecture Room on the 30th August. The attendance was not very encouraging. Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. Channer was asked to once more accept the Presidency of the Club.

The following were elected Committee for season 1923–24 :— Secretary and Treasurer : Sergt. Skinner ; Committee : Q.M.S.I. of I. Bryant, Sergt. Ponsford, Mne. Freeman, Capt. Sergeant, M.C.; Captain : Clr.-Sergt. Silby ; Vice-Captain, Q.M.S. (P.R.T.) Hawes.

The trial match took place on the 6th of August, and much fresh talent was on view, it being something of a novelty to find thirty playing members at Headquarters. Mne. E. R. Gardner led the Colours and Clr.-Sergt. Silby the Whites. A very hard practice resulted in a draw of 8 points each.

On Saturday the 8th September, the team journeyed to Buckfastleigh and on paper appear to have had a comfortable win, but such was not to be the case.

The " Bucks " were in fine form and were right on top of the ball the whole of the time, giving our " specials " no quarter, the result being a draw of 3 points, 1 try each.

Comments on play for the first match should not be severe, but the forwards greatly disappointed. Gardner played splendidly and I trust the others took it to heart as there are many stiff games ahead.

Affleck and Summerhayes turned out, and, considering they only arrived from the East a day before, did well, and some fine passing was seen. Hanging to the ball a little too long alone lost chances of scoring.

Marines afloat are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary on arrival in port if they wish to play for the Division, stating position.

CHATHAM.

We have started the season with not too much of a flare, but hope to do better as the season goes on, as we shall improve our team with the arrival of the 11th Batt. home. The first team up to date have lost both our opening games in the Kent League. At home Chatham beat us by 6 clear goals on the opening day of the season, the result rather flattering them. It was one of those games where suddenly everything comes off for one team and nothing will come right to the other. Chatham did not score until 20 minutes had passed, previous to which we had had far the greater part of the game, but unfortunately hitting the crossbar, etc., does not count for points.

At Tunbridge Wells on the 1st September we had to again submit to defeat, this time by 2 clear goals, and again, according to the Press, we did not deserve to lose, as at half-time Tunbridge Wells seemed a well-beaten team.

Pleased to be able to report better on the 2nd team (or " Stiffs," as their nickname goes). In the New Brompton League they have 5 points out of a possible 6, three of which have been gained on foreign soil. At Murston, against Murston Rangers (the Champions of the League) on the opening day we won 1—0 ; not a bad performance, as it requires a good team to take a point from that ground. On Wednesday, 29th August, at Grain *v.* R.A.F. we made a draw, 0—0, although we should have won, as a perfect goal was disallowed for offside due to a mistake on the part of the referee. At home on the following Wednesday we beat the same team by 3 clear goals, so we hope to finish in a prominent position in that League, providing we keep pegging away.

Players of last season that we have lost are :—Clr.-Sergt. Hibben, Corpl. Turner, Mne. Hatton and Sergt. Franks, but, as I said above, we hope to improve by the arrival home of the Battalion.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The School is well represented this year as regards football, the honour of the School being entrusted to the following team :— Musns. Collar (goal) ; Tipp (captain) and Lawrence (backs) ; Sturtivant, Stevens, Bridger (half-backs) ; Jones, Davies, Robinson, Norman, Bennett (forwards) ; Trainer, Band-Corpl. Samuel Ellick. Reserves, Musns. Dear and Toms.

C.S.M. Fredk. Fowler is again working hard in the organisation, and has arranged an interesting Fixture Table, which includes matches in the United Services League Div. I., Navy Cup, United Services Charity Cup, and the United Services Challenge Cup.

A good start was made in the United Service League on September 8th, when the Duke of Wellington's Regt. were defeated by 4 goals to 2. Musn. Robinson, 3 ; Musn. Norman, 1.

The Band Boys team have been entered for the U.S. League Div. IV, Lads Junior League, Lads Wednesday League, and the Lads Challenge Cup.

" GLOBE AND LAUREL."

BALANCE SHEET DATED 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1923.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
By Balance 31–3–23	87	15	1
,, Subscriptions and Donations	131	4	9½
,, Advertisements	66	11	0
Total ...	£285	10	10½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Printing and Stationery				157	2	11
,, Wages and Commission				13	15	0
,, Postage and Carriage				20	7	4½
,, Commission on Advertisements				2	16	6½
,, Copies of Cornhill Magazine				0	2	4
,, Cheque Book				0	5	0
Balance, 15–9–23						
In Bank	86	12	2			
In hands of Treasurer	4	9	6½			
				91	1	8½
Total ...				£285	10	10½

I certify that the above is a true account of " The Globe and Laurel " Accounts from the 1st April, 1923, to 15th September, 1923, and that the Balance in the Bank is as shown. I further certify that there are no outstanding liabilities.

GEO. BURT, *Lieut., R.M.*
Hon. Treasurer, " Globe and Laurel."

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

PLYMOUTH.

On the 23rd August the Division held a Gymkhana on the Longroom Ground. It was rather a risk as it was striking out in a new vein, seeing that it was the first one the Division had ever had. In the afternoon there were various events for ladies and children and also the men; the most popular of the men's races was the Human Boat Race for Companies.

The Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race caused quite a lot of amusement, but the Balloon Bursting Competition for ladies was one huge scream; to see forty or more ladies chasing a balloon on a string and trying to burst it quite livened up the show. In the evening there was dancing on the green to the music of the Divisional Band, there were cocoanut shies with C.S.M. Pennington as the stall-keeper, also the Man with the Top Hat, which, by the way, was knocked off quite a number of times. Q.M.S. M. Hawes was the stall-keeper and I am sure that the people just collected to hear Mr. M. Hawes' wonderful vocabulary. On the Ground was the ever-faithful Chute for the children, and also the Aerial Wire, which were in great demand. The show packed up at six o'clock; some people were sorry, in fact, we all were, as it was one of the most enjoyable afternoon's amusements that has been caused for quite a long time in the Division, and everybody is looking forward to the next one, which will be (worse luck!) next year.

DEVONPORT SERVICE SAILING RACES.

The final race for qualification for the Coburg Cup took place on Monday, 27th August in a hard westerly wind, with occasional squalls of considerable violence.

The K.H.M. (Commander Rayne) whaler and the R.M. whaler (Major Arbuthnot) carried all sail, but found it too much for comfort or good sailing. The latter boat had to heave-to in a water-logged condition after taking some heavy green seas over the bows.

Result: K.H.M. 1st, R.M. whaler 2nd, R.M. cutter (Col.-Comdt. Mullins) 3rd. As the two former boats had already qualified to sail for the Cup, the R.M. cutter gained the right. There was a large entry for this race, but several of the boats retired.

PLYMOUTH REGATTA WEEK.

The opening event was provided by the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club on Tuesday, 28th August. The wind was just as strong as on the previous day but without the squalls, and all boats and yachts racing came out under reefed canvas except the K.H.M. and R.M. whalers, these two old antagonists being out for blood. R.M. whaler soon took the lead, followed by *Glorious* Gig and K.H.M. In the second round *Glorious* Gig overhauled R.M. whaler, but could only keep about two minutes ahead. In the third round the Gig decided to shake out her reefs on the offchance of being able to draw clear, but almost immediately lost her mainmast, and our whaler (Major Arbuthnot) got the first gun, saving the time she had to allow K.H.M. (Cmdr. Rayne), by twelve seconds after a most exciting race. K.H.M. second and R.M. cutter (Col. Mullins) third. This is the third year running that our whaler has won this race.

Wednesday, 29th, was to have been Port of Plymouth Regatta day, but the weather was hopeless from the start. Wind of gale force, driving rain and a huge sea running. Postponed until following Monday.

Thursday, 30th, R. Western Club day. No race for Service boats.

Friday, 31st, Coburg Cup day (R.S.W.Y.C.). A pleasant breeze and bright sun followed a dull morning. The K.H.M. (Cmdr. Rayne) made a good start and was never in danger of losing the race, which fell to him with three minutes to spare from R.M. whaler (Major Arbuthnot). R.M. cutter (Col. Mullins) was third.

Saturday, 1st September. The Minima Yacht Club provided the sport for this day. The R.M. whaler (Major Arbuthnot) soon overhauled K.H.M. whaler (Cmdr. Rayne), to be passsed, in her turn, by the gig *Glorious* (Capt. Cameron). An excellent race followed, the gig getting the first gun and R.M. whaler the second, but our whaler, while saving her time easily on the gig, lost by a few seconds to the K.H.M.

Monday, 3rd September. The postponed Port of Plymouth Regatta took place in perfect sailing weather. After a fine race with the issue always in doubt the R.M. whaler (Major Arbuthnot) won with about a minute in hand from the K.H.M. (Cmdr. Rayne) whaler. The R.M. cutter (Col. Mullins) was fourth. Curiously enough, the results obtained by our whaler were exactly the same as last year, *viz.*, 1st in Corinthian and Port of Plymouth Regattas and 2nd in R.S.W.Y.C. and Minima Regattas.

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CHATHAM.



Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II.) BERTRAM I. WILSON.

AULD LANG SYNE.

The best wishes of his comrades of all Royal Marine Divisions, and more especially of the Chatham Division, will be extended to Q.M.S.I. of Infantry Bertram I. Wilson (W.O. II) on his retirement from the Corps to pension, to take up a post as S.M. Instructor at Malvern College. Latterly, whilst nominally the official Q.M.S. Instructor for Parade duties at Chatham Headquarters, he has been serving in other spheres, as the appended brief résumé of his service will show, but, whether at home or abroad, his smartness and thoroughness, tact, strict attention to duty, and, in fact, anything which came his way, or in any way in which he could assist in the advancement of others, has endeared him to all ranks as "one of the best."

Joining the R.M.L.I. in September, 1902, he took part in the Recruits Bayonet Combat Team at Olympia in May, 1903. The following year he was again a member of the team which carried off the Army and Navy Championship Cup. Promoted Corporal in 1905, and served in the Mediterranean Fleet four years. Promoted Sergeant and appointed Physical Training Instructor on the Depot Staff at Deal in 1911. Attached to Greenwich School in 1913 until outbreak of War. Proceeded to Gallipoli with the Royal Marine Brigade as Machine-gun Sergeant and landed at Gaba Tepe on 28th April, 1915. Wounded in May. Returned in July and remained until the evacuation of the Peninsula in January, 1916.

Served at Mudros and Stavros until proceeding to France with the 1st R.M.L.I. Battn. in April, 1916. Invalided home in March, 1917, declining a temporary commission, and was promoted C.S.M. at the Chatham Divn. in July, 1917. Appointed Q.M.S.I. of Infantry in October, 1917. Promoted A/Sergt.-Major in July, 1918, for duty at the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham. Proceeded again to France as A/S.M. of the Royal Marine Labour Corps in April, 1919, serving at Rouen and Calais. Was A/R.S.M. of the 11th R.M. Battn. intended for Ireland in 1921. Trained and drilled the Pike Squad taking part in the pageant "Britain's Sea Soldiers," presented by the Royal Marines at Olympia in

that year. Passed for Warrant Officer in 1922. Promoted A/R.S.M. in September, 1922, and served with the 11th (Mediterranean) Battn., Royal Marines, at Constantinople. To pension on September 15th, he carries with him in his new appointment the esteem and good wishes of all ranks, past and present, also his large circle of service and civilian friends, and is an example of what can be accomplished by strict attention to duty, broad-mindedness, and a straightforward course of life.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess, R.M. Barracks, have expressed their esteem in a tangible form by asking Mr. Wilson's acceptance of a handsome timepiece with Pompey chimes, suitably inscribed.

Mr. Wilson holds the 1914 (Mons) Star, British and Victory Medals, Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and French Croix de Guerre avec Palme.

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DEPOT R.M., DEAL.

The Annual Camp of the Depot, R.M., Cadet Corps was again, this year, as for several previous years, held in Northbourne Park by the kind permission of the Rt. Hon. Lord Northbourne.

The Cadets were in camp for a full seven days as compared to four days on former occasions. This is considered a great improvement over the four-day camping, when it seemed that as the boys were just getting used to the routine and camp life they had to return. Great efforts were made this year to make the camp a success and the Cadet Corps Staff concerned have the satisfaction of knowing it was one of the most successful of Depot Cadet Camps yet held. This result is judged on the remarks of commendation by those who have had experience of other Depot Cadet Camps, by the universal approval of the parents and, last but not least, by the whole-hearted enthusiasm of the boys themselves, the obvious way in which they enjoyed every minute of each day, and the unanimous wish of them all that they could always be in camp. A definite daily routine and instructional routine (attached) for each day had been drawn up and a copy had been placed in each tent for the Cadets' perusal.

A small prize was given each day to the occupants of the tent considered the tidiest for that particular day and their appearance would have been a credit to many regular units.

A popular feature of the daily routine was the Guard Parade and Hoisting of the Colours, followed by prayers and the playing of the National Anthem by the Corps Band.

At Sunset it was a real treat to see how the Cadets stood up (no matter what they were doing) at the "G" sounding and remained strictly to attention until the last note of sunset.

Friday, August 24th, was the day of the week, when the Camp Sports were held, and as many of the parents of Cadets that could get away from business, attended and were entertained for tea. All the races were keenly contested, every Cadet entering for one or more of the events. The open half-mile handicap was a great race, entered almost by every Cadet in Camp, ages ranging from 8 to 14 years. The first prize for this race was a silver bowl, presented by the Master Shoemaker of this Depot, and was intended to be attractive enough to encourage all to enter and to go "all out." To those who witnessed the race there can be no doubt that the object was achieved. Perhaps the most popular event of the day was the tug-of-war between the right and left half Platoon; it proved beyond doubt the keenness of the boys, everyone pulling in first-rate style and with every ounce he possessed on the rope. The fathers afterwards divided themselves into two teams and made a quite respectable attempt to reach the standard set by the youngsters. The prizes were, after tea, presented to the winners by Capt. and Adjutant H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., the Commanding Officer of the Corps.

Other officers of the Depot who were in Camp during the afternoon and interested spectators of the races were: Col.-Commandant Halliday, V.C., C.B., and Col. 2nd Commandant Finlaison, C.M.G.

The following officers and Messes of the Depot contributed towards the cost of prizes:—Col. 2nd Commandant Finlaison, C.M.G., Capt. Webber, O.B.E., Warrant Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess, and Juniors N.C. Officers' Club.

On the final day of the Camp the Cadets were allowed, under supervision, to make and cook their own dinners, known as "All Hands In" Camp stew.

The time for returning arrived all too soon with expressions of regret from all sides that this was the last instead of the first day of Camp.

DEPOT, R.M., ANNUAL SPORTS.

The Annual Sports of the Depot, R.M., were held on the Drill Field on Wednesday and Thursday, 12th and 13th September, 1923. These Sports comprise two different programmes, one of the events for the Inter-Squad Athletic Competition, and the other of events open to the Depot and surrounding district.

The former programme, which was run under the 100% system, induces every man of a Squad to take part in some event of the programme, was held on Wednesday, 12th inst. In all there were eight events carried out, comprising team events, 100% races, and field events.

The Squad which obtains the greatest number of points in the aggregate of all the events wins the Inter-Squad Athletic Challenge Cup.

Col.-Commandant L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., gave a Cup for the recruit who gains the greatest number of points in the field events and 100% races.

Surgn. Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hill, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., R.N., gave a Cup for the recruit who gains the second highest number of points.

The recruit who gained the greatest number of points for his Squad was awarded one of the Cups presented by the following:—Col. 2nd Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., Lt.-Colonel H. D. E. O'Sullivan, C.B.E., Major P. Owen, Rev. F. T. Robinson, R.N., the Quartermasters of the Depot, Capts. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., A. B. Alcock, D.S.O., C. B. Conybeare and the Adjutant's Department.

A Cup was also presented by the Warrant Officers' Mess to the first recruit home in the Cross-Country Race.

The whole-hearted manner in which the Committee and the competitors entered into their work made the day a great success. The keenness of the recruits to win the coveted trophy for their Squad was perfectly obvious by the fact that every man who entered an event finished the course no matter how he was placed. There were 54 entries in the Cross-Country Race and every one finished the approximate five-miles course.

The following are the final results:—

TEAM EVENTS.

1. RELAY RACE, WALKING—1 mile. (Teams of four, 440 yds.)
   1st : 77th Squad ... 45 pts.
   2nd : 78th ,, ... 40 ,,
   3rd : 75th ,, ... 35 ,,
   4th : 79th ,, ... 30 ,,
   5th : 81st ,, ... 25 ,,
2. RELAY RACE, RUNNING.—880 yards. (Teams of four men.)
   1st : 77th Squad ... 45 pts.
   2nd : 80th ,, ... 40 ,,
   3rd : 78th ,, ... 35 ,,
   4th : 76th ,, ... 30 ,,
   5th : 75th ,, ... 25 ,,
3. REVEILLE RACE—(Teams of 6 men and 1 leader.)
   1st : 78th Squad ... 45 pts.
   2nd : 79th ,, ... 39 ,,
   3rd : 77th ,, ... 20·5 ,,
   4th : 80th ,, ... 7 ,,
   5th : 81st ,, ... 1 ,,
4. TEAM OBSTACLE RACE. (Teams of 4 men.)
   1st : 79th ,, ... 45 pts.
   2nd : 75th ,, ... 40 ,,
   3rd : 81st ,, ... 35 ,,
   4th : 77th ,, ... 30 ,,
   5th : 76th ,, ... 25 ,,
5. TUG-OF-WAR. (Weight: 110 stone; 10 men per team; 18 ft. pull.)
   1st : 79th Squad ... 45 pts.
   2nd : 77th ,, ... 40 ,,
   3rd : 82nd ,, ... 35 ,,
   4th : 80th ,, ... 30 ,,
   5th : 78th ,, ... 25 ,,
6. CROSS-COUNTRY RACE. (Teams of 6 men.)
   1st : 77th Squad ... 45 pts.
   2nd : 81st ,, ... 40 ,,
   3rd : 76th ,, ... 35 ,,
   4th : 79th ,, ... 30 ,,
   5th : 75th ,, ... 25 ,,

100% Races.

1. 100 Yards Flat Race. Standard Time : 13 secs.
1st : 76th Squad Mne. Hamblin ... 3 pts.
2nd : 75th ,, ,, Caulfield ... 1 ,,
3rd : 77th ,, ,, Caulfield ... 1 ,,
2. Half-Mile Flat Race. Standard Time : 2 min. 40 sec.
1st : 80th Squad Mne. Livesey ... 3 pts.
2nd : 77th ,, ,, Burge ... 2 ,,
3rd : 81st ,, ,, Frame ... 1 ,,

Field Events.

1. 220 Yards Flat Race. Standard Time : 28 secs.
1st : 75th Squad Mne. Hawke ... 14 pts.
2nd : 76th ,, ,, Mahoney ... 13 ,,
3rd : 83rd ,, ,, Ebsworth ... 7 ,,
2. 440 Yards Flat Race. Standard Time : 65 secs.
1st : 81st ,, ,, Clark ... 14 pts.
2nd : 75th ,, ,, Watkins ... 13 ,,
3rd : 78th ,, ,, Parker ... 12 ,,
3. One Mile Flat Race. Standard Time : 5 mins. 50 secs.
1st : 78th Squad Mne. Parker ... 14 pts.
2nd : 81st ,, ,, Frame ... 13 ,,
3rd : 76th ,, ,, Snelgrove ... 12 ,,
4. 120 Yards Hurdle Race (3-ft. Hurdles). Standard Time : 21 secs.
1st : 76th Squad Mne. Hamblin ... 14 pts.
2nd : 78th ,, ,, Parker ... 13 ,,
3rd : 79th ,, ,, Yates ... 12 ,,
5. High Jump. Standard Height : 4 ft. 3 in.
1st : 81st Squad Mne. Davies ... 14 pts. (4 ft. 8½ in.)
2nd : 83rd ,, ,, Richard ... 13 ,, (4 ft. 8 in.)
3rd : 78th ,, ,, Moore ... 12 ,, (4 ft. 7 in.)
6. Long Jump. Standard Length : 13 ft. 6 in.
1st 78th Squad Mne. Parker ... 14 pts. (16 ft. 4½ in.)
2nd : 79th ,, ,, Yates ... 13 ,, (15 ft. 11½ in.)
3rd : 81st ,, ,, Davies ... 12 ,, (15 ft. 7¾ in.)

Winner of the Col.-Commandant's Cup, Mne. Parker, 70 pts., 78th Squad.

Winner of Sir Robert Hill Cup, Mne. Watson, 43½ pts., 80th Squad.

Recruits who won Cup for gaining greatest number of points for his Squad :—

Mne. Parker	78th Squad	...	70 pts.
,, Watson	80th ,,	...	43½ ,,
,, Davies	81st ,,	...	41 ,,
,, Casey	75th ,,	...	38½ ,,
,, Mahoney	76th ,,	...	37 ,,
,, Yates	79th ,,	...	36½ ,,
,, Tilbury	77th ,,	...	33 ,,
,, Richard	83rd ,,	...	29½ ,,
,, Doyle	82nd ,,	...	18 ,,

Winner of Warrant Officers' Mess Cup, Mne. Burge, 77th Squad.

Long Jump.—1, Corpl. Stares (19 ft. 6½ in.) ; 2, Corpl. Jerred ; 3, Corpl. Spanton.

High Jump.—1, Corpl. Spanton (5 ft. 1½ in.) ; 2, Corpl. Stares ; 3, Corpl. Ashworth.

Putting the Shot.—1, Corpl. Featherston (30 ft. 6½ in.) ; 2, Corpl. Spanton ; 3, Clr.-Sergt. Hill.

100 Yards Flat Race.—1, Corpl. Ashworth (10½ secs.) ; 2, Corpl. Teeling ; 3, Corpl. Spanton.

Galley Race.—1, Physical Training Staff ; 2, 81st Squad ; 3, 83rd Squad.

Veterans' Race.—1, Ch.-Sergt. Hill ; 2, Clr.-Sergt. Taylor ; 3, Clr.-Sergt. Ames.

440 Yards Flat Race.—1, Corpl. Teeling (55 1/5th secs.) ; 2, Lce.-Corpl. Clarke ; 3, Corpl. Cawthraw.

Pillow Fight.—1, Rct. Hayward (79th Squad) ; 2, Rct. Poole (81st Squad) ; 3, Rct. Clark (81st Squad).

Four-Legged Race.—1, Corpls. Spanton, Clarke, Johnson ; 2, Rcts. Hardy, Hudson, Cook ; 3, Sergts. Peasnell, Hunting, Hawke.

220 Yards Flat Race.—1, Corpl. Ashworth (22 2/5th secs.) ; 2, Corpl. Jerred ; 3, Lieut. Rees.

Sergts.' Mess Relay Race.—1, Sergt. Giles, Sergt. Oldcroft, Clr.-Sergt. Cross, Clr.-Sergt. Ames ; 2, Q.M.S. Hann, Clr.-Sergt. Sinclair, Sergt. Hunting, Clr.-Sergt. Beynon ; 3, Clr.-Sergt. Hill, Sergt. Waskett, Q.M.S. Baxter, Clr.-Sergt. Taylor.

Musical Chairs.—1, Lce.-Corpl. Clarke ; 2, Corpl. Jerred ; 3, Corpl. Moyse.

One Mile Flat Race.—1, Lieut. Sparrow (5 mins. 4 secs.) ; 2, Rct. Burge ; 3, Rct. Parker.

Pensioners' Race.—1, Mr. Bell ; 2, Mr. Smith ; 3, Mr. Upsall.

Sack Race.—1, Rct. Moyse ; 2, Rct. Heath ; 3, Rct. Hardy.

Half-Mile Relay Race (open).—1, Corpls. Ashworth, Spanton, Jerred, Teeling ; 2, Drs. Drake, Martin, Alder and Gr. Waters.

Tilting the Bucket.—1, Rcts. Ryder and Mallett ; 2, Rcts. Elkins and Crewe ; 3, Rcts. Hudson and Cooke.

Inter-Company, Band and Drums, Military Glass, Relay Race.—1, Mne. Tapper, Lce.-Cpl. Clarke, Sergt. Hunting, Clr.-Sergt. Hill (" C ") ; 2, Lieuts. Rees, Carless, Hayward, Pughe (Military Class) ; 3, Corpl. Moyse, Rcts. Mahoney, Hawke, and Digweed (" B ").

Bugler and Band Boys.—1, Bugler Jeffrey ; 2, Band Boy Perham ; 3, Band Boy Read.

440 Yards (Open).—1, Corpl. Ashworth ; 2, Mne. Ives ; 3, Dr. E. Martin.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Corpl. Jerred ; 2, Lce.-Corpl. Clarke ; 3, Clr.-Sergt. Hill.

Band Race.—1, Musn. Taylor ; 2, Band Boy Read ; 3, Musn. Clark.

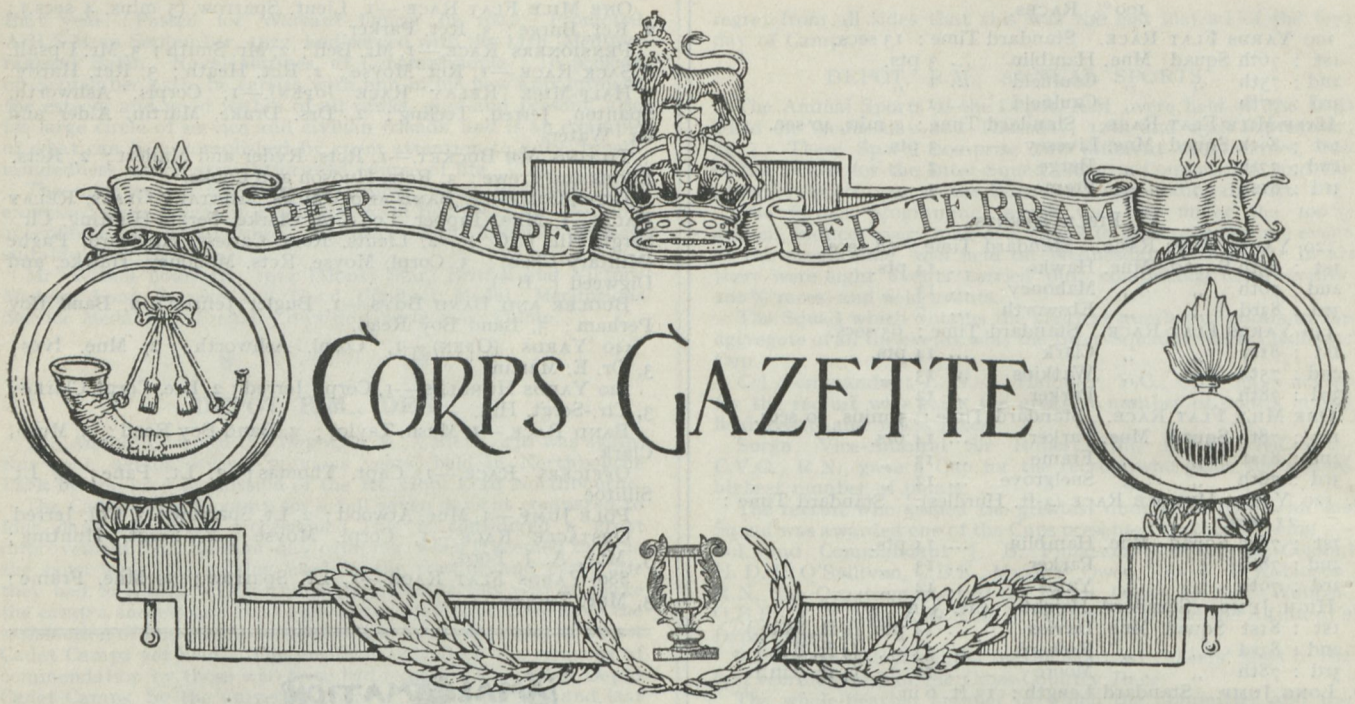
Officers' Race.—1, Capt. Thomas ; 2, Lt. Pane ; 3, Lt. Sillitoe.

Pole Jump.—1, Mne. Atwood ; 2, Lt. Sparrow ; 3, Cpl. Jerred

Obstacle Race.—1, Corpl. Moyse ; 2, Sergt. Hunting ; 3, Mne. A. J. Ford.

880 Yards Flat Race.—1, Lt. Sparrow ; 2, Mne. Frame ; 3, Mne. Tapper.





HONOURS AND AWARDS.

H.M. the King has been pleased to award the Royal Victorian Silver Medal to the undermentioned :—

Po./8694 Mne. C. Gulliver and Po./21473 Pte. C. R. Emery.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. J. P. Shine (Barracks Master), promoted Lt.-Col. (without additional emoluments) and posted Depot, R.M., Deal, 1st Sept., 1923.

The undermentioned gentlemen are being apptd. Proby. 2nd Lieuts., R.M., as from 1st Sept., 1923 :—

B. G. Ralfs, C. F. Phillips, Portsmouth ; F. R. D. Woods, M. F. H. Rogers, Chatham ; J. S. Martin, H. S. Baker, Plymouth.

Capt. R. MacDonnell, Supplementary Unemployed Pay List, posted to Chatham and borne Supy., 3–9–23.

Capt. Roe placed on the Supplementary Unemployed Pay List, U.T., at full pay rate for a period not exceeding six months, 25th Aug., 1923.

Capt. L. G. Hollis absorbed *vice* Roe and posted to Plymouth, 25th Aug., 1923.

The following Proby. 2nd Lieuts. are posted to the Divisions as stated :—

G. W. Ross and T. Walker to Portsmouth ; R. A. Edmondson and G. A. Howard to Plymouth ; W. F. Whitmarsh and G. P. Carless to Chatham ; 26th Aug., 1923.

Capt. and Bt.-Major G. H. Seath, D.S.O., seconded on appt. for W.S. duties (Intelligence) and as D.I.O. Gibraltar.

Major R. Sinclair posted to Plymouth as Co. Comdr., 30–8–23.

Capt. E. J. Hughes, O.B.E., posted to Plymouth as Co.-Cmdr.

Capt. and Bt. Major E. J. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O., posted to Plymouth as Co. Cmdr.

Surg.-Lt.-Cmdr. J. B. Crawford, M.B., R.N., to H.M.S. **Victory,** addl. for R.M. Barracks, Forton, Tempy. *vice* Ormsby.

Capt. C. Attwood apptd. Instructor of Gunnery, *vice* Major Gillespie, O.B.E., and posted to Chatham.

Major C. D. O. Harmer, D.S.O., promoted to Lt.-Col., *vice* Jones (deceased) and posted to Plymouth, 17th Aug., 1923.

Col. 2nd Commandant J. A. M. A. Clark, C.M.G., absorbed in the establishment *vice* Miller and posted to Portsmouth, 1–10–23.

Major D. J. Gowney, D.S.O., D.C.M., absorbed in the establishment *vice* Harmer and posted to Chatham Division, 17–9–23.

Major G. H. Kendle absorbed in the establishment *vice* Maxwell and posted to Chatham, 25–9–23.

Lieut. G. H. S. Ilton, Qrmr., absorbed in the establishment *vice* Huntingford and posted to Chatham.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) W. Townsend absorbed in the establishment *vice* Barwick and posted to Plymouth, 1–10–23.

Col. 2nd Commandant R. O. Paterson, C.B.E., posted to Chatham *vice* Miller, 1–10–23.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. S. Cantrell apptd. Drafting Officer, Portsmouth, *vice* Harmer for one year from 8–9–23 to complete original appt.

Major M. F. Bennet apptd. Supt. R.N.S. of Music *vice* Horne, 9th Oct., 1923.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) H. J. Osborne apptd. Suptg. Clerk. R.S.O.'s Dept., London *vice* Barwick, 1–10–23.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) W. McK. Brown apptd. to 1st Qrmr.'s Dept., Plymouth, *vice* Garbe, 1–10–23.

Majors F. B. A. Laurie, H. S. H. Richmond, F. C. Kendle, A. W. G. Ridings, G. V. Russell promoted to Lt.-Col. (retired), 17–8–23.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. L. M. McCausland on return to Corps Duty from Seconded List is posted to Chatham and borne supy. to establishment, 9–9–23.

Capt. E. M. C. Parker granted full pay sick leave from 5th Sept., 1923.

Sg.-Cmdr. C. T. Baxter apptd. to **Pembroke** addl. for R.M. Barracks, Chatham, *vice* Grazebrook, 3–10–23.

The undermentioned qualified on 4th Sept., 1923, for Sergt.-Major " Pass " Certificate :—

Ch./15742 Sergt. S. W. Harrold and Ch./16040 Clr.-Sergt. R. Taylor, subjects Z and Y (1) for Commissioned Rank, R.M. Band Bandr. (W.O.) C. Marks, R.M. Band.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. J. A. Bath to H.M.S. **Dunedin** on re-commissioning.

Capt. W. Boultbee and Proby. 2nd Lieut. C. Salter to H.M.S. **Hermes** on commissioning.

The following Proby. 2nd Lieuts. apptd. to ships as stated :—

R. F. Cornwall to **Valiant** vice Lieut. O. C. Jones.

O. C. Dykes, to **Hood** vice Lieut. A. G. Warren.

K. Hunt, to **Ramillies** vice Lieut. J. Way.

S. C. Wooley to **Warspite** vice Lieut. R. Lansdale.

J. H. Moxham to **Repulse** vice Lieut. C. Ransome.

G. Hill to **Malaya** vice Lieut. B. W. Knowles.

P. W. Phibbs to **Emperor of India** vice Lieut. B. Barclay, D.S.C.

R. H. Donaldson to **Resolution** vice Lieut. T. Bryan.

Lieut. C. H. C. Masters to H.M.S. **Eagle** on commissioning.

Major H. B. Inman, M.C., to H.M.S. **Egmont** vice Capt. Attwood.

Major L. Norcock to H.M.S. **Calcutta** on re-commissioning.
S.M. H. T. Hazelwood to H.M.S. **Egmont** (R.M.C.D. Malta) vice Flawn.
Capt. H. E. Bowring to H.M.S. **Dragon** vice Williams.
Capt. J. H. Haddon to H.M.S. **Ganges** (Shotley Training Establishment).

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. R. C. G. Mackenzie and Lieut. E. C. Bearcroft have been selected to attend the Regimental Signalling Instructors' Course, Maresfield, commencing 3rd Jan. 1924, finishing 10th April, 1924.
Major J. T. de S. Washington to H.M.S. **President** addl. for Intelligence Course, 25th Sept. 1923.
Capt. R. S. Burgess to H.M.S. **President** addl. for Intelligence Course.
Lieut. L. Priestley has been selected to attend the Rifle and Light Automatic Wings (combined) Course at the S.A.S., Hythe, on 15th Oct., ending 21st Dec., 1923.

RETIREMENTS.

S.M. (W.O.) C. W. West placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 1358/22, 1–10–23.
Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) F. J. Garbe placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 1358/22, 8–10–23.
Col. 2nd Commandant L. W. Miller placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23, 1–10–23.
Major A. R. Maxwell placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23 and apptd. to Reserve of Officers, R.M., in rank last held on Active List, 25–9–23.
Lieut. J. P. Huntingford, Qrmr., placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23.
Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) G. W. Barwick placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23, 1–10–23.
Capt. J. S. Hicks (Secd.) placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23, and apptd. to Reserve of Officers, R.M., in rank last held on Active List.
Capt. E. G. M. Roe (U.T.) placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23 and apptd. to Reserve of Officers, R.M., in rank last held on Active List, 31–8–23.
Capt. J. Ballard, Qrmr., placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23, 15–11–23.

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EASTNEY.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. W. C. Hamilton to Cook. Clr.-Sergt. Chas. Pendered as N.C.O. for Camp Duty, Browndown. Mne. C. P. Southwell to Barman, Beer Canteen. Clr.-Sergts. A. H. Fripp and Charles Hatch to C.Q.M.S. Mne. C. H. Day to Butcher. Mne. W. J. Venables to Storeman, 3rd Q.M.'s Dept. Mne. E. Warren as Pioneer. Mne. F. E. Marshal as M.O.A. to Capt. Sandall. Mne. L. A. Baker as M.O.A. to Lieut. Woodington. Mne. L. Abel as Coalmeter-man. Mne. C. W. Luck as M.T. Driver.

PROMOTIONS.

Mne. J. W. Pritlove to Corpl.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of their second period of engagement—Mnes. E. Devereux, J. G. Glendinning, J. H. Porter, W. T. Knott, M. Saunders, C. E. Freeland, R. Dumke, C. Redman, C.S.M. J. Dix, Cpl. C. E. Goater. To pension on reduction—Clr.-Sergts. H. Williams, J. A. Corben, F. Kemp, A. S. Chatfield, A. A. Stride, A. E. Taylor, Alfred Taylor, W. S. King, S. C. Wiltshire, H. H. Rann, Sergts. S. G. H. Burnett, Wm. Morris, C. R. Martin, W. C. Clements, Musn. G. H. E. Smith, Bk. Q.M.S. E. F. Hobbs. With bonus on reduction—Sergts. T. A. Guerin, A. I. Brough, Sidney Bird, Walter Farrow. Invalided—Mne. F. C. Hadrill. To R.N. as Stokers—Mnes. J. F. Moffatt, A. E. Southgate. By purchase—Mne. L. F. Penny, F. E. Williamson, R. H. Buck.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Passed for Sergt.—Cpl. Wm. Tickner.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Queen Elizabeth—Mne. T. Mitchell. **Vernon**—Mnes. H. W. Nash, T. Hayes. **Marlborough**—A. E. Grewcock. **Dolphin**—Cpl. A. E. Buggest, Mne. G. W. Titheridge. **Champion**—Cpl. H. T. Hull. **Julius**—Sergt. R. Bailey. **Courageous**—Mne. T. William. **Malaya**—Mnes. H. W. Johnson, W. J. Gooden, H. Bright, W. E. Barnes, E. Elson, V. Harvey, F. W. Brace, S. Brazier, J. Waller, A. F. Hughes, T. Braithwaite, T. Smith, E. E. Butcher, H. G. Barrett, J. Carolan, A. E. Hughes, Sergts. V. J. Ledger, S. G. Bourner, Corpl. H. Laughton. **Ramillies**—Mne. F. E. G. Gibb. **Assistance**—Mne. T. H. Heath. **Coventry**—Mne. T. Martin. **Danae**—Mne. H. Kilby. **Revenge**—Mnes. J. F. Moffatt, W. D. Everest. **Dunedin**—Mnes. W. E. Newman, W. H. Vagg. **Conquest**—Mne. F. J. Laris. **Hood**—Mnes. Wm. Durrant, E. R. Young. **Iron Duke**—Mne. W. E. Culley. **Curacoa**—Sergt. W. R. Harris, Bugler J. G. Bury, Mnes. G. Cullen, H. S. Sandy, C. B. Archer, J. S. William, A. F. Bate.

EMBARKATIONS.

Queen Elizabeth—Mnes. R. Frost, W. J. Trinder, E. E. Davis. **Courageous**—Mne. J. Carolan, H. Bright, F. W. Brace. **Valiant**—Clr.-Sergt. W. G. Kimber. **Fisgard**—Mne. G. Cullen. **Dolphin**—Mne. G. Doidge. **Victoria and Albert** Mne. G. Southwell. **Revenge**—Mne. C. Peacock. **Malaya**—Mnes. T. Challiner, H. W. Moss, F. V. Green, A. Telford, F. Pavey, G. T. Jennings, H. J. Watkins, A. Joines, G. Watts, W. Moore, D. D. C. Barnes, A. T. Buckland, F. G. F. W. Stone, T. Budd, D. Reid, D. R. Press, R. D. May, C. Farnham, H. Brimble, G. E. P. McKechnie, A. Brown, S. Carter, L. H. Butler, H. Jones, E. W. Russell, S. Niland, Bugler S. G. Hollis. **Princess Margaret**—Mnes. H. Allpress, J. R. Thompson, W. J. Smith, C. E. Taylor, E. Hammond, T. Lorimer, E. Springall, F. W. Kirk, H. G. Burmidge, Walter Sweet, L. A. H. Willy, W. J. Woodroffs, J. H. Pearson, T. Stubbington, F. Tudor. **Curacoa**—Sergt. A. Regan, Mnes. A. Howlett, W. Davidson, F. V. Tattersall, J. N. Cooney, W. H. Sweatman, D. Pinneger, W. Laughton, W. G. Woodland, Bugler G. E. Mann.

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EMBARKATIONS.

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PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Dauntless—Sergt. Radford, Cpl. Walker, Mnes. Gardiner, Gibson, Surgeoner, Anderson, Miles, Prince, Mayo, Brookes, Kidd, Hubert, Tohill, Bugler Smith. **King George V**—Clr.-Sergt. Watkins, Mne. Rowter. **Revenge**—Clr.-Sergt. Smith, Sergt. Thompson, Mnes. Harris, Kerslake, Pope. **Impregnable**—Cpl. Stone, Mne. Hill. **Valiant**—Clr.-Sergt. Kimber, Mne. Johns. **Sandhurst**—Mnes. Dennett, Kingdon. **Warspite**—Mnes. Davies, Chick, Clayden, Wilson.—**Woolwich**—Mne. Woodruff. **Hood**—Mnes. Foxworthy, Sullivan, Hull, Drage, Lewis. **Delhi**—Mne. Warden, Bugler Elliott. **Glorious**—Mne. Radford. **Ambrose**—Mne. Nicholson. **Depot, Deal**—Mne. Perriam, Leigh. **E.L., Chatham**—Sergt. Thorne, Mne. Wickenden.

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EMBARKATIONS.

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Officer, 1664.

"I never knew an appeal to them for honour, courage or loyalty, that they did not more than realise my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England, they will be found the Country's Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

It is with considerable diffidence that with this number we make our début as Editor of the "Globe and Laurel." Our reluctance to undertake the task will, we feel sure, be regarded sympathetically by our readers, especially when they recall the many talented and distinguished officers who have occupied the Editorial chair before us. When, however, we found that, thanks to the late Editor, we should be taking over with the Journal an efficient and well-organised staff, and being assured of the help of Lieut.-Colonel G. P. Orde as Assistant Editor, we felt we could not refuse to have a shot at it—so here goes!

We are conscious that as regards the financial side of the undertaking we start with a great advantage over many of our predecessors. It is entirely due to the energy and organising ability of Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Mayhew that the finances of the Journal are at the present time on so sound a footing, and we feel sure we are voicing the opinions of our readers when we state that the "Globe and Laurel" and the Corps generally are under a deep obligation to him for the labour he has devoted so unsparingly to the pursuit of this achievement.

We trust that this happy state of affairs will remain and that during our tenure of office it will not be our unhappy lot to have to make constant appeals for financial support, a subject irksome alike to our readers and ourselves.

We may say here, however, that we cordially agree with Colonel Mayhew's contention that more copies can be sold and ought to be sold, and it will be our constant aim to see that they are sold.

We take this opportunity of offering our respectful congratulations to these gallant and distinguished General Officers who have been appointed Honorary Colonels-Commandant to the Royal Marine Divisions, and we venture to assert that the honour conferred upon them is regarded by the officers and men of the Corps as one in which they also share.

Although the 11th R.M. Battalion has been welcomed home in these columns already we hope we may be forgiven for adding a few remarks.

The duty on which the Battalion was engaged, entailing as it did active service conditions without the compensating excitement and opportunities for distinction of actual warfare, was arduous and monotonous, and demanded the highest standard of discipline and efficiency. From all accounts the work of the officers and men at Constantinople, Chanak and elsewhere called forth the highest praise from their superiors. All ranks of the Battalion may rest assured that they have added in no small degree to the unrivalled reputation of the Corps among the fighting forces of the Crown.

We read with much interest the able contribution of A.L.F. in last month's number, on the subject of training the Corps for a definite rôle. This is a question of such

deep interest to all ranks, and one which so vitally affects the Corps—and perhaps its future—that we shall be glad to receive for publication the views and opinions of our readers on this subject.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A party of American Marine officers, N.C.O.'s, and men from the U.S.S. Pittsburg, recently visited R.M. Barracks, Chatham. The following extracts from a letter we have received from one of the marine officers are both interesting and illuminating. We feel sure their writer will pardon our thus making use of them:

"The things that made the greatest impressions on my men are, namely:

1. The hospitality and cordiality of your men.

2. The atmosphere of your N.C.O. and general messes, and the homelike arrangement of your recreation rooms, with the open fire and comfortable chairs. The idea of separate messes for sergeants and corporals with additional privileges for increased rank gives a man more to work for, and this to me encourages re-enlistments and continuous service. (This last item is at present a vital question with us, for our men with special training have little trouble finding good positions in civil life, and we are in need of trained men and not recruits, which are always more or less plentiful.)

3. Not one man was seen out of uniform the entire morning even in Barracks.

4. The extreme youth of the drummer boys; their apparent discipline and spirit made a great impression on all hands."

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Balamini Pirates.

During the recent visit of H.M.S. "Diomede" to the island of Labuan, the grave of a Colour-Sergeant, Royal Marines, was observed in an old-time graveyard close to the shore on the outskirts of the settlement.

The tombstone inscription briefly records the circumstances of his death as follows:—

Sacred to the Memory
of
Colr.-Sergt.
Adam G. Sutherland,
of the Royal Marines,
late of H.M. Brigg
"Columbine."

When himself mortally wounded in the gallant discharge of his duty in an attack on Balamini Pirates in the cutter of that vessel on the 30th May 1847*

* The "47," due to ravages of weather, appeared so indistinct as to make it read a possible "17." Enquiry into the detailed history of the island from residents resulted in "1847" being the more probable date.

Alongside the above grave was another, the stone of which was so weather-beaten that the inscription was indecipherable. An engraved crest at the top of the stone was sufficiently clear, however, to be distinguished as the "Globe and Laurel."

If any details could be found in past records of the Corps to establish the identity of this grave, it is suggested they might be forwarded to this station with the idea of comparison with what remains of the inscription on the stone. If with this aid the worn engraving could be distinguished, a member of the ship's staff would doubtless be able to renovate by means of a hammer and chisel.

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Marines' Island.

Our China correspondent sends the following:—"It may not be generally known in the Corps that there is an island four miles south of Canton in the Pearl River, called 'Marines' Island,' from the fact of the Royal Marines having landed there prior to an attack on Fat Shan, during the years 1857-1860. It is an uninviting, low-lying, triangular-shaped island, with sides a mile in length, and is covered with paddy and mulberry fields.

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Colonel Leslie Wilson, Governor-Designate of Bombay, was entertained to luncheon by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce recently. Replying to the toast of his health, he said he recognised that his new task was one of great responsibility and also of the greatest opportunity. He was told that there would be a vast amount of work, but he felt assured that there could not be more than he had had as a Chief Whip for two and a half years. He was going to India with an open mind, and he considered his main task would be to improve in every way he could the industrial and economic life of the province in which he was going to live. Dealing with the India Act now on the Statute Book, Colonel Wilson said the greatest difficulty that nation had faced was the question of racial equality. By the Act they had made a bold attempt to remove a great danger, one that had provoked more wars than any other. If they persevered in so interpreting that Act they would have done more to cement the foundation of the British Empire than anything that had been done for many a long year.

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We have received a copy of a charming little book entitled "Sunshine and Shadow on Dartmoor," by Violet Francis, the wife of Colonel C. A. W. Francis, R.M.A. (Retd.).

Lovers of the moor will be delighted with the delicacy with which the subject has been treated, and exiles from the West Country will be able to enjoy in imagination the sunshine and shadow denied to their physical eyes.

The price of the book is only 3s. 6d.

ROYAL MARINE CORPS HOCKEY.

The following "trial game" and matches have been arranged. Friday, 23rd Nov., "trial game" at Chatham; Saturday, 24th Nov., R.M. v. U.S. (Chatham), at Chatham; Monday, 26th Nov., R.M. v. Hockey Association, at Chatham.

THE CENOTAPH.

(Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, 1923.)

(Inscribed most respectfully to Admiral of the Fleet the Rt. Hon. Earl Beatty, G.C.B., and F.M. the Rt. Hon. Earl Haig of Bermyside, G.C.B.)

It stands in Whitehall's highway broad, near to the river's side,
And where Saint Peter's Abbey rears its towers in ancient pride;
It has no gilded columns rare to dazzle weeping eyes,
But on its sides, in colours three, the flag of England flies.
From cities vast and hamlets small, from many a shore and sea,
Come those who mourn the heroes dead—who love the brave and free.
And chaplets bright with many a flower are piled by tender hands,
From Britain's towns and Britain's fields and e'en from foreign lands.
It tells a glorious tale of war from Mons to Vimy's steep,
From Ypres' towers to Bourlon Wood and Messines' crater deep,
And Neuve Chapelle and Paschendaele and many another field,
Where British hearts 'gainst Hunnish hordes could die, but never yield!
It tells bold stories of the sea where Falkland's surges roar,
Or in the mists of Doggerbank or down the Turkish shore,
And Jutland's thunders ring anew in fancy as we gaze,
And Zeebrugge's Mole, begirt with flame, stands out beyond the haze!

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But when we meet beside this spot that honours well the dead,
When each has said the last farewell with reverent, bended head,
Oh pray for those who gave their best—'tis all that man can give—
And like true warriors proudly fell that Liberty might live!

BARON DE SANTA MARIA.
Président d'Honneur de la Société Française de Sauvetage, Paris (affiliated to the French Red Cross).

The Colonel Told the Adjutant.

Scene: The butcher's screen in a battleship; two Marine butchers at work. Sudden noise of bugles and tramping of feet.

1st Butcher: Wot's all the flap abaht, 'Orace?

2nd Butcher: Wy, don' cher know—that's the Irrefutable, just arrived from 'ome.

1st Butcher: Oh, is it? 'Oo brought 'er aht?

2nd Butcher: The noo admiral, er course, Sir Jaimes Sir—

1st Butcher: Nao, I don't mean 'im, stoopid—'oo's 'er butch—?

FLEET NOTES.

H.M.S. "Lowestoft,"
Africa Station.

The whole of the Squadron has been together at Simonstown since the end of August.

The hockey ground has unfortunately been under repair for some time, so that it has been impossible to play any games or matches.

On Sunday, September 2nd, a party including representatives from all parts of the ship were taken up Table Mountain by the F.R.M.O. Leaving Simonstown at 08.20 they climbed up Newlands Ravine, which is somewhat of a scramble through large pines and indigenous bush, and reached the Saddle (2,500 feet) between the Devil's Peak and the Table. From this point the ascent is more interesting, up the rock face via the Ledges to the summit, 3,459 feet. A party in front, very much out of the rig of the day, in long trousers and unnailed shoes, were making very heavy weather of it. Two of them were being roped up some of the simplest places and made the climb look more difficult to those coming behind than it really was. By this route there was no real necessity for any roping and the whole of the "Lowestoft's" party got up without any difficulty. There is a delightful spot at the top amongst fir trees where there is plenty of water, a most suitable place for lunch. After going to Maclear's Beacon, the highest point on the Table, the party descended by Skeleton Ravine, one of the prettiest and most favourite ways down, and returned to Simonstown by train at 19.00.

News has been received that the Flagship is to proceed home, being relieved by the "Birmingham." The turn over is to take place at Sierra Leone, where we shall probably spend Christmas.

If any of the R.M. Detachment coming out in the "Birmingham" are keen on playing hockey, a few hockey sticks would be very useful, as even with a Gun Room it is difficult to collect 22 sticks in the ship for a practise game. Also those who are keen on mountain climbing should bring a pair of khaki shorts. Whole day excursions on Sundays are frequently arranged for any who are interested in mountaineering.

21st September, 1923.

B. F. Trench,
Major R.M.

R.N. Establishment,
St. Helena.
22nd September, 1923.

The Garrison did not enter a team in the St. Helena League this year, although last year we were runners-up. Several, however, helped the Overseas Club—which is the local branch of the Overseas League—to win the shield: we had six playing in the club team.

St. Helena football owes a great deal to the Corps in the person of Cpl. R. Bravery, who has acted as secretary to the League and was prominent in the movement which started football in the Island in 1922.

Spring has arrived, and with it cricket.

Several of the Garrison played for the Overseas Club in the first game of the season last week, and were beaten after winning on the first innings. The St. Helenians are great cricketers, a wonderful amount of the game is played, and it is of a very high standard for so small a place.

The Garrison cannot enter as a unit for the cricket league, but we hope to get a good many friendly games, and some will no doubt play for the district team in the league. Cricket matches here are great events, our wives and families proceed to the ground, using the universal donkey as transport, and spend a happy day on the grass of Francis Plain away from the Prickly Pear and glare of Ladder Hill.

Cricketers due for Foreign Service might do worse than apply for service here, where they would be very welcome, and get plenty of games to keep their eye in.

There is a concert in the Barracks this afternoon, the second that has been held since last summer. The Garrison supply a good deal of talent, and Mrs. Iremonger has the kind help of several of the members of the Eastern Telegraph Company and their wives.

CHINA STATION.

ANNUAL REGATTA, 1923.

H.M.S. "Titania," Winners of R.M. Officers' Challenge Cup.



L. C. S. Hawkes (Cpl.), C. E. Mizen (Pte.), E. Waing (Pte.),
(Stroke) (Midship) (2nd Stroke)
A. T. Monk (Cpl.), Lt. C. E. P. Harrison, W. G. Young (Clr.-S.).
(Cox) (Regatta Representative) (Sgt.-Maj.)
D. S. Johnson (Cpl.), G. Cannon (Pte.)
(Bow) (2nd Bow)

The Regatta was held at Wei-hai-Wei during August, and produced some good races and close finishes.

The Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Tamar" and "Diomede" could not compete. The following are the results for Marines' crews:—

Marine Cutters—"Despatch" 1, "Carlisle" 2, "Despatch" 3.

Marine Whalers for R.M. Officers' Cup—"Titania" 1, "Despatch" 2, "Ambrose" 3.

The champion ship was H.M.S. "Despatch" (536• points), "Hawkins" second (519 points), "Carlisle" third (490½ points).

LANDING PARTIES.

Owing to serious trouble in Amoy the "Diomede" and "Foxglove" were sent there during August to protect British lives and property. The R.M. Detachment of H.M.S. "Diomede" landed for several days to protect the British Concession. H.M.S. "Durban" has now relieved "Diomede" and the Detachment has landed.

Civil war is going on over the whole of China, and the country is overrun with bandits. The position is getting worse.

CRICKET.

The R.M. Detachment of H.M.S. "Tamar" played the following matches during the summer:—

Won.

"Durban"—100 for 5 agst. 52 (Mne. Williams 52).

Submarine L4.—140 for 8 agst. 34 and 37 (Mne. Wilkins 73, Mnes. Leach took 4 for 12, Ainsworth 4 for 15, Mockridge 3 for 3).

"Tamar."—85 agst. 80. (Mne. Mockridge took 6 for 15, Mne. Leach 19).

"A" group Submarines.—128 for 6 agst. 62. (Captain Williams 44 not out, Sergt. O'Neill 35, Mne. Williams 25, Sergt. O'Neill took 5 for 17).

"A" group Submarines.—60 agst. 46. (Mne. Leach took 4 for 13, Mne. Mockridge 17).

"A" group Submarines.—117 agst. 34. (Mnes. Williams 4 for 2, Leach 3 for 6, Mne. Prior 21).

"A" and "B" groups Submarines.—117 agst. 34. (Mnes. Prior 21, Mockridge 20, Williams 4 for 2).

"Diomede."—66 for 5 agst. 50. (Mnes. Mockridge 24, Leeds 2 for 9, Sergt. O'Neill 2 for 11).

"A" and "B" groups Submarines.—118 agst 67. (Clr.-Sergt. Paget 25, Mnes. Wilkins 40, Leech 7 for 35).

Lost.

"Hawkins."—57 agst. 98. (Mnes Leech 5 for 40, Williams 4 for 21).

Submarine L4.—43 agst. 95. (Mne. Leech 4 for 25).

"A" and "B" groups Submarines.—44 agst. 87. (Mne. Leech 9 for 34).

"A" and "B" groups Submarines.—49 agst. 75. (Mne. Wilkins 8 for 37).

RIFLE MEETING.

The China Station Rifle Meeting was held at Wei-hai-Wei from 23rd to 27th July, under unfavourable weather conditions. The high standard of shooting that is expected from Royal Marines was well demonstrated by the performances of the following R.M. officers, N.C.O.s and men, who distinguished themselves in their respective classes. It is satisfactory, too, to note the high proportion of Marines in the ship teams.

Individual Events.

1. 200 yards slow.—1st, Captain Quinlan (Range Staff); 2nd, Mne. Newton, "Carlisle."
2. 200 yards snapshooting (wantage).—1st, Captain Quinlan (Range Staff); 1st, Corporal Lawrence ("Carlisle"); 2nd, A/Sergeant Boyd ("Hawkins"); 1st, Mne. Newton ("Carlisle").
3. 200 yards rapid (broad arrow).—1st, Captain Quinlan (Range Staff); 2nd, Corporal Syms ("Durban"); 1st, Mne. Hunt ("Hawkins"); 2nd, Mne. Riddle ("Despatch").
4. 500 yards slow.—1st, Mne. Emms ("Carlisle"); 2nd, Mne. Baker ("Carlisle").
5. 600 yards slow.—1st, Sergeant Munday ("Carlisle"); 2nd, A/Corporal Burgess ("Despatch"); 1st, Mne. Carrington (Range Staff); 2nd, Mne. Newton ("Carlisle").
7. Aggregate of Events Nos. 1, 4 and 5.—1st, Captain Quinlan (Range Staff); 1st, Mne. Newton ("Carlisle"); 2nd, Mne. Carrington (Range Staff).
13. Revolver, 15 yards.—1st, Mne. Baker ("Carlisle").
14. Revolver, 25 yards.—1st, Mne. Baker ("Carlisle").
15. Revolver aggregate.—1st Mne. Baker ("Carlisle").

Team Events.

8. The Commissioners' Cup (Dorwood Cup).—1st, Range Staff and Island Guard (Captain Quinlan, Sergeants Clemow and Lewthwaite, Mnes. Carrington, Hucker, and Harris, P.O.'s Hayes and Gould). 2nd, H.M.S. "Carlisle" (Sergeant Munday, Corporal Lawrence, Mnes. Baker, Emms, Newton, Gates, and Miles, P.O. Wyatt).
9. King Alfred Cup (Tile Competition).—1st, Range Staff and Island Guard (Sergeant Kennedy (leader), Mnes. Blackmore, Carrington, Harris, and Hucker). 2nd, H.M.S. "Ambrose" (Mne. Snoddy (leader), Clr.-Sergeant Nash, Sergeant Dickinson, Corporal Quaintance, A/Cpl. Linden).
10. The Bedford Cup (Attack Competition).—1st, H.M.S. "Despatch" (Mr. Currie, R.N. (leader), Sergeant McBrane, Corporal Burgess, Mne. Handoll, P.O.'s Tarbuck and Stickells, A.B. Driver). 2nd, H.M.S. "Ambrose" (Mne. Johns (leader), Clr.-Sergeant Nash, Sergeant Dickinson, Corporal Quaintance, A/Corporal Linden, Mnes. Pitcher and Kirk).

The R.M. Rifle Meeting was held at Wei-hai-Wei on July 28th.

1. R.M. Championship.—Three practices were selected to decide this event, viz:—200 yards snapshooting (wantage), 200 yards rapid (broad arrow), and 500 yards slow. The Championship Cup, to be won outright, was presented by the Officers on the China Station, for the highest aggregate score in these events.

1st, Captain Quinlan (Range Staff); 2nd, Mne. Hunt ("Hawkins"); 3rd, Mne. Newton ("Carlisle"); 4th, A/Corporal Linden ("Ambrose").

2. R.M. Officers' Challenge Cup (Active Service Challenge Cup).—The competition was very keen, and the winning team had to work hard for their victory. Teams consisted of a section of 6 men, and a leader; one team from each ship or establishment.

1st, H.M.S. "Durban" (Sergeant Symons (leader), Mnes. Graham, Welsman, Cory, H. Johns, Hawkins, and Lloyd). 2nd, H.M.S. "Despatch" (Sergeant Calver (leader), A/Cpl. Burgess, Mnes. Riddle, Austin, Green, Ives and Wadham).

3. Peking Cup (Lewis Gun Competition).—Only about half the teams had fine weather, as a rain storm broke in the

middle of the competition. This did not, however, affect the keenness of the remainder; in fact, the winning team carried out the attack during a heavy downpour. Ships could send in any number of teams; 18 teams competed:

1st, H.M.S. "Ambrose" (No. 3 team), (Corporal Parnham (leader), Mnes. Pitcher and Harber). 2nd, H.M.S. "Ambrose (No. 2 team), (Corporal Quaintance, A/Corporal Linden, Mne. F. Johns). 3rd, H.M.S. "Durban" (No. 4 team), (Sergeant Pughe, Mnes. Guy and Horner). 4th, H.M.S. "Ambrose" (No. 1 team), (Sergeant Dickinson, Mnes. Berriff, and Beer).

C.M. Customs,
Amoy, China.
Aug. 10th.

Dear Sir,—I venture to suggest that the following "snap" will be of interest. A landing party of Royal Marines and Bluejackets were landed from H.M. Ships "Diomede" and "Foxglove" to prevent the violation of "The British Concession" Amoy, on Aug. 3rd, 1923. They landed without opposition, but from the residents' point of view "It was a touch and go."—I remain,

Yours sincerely,
J. STYNES,
Late R.M., Chatham.



ROYAL MARINES, H.M.S. "DIOMEDE."

H.M.S. "Hood,"
Cromarty.
18—10—23.

Dear Sir,—I am forwarding an item which I think might be of interest to your readers. On Saturday, 13th, the detachment had the honour of pulling off the double event of two first prizes—the turret efficiency prize and the Inter-Port football shield and medals.

There has been great rivalry between the sailors and marines over the turret competition during the present cruise, as last commission the Marines won the prize in "Y" turret. At the beginning of the present commission, however, we changed over to "X," and the general opinion was that with the changing of turrets the prize would remain in "Y." We soon dispelled that idea, however, and proved that it was not the turret only that won the prize, but also the people in it.

On the 18th July we carried out a three-quarter charge shoot, got all rounds off without a hitch, and we and "B" turret gained 50, the maximum number of points. On the 26th September we carried out a full charge shoot, repeated our performance and gained another 50 points; "B" turret was next with 45. In this shoot the right gun did a loading time of 29.3 secs., which is a record for the "Hood" class. For cleanliness we were easily first, as out of a total of a 160 points "X" only lost 6; "B" was next with 131; "Y" 3rd with 122, and "A" 4th with 121. A note by the Squadron Gunnery Commander said: "The results obtained by "X" turret are most gratifying, and reflect great credit on all concerned."

On the afternoon of the same day the Marines "A" played the Communication Branch for the Inter-Port football shield and medals, and won by 4-0. It was a splendid and a clean game, and caused great excitement in the ship, especially among the detachment, who turned out in full force, including the Major and other Marine officers of the ship. Both teams were very fit and much credit is due to Mne. Wheatley for the training and selection of his team.

The team lined out as follows: Goal, Mne. Parsons; backs, Mus. Wardle and Mne. Hill; halves, Mnes Burnett, Shaw, and Cpl. McFarlane (capt.); forwards, Mnes. Pow and Cotterill, Mus. Webb and Neal and Mne. Snoxall. Linesman, Mne. Kelland. Referee, Mne. Bolton, H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth."

The Communication Branch won the toss and kicked off with the wind. Play at first was fairly even, but after a quarter of an hour the Marines began pressing, and a low, hard drive from Pow completely beat the goalkeeper and gave the Marines the lead. Play after that was mainly in the opponents' half, and at half-time the Marines were leading by one goal.

When play was resumed the Marines had the game well in hand. The only time the Communication Branch were dangerous was at the beginning, when they pressed a corner, which was saved splendidly by Parsons. From the goal kick the Marines gave a splendid display of passing and Snoxall taking a pass from Webb, left the defence standing, and scored the second goal. Webb scored a third goal. Snoxall again proved himself, and when the whistle sounded for the final the score was 4-0.

It was the first match the Communication Branch had lost this season.

Our team has not lost a match this season, their record being:—

Marines A v. Stokers—11-0
Marines A v. Q.D.—2-0.
Marines A v. Topmen—3-2.
Marines A v. Marines B.—5-0.
Marines A v. Daymen—1-0.
Final: Marines A v. Communication Branch, 4-0

WM. J. CHRISTOPHER, Mne.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

PORTSMOUTH.

DIVISION GALA.

In the presence of a large crowd the Portsmouth Division Aquatic Sports were held at the Eastney Swimming Baths on the 27th September. The officials were as follows:—

President, Col.-Comdt. P. Phillips, C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C.; Vice-President, Capt. (Bt. Major) R. A. D. Brooks, D.S.O.; members of Committee, Lieut. C. E. Maton, Q.M.S.I.'s Attwood and Board, Clr.-Sergt. Hales, Sergt. Hunt, Mne. Heaton; starters, Major Brooks, D.S.O., Capt. and Adjt. Johnstone; handicapper, Q.M.S.I. Board; timekeepers, 2nd Lieuts. Pym and Marchant; judges, S.M. Ellis, C.S.M. Fowler, S.M. Smith; competitors' steward, Sergt. Rogers; polo referee, Mr. Owen Palmer. Results:—

44 yards (two style race).—1, Bandboy J. Williams; 2, Musn. Bennett; 3, Bugler Beaton. 44 yards handicap.—1, Mne. Docherty; 2, Mne. King; 3, Mne. Richards. Diving competition.—1, Clr.-Sergt. Hales; 2, Mne. G. Coley; 3, Cpl. E. W. Brewer. Diving competition (for buglers and bandboys).—1, Bandboy Buick; 2, Bandboy Burnett. 44 yards handicap, officers.—1, 2nd Lt. Hayter; 2, 2nd Lieut. Pym. Junior N.C.O.'s relay race.—1, Todd; 2, Brewer. 110 yards handicap.—1, Mne. King; 2, Lce.-Cpl. Lawrence; 3, Mne. Coley and Musn. Bennett. 44 yards handicap.—1, Bandboy Goldsmith; 2, Bandboy Clucas; 3, Bandboy Pitthard. 44 yards handicap.—1, Bugler Williams; 2, Bandboy McNab; 3, Bandboy C. H. F. Smith. 44 yards obstacle race.—1, Musn. Bennett; 2, Cpl. Brewer; 3, B.M.I. Green. Mop fight (in punt), officers.—Lieut. Hayter. Mop fight (in punt), open to R.M. and R.N.S.M.—1, B.M.I. Green; 2, Bandboy Pitthard. Company Challenge Cup.—1, "I" Co. (Mne. Eaton, Sergt. Grewcock, Mne. Knight, Mne. Godwin). 44 yards handicap.—1, Cadet Turner; 2, Cadet Bulbeck; 3, Cadet Strong; 4, Cadet Otten. 44 yards candle race.—1, Mne. Coley; 2, Lce.-Cpl Lawrence 3, B.M.I. Green. 176 yards relay race.—1, Grewcock, Hales, Green, and Drum-Major Wilson.

At the close of these events the prizes were presented by Col.-Comdg. J. A. M. A. Clark.

220 YARDS HANTS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The 200 yards championship of Hampshire proved an exceedingly good race, and went to show what a splendid swimmer is Marine Heaton, the young Eastney representative, who took the lead from the start and increased it, to win comfortably from F. C. Rogers (Gosport Athletic) in 2mins. 54secs. Rogers' time was 4sec. slower. C. S. Saunders (Portsmouth S.C.) was third.

WATER POLO SEMI-FINAL.

The crowning event of the programme was the meeting of the Royal Marines and Bournemouth in the semi-final for the water polo championship of Hampshire. The Marines, as usual, chose the deep end to start with, and within a minute of the start had registered a score. Docherty put across a centre, which was cleverly deflected into the net by Hales. After that the game was characterised by strong marking on each side, while both goalkeepers brought off some smart saves, particularly Jones, who stopped good shots from Tanner and Taylor. There was no further scoring up to the interval, but in the next session the Marines did so well that they surprised even their best friends.

The Eastney players were so capably marked that long-range shooting became a necessity. Milne was the first to succeed, and then Attwood put in the finest shot of the match, scoring with a throw practically the whole length of the bath. Meanwhile Jones stopped a shower of well-directed shots, some of which seemed certain to penetrate his charge. The last goal of the game came from Hales, and the whistle went with the Marines good winners by four clear goals. Teams:—

Royal Marines.—Clr.-Sergt. Jones; Q.M.S. Attwood, Sergt. Grewcock; Sergt. Milne; Mnes. Docherty and Heaton, Clr.-Sergt. Hales.

Bournemouth.—C. W. Wallis; C. W. Followes, R. F. Windibank; H. Taylor; J. West, G. Tanner, G. Baker.

Referee.—Mr. C. B. Bartlett (Southampton).

PLYMOUTH.

The "Tuckey Cup" Competition has been arranged this year so that, as far as possible, one event will be decided each month. Up-to-date the following events have taken place, with results as shown.

Cricket.—Played on the League system. "C" Co. beat "G" Co., scoring 2 and 1 points respectively, "A" and "E" none.

Tug-of-War.—Decided by "knock-out" system. "A" Co. beat "C" Co. in the final, scoring 2 and 1 points, "E" and "G" Co.'s none.

Boat Pulling.—All Companies pulled together. This provided a very close race. "C" Co. beat "G" Co. by seven strokes in the end. "C" and "G" Co.'s 2 and 1 points respectively, "A" and "E" Co.'s none.

Cross-country Running.—This was run from the "Obelisk" Field, Cremyll, out to Millbrook by the lower road and back by the upper road to the starting point. Teams of six per company. "C" Co. won the race with "E" Co. second. This was largely due to the good captaincy of Mne. Price of "C" Co., who kept his team together well and secured five places of the first 6 home, being first himself.

Points to date are as follows:—

"A" Co. 2 ... "C" Co. 7 ... "E" Co. 1 ... "G" Co. 2.

THE "DRUMMERS' PIT."

The construction of tennis courts progresses slowly but steadily. Two have already been turfed and will be ready for play next summer. The other two are being levelled, and may possibly be ready too. These courts will be for the use of the W.O.s, N.C.O.s and Men of the Division only.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

Since last month's report our first team has played seven games, six in the P. and D. League and one in the Devon Senior Cup Competition. In the former competition we have managed to win 2 games, drawn 1 and lost three, not too bad. As regards the Devon Cup match Millbrook were our opponents, and we managed to draw with one goal each; the replay is taking place on our ground on Saturday next, 20th October. We should have no difficulty in getting into the Second Round as our opponents have done little or no good so far this season. In spite of this it is only fair to say that they gave us a good, typical cup game, and at times it looked as though we should lose; thanks to our goalkeeper, who did some splendid work between the sticks, we did not. Our hopes have been raised considerably lately through the disembarkation of a couple of our old time players; of course much depends on the length of their stay in Headquarters; but we feel sure that, however short the stay, we shall have a better report to make next month.

Our players have not been overlooked for positions of honour during this season. Cpl. Pollitt and Mne. Shewbrook both were selected to play for Devon County against Cornwall at Home Park on Saturday, 6th October. They both acquitted themselves well, as shown by the report in the football press, which stated that the first goal for Devon was initiated by an opening made by Pollitt, between which and the time the ball entered the net only three men touched it. The second, and winning goal for Devon, was scored by Shewbrook with a clever dropping shot from the left wing about twenty yards out. Cornwall's custodian was beaten all the way, being unable to judge the actual antics of the ball. Both these players came in for a lot of congratulations, and are assured of their positions for Devon against Hampshire in the next round of the Counties Championship.

Our second string has not played at all this month, there being few teams in the league to which they belong.

The Inter-Company League has aroused considerable interest and keen competition in the Headquarters. "G" Company leads so far, having playedand won 2 games, the first against "E" Company by the odd goal of 5 and the second game against "C" Company by the substantial margin of 5 goals to 2.

RUGBY.

The Marines are again well represented amongst the Devonport Services players. So far the following have played in matches this season: Mne. Gardner, Capt. Sergeant, Lieut. Rees, 2nd Lieut. Penfold, Mne. Summerhayes. Gardner, who celebrated his birthday by helping to defeat Newton at Newton on 6th October, seems to be as fit and fast as ever.

It is to be much regretted that Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. Channer was unable to accept the Presidency of the Club owing to disability, of which we all know, but we hope he will soon be himself once more.

Luckily we have secured Major Welch for the position, and I am sure we shall be well served.

Teignmouth were met at Teignmouth on the 22nd September, and a fast game resulted in a win for the home team by 9 pts. to 3 pts., a very creditable performance. Lt. Bass scored for us. On 6th October the Corinthians were met on the Longroom. It was not a great game, as the visitors set themselves out to spoil. Silby dropped two goals and Dore scored a try, which resulted in a win of 11 pts. to nil. On 10th October S. W. Borderers were met on the Brickfields, and a rare game was witnessed. Each side worked like Trojans to score, and the excitement was intense. Eventually Silby got the ball away to Capt. Sergeant, who beat the whole defence to score a fine try. This success increased the speed of the game, and our forwards did splendidly, as the S.W.B. were "hot." It looked as if we should just beat the Army Cup finalists, but three minutes from time Davey scored for the Borderers, the try being converted, which gave them the match by 5 pts. to 3 pts. It was a fine display of keen Rugby and both sides are to be congratulated on their fine show. On 13th October St. Chad's were met at Bladderly. Result: St. Chad's, 1 drpd. gl, 1 pen. gl., 6 pts., to 1 try, 3 pts. Santle scored for R.M.

DEPOT RIFLE MEETING.

The Depot Rifle Meeting was held on the Kingsdown Range on 20th to 22nd September. in varying weather conditions.

In each class, for Individual Matches, no competitor was allowed to take more than one first and one second money prize.

A cup was presented by the Colonel-Commandant for the highest aggregate in Individual Matches, another by the I. of S.A. for Class B., and a third by the officers for Class C. The Colonel-2nd-Commandant presented a cup for the highest aggregate in certain matches, open to regular attendants at Rifle Club Practices, excluding members of the Small Arms Staff. A cup was also presented by each department for an event nominated by them.

Mrs. Halliday very kindly presented the prizes at the conclusion of the meeting.

Match 1.—1 S.S. and 7 rounds deliberate at 300 yds. and 600 yds.—Class A.: 1, Clr.-Sergt. Cross; 2, Sergt. Mills; 3, Sergt. Paddon. Class B.: 1 (and cup by P.R.I. Department), Cpl. Henwood; 2, Cpl. Baldwin; 3, Cpl. Elliott. Class C.: 1, Rect. Tucker; 2, Rect. Woodcock; 3, Rect. Cummings.

Match 2.—1 S.S. and 5 rounds in 30 secs., at 200 yds.—Class A.: 1, Sergt. Wackitt; 2, Clr.-Sergt. Porter; 3, Clr.-Sergt. Cross. Class B.: 1, Cpl. Henwood; 2, Cpl. Elliott. Class C.: 1 (and cup by Paymaster's Dept.): 1, Rect. Hamblin; 2, Rect. Elliott; 3, Rect. Atkins.

Match 3.—1 S.S. and 7 rounds deliberate at 200 yds., 500 yds., 600 yds.—Class A.: 1, Clr.-Sergt. Ames; 2, Clr.-Sergt. Cross; 3, Clr.-Sergt. Porter. Class B.: 1 (and cup by Adjutant's Dept.): 1, Cpl. Brown; 2, Mne. Burnett; 3, Cpl. Henwood. Class C.: 1 (and cup by S.A. Dept.): 1, Rect. Cummings; 2, Rect. Kent; 3, Rect. Fidler.

Match 4.—Revolver, Whitehead.—Class A.: 1, Mne. Burnett; 2, Lt.-Col. Shine; 3, Major Owen. Class B.: 1, Cpl. Brown.

Match 5.—1 S.S. and 5 rounds snap at 200 yds., 1 S.S. and 5 rounds in 30 secs. at 500 yds., 1 S.S. and 5 rounds deliberate at 600 yds.—Class A.: 1 (and cup by R.M. Infirmary Staff), Sergt. Paddon; 2, Sergt. Harrold; 3, Sergt. Wackitt. Class B.: 1, Mne. Burnett; 2, Cpl. Henwood; 3, Cpl. Elliott. Class C.: 1 (and cup by 1st R.M. Dept.), 1, Rect. Mason; 2, Rect. Banks; 3, Rect. Cummings.

Match 6.—Revolver, snap.—Class A.: 1, Clr.-Sergt. Cross; 2, Mne. Burnett; 3, Lt.-Col. Shine. Class B.: 1, Q.M.S.I. Jardine.

Match 8.—All comers, S.R. (6), 1 S.S. and 7 rounds at 200 yds., 500 yds., 600 yds.—1 (and cup by 3rd Q.M. Dept.), Sergt. Paddon; 2, Rect. Banks; 3, Clr.-Sergt. Cross.

Match 9.—1 S.S. and 10 rounds in 45 secs. at 300 yds.—Class A.: 1 (and cup by 2nd Q.M. Dept.), Clr.-Sergt. Cross; 2, Sergt. Rudge; 3, Sergt. Paddon. Class B.: 1 (and cup by Mil. Instructor's Dept.), Cpl. Henwood; 2, Mne. Dowling; 3, Mne. Carty. Class C., 1 (and cup by Barrack Dept.), 1 Rect. Mason; 2, Rect. Norton; 3, Rect. Russell.

Match 11.—Same conditions as for Match 5.—1, 2nd Lieut. Ross; 2, Capt. Sturges. Junior Military Class: 2nd Lieut. Dykes.

Match 12.—Ladies (miniature).—Open: 1, Mrs. Shine; 2, Miss Peggy Shine. Novices: 1, Mrs. Yeo; 2, Mrs. Grant.

Aggregate Prizes.—Class A.: 1 (Commandant's cup and Championship of Meeting): 1, Clr.-Sergt. Cross; 2, Sergt. Paddon; 3, Clr.-Sergt. Porter. Class B.: 1 (cup by I. of S.A.), Cpl. Henwood; 2, Mne. Burnett; 3, Cpl. Elliott. Class B.: 1 (cup by officers), Rect. Cummings; 2, Rect. Banks; 3, Rect. Tucker, 2nd Commandant's Cup: Mne. Burnett. Officers' Aggregate: Major Owen.

Company Challenge Shield.—There were 4 team competitions for the Company Challenge Shield, for each of which companies entered two teams, consisting of two any rank, 1 T.S. and three recruits.—1st Competition: Nominated teams in Match 5. 2nd Competition: Similiar to "Ægean Cup." 3rd Competition: Similar to "Mercer Cup." 4th Competition: Similiar to "Officers' Cup." The shield was won by "C" Company.

Miniature.—In conjunction with the Rifle Meeting, but prior to it, a Miniature Competition was held in the new shooting gallery for recruits who had not been through Table A.:—

Match 1.—Application: 1, Rect. Hunter; 2, Rect. Fullalove; 3, Rect. Bushell.

Match 2.—Snapshooting: 1, Rect. Pegler; 2 (7 men tied for second place).

Match 3.—Rapid (7 rounds in 1 minute): 1, Rect. O'Brien and Rect. Dottery tied.

Aggregate: 1 (and cup by Brigade Major): 1, Rect. Pegler; 2, Rect. Robson; 3, Rect. Bushell.

DEAL.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Folkestone and District League:
Depot R.M. v. Tilmonstone—Won, 2-0.
Depot R.M. v. Green Howards—Won, 4-1.
Deal and District League:
Depot R.M. v. Tilmonstone—Won, 2-1.
Depot R.M. v. Sandwich—Draw, 1-1.
U.S. League:
Depot R.M. v. Tank Corps—Lost 3-1.
Depot R.M. v. Green Howards—Draw, 0-0.
Depot R.M. v. 43rd Light Infantry—Lost, 3-1.
Depot R.M. v. R.A.F.—Draw, 3-3.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

We have only played three matches up to date, and the team has not yet really settled down. As soon as the players get to know each other better they should be able to put up quite a formidable combination.

v. Deal and District—Lost, 6-2.
v. R.A.F., Manston—Lost, 2—4.
v. Duke of York's School—Won, 5-2.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham.
15th October, 1923.

The Editor "Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—Your editorial in the August issue, suggesting pooling various annual subscriptions, is a very excellent idea, and in amplification thereof I beg to forward the following proposals:—

1. That the fund be known as "The Royal Marine Officers' Fund."
2. That all Officers agree to subscribe.
3. That the annual subscription be fixed at 30s.
4. That a public-spirited Second Commandant, or Senior Lieut.-Colonel, volunteer his services to run the fund.

As regards 2 it will be necessary to find out if officers are in favour of the scheme. Divisions and the Depot can take a vote of officers serving at Headquarters. Perhaps Fleet and Squadron R.M. Officers would canvass the Officers of their Squadrons and report the result.

Another method of discovering the opinions of officers embarked is for Brigade Majors, when collecting band subscriptions at the end of the year to ask for opinions.

To make the scheme a success all officers must agree to abide by the vote of the majority.

As regards 3, out of the 30s., five shillings to be paid to each of the following:—

1. Royal Marine Corps Association.
2. Royal Marine Rifle Association.
3. Royal Marine Dinner Clubs.
4. Royal Marine Officers' Sports Fund.
5. "Globe and Laurel."

The remaining 5s. to go towards the building up a Reserve Fund from which special grants can be made to any of the above which happen to be in low water through unforeseen difficulties.—Yours faithfully,

H. C. POPE,
Major R.M.

The Editor "Globe and Laurel."

Sir,—I am anxious to get in touch with every pre-war pensioner, Royal Marines, who were granted Land Forces Commissions during the War.

Will you please be good enough to publish in the next issue of the "Globe and Laurel" this intimation, together with the request that each of the above referred to pensioners will communicate with me as soon as possible. Thanking you in anticipation,—I am, Yours truly,

GEORGE BOULTON.

Furze Platt, Maidenhead,
October 11th, 1923.

The Gatehouse, Gateacre,

Liverpool.

2nd October, 1923.

The Editor "Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—I have just read with interest Major Filmer-Bennett's letter as to a proposed change of Corps Colours. I submit that the Regimental Colours I suggested in a previous letter—apart from their historical connection with the Corps—would indicate both "Royal" and "Artillery." The Red and Blue were the coat and facing colours of both R.M.A. and R.M. The White, too, might stand for the white facings worn from the creation of the present Corps up to 1802. Personally I do not think we want to perpetuate the title of "Light Infantry," borne for a time by a portion of the Corps, not as an honour conferred, but merely in the words of the Admiralty Order that Light Infantry training was "considered best adapted to the nature of the service which the Corps is generally required to perform when employed on shore." That was only because at that time there were two sorts of drill in the Army, that for the Infantry in general and that for the Light Infantry. As a title for a Corps which has generally prided itself on the size and stature of its men, it was in the nature of a misnomer, since the qualifications for Light Infantry, from its very inception, were that its men should be small and active.

I am rather curious to know what colour was used by the K.O.Y.L.I. to indicate their Marine connection. I imagine yellow, the facing colour of Hanmer's (or Hanmore's) 8th Marines, or 51st of the Line. But as this regiment was disbanded in 1748 while there was concurrently another 51st raised in 1745, it is rather difficult to understand the connection with the K.O.Y.L.I.

The attached reproduction*—as far as it is possible in black and white—of the diagram from which I discovered the R.M. lace of 1803, may, perhaps be of interest.—I am,

Yours faithfully

C. FIELD,
Lt.-Col. and Col. (Rtd. List).

(We were under the impression that the title "Light Infantry" was a distinction conferred by H.M. Queen Victoria in 1855. We hesitate to correct so eminent a Corps historian as Colonel Field, and so would be glad if he would shed some further light on this matter.—Ed.)

* We regret that lack of space necessitates omission of diagram.—Ed.

RE BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS.

To the Editor "The Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—May I call attention to the debt of thanks we owe to Lt.-Colonel J. A. Tupman for his extraordinary efforts for the actual production of Col. Field's "Britain's Sea Soldiers." For over two years he has undertaken the duties of Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and all work in connection with the financing and organising of the publication.

The thought, correspondence and labour not only of its production, but also of the distribution of each issue in parts, and the records of subscriptions and disposals, have all fallen on Colonel Tupman.

Now, there is a very practical way in which we can show our appreciation. There is still £400 needed to complete the £2,000 required, and another 200 copies, for which money was advanced to carry on publication, have to be disposed of.

Will those of us who are still awaiting completion of the issue in order to buy in book form, take into consideration that **the money is needed to complete publication,** as no profit is being made, and so there is no margin? **It is needed at once.** Any delay in taking our part is an unfair strain to put on such a worker on our behalf.

We offer him our most sincere thanks for all he has done for us, and for still interesting himself actively in it on his retirement from the Service.

HUGH D. E. O'SULLIVAN,
Lt.-Col. R.M. (Chairman).

Colquite, Fowey.

The Editor "The Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—Necessity compels me to part with Volumes I. to VIII. of the "Globe and Laurel," which cover the greater part of my service in your grand old Corps.

Volume II. is in the original binding of Lowe, Fletcher and Hulme (I believe they did the binding), but the others are all bound by Charpentiers, of Portsmouth, who did all your work for so long. All of them have suffered through being stored in a damp place during the war, and the covers of most of them are stained, but the letterpress is unaffected.

Volumes I. and II. were out of print in 1900, when I was clerk to the (then) Editor, and these early volumes are, I know, highly valued in the Corps.

I should be grateful if you could assist me in disposing of these volumes by means of a notice in an early issue and would accept the highest offer I received within a reasonable time. I would willingly send them "on approval" so that their condition may be seen.

If you cannot give me a paragraph would you kindly put me in touch with your Advertising Agent (still Vernon, I expect?) so that he may advise me as to the present rates.

As, however, I claim to have been mainly instrumental in increasing the circulation quite considerably during the more than two years that I was connected with the paper, I feel sure that you will not deny me this little favour.

Wishing the old paper every success and regretting that I am unable to keep up my subscription,—I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. M. LEE, Captain.

Late the York and Lancaster Regiment and one time No. Po. 7852 Sergt., R.M.L.I.

EXTRACTS FROM AN OLD OFFICERS' MESS COMMITTEE BOOK.

Forton Barracks,

Gosport.

Sir,—The following extracts of entries in an old Officers' Mess Committee Book may be of general interest:—

"August 6, 1829.—The Committee of Management, finding that a mahogany horse-shoe table is a necessary article of furniture for the accommodation of the officers during the winter season: they are pleased to direct that a table of that description be forthwith constructed."

"July 4th, 1840.—Resolved to pay Mr. White the sum of 'three pounds eleven' being the account due to him from Lieut. D——, R.M., which was contracted under very peculiar circumstances."

"November 13th, 1848.—In consequence of the cook's scorbutic appearance he was sent for by the Committee and given a month's warning."

"November 9th, 1854.—Mess Rules: Rule VIII. On the Public Day *when there are Guests* each member of the Mess, whether he dines at the Mess or not, is to pay for one pint of wine.

"Rule IX. It is clearly to be understood that spirits are not to be drunk at the Mess table on any pretence whatever.

"Rule XV. . . . Officers' servants to be dressed in . . . livery-coat, waistcoat and breeches with low shoes, stockings, white neckerchief and white gloves. . . ."

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. N. HOUGHTON, Lieut.-Col.

NOBODY'S CHILDREN.

A CORPS OF IMPROVISORS.

By BENNET COPPLESTONE.

(*By kind permission of the Author and of the Editor of the "Cornhill Magazine."*)

(*Continued.*)

'Nobody's Children' are wanderers on the face of earth and sea, they roam perpetually *per mare per terram*. They are, like their step-brothers of the Navy, always on active service, and the War, great as it was, forms but an incident in their centuries of service. They were everywhere on service when it began; they are everywhere, and still on service, now that it is over. If I were to write their history, it would not be a history of one war, but of all wars in which the British Navy or Army has fought since the Restoration of Charles II.

"Servin' all over the World, adoin' all kinds of things."—Kipling.



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BRITISH MARINES ASSISTING IN THE JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE AREA.

In no other corps in the world would such an experience be possible as that which befell one officer, Lieut.-Colonel Peacock, R.M.A., in the first year of the War. Eight times he crossed the Equinoctial Line in pursuit of the enemy, yet found him not, and while he wandered up and down, always too early or too late, others more fortunate gobbled up the elusive foe. Colonel Peacock was in the cruiser *Minotaur* at Hong Kong when war broke out and his ship's company hunted for von Spee and his two big cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* all by themselves. It was, perhaps, as well that they did not find him. A little later the *Minotaur* went up to the Cocos Islands with the Australian convoy, and turning back missed the chance which the *Sydney* took of wiping out von Müller's *Emden*. After that the *Minotaur* went to German South-West Africa and then home. But Colonel Peacock returned, and in German South-West Africa commanded a brigade of guns which, unhappily for him, was not sent up to the front. It was not until many months afterwards that he commanded the R.M.A. siege batteries in Flanders, and at last got at the enemy whom he sought so long. By sea and by land, Nobody's Children are a Corps of Wanderers.

Perhaps those who wandered least, though they covered in their cruises countless leagues of drab North Sea, were the detachments of the Corps on service with the Grand Fleet. There were nearly six thousand of them at Jutland, as I have already told, and 526 were killed. The detachments in the *Indefatigable*, *Invincible*, *Defence* and *Black Prince* perished to a man; and of those in the *Queen Mary*, two only survived. Although the *Lion*, Admiral Beatty's flag ship, was not sunk, she was saved by a miracle; and it was a Marine officer who saved her, though he died himself in the act of doing it. Exactly half of his detachment of ninety-four were killed with him, and one other died later of wounds. Major F. J. W. Harvey, R.M., was awarded the V.C. posthumously, though nothing was disclosed regarding the nature of his service. There was good reason for secrecy, for the *Queen Mary* and *Indefatigable* had been struck and sunk in the flicker of an eye-flash, the *Lion* and the *Malaya* had been struck and saved by the instant miraculous devotion of their officers and men. There was a common weakness in the design of these ships which could not be disclosed until all possible risk of a repetition of such disasters had been removed.

In our battleships and battle-cruisers the fore-turrets are lettered 'A' and 'B'; the after-turrets, when there are a pair of them 'X' and 'Y'; the turrets set amidships—in the older vessels *en échelon*—are 'P' and 'Q.' The Marine turret of the *Lion* was that lettered 'Q.' At the beginning of the action between Beatty and von Hipper's battle-cruisers, the German shooting was extraordinarily, alarmingly, accurate. It fell off later—it degenerated, under stress of action, into feebleness—but at the beginning it was terribly accurate. Within eight minutes, the *Indefatigable* had

been hit and sunk, and then a twelve-inch shell from the *Lützow* caught 'Q' turret of the *Lion* just where the roof-plate joined the front armour. The shell broke through, and burst in the gun-house, killing or severely wounding all those within. Even those who were in the cabinet at the back were struck down, all except one Marine sergeant. Major Harvey, the officer in command, was desperately wounded, but the urgency of his duty mastered all bodily distress. Seeing that the communications with the turret had been destroyed, he sent the unwounded sergeant to the Captain on the fore-bridge; and then, realising that the fire from the cordite which was lying about would infallibly spread to the magazine below and destroy the ship, he gave orders that the doors should be closed and the whole magazine flooded. It was a terrible order, for it meant that those within the magazine would all instantly be drowned. The order was carried out, and by those who knew that in admitting the water they were compassing their own deaths. I do not know which to admire the more—the ruthless precision of Major Harvey's dying brain, or the selfless devotion of those whole men below who destroyed themselves in carrying it out. It was done, and the ship saved. Just in time, too, for a second explosion followed quickly after the first shell-burst, the front part of the roof-plate was blown off, and the flash passed down to the turret's trunk to where a moment before, there had been an open magazine. Major Harvey died almost immediately after giving his last immortal order.

The Marines in the *Malaya*, one of the fast battleships of the Fifth Battle Squadron, which formed the massive shaft of Beatty's spear, suffered severely. This was in the second phase of the action when, after a turn of sixteen points, Beatty was leading the German Fleet towards Jellicoe, who was coming down fast to his support. A twelve-inch German shell pierced the deck over the starboard six-inch side-battery and the burst of it fired all the cordite lying by the guns. The whole battery was quickly ablaze, and out of twenty-seven Marines who formed the ammunition supply party, seventeen lost their lives. This unlucky shot, for us, came within very little of sending the great *Malaya* to the bottom. The flash of the bursting shell passed down an open ammunition hoist to the magazine below, and caught the cordite bags there. Instantly seamen fell upon them, crushing out the fire with their bodies. Though the Marines suffered their casualties in this side-battery, the outstanding incident—one of the most remarkable in the whole action—was the escape from destruction of the Marine turret 'X.' As the *Malaya* was the last ship in the English line, the two after-turrets, 'X' and 'Y,' were exposed to the full concentrated fire of the following German Fleet. 'Y' passed unscathed, but a twelve-inch shell, falling steeply, pitched upon almost the centre of 'X' 's roof. It glanced without penetrating, and was seen to burst in the air. Splinters put the turret range-finder out of action, and demolished the turret's periscope; but that noble piece of plating which composed the roof, though a bare four and a-half inches thick, saved the turret. The roof bulged downwards at the point of impact, broke away from the holding-down bolts on the right-hand side, and opened a gap through which, later on in the day, the turret's crew got their first look at the enemy and watched the leading ships of Jellicoe's fleet rush into action. It is remarkable that the tremendous smashing blow of the falling shell, though unable to pierce those 4½ inches of faithful steel, yet tilted the whole huge turret and trunk (weighing some 800 tons), by enough to put the central ammunition hoist out of working order. Thenceforward, until the end of the action, the Marines had to raise their fifteen-inch shells—1960 lbs. each—by hand purchase; they did it, and kept up the supply of shells to the guns, even after the *Malaya* had been pierced below the water-line and had taken up a bad list. There were no casualties in the turret, and the guns were firing at the enemy within ten minutes of the roof being struck. Despite the damage to roof and turret, not one of the electrical instruments was disturbed, and not one of the electric lights was extinguished. 'The effect upon the guns' crew was nil,' said their commanding officer simply.

I am telling these stories to illustrate the effect of training. Nobody's Children, officers and men, are taught to think, to improvise, to carry on, so long as a spark of life remains unextinguished in their shattered bodies. In great things as in small—Major Harvey, on the point of death, flooding the magazine of the *Lion*—the guns' crew in the *Malaya's* turret man-handling nineteen-hundred-pound shells—the spiritual essence of the Corps is seen. It was seen also in 'X' turret of the *Tiger*, into which a German shell broke its way, though, happily, it did not explode. Beatty went into action on May 31st, 1916, with six battle-cruisers and four battleships. He lost two battle-cruisers, and came very near losing two other battle-cruisers—including his own flag-ship—and one of his supporting battleships. The Marine turret of the *Tiger* was so shrewdly hit that an eleven-inch shell broke through, driving before it more than a ton weight of solid armour. The shock broke up the shell—there was no explosive burst—smashed the electric circuits, and destroyed the centre training position. Like most of the other casualties of Beatty's squadron, this occurred very early in the action, when the Germans were shooting most unpleasantly well. Within five minutes, an incredibly short time, the guns' crews got going again. They trained from the left gun, and being cut off from the director and deprived of electric firing-circuits, they laid the guns by individual, and fired by percussion. So conspicuous an example of coolness and resource well deserved the special congratulations of Sir David Beatty himself. It is my belief that the Corps of Improvisors is never really happy unless it is compelling adverse circumstances to do obeisance to its will.

(To be continued.)

With reference to last month's instalment a correspondent writes as follows:—

"I notice one mistake in Mr. Copplestone's account. He says the First Battalion disappeared in the Autumn of 1917. The two Battalions were not amalgamated till after the March retreat in 1918, when it was the Second Battalion that died, its Commanding Officer and most of its officers having been killed. Its last effort was the counter-attack in Cuxley Wood on 6th April, 1918, and the combined Battalion was known thereafter as the First Batallion."

THE ORIGIN OF GROG.*

Grog was a gallant hero before it was a drink.

Admiral Edward Vernon, of the British Navy, rendered distinguished service in the Baltic, West Indies and Mediterranean, and was honoured by Queen Anne when he returned from the capture of Gibraltar. During a period of quiet in British military affairs he entered politics, and as a Member of Parliament participated in debates demanding energetic enterprise against Spain. He was accused of speaking extravagantly. He assailed the Government with severe invectives for its peaceful strategy, and in a blaze of enthusiasm declared that he could take Porto Bello, the great Spanish stronghold in Panama, with a squadron of six ships.

The Government retaliated upon its critic by sending him out as Commander of the West Indian Fleet, composed of the force that he himself had said was sufficient. As it turned out, Porto Bello had come by evil days, and its defence was far less prepared than was expected in England, for the castle and city surrendered to Vernon on the second day of the attack, 21st November, 1739, with small British casualties.

When the news of the victory reached England there was the wildest enthusiasm. Vernon was not only the "hero of the hour," but the hero of years; a year later his birthday was celebrated by the public illumination of London; and more than three years after the victory of Porto Bello, two disastrous campaigns intervening, he received the Freedom of the City of London when he returned to England.

The Admiral was in the habit of walking the deck of his flagship in a rough boat cloak, called a *grogram*. As it was a peculiar garment it suggested a nickname for the popular flag officer, and Admiral Vernon came to be known affectionately as *Old Grog*.

By an order, dated 9th March, 1687-8, King James II. had approved the issue of "Rumm" instead of brandy to all ships attending "upon the service of Our Island of Jamaica." It was left, however, to Admiral Vernon, shortly after the surrender of Porto Bello, to have a mixture of rum and water served out as a ration to the crews. It was intended as a preventive against the fevers that had decimated so many European expeditions to the West Indies.

When the sailors of the flagship "Burford" first tasted the new drink they found it most palatable, and as the enthusiasm of victory still ran high they named their favourite beverage after their favourite commander. Forty years later some verses were composed on the cruiser Berwick on the eve of Admiral Parker's fight with the Dutch fleet (1781), which bespeak the popularity of the man and the drink a quarter of a century after the man was dead. Here are the last two of the seven verses:—

A mighty bowl on deck he drew,
And filled it to the brink;
Such drank the "Burford's" gallant crew,
And such the gods shall drink.

The sacred robe which Vernon wore
Was drenched within the same;
And hence his virtues guard our shore,
And Grog derives its name.

* References: Col. G. C. Thorpe, U.S.M.C., *Naval Review*. *Mariner's Mirror*.

THE PASSING OF FORTON.

The Editor "Globe and Laurel," Chatham.

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent transference of the Division from Gosport to Eastney, the following District Order of 1848 may be of interest, dealing, as it does, with the removal of the same Division from Portsmouth to Gosport. Prior to this it had occupied the old Clarence Barracks:

Brigade Office, Portsmouth.
29th March, 1848.

District Orders.

Major-General Lord Frederick FitzClarence cannot permit the Royal Marines to leave the Fortress of Portsmouth, without expressing to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates the sentiments he entertains of their continued good conduct in every respect, since he has had the honour to have command of this important post, and Lord Frederick FitzClarence is convinced that the same feeling is felt by every person in the Town of Portsmouth where the Division has been quartered for the last 90 years, and in mentioning the length of time the Division has been quartered here, Lord Frederick is forcibly called to mind the number of gallant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines who during so long a period have left this Fortress to join the Sister Service in defence of their dear old country under Nelson, Howe, Codrington, Napier, Duncan and other great men, in actions never to be forgot, but ever to be remembered with honour, and mentioned in terms of gratitude by their admiring and grateful countrymen.

Lord Frederick FitzClarence requests Col. Aslett to receive his thanks for the manner in which he has upheld the discipline and efficiency of the Corps entrusted to his charge, and in mentioning the name of Duncan, Lord Frederick cannot forget that Colonel Aslett shared the dangers and honours of the action so nobly fought and so nobly won by that gallant Admiral.

Lord Frederick begs the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines to receive his best and heart-felt wishes for their happiness and welfare.

By Order, J. Home Purvis, Capt.
Major of Brigade.

I should have liked to have embodied this Order in Chapter XVII of "Britain's Sea Soldiers," but unfortunately it did not come into my hands until too late.

I am, Yours faithfully,
C. FIELD,
Lt.-Col. and Col. (Rtd. List).

THE LATE LIEUT.-GENERAL E. L. McCAUSLAND, ROYAL MARINES.

Lieut.-General E. L. McCausland, whose death occurred on the 12th inst., had a long and distinguished career in the Corps. He was appointed to Plymouth Headquarters as Lieutenant on 1st September, 1876, promoted to Captain 8th August, 1885, Major 11th September, 1893, Lieutenant-Colonel 10th February, 1900, Colonel-2nd-Commandant 11th April, 1906, and Colonel-Commandant of the Chatham Division on 11th April, 1909. His period in command of this Division was brought to a close by his promotion to Major-General on 19th May, 1910. He reached the rank of Lieut.-General on 21st June, 1915.

During his service General McCausland held the appointments of Assist.-Musketry Instructor and Staff Officer (Deal). He received the brevet rank of Colonel on 10th February, 1904. His war service was as follows:—

Egypt, 1882. He was present at the occupation of Port Said, the action of Tel-el-Mahuta, the battles of Kassassin on 28th August and 9th September, 1882, and Tel-el-Kebir, where he was severely wounded.

Great War. On 7th August, 1914, he was appointed to command the Royal Marine Special Service Brigade. He subsequently received an expression of their Lordships' thanks for his excellent work in preparing the Brigade for service.

General McCausland was awarded the Egyptian Medal with clasp for Tel-el-Kebir and the Khedive's Bronze Star. He retired from the Active List on account of age on 6th April, 1922.

CRIMEAN VETERAN.

At Crediton.

The death occurred at Crediton recently of Mr. Thomas Harwood at the age of 91 years. Deceased was a Crimean veteran and Crediton's oldest inhabitant, and up to within the past few weeks took his usual walks. He joined the Marines in 1853 as a private, and went up the Baltic on board her Majesty's ship "St. George" in 1854 and 1855 during the Crimean war, and bombarded the forts with 120 guns. In 1857 he went to China, and was one of those who scaled the walls of the city of Canton and took the place. From there he went to India, and in Calcutta was guard over prisoners of war in the Indian Mutiny. Then he went to British Columbia, and was six years on the Falcon Islands and two years on the island of Ascension. The late Mr. Harwood served 21 years, and held the Baltic Medal, the China Medal and one bar, the Indian Mutiny Medal, and the good conduct medal.

MARRIAGE.

A marriage has been arranged between Colin J. N. Cameron, eldest son of the late Andrew Cameron, P.W.D., and Maud Andrée, widow of Major Gerard B. C. Irvine, 9th Bhopal Infantry, and second daughter of General E. A. Wylde.

DEATHS.

HAZELWOOD.—At the R.N. Hospital, on 7th October, 1923, Sergt.-Major (W.O.) H. T. Hazelwood.

McCAUSLAND.—Lt.-General E. L. McCausland, R.M. (Retd.), on 12th October, 1923, at Buxton.

EX-COLOUR-SERGT. THOMAS CASE, R.N.

The death occurred suddenly, on Monday, 8th October, of Mr. Thomas Case, late Colour-Sergt., Royal Marines, at the age of 70. He enlisted in 1872, and in 1882 was appointed to the Recruiting Staff; in 1885 he was appointed to the Chatham Division, where he remained until going to pension. Mr. Case was the possessor of the Egyptian Medal and Suakim Clasp, the Khedive's Star, and the L.S. and G.C. Medals.

SERGT.-MAJOR (W.O.) H. T. HAZLEWOOD, R.M.

Great Loss to Service Sport.



It is with much regret that we announce the death at the age of 43 of Sergt.-Major Henry Thomas Hazelwood, R.M., which took place at the Royal Naval Hospital, after a short illness on 7th October. Mr. Hazelwood was a keen sportsman and a member of several local bodies. He had served in the Royal Marines for 23 years, and came to Chatham from Deal, in 1917. He leaves a widow and two young children.

ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' SPORTS FUND.

(Seventh List, 1923.)

£1, Lt.-Colonel A. S. Cantrell. 10s., Capt. C. Brooke-Short, Lt.-Col. B. C. Gardiner, C.B., Lt. R. D. Hale, D.S.M., Major G. Mathew, Lt. W. I. Nonweiler. Donation of 10s., Lt. G. W. Beazley. 5s., Lt. G. W. Beazley, Lt. T. L. G. Bryan, Lt.-Col. R. F. C. Foster, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lt. R. M. Giddy, Capt. H. R. Haines, O.B.E., Capt. A. L. S. Harris, Lieut. F. P. C. Lordon, Major F. W. Mattison, Lt.-Col. P. Molloy, Capt. C. Q. Parsons, 2nd Lt. W. F. P. Whitmarsh.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Tamar."—Thanks for suggestions re Christmas Number. We fear we cannot manage it this year.

"Sticky."—Thank you. Hope to find room for your contribution later on.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st July to 31st August, 1923.

Name.	Pen. No.	Rank.	Divn.	Reg. No	Date of death.
Baker, C.	15417	Pte.	Chat.	357	30/7/23
Bland, T.	17406	Clr.-Sergt.	Ports.	1069	18/7/23
Bubb, J.	21072	Gnr.	R.M.A.	4819	5/8/23
Christie, W.	13443	Cpl.	Ply.	733	12/8/23
Clifton, J.	13043	Gnr.	R.M.A.	280	24/8/23
Cowell, A. R.	19781	Sergt.	R.M.A.	5902	6/7/23
Cross, H.	12889	Pte.	Chat.	95	21/8/23
Dawson, R.	9517	Sergt.	Chat.	7318	7/7/23
Diver, J.	6263	Pte.	Ply.	——	5/8/23
Doran, M.	5774	Gnr.	R.M.A.	8 Co.	13/7/23
Dunn, J. W.	8843	Clr.-Sergt.	Chat.	2393	29/7/23
Ferris, S.	3901	Gnr.	R.M.A.	16 Co.	5/7/23
Gaskill, W.	10476	Q.M.S.	Depot	373	8/8/23
Gee, G. H.	11183	Pte.	Ports.	12986	22/7/23
Gibbs, J.	6877	Pte.	Chat.	1600	19/8/23
Giles, E.	9385	Pte.	Ports.	6297	22/8/23
Goss, C.	7793	Pte.	Chat.	21795	26/7/23
Hazell, R. W.	14749	Clr.-Sergt.	Chat.	218	30/8/23
Headley, G.	10843	Bglr.	R.M.A.	3 Co.	15/8/23
Hine, R.	12655	Pte.	Ply.	447	29/7/23
Jewell, W.	4789	Pte.	Ply.	F. Co.	30/6/23
Jones, R.	5257	Cpl.	Ports.	663	17/8/23
Keyte, W.	3776	Pte.	Ply.	2009	31/8/23
Lamb, A.	6267	Sergt.	R.M.A.	413	20/7/23
Martin, A. H.	14768	Clr.-Sergt.	Ports.	1535	11/7/23
Nixon, J.	2786	Pte.	Ply.	880	11/8/23
Plume, A.	7959	Pte.	Ply.	8823	8/8/23
Rice, W.	8116	Pte.	Ply.	1943	17/8/23
Rowe, G.	6601	Bglr.	Gos.	34 Co.	15/7/23
Smith, H.	16041	Pte.	Ports.	2834	13/7/23
Symington, R.	14041	Pte.	Ply.	760	14/7/23
Wheeler, S. J.	18050	Gnr.	R.M.A.	8325	7/8/23
White, H.	9848	Pte.	Chat.	29 Co.	8/8/23
Wright, A.	15599	Pte.	Ply.	5899	2/6/23

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th September, 1923.

Bontell, C.	17365	Pte.	Chat.	1361	11/9/23
Boulton, T. M.	24785	C.S.M.	R.M.A.	9924	15/9/23
Herbert, J.	13208	Clr.-Sergt.	Chat.	616	16/9/23
Hillyer, H.	16944	Gnr.	R.M.A.	5228	27/9/23
Hodge, W.	11808	Pte.	Ply.	130	16/9/23
Hunt, O.	12890	Pte.	Ports.	644	23/9/23
King, N.	2811	Sergt.	Ply.	1267	14/9/23
Kinston, W.	3425	Clr.-Sergt.	Ply.	1021	3/9/23
McMullim, D.	12871	Pte.	Ply.	701	4/9/23
Sanders, W.	18196	Pte.	Ply.	5437	31/8/23
Smith, C. J.	22096	Pte.	Ply.	11851	6/9/23
Stanton, J. S.	17784	W.O.2.	R.M.A.	3787	7/9/23
Stephens, T.	14376	Pte.	Ports.	895	9/8/23
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PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Majors N. S. Clutterbuck, D.S.O., and W. H. L. Tripp, D.S.O., M.C., are posted to Plymouth and Portsmouth Divisions respectively, 1—7—23.

Capt. W. E. Bashall (Supy.) absorbed in the Establishment vice Seath, 21—9—23.

R.M. Gunner C. W. Ryman apptd. to the Gun Battery, Chatham Division (tempy.), vice Sparks, 1—10—23.

Capt. C. S. Goldingham (from Seconded List) is borne supernumeray and posted to Chatham, 25—9—23.

An exchange on the Sea Service Roster has been sanctioned between Capt. C. T. Brown, O.B.E., and Capt. C. P. Sparrow.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) H. G. Swain is absorbed in the Establishment and posted to Chatham Division vice Coward, 1—11—23.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) H. G. Swain apptd. Parade Sergt.-Major vice Coward, 1—11—23.

Capt. H. E. Ravenshaw passed in subject (c) for promotion in July, 1923.

Cd. R.M. Gnr. W. A. Young passed the educational test of fitness for promotion to Commissioned Rank, R.M., in April, 1923.

Major A. G. Grierson apptd. Drafting Officer, Chatham Division vice Bennett, 1—10—23.

An exchange of ship and sea time has been sanctioned between Major L. Norcock, serving in H.M.S. **Calcutta**, and Maj. W. H. L. Tripp, D.S.O., M.C., serving at Portsmouth Division, 3—10—23.

Lieut.-Col. G. I. Anderson (Barrackmaster) apptd. to Supplementary Unemployed Pay List, U.T., and posted to Portsmouth, 31—10—23.

Capts. R. G. Sturges and C. H. Congdon are granted the relative rank of Lieut.-Cdr. R.N., when embarked from 1—7—22 to 1—11—22 respectively.

Captain M. H. Collet, M.C., R.M., having been awarded a Battery Commander's Certificate on 22nd Sept., 1923, is qualified for promotion to Major under Instructions for R.M. Division Art. 10.

Lieut. K. E. Previté placed on the Seconded List on appt. as A.D.C. to Governor-Designate of Bombay.

General Sir W. T. Adair, K.C.B., General Sir C. N. Trotman, K.C.B., and Major-General Sir A. Paris, K.C.B., are apptd. Hon. Colonels-Commandant of the Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth Divisions respectively, 26—8—23.

Capt. R. H. Campbell, M.C., apptd. to H.M.S. **President** (in charge of Proby. 2nd Lieuts. at R.N. College, Greenwich).

Surg.-Lt. R. W. Nesbitt, R.N., apptd.to H.M.S. **Pembroke** addl for Depot, R.M., vice Vicary, 2—10—23.

Capt. G. W. M. Grover posted to Portsmouth Division and apptd. Coy. Commander at the Depot, R.M., Deal.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. F. V. Temple, C.M.G. (Paymaster), absorbed in the establishment vice Tupman, and posted to Chatham Division, 1—11—23.

Capt. V. D. Thomas absorbed in the establishment vice Stewart, and posted to Plymouth, 18—10—23.

Major A. Bourne, D.S.O., M.V.O., apptd. Military Instructor, Depot R.M., Deal, vice Festing.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. L. C. Lampen apptd. Brigade Major, Portsmouth Division vice Bourne.

Lieuts. J. M. Fuller and C. R. L. Scott (from Seconded List) are absorbed in the establishment and posted to Chatham Division, 11—10—23.

Rev. J. Archibald apptd. to H.M.S. **Pembroke** for Royal Marines and H.M. Dockyard, Chatham, vice Hastings, B.A., 1—11—23.

The order of seniority of the undermentioned 2nd Lieuts. R.M., is as now shown: P. W. O'H. Phibbs, O. C. Dykes, R. F. Cornwall, R. H. Donaldson, J. H. Moxham, C. La R. Salter, S. C. Woolley, K. Hunt, G. Hill.

Lt.-Col. R. Willis, C.B., R.M. (Retd.) promoted to Col. Retd., 24—9—23.

Capt. G. M. Crick (from Seconded List) is borne supy. and posted to Portsmouth, 13—10—23.

Rev. C. Peshall, D.S.O., M.A., R.N., to H.M.S. **Vivid** (addl.) for Plymouth vice Hainssilin, 16—11—23.

The following Proby. 2nd Lieuts. are promoted to Proby. Lieuts. and posted to the Division stated against their names: P. Phibbs (Ply.), O. C. Dykes (Ply.), R. F. Cornwall (Ply.), S. C. Woolley (Ply.), R. H. Donaldson (Po.), C. Salter (Po.), J. H. Moxham (Ch.), K. Hunt (Ch.), G. Hill (Ch.).

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

The R.M. Officers for H.M.S. **Iron Duke** on recommissioning on 24th Oct., 1923, will be Major H. Blount, Proby. Lt. J. C. Westall, Bmdr. (W.O.) A. V. Sparrow, now in ship to remain, Capt. C. P. Sparrow and R.M. Gnr. P. W. Sparks.

The R.M. Officer for H.M.S. **Birmingham** on recommissioning will be Major B. F. Trench (to transfer from H.M.S. **Lowestoft**).

Proby. 2nd Lieut. P. W. O. Phibbs apptd. to H.M.S. **Repulse** vice Proby. Lieut. R. Godley.

Capt. M. H. Collet, M.C., to H.M.S. **Eagle.**

Capt. W. Lukis to H.M.S. **Danae** vice Heathcote, 5—11—23.

Capt. W. F. S. Fawckner to H.M.S. **Marlborough** vice Brook-Short.

Capt. P. J. Hughes, O.B.E., to H.M.S. **Birmingham**, in charge of R.M. Detachment.

Capt. H. S. G. Bird to H.M.S. **Warspite** vice Wildman-Lushington.

Major W. P. Arbuthnot to H.M.S. **Queen Elizabeth** (and as Fleet R.M. Officer)vice Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. L. C. Lampen.

Capt. C. T. Brown, O.B.E., to H.M.S. **Resolution** vice Mathews.

Proby. 2nd Lieut. R. H. Donaldson to H.M.S. **Benbow** vice Smyth.

Proby. 2nd Lieut. J. H. Moxham to H.M.S. **Resolution** vice Bryan.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) M. J. Stacey apptd. to H.M.S. **Egmont** (R.M.C.D. Malta) vice Flawn to disembark to Chatham Division (office).

RETIREMENTS.

Capt. T. G. Hungerford placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23, and appointed to Reserve of Officers, R.M., in rank last held.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) C. F. Coward placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23, 1—11—23.

Lieut.-Col. R. H. Willis, C.B., Supy. List, R.M. (W.T.), (Half-pay), placed on Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23, 24—8—23.

Lieut.-Col. J. W. Tupman, C.B.E., placed on the Retired List on account of age, 1—11—23.

Capt. R. A. Stewart placed on the Retired List at own request under A.F.O. 2242/23, and placed on the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in rank last held on Active List, 18—10—23.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The following officers have been selected to attend the Junior Captains' and Senior Lieutenants' Military Course, commencing at Depot R.M., Deal, on Monday, 12th November, 1923, and terminating on Saturday, 10th May, 1924:—Capts. E. C. Heathcote, C. Brooke-Short, A. Whitworth, G. W. M. Grover, E. T. Harden, F. W. Dewhurst, C. P. Parsons, R. Mathews, E. E. Johnson, E. Allison. Lieuts. L. H. Wrangham, M.C., E. Woodington, R. Spragget, M.C., J. Wills, R. Gordon, P. Burgess, H. Lumley, C. R. L. Scott, F. Richardson, R. Deane, F. Condur, E. Dun and F. Lordon. Prob.-Lieut. J. Cordeaux.

Po/211422 Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II.) A. A. Attwood qualified on 9th October, 1923 for Sergt.-Major.

Proby. 2nd Lieuts. P. O'H. Phibbs and R. F. Cornwall qualified "Distinguished" in Theoretical Military Course at Deal on 29th September, 1923.

The Adjutant-General R.M. notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by these officers.

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DISEMBARKATIONS.

Benbow—Musn. G. L. French. **Impregnable (T.S.)**—Bandmaster, 2nd Class, Elsom Clayton. **Ajax**—Bandmaster, 2nd Class, G. W. Hooped, Bd/Cpl. E. R. Long, Musns. E. G. B. Bulbeck, C. E. Brand, Derrick Collier, A. W. Emmerton, Herbert Hawes, Thomas Knapp, H. C. Johnson, Henry Russell, G. E. Raeburn, L. C. Sparks, E. D. Smith, W. A. L. Smith, F. L. Walker. **Thunderer**—Musn. E. N. Williams. **Repulse**—Musn W. H. Boobier. **Impregnable**—(C.-in-C.) Bandmaster (W.O.) F. M. Radcliffe, Bd. Cpl. Joseph Hatcher, Musns. Joseph Brown, W. J. Branchflower, F. J. Ayress, F. B. Cowen, Jonathan Debbage, G. H. Hearnshaw, T. W. Golding, Harry Ibbitson, R. M. Law, R. J. Trevett, Harold Ward. **Barham**—Musn. G. J. Young. **Lowestoft**—Musn. H. J. Bailey.

EMBARKATIONS.

Valiant—Bd.Cpl. C. F. Cambridge. **Impregnable (R.N.B.)**—Bandmaster, 2nd Class, Wm. Plumridge. **Ajax**—Bandmaster 2nd Class, Herbert Wright, Bd. Cpl. P. F. Grace, Musns. W. H. Davis, W. A. Firminger, A. W. Cleeton, C. H. Diprose, C. G. Knight, W. E. C. Podger, A. G. Price, E. C. Blaney, Jack Downer, W. F. Owen, S. F. Treend, L. J. Lee, D. A. Jarman. **Thunderer**—Musn. W. H. Cooper. **Repulse**—Musn. P. G. Boxall. **Impregnable**—(C. in C.)—Cmnd. Bandmaster Herbert Reely, Bd. Cpl. George Timms, Musns. W. W. Turner, A. C. Loader, L. H. Sell, W. H. Fletcher, George Cockroft, G. R. Watts, Norman Mead, Wm. Croft, A. H. J. Browne, A. T. Sharp, L. J. Maskell. **Pembroke**—Musn. S. J. Knight. **Barham**—Musn. W. H. Boobier.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musician—Bd. Boy F. W. Chidley and T. W. Parnell.

DISCHARGES.

Bd. Boy S. E. Stone, invalided; Musn. F. G. Graffy, termination of first period of engagement.

OBITUARY.

It is regretted to announce the death of R.M.B./2076 Musician John Green, which occurred at the R.N. Hospital, Chatham, on the 27th September, 1923.

EXAMINATIONS.

The following have qualified for Musical Instructors:—Bandmaster, 1st Class, Harold Beedon, Bd. Cpls. W. A. Attrill, A. G. Foskett, J. F. Stanning.

The examination for promotion to Bandmaster, 2nd Class, was held on the 9th, 10th, and 11th October. The results are not yet known.

Major J. G. Horne, R.M., relinquished command of the School on October 8th, 1923. Previous to his departure he expressed his cordial thanks to the Officers, N.C.O.s and Men for their keen assistance to him during his three most interesting years with them and wished them every success in the future.

Of the many important happenings at the School during Major Horne's appointment, the most momentous, from a general point of view, is the establishment of the Music Libraries, in which he took a very keen interest and worked hard to get. They are now on a sound basis and are financially supported by a voluntary monthly contribution of 2d. each from all ranks at Headquarters.

The Adjutant General, Lieut.-General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., visited the School on October 5th on the occasion of his annual inspection.

RESULT OF SHOOT OF PORTSMOUTH CUP COMPETITION, 1923.

Unit.	Tot. 200	Tot. 500	Tot. 600	Agg.	O. of M.
R.M.C.C., Ch.	169	168	164	501	1st.
H.M.S. "Victory" C.C.	160	172	156	488	2nd.
R.M.C.C., Deal	168	143	175	486	3rd.
R.M.C.C., Po.	142	134	127	403	4th.
R.N.C.C., Ch. (A.)	138	116	128	382	5th.
R.M.C.C., Ply.	126	125	130	381	6th.
R.N.C.C., Ch. (B.)	104	91	69	264	7th.

RESULT OF SHOOT OF SCHOMBERG CUP COMPETITION, 1923.

Unit.	Tot. 200	Tot. 500.	Agg.	O. of M.
R.M.C.C., Ch. (A.)	132	123	255	1st.
R.M.C.C., Deal	126	118	244	2nd.
R.M.C.C., Ch. (B.)	123	115	238	3rd.
R.M.C.C., Po.	118	113	231	4th.
R.M.C.C., Ply.	98	77	175	5th.



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Officer, 1664.

"I never knew an appeal to them for honour, courage or loyalty, that they did not more than realise my highest expectations. If ever the hour of real danger should come to England, they will be found the Country's Sheet Anchor."

Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

We have had our first "shot at it" and we hope it was not altogether a miss.

In this, our second venture, we are introducing a new feature which we trust will prove popular with our readers of all ranks. We refer of course to the full page cartoon supplement. It is most sporting of the Adjutant-General to be the first to submit himself, or rather his photograph, to the tender mercy of our cartoonist. He has given a lead which should encourage other celebrities of the Corps to follow.

We congratulate ourselves in having secured the services of "Col" as our cartoonist, and we hope to keep him busy and to issue with each number an exhibition of his skill.

It is by no means our intention that our cartoon should be confined to the commissioned ranks, but rather that they shall include any serving members of the Corps, who have distinguished themselves either professionally or in any branch of sport whatever.

An examination of the number of copies of this journal supplied to ships, shows, much to our astonishment and regret, that there are many, capital ships included, which have not placed an order with us for a single copy! "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." We refrain from further comment at the moment, but in order that the blame may not lie at our door we are circularising officers and N.C.O.s commanding detachments on the subject.

Nothing further appears to have transpired with regard to the question of the pooling of officers' subscriptions raised in these columns in August. It seems a great pity that something on the lines suggested by Major H. C. Pope in our last issue cannot be instituted. Not only would it mean the saving of much trouble to all subscribers, but it would provide the various funds with a regular and assured income.

No one has so far swallowed the bait we dangled in our Editorial last month on the question of training the Corps for a definite rôle. We have had only one small rise, but we have hopes that before long we shall hook quite a big fish.

We commend to the attention of all our readers, who are in a position to help, the letter from Colonel W. B. Dauntesey, in this month's correspondence. Colonel Dauntesey was the originator of the Cadet Corps in the Royal Marines, having inaugurated the Royal Marine Artillery Cadet Corps at Eastney in 1902, and since his retirement from the Service has devoted much of his time and energy to the Boy Scout movement. We trust that his request will meet with the consideration it deserves.

Before our next number is issued Christmas will have come and gone. We take the opportunity, therefore, of wishing all our readers "Per Mare Per Terram" the best of times in the Christmas festivities, and the best of good luck in the coming Year.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Royal Humane Society Award.

Among awards made on 14th November by the Committee of the Royal Humane Society was the following:

Bronze medal to Sergeant F. A. J. Thorne, Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Warspite," for his courageous action in saving a boy who fell overboard from H.M.S. "Valiant," in Moray Firth, on September 3rd. Sergeant Thorne had 200 yards to swim before reaching the boy, and then supported him for nearly a quarter of an hour.

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Mascot.

During the visit of H.M.S. "Diomede" to Kudat, British North Borneo, a local Chieftain presented a goat to the Detachment as a souvenir of a wild-cattle shooting expedition.

The goat wears a bridle with a Globe and Laurel on it, made by Corporal Simes. As a substitute for the palms outside the Officers' gangway of H.M.S. "Tamar" the goat has been known to consume a complete copy of the "News of the World" at sea. The goat's name is Hannah.

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What of the Marines?

"The annual reunion luncheon of the Royal Naval Division last Saturday (Nov. 10th), at which Commodore Backhouse presided and Mr. Churchill was the chief guest, was a great success, and we congratulate the R.N.D. Association on having added 125 new members this year. But, judging by the Press reports, the speeches were lacking in one important respect, recognition of the part played by the Royal Marines. Although the Marine Battalion was the first organised force in the Division, and its seasoned troops made possible the gain of three days at Antwerp, not a word about them was said, apparently, by Mr. Churchill, who referred only to "the use of a then quite untrained and very ill-equipped body of brave men." At Gallipoli, too, while the officers with temporary commissions did nobly, considering their inexperience and lack of military knowledge, it was the Royal Marine Commandants and the stiffening given by the Marines in the ranks, who raised the fighting qualities of the division to so high a standard. Hence it is surprising that no Marine officers appear to have been present at the reunion, and that the splendid work of the Corps should be hidden away in this manner."—*Army, Navy and Air Force Gazette*, 17th *November*.

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The Queen visited the Royal School for Naval and Marine Officers' daughters at St. Margaret's, Twickenham, on November 20th.

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Governor of Bombay.

The "Court Circular" of 3rd November states that Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie Wilson was received in audience by his Majesty, and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor of Bombay, when the King conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood, and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire.

Sir Leslie and Lady Wilson subsequently took luncheon with their Majesties.

Sir Leslie was entertained at dinner at the House of Commons on 15th November, by members of all parties, in recognition of his Parliamentary services as Chief Government Whip. The Prime Minister presided, and was supported on his right by Mr. Asquith and Mr. T. P. O'Connor, and on his left by Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The newly-appointed Governor of Bombay sailed for India in the "Dongola" on 16th November, and is expected to arrive at Bombay on 10th December. Sir Leslie Wilson's staff includes four aides-de-camp, one of whom is Lieut. K. Previté, Royal Marines.

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Mayor of Acton.

Alderman J. P. Hamilton, late Barrack-Sergeant, Plymouth Division, was installed as Mayor of the Borough of Acton, Middlesex, on the 9th November.

ARMISTICE DAY.

TO SILENCE.

"It is dangerous to be silent with one whom we do not wish to know or do not love, for words may pass between men, but let silence have its instant of activity, and it will never efface itself.—*M. Maeterlinck.*

Eternal mystery, exceeding speech,
From you the shallow flee to bate their pain;
Balm of the great, through you their spirits reach
To God and all again.

In tumult touched, where battle took the toll,
The radiant youth of troublous times are gone,
The dust to Picardy, to you the soul,
The lesson marching on.

Erstwhile we fled you, for we knew you not;
Peace loved a pulsing life, that shammed the real.
Years of increase, that spurned sequestered thought,
Gave us no power to feel

The awful Infinite, the dreadful Calm—
(In which the wrecks of empires seem a shard)
The voice of Everlastingness: "I am!
Without me, life is hard!"

But this is death! and all our splendid boys
Are bosomed in you with a sea of tears;
Our ears must strain for their receding voice
Through the succeeding years.

Where, matters not: be it in throne or cot,
On mount or moor, or where the lone trail runs,
Let us forgather with the things forgot,
In justice to our sons

Clasped up for ever! and when some cheap word
Would shut the Gates of Silence, there shall come
From chastened eyes the message man has heard
To strike the babbler dumb.

W.H.

It is believed this was written during the War by a British soldier in France. Coming by chance into the hands of some influential person at home, rumour has it that it started the idea of having the two minutes' silence on Armistice Day.

A.G.W.G.

TROOPING THE REGIMENTAL COLOUR AT THE ROYAL MARINE BARRACKS, CHATHAM.

This ceremonial parade was held on 10th November in commemoration of Armistice Day. As so frequently seems to be the case on such occasions, the weather was no friend—a cold, damp day with intermittent drizzle and heavy showers. Notwithstanding this, however, the parade ground was crowded with interested spectators. Enclosures had been roped off for the official guests, friends of officers, N.C.O.s and men, and admission to barracks was by ticket only—a wise precaution as matters turned out, for it was a case of "standing room only."

The opportunity had been taken to invite the Honorary Colonel-Commandant of the Division, General Sir W. T. Adair, K.C.B., to come down and witness the ceremony and take the salute, and a fine, tall, upright figure he looked as he walked on to the parade, with the Commandant, precisely at 11 o'clock.



The official guests included the Mayors of Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham, the G.O.C. Chatham Area, Admiral-Superintendent Chatham Dockyard, Commodore Naval Barracks, the Surgeon-Rear-Admiral, Engineer Rear-Admiral, and the Bishop of Rochester; and in addition there were present large numbers of naval and military officers with their families and friends.

Meanwhile the guards had been formed under the Adjutant and at 11 o'clock Lieut.-Colonel Little, C.M.G., took command of the parade and the "troop" commenced. The ceremony was performed without a hitch of any kind and the Colour, which was presented to the Chatham Division by H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha on 22nd June, 1896, was returned to the officers' mess at 11.45.

At the conclusion of the ceremony General Sir W. T. Adair placed a wreath on the Divisional War Memorial "In honoured memory of the Officers and Other Ranks, Chatham Division, Royal Marines, who lost their lives in the Great War." The wreath consisted of a large globe of yellow chrysanthemums surrounded by laurel and was carried by four smart young members of the Cadet Corps.

Subsequently the General lunched with the officers in their mess, and before leaving the Division issued the following the Special Order of the Day:—

"It has afforded me very great pleasure to re-visit the Chatham Division, which I joined in 1868 and at which I spent most of my Headquarter service.

"The Parade this morning fully convinced me that the tradition of smartness and discipline has been maintained to the highest degree, and I congratulate the officers and other ranks on the Trooping of the Colour which I saw presented to this Division in 1896.

"I take it as a great compliment that I was allowed to place the Divisional Wreath on the Tablet in memory of our comrades who have fallen."

Royal Marines at the Cenotaph.

At the Cenotaph on Armistice Day, November 11th, 1923, the Royal Marines were represented by 107 officers, N.C.O.s and men from the Chatham Division, under the command of Captain L. S. Wilkinson.

In addition to these, the Divisional Band and 16 buglers with silver bugles paraded at 7 a.m. and entrained at Chatham Station in company with a Naval Guard of similar strength from H.M.S. Pembroke.

By 10.15 all troops were in position at the Cenotaph, the Marine Guard occupying a position at the N.W. corner with the Navy on their left and the Air Force on their right.

The buglers were drawn up in single line across the roadway facing the Cenotaph and on the south side of it.

After the short and simple ceremony, a most impressive part of which was the sounding of the "Reveille" by the Marine buglers, the Naval and Marine Guards marched via Westminster Bridge and York Road to the Union Jack Club. Here they were joined by the Portsmouth contingent of 20 Marines, under Captain N. I. Eastman, who had been on duty in Westminster Abbey.

FLEET NOTES.

AFRICA STATION.

H.M.S. " Lowestoft."

September and October on the African Station are the two months usually devoted to Gunnery and Torpedo exercises, as at this time of the year there is more chance of successive days of calm weather.

The Pulling Regatta generally takes place after these exercises have been completed. Owing to the Flagship paying off shortly, the Regatta was held this year at Simonstown instead of at Saldanha Bay on October 15th, 16th and 17th. The Regatta Cup was won by the " Dublin " with 202 pts. against the " Lowestoft's 180 pts. The Marines' race was won by the " Dublin's " gig, with the " Lowestoft's " first crew not far behind.

The " Lowestoft " is now spending ten days at Cape Town for the Trafalgar Week celebrations organised by the Navy League of South Africa.

On Trafalgar Day a Commemoration Service was held in St. George's Cathedral at Cape Town. This was attended by the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and ship's company of the " Lowestoft." At the commencement of the service a laurel wreath in memory of those belonging to the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and Mercantile Marine who fell in the war was presented. The wreath was carried up the aisle by representatives from each service and laid on the altar steps, one of the bearers being Mne. J. E. McMaster. Among those present in the Cathedral were Colonel F. D. Bridges, C.M.G., Royal Marines, and Mrs. Bridges.

B. F. TRENCH,
Major, R.M.

24th October, 1923.

H.M.S. " Dublin."

A series of interesting Rifle Matches took place between the Rifle Teams of H.M.S. " Dublin," and the Cape Town Highlanders, at Wotemade, Cape Town, on " Weiner's Day," the 1st October, 1923.

The Long Range shoot was fired in the forenoon and the Team shoots in the afternoon. Honours were evenly divided at the conclusion of the shooting, although praise is due to our opponents for winning the Long Range shoot.

1st Shoot.—Teams of 10. Best 8 to count. Seven rounds and 1 sighter at 200 yds., 500 yds. and 600 yds. (possible score, 105).

Cape Town Highlanders—

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total
R.S.M. Windrum	32	34	29	95
Sergt. Hawtrey	32	31	29	92
Capt. Hearn	29	29	32	90
R.Q.M.S. Strachan ...	31	28	28	87
S.S. Cloudsley	29	30	25	84
Sergt. Campbell	26	29	24	79
C.S.M. Ryan	25	25	27	77
C.S.M. McLaren	25	23	23	71
				675
Pte. Thompson	24	25	14	63
S.S. Krause	22	23	2	47

H.M.S. " Dublin "—

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total
Cpl. Masters	27	31	30	88
Sergt. Emery	31	25	27	83
S.P.O. Brett	26	29	27	82
Mid. Clitherow, R.N. ...	25	32	24	81
Cpl. Tull	28	29	24	81
Mne. Hillier	22	25	30	77
Mne. Butler	29	24	22	75
O.Sea. Vickers	22	23	29	74
				641
Mne. Evans	24	26	21	71
Lt. Smith, R.M.	29	23	17	69

2nd Shoot (Wantage Competition)—

H.M.S. " Dublin " ...	112
C.T.H.	87

3rd Shoot, Tile Competition (teams of 4)—

H.M.S. " Dublin " A team ...	17 Tiles	Total, 31
" " B " ...	14 "	
C.T.H. A team	9 "	Total, 19
" B "	10 "	

4th Shoot, " Kill-or-Be-Killed " Competition (teams of 4)—

C.T.H.	2 wins
H.M.S. " Dublin "	1 win

A Spoon was very kindly presented by the C.T.H. for the highest score by H.M.S " Dublin " and was awarded to Sergt. Emery, as Cpl. Masters, having won one previously, waived his claim.

A goose was offered at the end of the day's shooting for the most deserving member of our team and was awarded to Ord. Sea. Vickers as youngest member.

A very enjoyable day was brought to a close at the Cape Town Highlanders Sergeants' Mess, whose members very cordially entertained our team and where we spent a convivial evening.

The CAPE COLONY W.R.A. MEETING at Wotemade commenced on 3rd October.

In the Stuart Solomon Cup (Wantage Shoot) and Snap and Rapid Competitions Lt. Smith, Sergt. Emery and Cpl. Tull were successful in winning prizes.

Shipping Cup Competition (a Tile Shoot), teams of 4 (17 teams competed)—

H.M.S. " Dublin " entered 2 teams.

A Team (3 Marines and 1 S.P.O.) gained 4th place, and won the Tyro prize of Bronze Medals.

B Team (4 Marines) secured 6th place.

CHINA STATION.

MOVEMENTS.—The China Squadron dispersed from Wei-hai-Wei earlier this year owing to the Japanese earthquake.

H.M.S. " Hawkins," " Despatch," " Durban " and " Ambrose " have all been to Yokohama, where parties were landed to render what assistance they could, It is hoped to send longer accounts of the relief work before the next issue of " The Globe and Laurel."

The weather at Wei-hai-Wei during the summer was not good this year. However, it did not seriously interfere with the work of the Fleet.

H.M.S. " Diomede " is completing her refit at Hong Kong; she was damaged when at anchor at Amoy, by being run into by an American merchant ship.

H.M.S. " Despatch " arrives at Hong Kong at the end of October for her refit and " Titania " arrives about the same time with the Small Arms Staff.

MUSKETRY.—The Lewis Gun Sections of H.M.S. " Hawkins " fired a five days' course at Wei-hai-Wei.

POLO AND RACING.—Capt. R. Neville played for Hong Kong against Shanghai in the Interport series, which Shanghai were lucky to win by 4 to 3.

Riding Dandy Kid in the Beef Stakes at the Gymkhana meeting of October, Capt. Neville came in third, on which the pari-mutual paid odds of 3½ to 1.

FOOTBALL.—The Naval Grounds at Happy Valley were under water most of September owing to floods caused by the numerous typhoons which have passed close to Hong Kong this year, and an exceptionally heavy raintall during the last week of August.

The Hong Kong League Divisions I and II have started, though they will not be in full swing until the return of the Fleet. The King's Regiment and H.M.S. " Tamar " are equal top at the time of writing.

The R.M. Detachment H.M.S. " Tamar " played R.M. Detachment H.M.S. " Diomede, " the result being a draw or no goals after a good fast game.

MALTA.

On 6th of November, 1923, with the permission of Capt. Monroe and the officers of H.M.S. " Egmont," that establishment's newly-formed Concert Party gave its first performance. Owing to the length of the programme, which lasted three hours, without a dull moment, no encores were given; except in the case of " Joe and Jasper," who had to give " Linger a Little Longer " three times before the audience would allow them to leave the stage. It is difficult for an audience to realise the hard work entailed in arranging a big concert and in working it up to a high state of perfection. The lighting arrangements were in the capable hands of A.B. Sharpe, while the Party, under the direction

of Sergt. Hewitt, R.M., transformed our stage into a veritable drawing-room. Mne. Trim was responsible for the cleverly-designed costumes. Although seating accommodation for 400 had been provided, long before the curtain went up the "Standing Room Only" notice had to be displayed. The Concert Party made up a verse and chorus relative to the valuable help they had received from Capt. Monroe, which was enthusiastically taken up by the ship's company. At the conclusion of the entertainment cheers were called for the Concert Party, who, in turn, called for three cheers for Capt. Monroe, which were most vociferously given. SCOUT.

BOXING.

EASTNEY.

Cpl. Downton is doing very well lately. He has developed a hard punch and has quickened up considerably with both head and footwork. In a recent fight with Arthur Tyrrell, although he was beaten on points, he put up a remarkable display, as the following extract from the *Sporting Life* will testify.

"If the Ring patrons were disappointed with the Hall-Bullion affair, they had an abundance of thrills in the fifteen rounds contest in which Arthur Tyrrell of Walsall defeated the Navy and Marine welter-weight champion, Cpl. Downton.

Possibly Tyrrell's anxiety to give a good show was responsible for him going "all out" in the very first round. He exposed the whole of his cards, which was rather a bad policy with such a formidable opponent.

This indiscretion nearly proved fatal in the fourth round, when Downton waited for him to lash out and then beat him for speed with a perfect right to the chin which lifted the Walsall man clean off his feet.

Tyrrell managed to keep his feet subsequently, however, and was soon himself again.

Downton began to show signs of weakness in the seventh round, when he took counts of six and seven from rights to the chin. Had Tyrrell steadied himself at this juncture he should have won decisively, but he swung wildly, thus missing a golden opportunity.

Each succeeding round provided a maximum of thrills. Downton took count after count but came up again and again, and more than once had his opponent decidedly weak. Before the final gong sounded Tyrrell had forced the gallant marine to take no less than 15 counts, most of which were for periods of eight or nine seconds.

The referee rightly gave his verdict in favour of Tyrrell, who had won by a wide margin of points, but announced that it was a pity to have to make such a game boxer, as Downton had proved himself to be, a loser."

We shortly hope to have a large number of youngsters in full training.

Recent results:—

Sergt. Ring v. Tom Berry (10 rounds), N.S.C. Lost on points.
Cpl. Davey v. Tom Hisle (6 rounds) at Cosham. Won on points.
Mne. Hornsey v. Seaman Bowridge, opponent retired. Won.
Mne. Hornsey v. Fred Smith (10 rounds) K.O. in 9th round. Won.
Cpl. Downton v. Billy Quinn, 10 rounds (on 3 occasions). Won each time.
" v. Billy Birch, 10 rounds. Won.
" v. Griff Griffiths, 10 rounds. Won.
" v. Con Hollingsworth, 10 rounds. Won.
" v. Cyril Day, 10 rounds. Won.
" v. Jim Carroll, 10 rounds. Won.
" v. Arthur Tyrrell, 15 rounds. Lost on points.
" v. Johnny Bishop, 10 rounds. Won.

PLYMOUTH.

A Novices' Boxing Meeting was held at the Royal Naval Barracks on 22nd and 23rd October. The Royal Marines were well represented and put up a very good show.

Results:—

Light heavy-weight	...	Mne. Jarvis	Winner.
Middle-weight ...	...	Mne. Creswell	Winner.
Light-weight ...	...	Mne. Duffield	Runner-up.
Bantam-weight	...	Mne. Richards	Runner-up.

Welter-weight.—Mne. Robinson got through to the Second Round but lost on points to the eventual winner, and was awarded a good loser's prize.

Bantam weight.—Bugler Coles got through to the second round of this series, but was knocked out in his next fight.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

PLYMOUTH.

Several important matches have been played during the past month.

Oct. 20th, v. Albion R. at Beacon Park.—The game was, as the score denotes, fast and open, with the Albion getting all the best of the play. Their pack, which includes several star turns, had a good time, with the result that they won by 24 points to nil.

Oct. 31st, v. Naval Barracks, at home.—A good game, the home team winning by 15 points to 8. The Sailors' line was crossed five times, but all the place kicks failed. Trials were given to 2nd Lieuts. Haward, Buckley and Edmondson, all of whom gave a fine display. Clarke, Edwards and Lemon were outstanding at forward, and the team generally are to be congratulated.

Nov. 3rd, v. Kingsteignton, at Longroom.—A fine, sporting game under very difficult conditions. The senior side had the pull in the scrums, and their outside-half, Field, was in great form; his two tries were worth going a long way to see. Result: Kingsteignton, 9; R.M., 3.

Nov. 7th, v. R.N.E.C., at Keigham.—Result: a win for the College by 34 pts. to 17 pts.

Nov. 10th v. Brixham at Brixham.—The match was looked upon as an easy victory for the "fishermen," but such was not the case, as they were extremely lucky to avert defeat. Sandle kicked every time instead of passing to Mealing, who, by the way, is developing into a fine wing. Broom is proving a tower of strength behind the scrum. Result: Brixham, 6 pts.; R.M., 5 pts.

Nov. 14th, v. South Wales Borderers at Longroom. This was looked forward to by the club's supporters, as the wonderful show put up in the last game on their ground made it a "Derby Day." The Borderers went off great guns, and it was very plain to everyone that history would repeat itself. The Borderers gave no quarter, and they swept our pack clean off the map; two tries being registered by them in no time. The home supporters had no hope of anything but defeat. The pace was telling on both sides, but the Marines seemed to be weathering best. It was a hard struggle during the first quarter of an hour in the second half, when Capt. Sergeant came away, and parted with the ball to South, Silby received, and, at the right moment passed to Summerhayes, who scored a fine try. The excitement was great, and Silby converted with a fine kick, making the score 6—5. Afterwards Silby gathered in the loose, broke clear, and put Summerhayes over with a try, which Silby converted. The Borderers came again, and every effort had to be made to keep them out. From a cross-kick South fielded finely on the run, and with a reverse pass put Lieut. Penfold over with a fine try, Silby only just failing to convert. Broom was the outstanding player; the way the little man went down to it was simply grand, and he did much to stem the tide in the first half. All played well however, and it was a fine, sporting contest, with plenty of healthy excitement for everyone. Result: a win for the Marines by 13 pts. to 6.

ASSOCIATION.

CHATHAM.

Up to the end of October our 1st team had not struck a winning vein, due rather to bad luck than bad play; since, although we have had the greater part of the play in a good many games, we have lost. The 2nd eleven have a much better record and are a very good side. In the United Service League, Div. II, they made 7 points out of a possible 8. In the New Brompton and District League, Div. I, their record is as follows:—Played 8, won 5, drawn 1, lost 2; goals for, 17; against, 11; points, 11. To revert to the 1st team: After experimenting with different players we have at last got a very good team together and their record since the 27th of October is as follows:—In the English Amateur Cup on the 27th we were drawn against Cray Wanderers (the same team that put us out of the English Cup) and took our revenge to the tune of 4 to nil. On the 31st we resumed touch with our old friends the R.N. Depot (between whom and ourselves the keenest rivalry exists) in the Kent Senior Cup, and ran out good winners with the score 5—1. The feature of the game was the absence of fouls, in spite of the keenness with which it was contested. By mutual agreement this game also counted

for U.S. League points. Now we come to the "Navy Cup." On the 7th of this month we played the "Blenheim" (and tenders) in the Port Semi-Final and again victory came our way, this time by the big score of 11—0. In spite of this the game was interesting, as the losers did not give up trying and took their defeat in a sporty spirit. Here again we had a very clean game; Clark, our inside left, scored no less than 7 of the eleven goals. On Saturday, the 10th, we played Maidstone in the Kent League, and annexed full points. According to the London papers the feature of the game was the combination of the Marines. True, we only won by 1—0, but we had a good goal disallowed, to the surprise of nearly everyone, as the ball was netted after being returned by the goalkeeper in a melée in front of the Maidstone goal, so it was impossible for anyone to be offside. Whether another infringement took place or not, the Referee was the only one who saw it. A penalty in our favour was saved. On Saturday, the 15th, we travel to Sidcup to play Lamorbey in the next round of the English Amateur Cup and hope to continue in winning vein. Great interest is being shown by all ranks of the Division and a good number will take advantage of the cheap return offered by the Railway Company to travel to Sidcup and see their favourites win. (The result was R.M., 2; Lamorbey, 1.—Ed.) Seven of our team have been honoured by being selected for the Navy Eleven against Kent County, to be played probably on the 21st; two have also been selected to play against Oxford University on the 28th.

EASTNEY.

A full football programme has been arranged for the Portsmouth Division, and with the keen interest of Colonel-Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., who rarely misses a match, and the assistance of Capt. and Adjutant Johnstone and Major Brooks, who are President and Treasurer respectively, a successful season is hoped for. The Division can still command the services of such well-known County and Service players as Sergts. Wood and Arnold, Cpls. Warwick and Lawrence and Mnes. Lyons and Farmer. Two teams are being catered for with the following programme:—

1st Team.—Amateur Cup.
Hants Senior Cup.
U.S. Challenge Cup.
Victory Cup.
Gosport Hospital Cup.
Hants League.
U.S. League, Div. I.

2nd Team.—Intermediate Cup.
U.S. League, Div. II.

The 1st team have a very full fixture list and doubtless the 2nd string will be called upon for one or two of their less important fixtures. The two games which stand out at Eastney were those with our old friends, but football rivals, H.M.S. "Excellent" who are still in the capable hands of Mr. Patchens. The first game in the U.S. League saw the defeat of "Excellent," 1—0. The return game at Whale Island witnessed the defeat of the "Lilywhites" by 3—1. The next event was a splendid game in the 1st Qualifying round, Amateur Cup, and left the "Lilywhites" still in the competition, and exit "Excellent." Both teams were very well matched and the result, 1—0 (Wood), could just as easily have been "against" as "for." Congratulations to both teams on a fine sporting game.

The Hants League has provided the Division with some first-class amateur football, although with very few points, the team having lost by small margins. Results are as follows:—

Played, 10; won, 3; drawn, 2; lost, 5; for, 17; against, 19; points, 8.

The U.S. League position is a little better, but valuable points have been lost.

Played, 7; won, 4; drawn, 1; lost, 2; for, 18; against, 9; points, 9.

U.S. League, Div. II, position is better, with—

Played, 10; won, 7; drawn, 0; lost, 3; for, 40; against, 16; points, 14.

The team is left in the Semi-Final of the Divisional Qualifying Round Amateur Cup. On the 10th we are at home to Gosport Athletic in the first round Hants Senior Cup, on the 14th to the R.N. School of Music, in the Qualifying round Navy Cup, and on the 17th to the R.N. Depot in the Amateur Cup. The R.N. Depot has for its Secretary P.O. Cooper, who is deservedly popular, and has many friends in the Royal Marines. We hope to present a full report in next month's "Globe and Laurel." The Portsmouth Division and F.C. Committee wish the Chatham and Plymouth and Depot, R.M., the best of luck and success in their competitions, and should they be lucky enough to emerge successfully from the Qualifying round of the Navy Cup, and have to present themselves at Portsmouth for the Final, they will receive a hearty welcome at the Portsmouth Division.

DEPOT, R.M., DEAL.

The Depot have a much-improved team this season, and the results have been very satisfactory up to date. Sergt. Franks, as Captain, is a great asset.

Results:—Folkestone Senior League:—

Depot, R.M.	4	Green Howards	1
,, ,,	2	Folkestone Res.	0
,, ,,	8	Ramsgate	0
Ramsgate	0	Depot, R.M.	2

United Services League:—

Depot, R.M.	3	R.A. Force	3
Worc. Regt.	3	Depot, R.M.	4

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Considerable interest was occasioned by the meeting of a team from the Sergeants' Mess and one of Trained Soldiers on Wednesday, 31st October. The match was played before a large number of spectators and was very evenly contested and full of thrills. Sergt. McGuffie, the Sergeants' Mess custodian, executed some brilliant work between the posts and contributed in no small measure to the eventual victory.

Several other veterans of the Mess displayed "that Kruschen feeling," notably Clr.-Sergts. Cross, Taylor and Hill and Sergts. Hawke, Hunting and Teeling.

Result: Sergeants' Mess, 5; Trained Soldiers, 4.

It is rumoured that the Depot Team are trembling in their shoes lest the Sergeants' Mess team be looking for more scalps.

PLYMOUTH.

Try as we may, we cannot turn the bend in the road of misfortune. Out of 14 matches played we have won 3, lost 9 and drawn 2, with 26 goals for and 38 against. In other competitions we have been equally unlucky; the replay of the Devon Senior Cup which took place on our ground resulted in a win for our opponents by 1 goal to nil, and that the result of a penalty. All praise is due to Millbrook for their display, they simply rose to the occasion. Again, in the Trafalgar Day Cup, when the Royal Marines of the Port met the Royal Navy of the Port at Home Park, after a replay we lost by the odd goal in 3. The first day of the competition the Royal Marines absolutely overran the Naval team but could not get the ball into the net more than once; our opponents scored from a penalty; after extra time the result remained the same. On the re-play our luck was out again; during the first quarter of an hour of the game we managed to lose Broad with a deep gash under his chin where he collided with a Navy man's boot; he came on, however, towards the interval. Immediately after his accident Sergt. Slocombe received a kick which put him out of action for the remainder of the game. The Navy eventually won as stated. Through these two games the Trafalgar Orphan Fund profited to the extent of £156. Lady Astor, who attended both games, kindly presented the Cup and Medals to the winning team, and in a very nice little speech expressed her delight at the display she had had the pleasure of witnessing, and the sporting spirit which had been shown throughout the games. Vice-Admiral Phillimore thanked Lady Astor for her kindness in coming to give away the Cup.

Our second string have not done so badly. They survived the First Round of the Devon Wednesday Cup by defeating the Plymouth Y.M.C.A. on our ground. In the Devon Wednesday League they have done very well, being somewhere near the top of the League. On Wednesday last, at Home Park, where a representative team of the Devonport Royal Navy and Royal Marines met Devon County we had five of our players engaged. The County won by 4 goals to 1.

SWIMMING.

DEPOT R.M., ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS.

The annual swimming sports of the Depot R.M. took place at the swimming baths on Monday afternoon, 29th October. There was a large number of entries for the events and the competitors showed great keenness. The whole of the previous week had been occupied in working off the heats.

During the afternoon a display of diving and swimming, under the direction of Capt. D. A. C. Shephard, was given. This was very successfully carried out, and was of great interest to the many spectators present. It included illustrations of some of the different strokes employed in swimming, exhibitions of plain and fancy diving, swimming in full marching order, the Monte Cristo sack dive, swimming with hands and feet tied, walking under water, and other items.

The display party consisted of Capt. Shephard, Clr.-Sergts. Lawson and Fletcher, Sergt. Waskitt, Cpls. Ferneyhough and Johnson, Mnes. Rogers and Hicks.

Results :—

1. 220 yards.—1, Mne. Hicks, time : 3 mins. 8 secs. ; 2, Mne. Rogers ; 3, Sergt. Hunting.
2. Diving.—1, Cpl. Ferneyhough ; 2, Cpl. Jerred ; 3, Rect. Westlake.
3. Diving for Plates.—1, Bugler Dabson ; 2, Mne. Rogers ; 3, Sgt. Waskitt.
4. 100 yards Breast.—1, Sergt. Hunting, time : 83 secs. ; 2, Mne. Weaver ; 3, Mne. Hicks.
5. 1 length Breast-stroke (Recruits who had learnt swimming at the Depot).—1, Rect. McKendrick ; 2, Rect. Goodwin ; 3, Rect. Caulfield.
6. Candle Race.—1, Rect. O'Brien ; 2, Rect. Tomlin ; 3, C.S.M. Redford.
7. Sergeants' Mess Team Race.—1, Clr.-Sergts. Fletcher and Hill, Sergts. Crosoer and Waskitt ; 2, C.S.M. Redford, Sergts. Hunting, Giles and Berrill.
8. 100 yards.—1, Mne. Hicks, time : 72 secs. ; 2, Rect. Newton ; 3, Mne. Rogers.
9. Inter-Co. Team Race.—1, Band and Drums ; 2, " C " Co. ; 3, " A " Co.
10. Cork Competition.—1, Rect. Kemp ; 2, Sergt. Waskitt ; 3, Cpl. Ferneyhough.
11. 2 lengths (Recruits who have learnt swimming at the Depot). —1, Rect. Goodwin ; 2, Rect. Charles ; 3, Rect. Newton.
12. Junior N.C.O.'s Team Race.—1, Cpls. Featherstone, Johnson and Duncan ; 2, Cpls. Jerred, Timbury and Ferneyhough.
13. 50 yards.—1, Mne. Hicks, time : 33 2/5th secs. ; 2, Rect. Chadwick ; 3, Rect. Newton.
14. Musical Lifebuoys.—1, Rect. O'Brien ; 2, Rect. Westlake ; 3, Rect. W. Smith.
15. Buglers and Band Boys.—1, Musn. Perham ; 2, Musn. Blakely ; 3, Bugler Dabson.
16. Obstacle Race.—1, Rect. Anderton ; 2, Mne. Hicks ; 3, Bugler Dabson.
17. Inter-Squad Team Race.—1, 79th Squad ; 2, 80th Squad ; 3, 84th Squad.
18. Veterans' Race.—1, dead heat, Clr.-Sergt. Hill and Mne. Cardwell ; 3, Sergt. Crosoer.
19. Mixed Race (1 length breast-stroke, 1 length back-stroke).—1, Sergt. Hunting ; 2, Rect. Anderton ; 3, Mne. Rogers.
20. Inter-Company Tug-of-War (Final).—" C " Co. beat " A " Co., 2 pulls to 0.
21. Consolation Race.—1, Rect. Reed ; 2, Rect. Hill ; 3, Rect. Muir.

The Individual Championship Cup and Replica (presented by Capt. Shephard) was won by Mne. Hicks with 17 points. The next in order of merit were Sergt. Hunting and Mne. Rogers with 10 points each.

Hicks thoroughly deserved his success. He is a young swimmer who has adopted the crawl stroke, and shows great promise. When he has developed more strength his speed will improve. He has plenty of staying power, and there is no reason why he should not become a really fast swimmer.

Mrs. Halliday was asked to present the prizes by Lieut. Colonel H. D. E. O'Sullivan, who called for three cheers. Acknowledging the cheers, Mrs. Halliday thanked the competitors for the very excellent exhibition that they had given, and asked the spectators to give three cheers for the officers and instructors who had taken so much trouble with them.

EASTNEY.

HANTS COUNTY POLO CHAMPIONSHIP, 1923.

The final took place at Southampton on Wednesday, 24th October. Result :—

H.M.S. Vernon, 3 ; R.M. Portsmouth, 1.

Although beaten by two clear goals, the R.M. team played an excellent game. The pace was very fast from start to finish, both sides showing good combination, but the Seamen's forwards were slightly faster, and quicker to seize opportunities for scoring.

R.M. team.—Capt. Shephard ; Q.M.S.I. Attwood (W.O. II,) captain, Clr.-Sergt. Wilson ; Clr.-Sergt. Hales, Sergt. Grucock, Mne. Docherty, Mne. Heaton.

The Division is very much indebted to Capt. Shephard for travelling from Deal to play in this match.

100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF HAMPSHIRE.

1st, Musn. Bennett ; 3rd, Capt. Shephard, R.M.

This proved a very exciting race, Musn. Bennett winning by half a yard from Leading Seaman Gregory.

Capt. Shephard—last year's champion—was handicapped owing to the gruelling polo match previous to the race.

This season's championships won by members of the Division are as follows :—

440 yds. Championship, Hants } Mne. Heaton, R.M.
220 yds. Championship, Hants }
100 yds. Championship, Hants — Musn. Bennett, R.N.S. of M.
40 yds. Championship, R.N. and R.M.,—Mne. Heaton.

Q.M.S.I. Attwood (W.O. II) and Clr.-Sergt. Jones have been untiring in their efforts on behalf of the Club.

SHOOTING.

PLYMOUTH.

TUCKEY CUP.

The Inter-Company Miniature Shooting. This Competition proved very exciting and the winner remained in doubt right up to the last. Five points only separated the first three Companies in the end.

The final scores were as follows :—

" G " Co.	...	594 points.
" E " Co.	...	592 "
" C " Co.	...	589 "
" A " Co.	...	571 "

" G " Co. gains 2 points towards the Tuckey Cup and " E " Co. 1 point.

The points to date are as follows :—

" A " Co., 2. " C " Co., 7. " E " Co., 2. " G " Co., 4.

This leaves 15 points to be won for the other competitions this year.

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DEPOT.

On the occasion of the presentation by Col.-2nd-Comdt. J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., of the prizes won at the Sergeants' Mess Annual Rifle Meeting (held at Kingsdown on the 1st September, 1923), a smoking concert was held in the Dining-room, Sergeants' Mess, on Tuesday, 13th November.

Prizes were presented to the following :—

		Score.
DOIG CUP—		
Clr.-Sergt. Porter	1st ...	83
Sergt. Burnett	2nd ...	82
Sergt. Waskitt	3rd ...	81
DUNSCOMBE BRIDGE CUP—		
Clr.-Sergt. Porter	1st ...	38
Clr.-Sergt. Ricketts ...	2nd ...	37
Sergt. Oldcroft	3rd ...	35
MARSHALL CUP—		
Clr.-Sergt. Cross	1st ...	45
Sergt. Rudge	2nd ...	39
Clr.-Sergt. Hill	3rd ...	39
AGGREGATE CUP—		
Clr.-Sergt. Porter	1st ...	159
Clr.-Sergt. Cross	2nd ...	154
Sergt. Waskitt	3rd ...	148

CONSTANT.

(Anon.)

Life in Constantinople for the majority was something quite new. Many of those who served in the Battalion had been in that part of the world before in ships, and thus could appreciate the difference between a half-crown and a lira, both in its purchasing power and its wonderful property to disintegrate, whether in the pocket or when tendered in payment. In both places it was never known to last long. However "living on the beach" was something different.

There were so many unknown quantities, the first without doubt being the Army ration. The second was the number of small friends and "perfumes of the East" that one met on taking over a new billet; in some places they became so friendly that they appeared to want to remain attached to you for life. The third was the intoxicating value of Bomouti Beer, which was never discovered, though many serious attempts at assessment were made. There were many others that could only be discovered by trial. How far you could ride on the front of a train by saying "Police" to the conductor before you met a real one? If an Englishman's word was a good as hard cash in Rue Abanos? The chances of a Red Cap believing you if you told him you were from a ship when pulled up in Pera for the crime of not having your cap on straight in the Grande Rue, and so on.

The military authorities knew that the Royal Marines are connected with the sea. That is quite all right, but it is presumed that in addition they thought he liked water in all shapes. The first really serious water that was encountered was in a delectable spot called the Armenian Cemetery. Like all things Armenian it was not nice. On arrival in Constant., hot for battle and by virtue of thick Service dress on a very hot summer day, a march through the town was prescribed to show the Turks what a terrible thing a Royal Marine is and a S.D. cap can be when it has no grummet. The Battalion then arrived in an open expanse of light brown earth tastefully decorated with tentage and tombstones, and recently vacated by the Royal Air Force, who had gone to a better land, viz., Mespot.

That night the water came. It came direct from Heaven very quickly and in large quantities—there was a lot of it.

In the morning when the Battalion arose—some were up very early that day—the force was blancoed with a solution of dead Armenians and rain water, and to quote the words of a staff captain "There was a mess." However, those portions of an ancient Christian race that were adhering to the newer and at the time somewhat un-Christian soldiers, we decently interred with entrenching tools, and the battalion split up to occupy strategical points of the defence scheme.

This was the greatest joy of the war. One never knew when hostilities were likely to commence. There was only one person who really knew, that was the Turk, and with truly Oriental absence of mind he quite omitted to tell anyone that he had no intention of fighting.

In a way it was a pity he did not, as, if he had, the Battalion might quite well have been home in the promised six weeks, but perhaps it was as well, as the continued "Stand by to hold on" gave Lewis gunners and others excellent practice in filling drums, etc., and ensured that the corks of water bottles were kept highly burnished, and all the other things that are so essential to carrying a war to a satisfactory termination.

(To be continued).

SCHOOL OF LAND ARTILLERY, EASTNEY.

The Mobile wing of the new School of Land Artillery at Fort Cumberland made its first public appearance at the recent inspection of the Portsmouth Divn., by the Adjutant-General.

On this occasion a demonstration was given of the difference in method required for the conduct of two typical "shoots" with indirect fire from a section of 18-pdrs. These guns were selected because the Instruction will confine itself chiefly to Light Artillery.

No land range being available, the first target, a machine-gun nest, was represented by a piece of canvas on a raft at about 3,000 yards range. This was successfully neutralized with H.E. shell and instantaneous fuze.

A similar mark further to the left and at a few hundred yards greater distance served to show how quickly troops appearing in the open can be subjected to effective shrapnel fire.

After witnessing the rapid and accurate expenditure of about 40 rounds, the Adjutant-General proceeded to Fort Cumberland to inspect the indoor miniature Artillery Range and other instructional devices.

Mobile Artillery is extremely attractive as a scientific branch of the reorganised training for Royal Marines, since this instruction combines enterprising tactics and rapid manœuvre with smart gunnery. Various courses at the School are open to volunteers. Those laid down for "Other Ranks" are progressive, and a number of paid N.C.O. Instructors will be selected from those who obtain certificates. A smart Marine of the right stamp will find no difficulty in passing the Layers' Test after a month's instruction. He will then be excused the examinations in Group III (small arms) and Group IV (tactical training) for the rank of Corporal, and can wear the Layers' badge.

Corporals who qualify as "Nos. I" will not be required to pass the examination in Group IV (tactical training) for the rank of Sergeant. All qualified Nos. I will be entitled to wear the Grenade as a badge.

Holders of First-Class Certificates of Education, whether N.C.O.'s or Marines, who display special ability are eligible for the "Battery Commanders Assistant" Course. This is an exceptionally interesting one, and after passing it Corporals are considered to have qualified for the rank of Sergeant, except in Sea Service Gunnery, and Marines as qualified for the rank of Corporal and Sergeant, provided they qualify in Groups I and II in the examination for Corporal, and when promoted Corporal, in Sea Service Gunnery for Sergeant.

There is a three weeks' course for R.M. Signallers, during which they will learn their duties at O.P.'s and Command Posts, become familiar with Land Artillery organisation, orders and procedure, and perform their specialist duties in connection with the firings and tactical exercises carried out by the School.

Certificates from a Small Arms School before promotion to Major will not be required from officers who have qualified at the School of Land Artillery and the notation (*a*) will appear after their names in the Seniority List of the Navy List.

R.M. Gunners who attain the standard laid down for them receive a similar distinction.

A 1st or 2nd class Certificate makes an officer eligible for the appointment of Assistant Instructor of Land Service.

ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' SPORTS FUND.

(Eighth List, 1923.)

£1 (subscription for years 1923–1926 inclusive), Major L. Norcock, Major B. F. Trench. 5s., Capt. H. S. G. Bird, J. E. Cornish, G. T. Monk, Lieut. B. W. O'Donnell, Major C. E. S. Wright (second subscription).

H. C. Pope, *Major, R.M.,*
Hon. Treasurer, R.M. Sports Fund.

TWO IMPRESSIONS.

By Bennet Copplestone.

I.

It was my privilege recently to be present as a guest at the annual dinner of the Royal Marines' Old Comrades' Association under the benign presidency of Colonel Drury. I have in my day been a guest at scores of public dinners, yet this one will always stand out among my memories as something distinct and apart from any other. I had become accustomed to a scene like this :—a high table at which were seated a glittering line of decorated potentates who absorbed unto themselves all the limelight and all the eloquence, and below them an obscure mass of black coats and shirt fronts whose job it was humbly to listen and look on and to applaud the performances of the great. But the dinner of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association was nothing like this.

There was, it is true, a long line of officers and guests, but they were there not to overawe the main body of the diners; they were there to show respect for the main body and to support it with their sympathy and countenance. This was a dinner of Old Comrades, among whom place and rank counted for nothing, and good fellowship counted for everything. My chief interest—I proclaim it openly—was in the main body, in the Marines who had served in the ranks as privates, and many of whom had won distinction as N.C.O.s, and who now honoured themselves and their Association of mutual help, and the officers who had come to wish them God speed. All the toasts—there were not many of them—were proposed by the men themselves, by a Sergeant, by an (ex-Marine) Alderman, who the other day was chosen as Mayor for his borough, and by the secretary of the Association. This was a feature of the greatest significance and made the dinner unique in my eyes. Those of us who were thus toasted recognised that it was the men of the Association who conferred honour upon us, and not we who, from our heights of rank and station, conferred honour upon them. I am not fond of the word "democracy"—so often used to cover up political swindles—but here was true democracy at its best. If democracy is government of the people, by the people, for the people—here we had it. For by the constitution of the Association it is a government of Old Comrades, by Old Comrades, for Old Comrades. The officer members and supporters look on and help, but it is the men who govern themselves. So may it be.

II.

Trooping the Colour.

It was at this dinner that a happy thing befell for me. By good fortune I mentioned that I had stayed at the Depôt and at all the Divisions except Chatham. As soon as I had resumed my seat Colonel-Commandant Hutchison came to me and in the kindest fashion offered to repair this grave defect in my experience. He invited me to come down to Chatham for the Trooping of the Colour on November 10th, and I joyfully accepted. I came and saw, and realised that never before, until I had seen this wonderful ceremonial performed by "Nobody's Children" at their Senior Division had I grasped its full significance. Let me explain simply and exactly the impression that it made upon me.

It is in its essence not a military but a religious ceremony, employing the word religious in its very widest sense as an appeal to the Spirit in Man.

Let us begin at the moment when the Colour, brought forth and guarded on either hand, is rested on a pile of drums at the far end of the parade ground. The five guards, of which the first guard is the escort of the Colour, stand in two lines, their officers in front.

That Colour is the object upon which the eyes of onlookers are all turned and which, perhaps vaguely though profoundly, stirs the hearts of all those who, standing rigidly in their double ranks, are about to escort it past the General at the saluting base. What is that Colour? That scrap of embroidered bunting with its Globe and Laurel, and its tremendous motto *Per Mare Per Terram*, is much more than the Regimental Colour of the Chatham Division, presented in 1896 by a Royal Duke. It has become the soul of the Corps. In its warp and woof, and in every stitch of its embroidery, it expresses the Spirit, the Traditions, the History of the Corps. The fabric of it may be new, the product of yesterday, yet it stands for everything, for success and failure, for youth and age, for skill and endurance and blood, since the Admiral's Regiment of 1664 first started upon its modern career the Sea Regiment of Royal Marines. That Colour is the Corps. Just as a lighted candle flickering upon the High Altar is no longer a lump of wax and thread, but typifies the everlasting Spirit of God, so that Colour, made by the hands of girls and men in a factory, typifies the enduring Spirit of Man. It has its Altar, too; the pile of drums.

Then the escort marches towards the Colour, with bayonets fixed. In front moves the Commander, whom I may liken to an officiating priest. Behind him is the acolyte, the bearer of the Colour, who is the junior subaltern of the Division. Why should so great an honour be conferred upon the latest-joined Probationary Second-Lieutenant? The reason is plain. Because it is he, and those who follow him, upon whom will fall the immense responsibility of cherishing and carrying forward the Spirit, the Traditions, and the History of the Corps. He cannot learn too soon what his responsibilities are.

The Sergeant-Major of the escort advances alone to the Colour. At the appropriate distance he halts and salutes with his sword. How? With the sign of the Cross. Soldiers of old time swore upon the crossed hilt of their swords. Now when they salute with the sword they write the sign of the Cross upon their bodies.

The Sergeant-Major takes the Colour, and entrusts it to the bearer who raises it aloft for all to see. The escort present arms. They, though they may know it not, are saluting the Soul of their Corps. Then the escort, with the Colour, return at slow time between the open ranks of the other four guards. But the Colour is borne in front of the lines so that all men may see it. When the escort have resumed station at the extreme right, as number one guard, all the five guards present arms. This signifies that not merely the escort but all the guards have done the highest honour in their power to the symbol which the bearer carries and which he has shown to all of them.

Those who have been present at a Trooping of the Colour will remember that the guards in quarter column, the Colour in front, first march past the saluting base at slow time. With toes pointed they slowly slap the soles of their boots upon the ground. If it should happen that the guards are ill-trained, then, instead of the crisp slap, slap, slap of hundreds of feet, all falling as one foot, there is a slur of sound which spoils disastrously the exquisite solemnity of the slow movement. It was not so on November 10th with the Chatham Division. Then the soles of two hundred feet slapped the wet asphalt just as if the two hundred had been one.

When the march past in slow time has been completed there is a second march past, in quick time. Now in place of the impressive slap, slap, slap, we have the loud tramp of armed men, a sound absolutely different and giving rise to absolutely different feelings. The slow step typified solemnity, the burden of responsibility, the quick step typifies cheerfulness, efficiency, and male vigour.

As I looked on, seeking to discover in this old ceremonial the significance of every part of it, I at once asked myself why there should be these two marches past the General at the saluting base, the first slow and solemn, the second quick and cheerful. And then there came to me the recollection of a tragical winter's day, more than twenty years ago, when my late father and I followed the body of my elder brother to his grave in the cemetery of Dartmouth upon the wind-swept hill above the noble estuary. My brother, then a Naval Instructor, had died in the old "Britannia" and the Navy of his service bore him to his grave. I recalled the slow step, the reversed arms, the terrible heart-tearing shriek of "The Last Post," and then the quick step, the cheerful band music, of the return to the world's work which goes on though men may die. Then I understood.

It was plain. The march past in slow time impresses upon the Guards and the beholders the responsibility, the solemn significance of the Colour which they honour. The second quick march signifies that so long as men are men they cannot go about very long with solemn faces. There is work to be done, games to be played, fun to be enjoyed. The psychologists tell us that every man has two minds. There is the sub-conscious mind which learns everything and forgets nothing, and the conscious every-day mind which learns and forgets and laughs and makes merry though Death himself may be grinning round the corner. This theory of the two minds of man is profoundly true. It has been put into words but recently, yet has been known by instinct for countless ages. The sub-conscious mind is the seat of the deep unexpressed emotions—religion, though not always, or often, of any definite creed; love of country; love of one's school or university or regiment or corps; love of one's officers or of the men of one's company. The ceremonial of the receipt of the Colour, of its passage in slow step past the saluting base, of its solemn return—all these things are an instinctive appeal to the sub-conscious mind which is always learning and which never forgets. Those boys from the school of the division, who see for the first time the Trooping of the Colour, though they may not comprehend its significance, will always bear it in remembrance deep down in their beings. And that young subaltern, the bearer of the Colour, will he ever forget, even consciously? The solemnity is an enduring appeal to the sub-conscious mind, and the after movement, the quick step with its tramp of armed men in the full vigour of their manhood, is an appeal to the conscious everyday mind which though it may go through every minute detail of the ceremonial with faultless precision, and do it a hundred times, and remain, as it may think, unimpressed, yet nevertheless does remember. But, whether it remembers or forgets, the sub-conscious mind will remember for it. Whenever at a sudden sight, a song, a smell, one recalls with a swelling of the heart some forgotten incident of long ago—this is always the sub-conscious mind getting in its work. When upon a death-bed the conscious mind sinks towards oblivion, the undying sub-conscious mind takes charge and men babble of childhood and green fields.

I shall not forget, even with my conscious mind, that overcast morning on the parade ground at Chatham, and the slap, slap, slap of two hundred feet upon the glistening asphalt; and perhaps this which I write now may help others to remember too. Deep down in their wordless unexpressed minds they never can forget. May be, years hence, when as a General he stands at the saluting base one may even remember that he bore the Colour as the latest-joined Subaltern on November 10th, 1923.*

* Specially written for the "Globe and Laurel."

Mr. Bennet Copplestone's article "Nobody's Children" will be resumed in our next issue.

HOCKEY.

EASTNEY.

The Officers' Hockey Season has not, so far, been as successful as was expected, due to the fact that the U.S. team makes such heavy calls upon players of the standard of Major Brooks and Lieut. O'Donnell, and the same team hardly ever turns out twice running. Great things are, however, forecasted for the future.

FENCING.

EASTNEY.

R.N. and R.M. Fencing Association. Results to date:—

		Fights.
v. Sabre Club	Foil Epée Sabre.	Won 12, lost 15
v. Graves Fencing Academy	Foil Epée Sabre.	Won 15, lost 12
v. Oxford University ...	Foil Epée Sabre.	Won 15, lost 12
v. R.A.F., Uxbridge ...	Foil Epée Sabre Bayonet.	Won 16, lost 21

The R.M. were represented by Q.M.S. I. Board and Sergt. Howard in all the above matches, and by Mne. Duncan against the R.A.F. for Bayonets.

OLD COMRADES' DINNER.

Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Drury, the president, was in the chair at the 10th annual dinner of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association in London recently, and Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, and Mr. Bennet Copplestone were the principal guests.

There was a very large attendance of ex-officers and other ranks, and a special party of serving N.C.O.s came up from Chatham, in addition to the band of the Chatham Division, which played during the dinner.

During the evening the following telegram was read from the King: "The King much appreciates loyal messages from the Royal Marine Old Comrades' Association to their Colonel-in-Chief. In thanking them his Majesty trusts they will spend a pleasant evening together."

Sergt.-Major Elworthy proposed the toast of "The Corps, the President, and the Association," and, in reply, Lieut.-Gen. Sir H. E. Blumberg, adjutant-general, Royal Marines, said the Corps had passed through a most anxious and critical time. It was 54 years since the Marines lost a division, and 100 since they were so reduced in numbers, but it was the price they had to pay for peace.

The wonderful spirit of discipline and loyalty of the Marines had carried them through this difficult time. The 11th battalion had now returned from Constantinople, and if they heard Sir Charles Harington's opinion of the behaviour and bearing of the battalion and the batteries in Constantinople manned by the Royal Marine Artillery it would make their ears tingle. Quite recently his Majesty had given them three honorary colonels-commandant, one for each division, and distinguished officers had been appointed to the posts.

Lieut.-Colonel Drury, replying, said:—

It is very pleasant to look round this room and see so many of one's old comrades in the Corps apparently well, happy, and prosperous. It is pleasanter still to recall the fact that they are also—as an association—doing one of the finest things left for old soldiers to do, and that is, helping their less fortunate comrades who have fallen on evil times. Perhaps no one knows better than I do how quietly, shrewdly, and devotedly the committee are doing that job.

I think a good alternative title for the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association would be "The Association for Helping Lame Sea Dogs over Stiles." And those lame dogs, many of them broken in the wars, constitute one of England's greatest tragedies of the moment. The number of genuine ex-sailors and soldiers—the frauds I do not count, though I confess to a foolish weakness even for the derelict King's Hard Bargain—who appealed to me for help is very disquieting, and I have no doubt that the experience of each of my brother officers here is much the same as my own.

Last Christmas, in Manaos, a city 1,000 miles up the River Amazon, I came across a church with an unusual dedication. Some years ago a wealthy merchant—and, one thinks, humorist—of Manaos died, leaving a sum of money for the purpose of building a church. "Every saint in the calendar," he declared in his will, "seems to have at least one church, somewhere or other in the world, dedicated to his or her memory. But there is one character who looms large in every religion, yet has been shamefully neglected in this respect. Let my new church, then, be dedicated to the Poor Devil."

Like the Church in the Amazon forest, this association is consecrated to "the Poor Devil"—the poor devil of a Marine who, after serving his country by land and sea during the best years of his life, finds himself, through no fault of his own, maybe, hard put to it to make both ends meet. It is well for that poor devil at least that he has a foundation consecrated to his cause.

The last famous Admiral who honoured the association and the corps by dining with us was the late Lord Beresford. His memory is especially venerated by the Royal Marines, for throughout his distinguished career he was one of the best friends we ever had. Many, indeed most, of the great admirals of the past—including Nelson—honoured the corps by bearing commissions in it, and to-night we have with us yet another famous sailor, whose name will always be entwined with the laurel leaves of the sea regiment's badge.

Of a thousand brilliant deeds by land and sea which shed lustre on the British arms during the Great War, the attack on the Mole at Zeebrugge shines out like a planet among the fainter stars. It is true that many greater, perhaps equally heroic, operations were carried out between August, 1914, and the Armistice. But because of its daring conception, the midnight secrecy of its preparations, and the magnificent dash with which it was carried out—a dash that recalled the raids of Drake and the cutting-out operations of the 18th century—the Zeebrugge adventure made an especial appeal to the romantic heart of England.

Alderman J. P. Hamilton, an ex-Marine, and now a Mayor-elect, gave "The Services," coupled with the name of Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, who said there could be few sailors more closely connected with the sister services than he, first in Pekin in 1900, then when he was Chief of Staff in the Dardanelles, and also in the last year of the war, when he was responsible for the sea communications of the British Army.

Field-Marshal Earl Haig had said that he looked upon the Navy in the Dover Straits as the left flank of the Allied Armies. It certainly was the left flank of the Belgian Army, which was supported by the heavy guns manned by the Royal Marines whom he (Sir Roger) had the great honour to have under his command.

"I think," added Sir Roger, "that spirit of good comradeship augurs well for the Corps as it has recently been constituted. I wish the Corps every success and happiness, and I am sure that the Royal Marines, as it now is, will carry out that spirit of service so splendidly displayed by the 4th Battalion on St. George's Day, 1918."

The toast of "Absent comrades" was drunk in silence, after which a very old ex-officer, Colonel Gritton, asked permission to say a few words, because he feared it might be the last time he would be able to be among them. He had received two or three recent warnings of "Anno Domini." He did not want to strike a sad note, but to tell them all how proud he was of the old Corps and how glad that the association had grown to such strength and was able to do so much useful work.

Mr. J. Moynihan, proposing "The Visitors," appealed for all old Marines to join the association, because in these days when the gaunt spectre of unemployment stalked through the country they needed all the assistance they could obtain to relieve the hard cases of distress which were brought to their notice.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

* From material contributed to the " Naval Review " by Sir Reginald Acland, K.C., and Admiral W. H. Henderson.

The approach of Christmas invariably brings to one's mind thoughts of olden times, those times of romance and good fellowship, which are so charmingly depicted on Christmas cards. History, however, does not bear out the story of these pretty pictures—or is it we, who are getting " soft," and are less able to contemplate with indifference the infliction of pain? For instance, a few hundred years ago, punishments were authorised in the Navy which to-day would make us gasp with horror.

It is not easy to observe the evolution of the human race, its progress is so gradual. The Naval Service is an organisation of comparatively recent development, and in its records of punishments presents to us a very interesting sidelight on the growth of human sympathy. Conditions in the Service at any period have merely been a reflex of those in ordinary civil life. In cruel times, the Service reflected that cruelty. The writer, being a confirmed optimist, has no doubt that the " old days " were " good," in the sense that it is generally admitted among connoisseurs that there is no such thing as bad beer. All days are good, but anyone who cares to read further will have to admit that some are undoubtedly better than others.

Among the earliest regulations for the infliction of punishments at sea are those of the 12th century. One of these states: " Whosoever steals shall have his head shorn and boiling pitch poured on it, and feathers strewn on the same, whereby he may be known; and at the first landing place where he shall come, there to be towed ashore."

Hurrying on to the 16th century, we find the following punishments prescribed: For killing another on board the murderer was bound to the dead man and thrown into the sea, and a gun fired. A man who drew a weapon on anyone had to lose his right hand. A thief was dipped three times from the bowsprit, two fathoms deep in the sea, towed ashore at the next port, left there with a can of beer and a loaf of bread, and banished from the King's ships for ever.

Four punishments were provided for a man who " slept his watch four times." The first time a bucket of water was poured on his head. The second he was tied up by the hands and two buckets of water poured into his sleeves. The third he was bound to the mast with gun chambers tied to his arms for as long as the captain thought fit. " The fourth time and last punishment, being taken asleep, he shall be hanged on the bowsprit end of the ship in a basket, with a can of beer and a loaf of bread and a sharp knife, there to hang till he starve or cut himself into the sea." That was in the days of bluff King Hal. In the days of good Queen Bess " If anye one practysed to steal awaye any of her shyppes the captain is to cause him to be hanged by the heeles until his braines are beaten oute against the shyppes sides and then to be cutt downe and lett fall intoe the sea." Moreover, if anyone " Did mutinye aboute his allowede proportion of vituals " he was " layde in the bilboes during the captain's pleasure." Bilbows were a kind of stocks " more or less heavy and pinchynge " according to the nature of the offence. " Facing paintwork " is evidently a relic of this form of punishment. One imagines that the Officer of the Day would not get many " complaints " at dinner rounds if this regulation were still in force to-day.

(To be continued.)

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

CHATHAM.

R.M. SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

A very successful concert was held in the Royal Marine Sergeants' Mess, Chatham, on Saturday, November 10th. The following artistes contributed to the programme:—Misses G. and E. Langton, Messrs. Palmer and Elliott of the " Nondescript " Concert Party, Mr. Green, Mr. Wadley, Mrs. Small, Cpl. Halloran, Armr.-Sergt. Foulsham, Sergt. Duffin, Mr. Preston, with Sergt. Bell as a very efficient accompanist at the piano. There was practically a non-stop programme, each of the above contributing their quota. Special mention should be made of the following: Mr. Green, in his monologues, which were most dramatically rendered. The Misses E. and G. Langton sang beautifully the duet " Carmina " from the opera " Carmen." Cpl. Halloran gave several good songs, one of which was the " Floral Dance." Mr. Wadley was in his usual happy vein, that is all that need be said of him; in fact, everyone was right at the top of their form. At the conclusion of the programme a vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of the President of the Sergeants' Mess, to all the artistes, thanking them for the splendid way in which they had entertained the members and their friends. The singing of the National Anthem terminated the proceedings.

EASTNEY NOTES.

The Adjutant-General, Lieut.-General Sir H. E. Blumberg K.C.B., accompanied by the D.A.A.G., Lieut.-Colonel R. D. Ormsby, inspected the Division, including the School of Land Artillery, the Small Arms School at Browndown, the R.M. Police at Bedenham, and the R.M. Cadets, on Tuesday, 30th October, until Friday, 2nd November. On the last evening the Adjutant-General and Staff dined with the Officers, who numbered between 60 and 70.

Armistice Day was observed at Eastney by a full Church Parade. The Eastney Church was crowded to the last seat, with many officers and their wives, including Colonel-Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., and Mrs. Phillipps. Also the R.M. Cadets, the Eastney Girl Guides Troop under the supervision of Mrs. Kilvert, and many relatives of those who fell in the Great War. The beautiful and touching service was marked, in addition, by the handing over of the old Forton Colours, dated 1827, to the Senior Chaplain (the Rev. J. Dauglish, M.A., R.N.) to be placed within the church, the two-minutes Silence, and the Senior Chaplain's sermon, which left a lasting impression upon a large congregation.

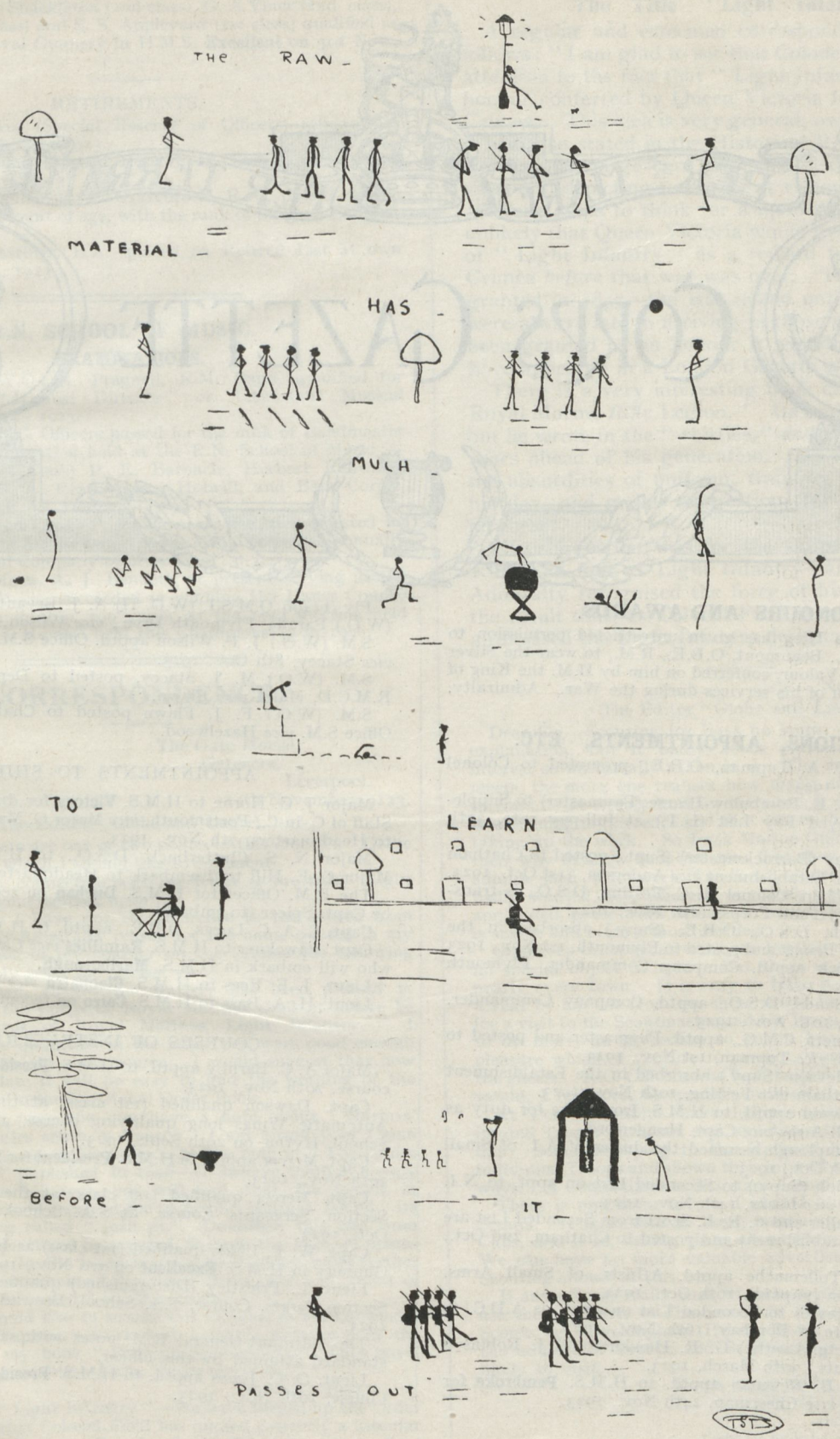
CADETS.—Mr. Airey (W.O., R.M.), Q.M.S. C. Eden, and Q.M.S.I. D. A. Board, R.M., have received Commissions as Cadet Lieutenants from the Territorial Force Association of the County of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, by virtue of the affiliation of the R.M. Cadets to this Association.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Pensioner Clr.-Sergt. F. Thompson.—We are obliged for your verses but regret we cannot find space for them.

CARTOON.

Extra copies of the Coloured Cartoon will be sent on application to the Secretary, G.L. Price 4d. each, post free.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HONOURS AND AWARDS.

His Majesty the King has given unrestricted permission to Lieut.-Colonel G. L. Beaumont, O.B.E., R.M., to wear the Silver Medal for Military Valour, conferred on him by H.M. the King of Italy in recognition of his services during the War. Admiralty, 5th Oct. 1923.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Lieut.-Colonel J. A. Tupman, O.B.E., promoted to Colonel (retired), 1st Nov., 1923.

Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Rombulow-Pearse (Paymaster) to Supplementary Unemployed Pay List (U.T.) at full-pay rate, 30th Nov., 1923.

Major M. K. Gray (Barrackmaster) (Supt.) posted to Chatham and absorbed in the Establishment *vice* Anderson, 31st Oct., 1923.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel M. C. Festing, D.S.O., is transferred to the Royal Tank Corps, 10th Nov., 1923.

Major R. Lough, D.S.O., O.B.E. (Supy.) absorbed in the Establishment *vice* Benett and posted to Plymouth, 1st Nov., 1923

Major L. Norcock apptd. Company Commander, Plymouth Division, 10th Nov., 1923.

Major P. Sandilands, D.S.O., apptd. Company Commander, Chatham Division, 10th Nov., 1923.

Major H. C. Benett, C.M.G., apptd. Paymaster and posted to Depot, R.M., Deal, *vice* Tupman, 1st Nov., 1923.

Major A. G. Grievson (Supy.) absorbed in the Establishment and posted to Chatham *vice* Festing, 10th Nov., 1923.

Capt. A. P. Dawson apptd. to H.M.S. **Iron Duke** for duty as Instructor of Small Arms *vice* Capt. Hungerford.

Capt. C. R. Lamplough assumed the duties of A.I. of Small Arms at Deal, 24th Oct., 1923.

Capt. G. M. Crick (Supy.) to Seconded List on appt. to N.I. Dept., Admiralty, *vice* Hicks, 14th Nov., 1923.

Lieuts. J. M. Fuller and C. R. L. Scott from Seconded List are absorbed in the establishment and posted to Chatham, 2nd Oct., 1923.

Lieut. H. T. Tollemache apptd. A/Instr. of Small Arms, S.A.S., Browndown (unpaid), 16th Oct., 1923.

Lieut. K. E. Previté to Seconded List on appt. as A.D.C. to Governor-Designate of Bombay, 16th Nov., 1923.

2nd Lieuts. (Actg. Lieuts.) G. R. Hawkins and J. Robinson are promoted Lieuts., 30th March, 1923.

Surg.-Lieut. G. B. Newman apptd. to H.M.S. **Pembroke** for Chatham Division *vice* Cheesman, 24th Nov., 1923.

Ply./12466 Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II) A. J. Bryant promoted to S.M. (W.O.) Parade, Plymouth Divn., *vice* Wilson, 8th Oct., 1923.

S.M. (W.O.) J. F. Wilson apptd. Office S.M., Plymouth Divn., *vice* Stacey, 8th Oct., 1923.

S.M. (W.O.) M. J. Stacey, posted to Depot R.M. Deal for R.M.C.D. Malta *vice* Flawn.

S.M. (W.O.) F. J. Flawn posted to Chatham Division for Office S.M. *vice* Hazelwood.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major J. G. Horne to H.M.S. **Victory** for duty as S.O.R.M. on Staff of C.-in-C., Portsmouth, *vice* Major G. Mathew to disembark to Headquarters, 7th Nov., 1923.

Major N. S. Clutterbuck, D.S.O., to H.M.S. **Revenge** *vice* Major C. E. Hill to disembark to Headquarters.

The R.M. Officer for H.M.S. **Durban** on recommissioning will be Capt. Spicer (to embark).

Capt. C. A. C. Lucas, O.B.E., apptd. to H.M.S. **Glorious.**

Capt. Fawckner to H.M.S. **Ramillies** *vice* Capt. A. L. S. Harris, who will embark in H.M.S. **Marlborough.**

Lieut. J. F. Rees to H.M.S. **Cleopatra** *vice* Lieut. H. A. Bass.

Lieut. H. A. Bass to H.M.S. **Cairo** on recommissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major A. C. Barnby apptd. to H.M.S. **President** for Intelligence course, 20th Nov., 1923.

Capt. Dawson qualified (1st class) at the Rifle and Light Automatic Wings long qualifying course, at the Small Arms School, Hythe, on 29th Sept., 1923.

Capt. Mercer apptd. to H.M.S. **President** for Intelligence Course, 20th Nov., 1923.

Capt. Mercer qualified (1st class) at the 2nd Machine-Gun Section, Sergeants' Course, at S.A. School, Browndown, 12th Oct., 1923.

Capt. W. F. Lukis qualified (1st class) as Instructor of Naval Gunnery in H.M.S. **Excellent** on 3rd Nov., 1923.

Lieut. L. Priestley (Distinguished) qualified in the 2nd M.G. Section Sergts. Course, S.A. School, Browndown on 12th Oct., 1923.

The Adjutant-General R.M. notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

Lieut. O. C. Jones apptd. to H.M.S. **President** for Intelligence Course, 20th Nov., 1923.

Lieuts. H. E. F. Shackleton (2nd class), G. A. Viner (2nd class), J. T. Hall (2nd class) and S. S. Appleyard (1st class) qualified as Instructors of Naval Gunnery in H.M.S. **Excellent** on 3rd Nov., 1923.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut. B. Hawes (Special Reserve of Officers) relinquishes appointment, 12th Oct., 1923.

Lieut. R. Holland (Special Reserve of Officers) relinquishes his appt., 5th Nov., 1923.

Surgeon-Commander E. R. Grazebrook, R.N., placed on the Retired List on account of age, with the rank of Surgeon-Captain, 15th Oct., 1923.

Rev. F. B. Hastings, B.A., placed on Retired List at own request, 1st Nov., 1923.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EXAMINATIONS.

Bandmaster (W.O.) A. Pragnell, R.M. Band, qualified for promotion to "Musical Director" or "Assistant Musical Director," 31st Oct., 1923.

The following N.C. Officers passed for the rank of Bandmaster at the recent examination held at the R.N. School of Music :— Bandmasters (2nd Class) P. E. Barnacle, Herbert Kenward, J. E. Burnett, G. L. Read, Harry Holwill, and Band-Corpls. S. A. Howse and E. W. Donne.

Bandmaster (2nd Class) P. E. Barnacle has been selected by the Superintendent for the award of the Medal presented annually by the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

R.M.B./2206 Musn. A. J. Bennett, at present serving at the R.N. School of Music, succeeded in winning the Hants County Swimming Championship, 100 yards, at the 1923 meeting held at Southampton. He also held this Championship in 1920.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Gate House,
Gateacre,
Liverpool.
15th November, 9123.

The Editor "Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—There are one or two points in this month's "Globe and Laurel" on which I should like to comment.

The first is in connection with my letter *re* the title "Light Infantry" and your remark upon it.

Unfortunately I have not the reference to the source from which I took the Admiralty reason for the name quoted in my letter, but I have in my chapter on the Crimea the following extract—probably from the *Gazette* :—

"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.'" I imagine that the quotation in the letter you were good enough to publish is from the same source. I would suggest that now you have the date it will be easy to find the wording of the Admiralty Order in the Divisional Order Book.

Secondly—On page 162 you have a note about "Marines' Island," four miles south of Canton. I am afraid your China Correspondent is out in his dates. In the map in "The Cruise of the *Nemesis*," published in 1846—(I believe there is a copy in the Chatham Library)—you will find that the island in question had already received the name of "Marines' Island," its S.E. point being called "49th pt." Doubtless this was from Marines being quartered or engaged there in the 1840–42 operations in China. In the same map, a good many miles further south on the Hong Shan or Broadway River, the S.W. point of Pearoch Island is named "Rl. Marine Pt."

Finally, I should like to second Col. O'Sullivan's acknowledgment of Col. Tupman's work and valuable assistance in the publication of my book "Britain's Sea Soldiers." They have, indeed, been invaluable.—I am, Yours sincerely,

C. Field.

(*Re* the title "Light Infantry"—We have turned up the Order Book and find that Colonel Field has quoted correctly a Circular from the Royal Marine Office dated 2nd February, 1855.—Ed.)

The Title "Light Infantry."

A regular and esteemed correspondent writes us as follows: "I am glad to see that Colonel Field has drawn attention to the fact that "Light Infantry" was not an honour conferred by Queen Victoria for services in the Crimea. This idea is very general, owing, I suppose, to it being so stated in the Historical Record of the R.M. Forces—the large card with brief extracts of our services and depicting uniforms at various periods.

If one stops to think for a moment, it would be very unlikely that Queen Victoria would grant the distinction of "Light Infantry" as a reward for services in the Crimea *before* that war was over. The distinction was granted in 1855—the war lasted until 1856. Honours were always late in arriving in those days, and had this been granted as an honour it would much more likely have appeared in a London Gazette *after* 1856.

There is a very interesting book called "Hints on a Royal Marine *Rifle* Legion." Its author is anonymous, but he wrote in the "thirties," and was evidently many years ahead of his generation. He draws attention to the absurdities of uniform, training, and equipment of his day, and makes suggestions for the betterment of all these.

His suggestion was for the Corps to be trained as Rifles—in fact as Light Infantry—and years later the Admiralty recognised the force of his arguments, with the result that, as Colonel Field states, Queen Victoria authorised the Light Infantry designation."

November 8th, 1923.

The Editor "Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—Scouting for boys no longer needs justification or explanation, but it badly needs personal expression of the interest so universally taken in it. The more Scoutmasters one meets, the more one realises how many are "ploughing lonely furrows." It is only human, therefore, if they are depressed by this seeming indifference and that others should be deterred from taking up the work. So I ask Marine Officers to go a bit out of their way to show Scoutmasters that they are interested in and admire men who work for their country. Such evidence is badly wanted, for, whereas war-work was general and always applauded, peace-work, which the country needs almost as much, is scarce and often almost derided.

Occasions often occur when, on landing at a new port, there is no special object in view. But there is a Troop of Scouts in nearly every town. It is easy to trace it and I know how well a visit by anyone from the ships would be received. I only ask for a visit to the Scoutmaster and his Troop, but if any are willing to do more, an invitation to go on board a ship would give pleasure which, I venture to predict, would not be confined to the guests. N.C. Officers who have helped with R.M. Cadet Corps would, I feel sure, be specially interested.

At Portland, ships have helped splendidly. Several have invited Troops on board and sometimes taken them to sea for a day. Some belonging to the Harbour have actually adopted individual Troops and shown their interest in them in innumerable ways. A Commander is Assistant-Commissioner for Sea Scouts.

There is one more favour I should like to ask on behalf of Scouts. It is to talk to boys, enquiring if they are Scouts or Cubs, and if so, asking them about their units and their work. We can have no more valuable advertisement than interest in Scouting shown in this way.

If any officers really wish to make a job of the thing, I would ask them to write to The Secretary, Imperial Headquarters Boy Scouts, 25, Buckingham Palace Road. They would be given the address of Troops and Scoutmasters at all ports they are likely to visit.

Yours most truly,
W. B. Dauntesey,
(late R.M. Artillery),
County Scout Commissioner, Dorset.

CORPS COLOURS.

To the Editor, " The Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,—With regard to Col. Field's note, the Red, Blue and Yellow did not cease to be the Corps Colours when the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. devised distinctive branch colours.

But after such events as the Great War, and the fusion of the two great branches, surely we are entitled to *make* and *forward* tradition as to the colours, not to go back to the woad.

The points to be indicated seem to be :—

1. The artillery tradition.
2. The infantry tradition.
3. The gunnery (sea) characteristic.
4. The sea character of the Corps.
5. The origin.
6. The " Royal " honour.

Of these Nos. 1, 3 and 4 are indicated by *Blue*; No. 2 by *Green*; No. 5 by *Yellow*; No. 6 by *Red*. To adjust these, one way would be to take one unit of the " Royal " as the centre; a half-unit of the " origin " to one side of it; and a half-unit of the " infantry " tradition on the other side. As a basis for the " sea " and the two " artillery " characteristics one unit of blue at each edge as in Fig. 1.

Where the colours are repeated, as in ties and sashes, the blue would be doubled at each join, and in this case the smaller green unit also might be doubled, as in Fig. 2.

This would at least give all the representative colours of the Corps in some due proportion.

It need not be in any way " glaring," as dark crimson, dark olive green, dark blue, and subdued sand-colour yellow could be used.

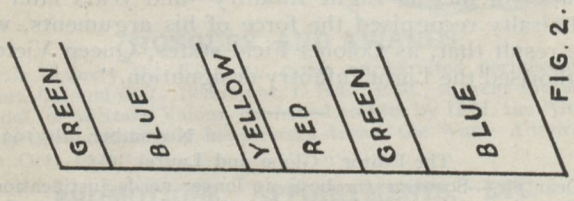

FIG. 2.

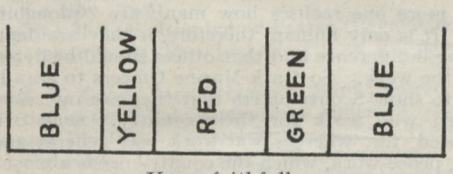

FIG. 1.

Yours faithfully,

HUGH D. E. O'SULLIVAN, Lieut.-Col.

R.M., Deal,
12th November, 1923.

CADET CORPS NEWS.

The Colonel-Commandant, Chatham Division, R.M., has been officially informed that the 1st Cadet (Chatham) Company, R.M.L.I., have again won the King's Shield. This makes the third year in succession.

The 1st Cadet (Chatham) Co., R.M.L.I., have won the Portsmouth Challenge Cup—open to all Naval and Marine Units; also the Schomberg Cup, open to all Marine Cadet Units.

Up to going to press the Chatham Cadets are winners of :—

First Res. Battn. Challenge Cup.
First Res. Battn. Trophy.
Schomberg Cup.
Portsmouth Challenge Cup.
King's Shield.
National Roll of Marksmen Shield.

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