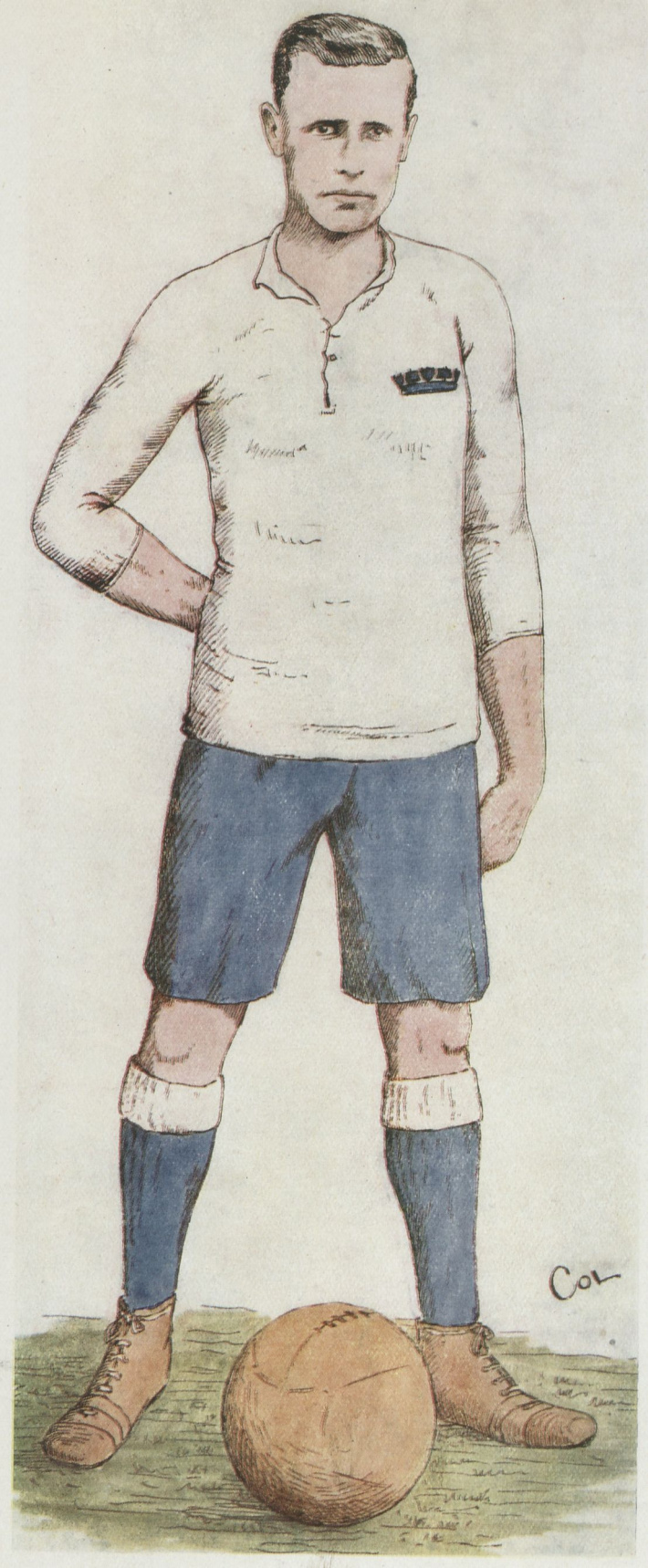

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Officer, 1664.

"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 response to our appeal to R.M. Detachments afloat has, on the whole, been satisfactory. We have received orders from the "Benbow" for 37 copies, "Queen Elizabeth," 24 copies; "Blenheim" and "Hecla," 18 copies each, and smaller orders from other ships, while Shotley Training Establishment has ordered 24 copies. Altogether we estimate an addition of 180 copies to our circulation.

There are still several ships who have not acknowledged our communication, but we hope to hear from them before long—the delay is probably due to unavoidable causes.

So far as we are able to judge, the "Globe and Laurel" starts this New Year under favourable auspices. Financially, we are keeping our head above water—though we must confess to going rather a bust on the last number—and we feel sure that the journal will continue to receive the same loyal support from its many readers and correspondents. With regard to the latter, we cannot allow the occasion of commencing a new volume to pass without expressing to those who have so regularly contributed to these columns our gratitude for their help and our hearty appreciation of their efforts. Though distinctions are invidious, we particularly wish to record the consistent and unfailing assistance we have received from two of our correspondents abroad, Major B. F. Trench, Africa station, and Capt. A. N. Williams, China station, to whom we offer our most grateful thanks.

In this connection we should like to add that we are always glad to receive from any of our readers, ashore or afloat, short accounts of any events or activities in which members of the Corps are concerned, though we cannot, much to our regret, always undertake to reproduce photographs, unless, of course, the sender is prepared to defray the cost. Latterly we have been rather short of news from the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets—we are confident that the mere mention of this fact will result in our being able to add materially to the quantity and quality of "Fleet Notes."

Our thanks are also due to Lt.-Colonel H. Channer for his kindness in compiling the index for 1923—a tedious task which we are glad to have been spared.

CARTOON.

The subject of this month's cartoon is Sergt. E. H. Wood, late captain of the Forton football XI, and now playing in the team of the Portsmouth Divn. Sergt. Wood played for the Royal Navy and Royal Marine teams against the Army and also the Royal Air Force in 1921, 1922 and 1923. In 1922 he acted as captain of the Navy side in both matches.

INTER-PORT HOCKEY.

The following Royal Marines played for Chatham Port against Portsmouth and Devonport on December 13th at Portsmouth.

Capts. Congdon, Mackenzie and Quill, Cpls. Moyse and Jerred. These five players, and in addition, Major Brooks and Lieut. O'Donnell, took part in the Final Navy Trial Match at Portsmouth on December 15th.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Arrangements have been made at the Chatham Division to institute a Billiard Championship of all ranks. The contest, which will begin soon after the termination of Christmas furlough, should be productive of some excellent matches and should be the means of arousing increased interest in the game and raising the standard of play in the Division.

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Three representatives of the Corps, Major Brooks, Capt. Congdon and Lieut. O'Donnell, were included in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Hockey team, which played the first match of the season against Tulse Hill on the 19th December. Tulse Hill is one of London's leading clubs and was only just defeated by Oxford University—stated to be the best hockey team in the country. It was therefore a great feather in the cap of the R.N. and R.M. team to have won by 2 goals to 1. Both goals for the Navy were obtained by Major Brooks, while Capt. Congdon played a great game at back.

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Lieut.-Col. P. Molloy has arranged a series of lectures in the Officers' Mess, R.M. Barracks, Plymouth, of which the following have been already given: On the 4th November "The 11th Battalion, R.M.," by Captain E. Jukes-Hughes, O.B.E. On the 12th November, "Extempore Naval Bases," by Captain and Bt. Major E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O. On the 26th November, "A few Notes on Tactics from the Last Three Months of the War," by Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. On 3rd December, "The Archangel Relief Force," by Captain C. M. Sergeant, D.S.O. On the 17th December, "The Panama Canal," by Lt.-Col. P. Molloy.

The lectures have, in each case, been most interesting and instructive, and illustrate in a very striking manner the very varied nature of the duties which the Corps is called upon to perform in every part of the world.

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The engagement is announced between Captain Hubert Thomas Newman, R.M., youngest son of Mrs. H. M. Newman, Pine Hill, Ore, Sussex, and of Kathleen Mary Corbett, second daughter of Dr. H. R. Corbett, 2, Argyle Terrace, Houndiscombe Road, Plymouth.

LONDON'S PIGEONS.

Replying to the toast of "The President," at the tenth annual dinner of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, Colonel Drury mentioned that a friend and neighbour of his had, on a first visit to London, been greatly impressed by the tameness of the pigeons he saw in the City.

As I write, opposite my house a genial provision merchant is feeding some dozens of them; they are all over and around him, on his hands, his arms, his shoulders. It is a daily business; each day in the lunch hour they are to be seen mustering outside the shop, knowing that, as sure as the day follows the night, they will receive their daily portion. The trust of these birds is truly wonderful: fat and sleek, for the most part, because of the attention given them by the London folk. It is so because our consciences would not allow us to do otherwise.

I want, if I can, to draw a moral here. London's pigeons are like the lame sea-dogs Colonel Drury also spoke of—they cannot help themselves.

There exists, however, an Association to help these lame sea-dogs over stiles: The Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association. I am the trumpeter of the Association, which is so modest—like the Corps from which it springs—that it will not shout too loudly of its good deeds, but, as there is precious little modesty about me—at least, where the R.M.O.C.A. is concerned—I can never tire of shouting its deeds. Had I a more powerful pen or wonderful gifts of oratory I would tramp the country from end to end preaching the religion of the R.M.O.C.A., which is "Service," service towards one another, to help those who cannot help themselves.

Outside the Service we meet with conditions differing widely from those found within. Many find it difficult to make headway at first, and they have found the R.M.O.C.A. very helpful.

We need more and more members. Officers and other ranks, serving and retired, are invited. Let 1924 be a leap year for the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association.

The President and members of the Association take this opportunity of wishing the readers of the "Globe and Laurel" a very prosperous New Year.

C. J. MOYNIHAN,
R.M.O.C.A.

DEPOT THEATRICALS

H. V. Esmond's very amusing farce, "Eliza Comes to Stay," had a most successful revival at the Globe Theatre on Thursday, 29th November, and the two following days, including a matinee on Saturday, 1st December.

"Eliza," whose popularity was such that she was enthusiastically welcomed when she came for a further stay in London, certainly had every reason to be gratified with the reception accorded her at her second appearance at the Depot Theatre.

The cast was as follows:—

Mrs. Halliday	Eliza.
Mrs. Yeo	Lady Pennybrook.
Mrs. L. Benne	Vera.
Mrs. Owen	Mrs. Allaway (Nurse).
Surg.-Lt. A. W. Nesbitt	Sandy.
Capt. A. B. Alcock	Montague Jordan.
Lt.-Col. J. P. Shine	Alexander Verrall.
Major P. Owen	Herbert (valet).

Mrs. Halliday gave a delightfully fresh impersonation of the name part, and her portrayal of the contrast between the gaucherie of "Eliza" and the charming impetuosity of "Dorothy" was most skilfully done.

Surg.-Lt. Nesbitt, whose first appearance it was on the stage of the Depot Theatre, made an excellent "Sandy," and he will obviously prove a great acquisition to the ranks of the Company. Capt. Alcock, in an

excellent make-up, added another to his many successes on the Depot boards and caused nearly as much laughter by some of his gags among the company as he did among the audience. Mrs. Yeo and Col. Shine were both excellent in their respective parts and it is difficult to say whether the latter's hat or his Scotch accent came in for most admiration. The other minor parts were all most capably filled and the piece met with a most enthusiastic reception, especially on the final night, when the lady members of the cast were literally snowed under with various tokens of appreciation. As a result of the performances over £90 was handed over to Depot Charities and the Sandwich Deanery Rescue and Preventive Association.

FLEET NOTES.

West Indies.

H.M.S. "Cape Town," July.

Squadron, less "Curlew," left Bermuda 3rd; arrived Halifax on 6th. On 14th "Constance" left Halifax for St. John's, N.F., and "Calcutta" and "Capetown" for Pictou. Arrived at Pictou 16th. Pictou was celebrating the 150th anniversary of the landing of the emigrants in the old "Hector." The chief features of the festivities were: The unveiling of a memorial to the Scotch people of the "Hector" by his Excellency Baron Byng, Governor General of Canada, and a naval and military review by his Excellency. Each ship landed 40 seamen and 20 Royal Marines. The Brigade was commanded by Lieut.-Colonel L. H. McKenzie, D.S.O., of the 1st Batt. Pictou Highlanders. This officer expressed his very keen pleasure at meeting Royal Marines again, the 6th Royal Marines having served under him in North Russia. On 19th, a reproduction of the landing from the old "Hector" was staged. A ship was rigged up to represent the "Hector" and sailed up the harbour, the landing being effected in the same place as the old "Hector" people landed. It was curious and instructive to see the Scotch people wading ashore and being met by the Indian tribe of Mick Macs in full regalia. The Mick Macs are direct descendants of those who actually met the "Hector," and their reservation is only a few miles out from the town of Pictou.

On 23rd "Capetown" arrived at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Here the inhabitants put themselves out to give the ship's company a good time. There was a dance ashore for the ship's company on one evening, and one for the officers on another. There were also athletic sports, but they fell rather flat as there were very few local entries or people there, probably due to it being "electioneering" day for the Province. The ship's company's Concert Party gave a performance at the theatre in aid of a local charity, which was much appreciated. There is an excellent nine-hole golf course about two miles from the town, and the committee of the club made the officers hon. members and placed cars at their disposal to take them to and from the club house. Several inhabitants placed cars at the disposal of the ship's company, and many enjoyable trips into the country and to the fox farms were made. These farms breed the silver fox, and appear to be very prosperous; a good pelt fetches from 60 to 80 guineas, and a pair of silver foxes for breeding purposes from 200 guineas upwards. Arrived at St. George's Bay, N.F., on 31st. The fishing experts were the only ones who enjoyed this place; catches were small and infrequent.

August.

Arrived Quebec 7th. One of the most noticeable things there is the fact that 95 per cent. of the population are French or of French extraction. Arrived at Montreal 20th. Here heaps of amusements were found for all tastes. Thousands of Montrealers visited the ships daily, and many friends were made. The Royal Marine detachments of "Calcutta," "Capetown" and "Constance" landed and marched nearly to the top of Mount Royal where a magnificent view of Montreal was obtained.

September.

"Calcutta" and "Capetown" arrived at Quebec on 6th. On Tuesday, 11th, detachment landed for tactical exercise on Plains of Abraham. Arrived at Halifax on 16th, and on 24th reached St. John, N.B. Everyone enjoyed the very short stay at St. John. It is a very busy port, especially in winter, when it does all the sea trade that would go to Quebec and Montreal if these places were not ice-bound.

Arrived at Bar Harbour, Maine, on 27th. It was the first U.S. port visited during the cruise, and as an act of courtesy to the U.S. Government all messes were "dry," the lower deck of course still continuing to draw their grog. Some excellent golf was enjoyed here, an eighteen hole course (Kebo Valley Club) being about a mile away from the landing place. There were some exceptionally fine shops, but everything is expensive.

October.

Arrived at Boston, Mass., 2nd, where theatres are numerous, and were thoroughly enjoyed. Entertainments were organised for officers and men, and everyone regretted leaving on 8th for Bermuda.

November.

On 15th the Naval and Military Rifle Meeting took place at Warwick. The weather was not good, everyone was drenched on the way there and again on the way back. The Hamilton Cup was won by Mne. Baker, H.M.S. "Capetown," with a score of 53 out of a possible 56. In the rapid fire competition "D" Company, Norfolk Regiment, were first, the ship's team of "Capetown" being second. Owing to the rain the Lewis Gun competition was not finished. Six teams fired, of which the first three were: "Capetown's" 1st team (114), "Curlew's" 1st team (110) and "Capetown's" 2nd team (101). "Constance's" ship's team won the Bermuda Championship and "Malabar's" were second. A.R.

Africa Station.

H.M.S. "Lowestoft,"
17th November, 1923.

The commission of the Flagship is at an end and early in December the "Birmingham" is to take her place. Judging by the number of men who are anxious to remain out here, the commission has been a very happy one. We do not seem to have had our fair share of the Squadron Cups; but this is probably due to the large number of changes in the ship's company that have taken place during the commission and it should certainly be an incentive to the "Birmingham" to see that the Flagship recovers those cups which she has lost.

The last few weeks at Simonstown have been spent in farewell concerts, farewell dances and many farewells up the line, leaving everyone with exceedingly empty pockets, so much so that only a very few were able to afford to buy a copy of the photo of the ship's company which was taken just before we left.

Armistice Day was observed by an interesting ceremony at Simonstown on a small parade ground in the middle of the town. The Governor General and Princess Arthur of Connaught, who were staying at Admiralty House, attended. There was a composite Guard of Honour consisting half of Royal Marines of the Squadron and half of South African Permanent Garrison Artillery, the whole under the F.R.M.O. There were field gun crews, detachments of boys from the Training Slip "General Botha," Boy Scouts and Girl Guides under the Admiral's daughter, Miss Bentinck. After the ceremony the Governor-General inspected all units. In complimenting the guard on their appearance, he expressed regret that the scarlet tunic of the Royal Marines had been abolished.

The new flagship "Birmingham" will not be in Simonstown until the middle of February. She is to cruise on the West Coast, visiting Victoria (Cameroons), Bonny, Lagos, Elephant Bay, Walvis Bay and then to Saldanha Bay for exercises with the remainder of the Squadron.

B. F. Trench, Major, R.M.

China Station.

FOOTBALL.

The Navy Grounds at Happy Valley are in a very unfit state, large floods occurring at the end of August. At the end of October 16 inches of rain fell in 24 hours, which completed the wreck, most of the valley being under water and mud.

MUSKETRY.

The detachment of H.M.S. "Diomede" are firing their annual course at Stonecutters.

Clr.-Sergt. C. Payne won the prize for the second series of Spoon Shoots of H.M.S. "Tamar" Rifle Club. H.M.S. "Tamar" have entered the Hong Kong Rifle League this year. Firing with service sights they are allowed 6 per cent. on their score when competing with teams which use fancy sights.

TROOPING SERVICE.

It may be of interest to the old Plymouth Battalion to know that s.s. "Braemar Castle," from which ship they landed to attack Kum Kali and Sed-el-Bahr on March 4th, and "Y" Beach on April 25th, 1915, is now on trooping service.

She passes through Hong Kong during the first week in December with the 1st Battalion the Loyals from North China.

The China Squadron Regatta was held at Wei-hai-wei on August 14th and 15th; a week later the China Squadron commenced to disperse, H.M.S. "Despatch" proceeding to Shanghai to give general leave.

SHOOTING CUP.
Presented by H.M. THE KING.

H.M.S. "Excellent," Portsmouth.

The Editor, "Globe and Laurel."

Sir,—The accompanying photograph is of a rifle team drawn from the R.M. G. Class now under instruction at Whale Island.

The Cup was presented by H.M. the King, when a post captain, to encourage shooting in the Navy.

It is competed for annually at Tipnor Range by one team from each Mess and the teams can only consist of ratings under instruction.

The names in order are: Standing (left to right), Sergt. S. Blake, Sergt. J. Figg, Sergt. A. Layzell. Seated: Clr.-Sergt. G. C. Parry, Sergt. C. Feary.

The conditions are:—

Teams of 4 and a leader.

The knock-out system, two teams running together, each team has ten Army snap-shooting targets and the target falls when hit; first team with all targets down wins. In the event of last target of both teams falling together, team with least number of rounds expended wins. Teams run from 300 yds. to 200 yds. No time limit, but only 10 rounds per man allowed.

Our team represented the Staff Instructor's Mess, where we are messed.

We met the following teams:—

1. From a Seamen's Mess. 2. From a Seamen's Mess.
3. Long-course Lieutenants.
4. Petty Officers' Mess, whom we beat in the final.

Trusting you can find use for this and wishing the "Globe and Laurel" every success.—I am, yours sincerely,

G. C. G. PARRY, Colour-Sergt., R.M.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

CHATHAM.

JUNIOR N.C.O.s' CLUB.

On Monday, 3rd December, the Juniors played and won a return dart match against the Halfway House, Luton. After the match a concert was held to which many Juniors contributed songs.

On the following Tuesday evening, a very successful Whist Drive was held in the club amidst a large gathering of friends. On Friday, 7th December, the Juniors were invited out to play a return dart match with the Main Canteen, and after a keen struggle the Juniors won, a concert being held afterwards. On Monday 10th December, a further Whist Drive, followed by a concert, was held in the club, in which a large gathering of friends participated. Finally, before going on Christmas leave, on Friday, 14th December, a Whist Drive and Dance were held in the Gymnasium, Melville Barracks, a large number being present.

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EASTNEY.

On the 4th December the Commander-in-Chief Admiral Sir Sydney Fremantle, K.C.B., M.V.O., and Staff, which included Admiral-Superintendent Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund P. F. Grant, K.C.V.O., C.B., and the Chief of Staff Captain Colin K. Maclean, C.B., D.S.O., dined with the officers.

On the 5th December the Commander-in-Chief inspected the Sea Service Battery, and the Guard of Honour, which was mounted upon this occasion under the command of Captain E. H. M. Unwin, Lieut. J. T. Hall carrying the Regimental Colour.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

A very enjoyable run was held against the Portsmouth Road and Racing Club on Saturday, 10th November. The R.R. Club turned out a very strong team, including the best of the R.N. Barracks, and won with a good margin. But much experience was gained by our runners, who are practically all new to the game.

The sixth monthly R.N. and R.M. Port Marathon took place from the U.S. (Men's) ground on November 22nd.

We were unable to secure any runners of note with the exception of Mnes. Whimhurst and Rock, but the team trained very hard and were well up to their limit on the day of the race, and managed to gain second place, the R.N. Barracks being first,

Team: Mnes. Whimhurst, Rock, L.-Cpls. Stoner, Lawrence, Musn. Curd (R.N.S. of M.), Musn. Howker, Mnes. Snelgrove, Pavey, Hutchings, Armstrong, H. J. Davis, Walker.

HOCKEY.

A trial game was played at Chatham on November 23rd with a view to finding the best side to represent the Corps.

The game was evenly contested, the "Whites" eventually winning 1—0, the goal being scored by Capt. Simpson.

Saturday, November 24th.—The Royal Marines played the U.S. Chatham, who turned out a side composed entirely of R.N. players:—

The following represented the Corps:—Cpl. Moyse, Capt. Congdon, Q.M.S.I. Board, Capt. Mackenzie, Lieuts. Wills and Teek, Capts. Brooke-Short and Simpson, Major Brooks, Capt. Quill and Cpl. Jerred.

The Marines proved much the stronger side and won 9—1. (Major Brooks, 7; Capt. Quill, 2).

Monday, November 26th.—Unfortunately turned out foggy, so that the Hockey Association XI arrived very late, and consequently the game had to be shortened to 25 minutes each way. Even so it was extremely difficult to see the ball 50 yards away during the last 10 minutes of the game. However, the Corps side combined very much better than previously and won 5—2 (Major Brooks, 3; and Capt. Brooke-Short, 2).

A further match against the Army of the Rhine was considered but unfortunately had to be given up owing to lack of funds.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

EASTNEY.

Since our last report we have played six matches, of which two have been played by the "A" team.

On Saturday, the 17th November, we had H.M.S. "Fisgard's" third XV as the opponents of our "A" XV, and managed to win comfortably by 28 points to 0.

On Saturday, the 24th November, we put two teams in the field at Eastney against H.M.S. "Sultan" (late "Indus") and H.M.S. "Sultan" "A," the first match commencing at 2.15 and the second at 3.30. We lost both matches, the former by 11 points to 0, and the latter by 6 points to 3 points. Both games were played at a very fast pace and were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

On Wednesday, the 28th November, we had as our opponents H.M.S. "Vernon," who are considered the best ship's XV in the Port. Owing to a late start we could only play 25 minutes each way, but after a very hard game we went under by 3 points to 0.

On Saturday, the 1st December, the United Services IVth team visited us and severely trounced us by 28 points to 0. We could only field a weak side.

On Wednesday, 12th December, we met the Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Eastney, and after a hard game lost by 6 points to 0. This was our best game this season, our three-quarters being in great form, and the tackling of the whole side being extremely good.

Our 1st XV side at present is: Back, Lieut. Cooper; three-quarters, Lieut. Warren, Capt. Wildman Lushington or Mne. Bennett, Mnes. A. F. and A. H. Merckel; halves, Musn. Barnes and Lieut. Hayter: forwards, Capts. Leech Porter, Thomas, Lieuts. Phillips, Garrett, Marchant, Sergt. Jones, Mnes. Duncan and Lauder.

PLYMOUTH.

Owing to the very wet weather we have had here during the last month it has not been possible to play all the Rugby matches arranged.

On November 28th we played the "Woolwich" on the Long-room. Fortunately there was no Services match on this day and we were able to field a full team. This resulted, after a fast and open game, in a win for the Marines by 3 goals and 4 tries, 27 points, to nil. The whole team played well, especially in the second half when the ball came out better to the three-quarters. Of the forwards Gardner, Coombes and Edwards were always in the picture, while Capt. Sergeant and Silby played well in the three-quarter line, the two tries of the former being great efforts. Broom, as usual, played a splendid game at scrum half.

A new era has started in the Plymouth Rugby World. It was proposed to start an Inter-Company Rugby Competition. Much doubt was expressed at first as to the possibility of raising the teams. However, on the 11th December the first game was played between "A" and "E" Companies. A large crowd turned up to watch, mostly out of curiosity. The excitement was intense and the game played at a tremendous pace. The novices, who were in the majority, all played splendidly, the "E" Company forwards in particular, and it was only by the narrow margin of two tries to nil that "A" Company won in the end. The "A" Company outsides were superior to their opponents, though Corpl. Pollitt played a fine game for "E."

The next game, between "C" and "G" Companies was played on 13th December, and brought another big crowd to watch. This game provided similar thrills to the first one, being fought out at great pace from beginning to end. "G" Company proved the winners in the end by the clear margin of 16 points to nil. The game had only started a minute or so when Capt. Sergeant, after a great run, almost scored. If he had, the result might well have been very different. Silby opened the scoring by landing a fine penalty goal. This put new life into the "C" Company team, and despite the efforts of Capt. Sergeant, Gardner and Lieut. Penfold, "G" soon went further ahead with a try by Hawes. Silby converted. Another try for "G" through Silby, but the kick failed.

In the second half "C" put every ounce into it, the same three going great guns, but the defence would not be beaten. After a fine dribble Coombes scored again for "G," Silby converting. A try by Mealing concluded the scoring.

It is of interest to note that several veterans turned out in this match, Q.M.S.I. Hawes, who played as fine a game as anyone on the field, Q.M.S.I. Brown-King, and Clr-Sergt. Ponsford. The latter played his last game at Gibraltar in 1911!

The final of the competition will be played on the Longroom on the 17th December. The result will be given in next month's issue.

Congratulations to Gardner on once more figuring in the International trials. His is a record we should all be very proud of, as he has played in eleven out of the last twelve International matches.

DEAL.

Our prospects at the commencement of the season were not at all bright. There was considerable difficulty in getting together a team. But with the arrival of the Military Class we were able to find some very useful talent, and we now have the makings of a very promising team.

The following have played for the Depot team: Back, Capt. Alcock, D.S.C.; three-quarters: Capts. Whitworth and Johnson, Mnes. Pegler, Boylan, Hawker, Westlake; half-backs, Lieuts. Richardson and Willis; forwards, Capts. Heathcote, Grover, Shephard, Lieuts. Lordon, Burgess, Gordon, Clr.-Sergt. Hill, Sergt. Lyle, Mnes. Murphy, Searles, O'Brien, Porter.

Our first match of the season was against the King's Own Regiment. They gave us a very good beating by something over 40 points to nil.

Since that game we have settled down and have had some splendid games. The next match was against Wye Agricultural College, whom we managed to beat in a very close game by 10 points (2 goals) to 6 points (2 tries).

The 2nd Worcestershire Regiment beat us in the last few minutes of the game by 6 points (2 tries) to 5 points (1 goal).

Our last match was against Sir Roger Manwood's School. This was a very fast game, as is always the case with schoolboys. Our opponents played hard and were fit, and put up a really keen fight. Considering that they have only taken up Rugger this season for the first time they are to be congratulated on the standard of proficiency that they have obtained. Although we won we had to play hard the whole time to keep them out of our line. The final score was 28 points (5 goals and 1 try) to 15 points (a goal, a dropped goal, and 2 tries).

The dropped goal that they scored in the second half of the game was a really fine piece of work.

ASSOCIATION.

CHATHAM.

The English Amateur Cup-tie at Lamorbey was very keenly contested, and our opponents are to be congratulated on the sporting game that they put up. The Chairman of their Club congratulated our team on their win. It appears that they had heard terrible things about Marines in their village, and they were surprised to find that a Marine is also a gentleman. The Club, Officials and Supporters Association of Lamorbey have now a warm spot in their hearts for the Royal Marines and we were heartily cheered on leaving the place. The game ended 2—1 in our favour, and we hope to be able to play a friendly (at their request) before the end of the season.

On Saturday the 24th November we travelled to Belvedere to play Erith and Belvedere in the Kent Senior Cup, 2nd round. It was a very fast game and the home team was successful, obtaining the odd goal in five. At one time our opponents led by 2—0, but after the interval our team went all out and drew level; it was then a fight for the winning goal, which they managed to get about five minutes before the end, two of our own forwards missing an open goal (with the goalie on the ground).

On Wednesday the 28th we tried conclusions with the pick of the Reserve Fleet (Chatham and Sheerness) in the R.N. B.T. Cup. It was not a great game, being a case of having to play the man and not the ball. We lost Corpl. Cobb about five minutes after the start with a badly-injured leg, and before our team could get over the loss of their outside left the Reserve Fleet were 2 up, a lead which they maintained until the end, although they had very little of the game and seldom crossed the half-way line. They were content to pack their goal and prevent scoring by any possible means—it was a game of which the less said the better.

On the following Saturday we travelled to Bexley in search of

Kent League points, and managed to return with a brace to the extent of 5—0. We were rather at a push to raise a team, owing to injuries in the previous match, especially at outside left, but fortunately Corpl. Green disembarked the previous evening and turned out and played quite a good game in strange company. Another new-comer was Mne. Hale, and he also played a good game, settling down quite early in the game and fully justifying his selection. The whole of the team played well, although all the scoring was done by one player.

On Saturday, 8th December, we visited Bostall Heath in the Divisional Final of the English Amateur Cup. It was a clean game and very fast from start to finish. At half-time no goals had been scored, but after about half an hour's play Mne. Clarke put us one up with a hard drive. He almost got another shortly afterwards, but the goalie made an excellent save; before, however, the defence could get the ball away Corpl. Green followed up and scored with a lovely placed shot through several of their players while their goalie was still on the ground. About five minutes before the end Bostall Heath got a goal, the ball performing a curious zig-zag along the ground on its way towards goal; it was hooked out by Corpl. Wheatley about a foot over, but the Referee correctly allowed the goal to stand. We ran out winners by 2—1. As a result of this we have to meet Tufnell Park away, our luck in the draw for ground being dead out at present. Tufnell Park are very pleased to meet the Corps again in this competition, their recollections (according to their Secretary's letter) of R.M.L.I. Gosport bringing back pleasant memories. We are hoping to be able to just about bring off the win, and wish Portsmouth Division success in their tie on the same date.

On Wednesday, the 12th, we lost 1—0 to the R.N. Depot in the Port Final of the Navy Cup.

I ought to explain the defeat. In the first place, we had had a gruelling game on the previous Saturday at Bostall, whereas the Depot had had an easy one, beating a junior team 9—0. As a result our team seemed to play leg-weary. In addition, Corpl. Green went into hospital two days earlier and Corpl. Cobb was still sick, so we had to make an experiment at outside left, which did not come off; consequently the attack suffered. So we shall not be able to take advantage of the hospitality offered by Portsmouth in last month's "Globe and Laurel," but we wish to thank them all the same, and were very sorry to see that they also lost their Port Final.

The reserves have not done so well, having played three games and lost all.

PLYMOUTH.

During the past month heavy rain has interfered with our fixture card in so far that two of our games in the Plymouth and District League had to be put off, owing to the condition of the ground, which on both occasions was under water in a great many places. One cannot, of course, help the weather, but it will make the remaining part of the season a very busy one indeed for us.

We are still plodding along in the same old groove, looking hard for that "silver lining," the praises of which have been sung again and again, and we, like the young lady whose gentleman friend is long overdue, are wondering "will it never come." Our position in the Plymouth and District League does not look rosy. To date we have played 15 games, won 4, lost 9, drawn 2, with a goal average of 29 for and 40 against. This rather lets our defence down, but, considering that it is hardly the same defence for two matches following, the issue might be a great deal worse.

In the Navy Cup Competition we were knocked out by the Royal Naval Barracks by 3 goals to 1. Our fellows played hard, but the better team won. We wish them luck to go farther in the competition.

In the game Royal Navy and Royal Marines versus Devon County we had 5 of our team playing. All apparently gave of their best, but the County simply swamped them and won by 5 goals to 1.

Our Reserve Team is doing well in the Devon Wednesday Cup Competition, having reached the semi-final stage, this by winning away the Paignton Rovers on December 5th. The game was a good one, and without fear of contradiction, our fellows showed our opponents how to play the game of Soccer. The winning margin was not a big one—2-1 for us—but the home goal was charmed. The Company League still continues to attract a great deal of attention, but "G" Company should come out the winners.

EASTNEY.

The Divisional Teams have had a very successful month, the following being a list of their engagements:—

1st Team.

Nov. 10th v. Gosport Athletic, Hants Senior Cup. Gosport Athletic failed to put in an appearance, and the match was awarded to Royal Marines.

Nov. 14th v. R.N. School of Music, Navy Cup. Won 8-1. Cpl. Warwick 4, Sergt. Arnold 3, Mne. Goodchild.

Nov. 17th v. R.N. Depot, Amateur Cup. Won 2-1. Cpl. Warwick, Mne. Goodchild.

No. 21st v. R.G.A., U.S. Charity Cup. Draw 1-1. Cpl. Warwick.

Nov. 24th v. H.M.S. "Vernon," Hants Senior Cup. Draw, 2-2. Sergt. Arnold, Mne. Goodchild.

Nov. 28th v. H.M.S. "Vernon," Hants Senior Cup (replay). Draw 2-2. Sergt. Arnold, Cpl. Warwick.

Dec. 1st v. Winchester City, Hants League. Won 3-0. Mnes. Davidson, Williams, Brown.

Dec. 5th v. H.M.S. "Vernon," Hants Senior Cup (replay). Won 8-2. Mne. Davidson 5, Cpl. Warwick 3.

2nd Team.

Nov. 24th v. Burrfield Park, Gosport Hospital Cup. Won 3-2. Mne. Ormston 2, Williams 1.

Nov. 28th v. Devonshire Athletic, Victory Cup. Won 2-0.

Dec. 5th v. Duke of Wellington Regt., U.S. League, Div I. Draw 1-1. 2nd Lieut. Phillips.

The three fixtures played by the 2nd team were all 1st team fixtures which, owing to draws in the Hants Senior Cup, the 1st team were unable to fulfil. So all the more credit is due to the 2nd team in winning two and drawing one of these three games. Boiled down the month's results are as follows:—

Played 12, won 9, drawn 3, lost 0, goals for 34, against 12.

The Divisional Final of the Amateur Cup, Royal Marines v. Gosport Athletic, was played at Eastney, both sides having plenty of supporters. The Gosport Athletic were well represented and included Morris, Army and County centre half, Ayling, County half, and Trapp, County goalkeeper, who also played for the F.A. against the Navy this season. The Athletic have lost one match this season, and that to Weymouth in the F.A. Cup, on the 2nd re-play. Result: Royal Marines 1 (Arnold), Gosport Athletic nil.

The "Company Football League" is in full working order, and considerable enthusiasm is shown in this company rivalry, and will be a great asset as a nursery for the Divisional team.

Divisional players are barred from Company football.

Congratulations to Chatham Division on emerging successfully from the qualifying rounds of the Amateur Cup.

DEAL.

After the splendid form shown by the Sergeants' Mess football team, when they inflicted defeat on the Trained Soldiers, they were not allowed to rest on their laurels. The Junior N.C.O.s, thinking no doubt that they had a "soft thing on," issued forth from their lair with blood-curdling threats and a demand to be allowed to meet on the field of battle, armed with nought save boots and a ba'.

Their wishes were acceded to, and the two teams met before a huge crowd on Wednesday, the 21st day of November, 1923.

A slight alteration had to be made in the Sergeants' Mess team as Sergt. MacQuiffie was indisposed, and Q.M.S. H. Hann was placed in charge of the "sticks."

The Sergeants were allowed the first kick of the ball, and the forwards, after a few mysterious movements and passes, had to send the referee to ask the Juniors' goalkeeper if he would mind getting the ball out of the net. Clr.-Sergt. Cross was responsible for putting it there.

After this the Sergeants amused themselves by kicking the ball to each other, until L.-Cpl. Clarke having found out that the Sergeants' goalie had gone to warm his hands and light his pipe, took advantage of his absence and put a shot through the "rigging."

This bucked the Juniors up somewhat, and made them think that they had a chance of winning; but they were not allowed to score. When it was close on time and the referee was preparing to blow his whistle, Sergeant Teeling decided that his side ought to win and put the ball into the net. Result:—Sergeants' Mess, 2; Juniors 1

The game was admirably controlled by Mr. R. B. Holland (W.O.).

It is to be regretted that, as it is not possible for all the Sergeants' Mess team to get leave to go to Wembury Park, they have decided not to enter for the English Cup.

BOXING.

EASTNEY.

A very fine boxing meeting was held in the R.N. Barracks Gymnasium on November 30th, in aid of the Trafalgar Orphan Fund. Large numbers of officers, N.C.O.s and men attended to cheer the following boxers from this Division:—

Sergt. Ring v. A.B. Evans (6 rounds).

From the beginning of the first round and throughout the contest Ring scored heavily with his left and won comfortably on points.

Corporal Davey v. Telegraphist Reeves.

Davey proved slightly quicker than Reeves, and won a very good fight on points.

Corporal F. Downton was billed to fight Telegraphist Underwood, but was unable to compete through a badly cut lip, much to the disappointment of the spectators.

Hackney, London, 22nd November, 1923.

Corporal Downton met George Cunningham over 10 rounds, winning on points.

Ring, London, 29th November.

Corporal Downton topped the bill with Alf. Mancini over 15 rounds, winning on points after a very hard fight.

Old Soldier of Barrackroom:
(Thoughtfully) "What about my blinking bed?"
(Even more thoughtfully) "M'yes, what about it?"

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

Coming now to the 17th century, the following punishments are recorded in the orders of the ship "Red Lion" in 1626: For not attending prayers twice a day, absence from watch, smoking between decks, playing cards, drunkenness, and leave breaking—confinement in bilbows. Those who slept on watch had three buckets of water poured on their heads and into their sleeves, their arms being held above their head—not a very pleasant punishment in cold weather. Thieves were bound to the mast, stripped naked, and given five lashes on the back with a three-stringed whip by every man in the ship, and then towed ashore and discharged. For refusing duty or striking a superior officer, men were ducked three times at the yard arm, towed ashore, and discharged with the loss of the voyage. A man condemned to be ducked had a rope fastened under his arms, round his waist, and under his breeches, and was hoisted up to the yard arm. He was then dropped violently into the sea, once, twice, or even three times in succession. If the offence were very "fowle," the victim was also drawn under the keel of the ship and up to the opposite yard arm, and while under water a gun was fired right over his head, "as well to astonish him the more with the thunder thereof, which much troubles him, as to give warneinge unto all others to looke out and beware of his harms." Ducking was practised in the French Navy, and it is recorded how in 1741 a French captain being angry with the commander of one of the vessels which was continually breaking away, made him come on board and ducked him at the yard arm.

At the same period tale-bearing was punished by the offender being stood against the main-mast for some time "with his tongue tied all the length out of his mouth," while another man anointed it with tar. A man who struck another had his wrists bound and was hoisted up by one of the forebraces, to hang by his arms until the captain chose to have him released. (This punishment survived, as in 1797, the men of the Marlborough asserted that two quartermasters were hung up in the rigging with their hammocks on their shoulders for an hour and a half in cold weather.) In one case, for having capsized the captain's toasted cheese in the galley, the offender had to stand by the mainmast at supper time with a piece of toasted cheese all "smeered and greased in ashes," the while a man rattled a pair of tongs on a frying-pan, "making tinkers' music all the time he was so shamefully to stand." In another case two men were punished for stealing a piece of beef, by having a piece of raw beef tied round their necks, "bobbing before them like the knott of a cravatt, and the rest of the crew cam one by one and rubd them over the mouth with the raw beife and in this posture they stood two howers."

"Running the gauntlet" (which survived in the Navy till the end of the 18th century), was carried out as follows: The crew were drawn up in two ranks and armed with nettles. The culprit was slowly marched, or drawn on a barrel, between the two ranks, preceded by the master-at-arms with a drawn cutlass pointed towards him to prevent his going too fast, and followed by a ship's corporal with his cutlass pointed to the

offender's back to prevent his going too slow. The number of times he was so marched round depended on his offence. Each man in the ship's company gave one or more blows as the victim went by.

Punishment at the capstan consisted in tying a man by his extended arms to a capstan bar, whipping him, and hanging weights about his neck until his heart or his back were ready to break. Men were gagged, or had their tongues scraped, or bored with a red-hot iron, for blasphemy or swearing.

Before going on to the 18th century, the common punishment of submitting offenders to indignity must be mentioned. In 1607, Lieut. Wm. Goad, for a breach of the 2nd Article (which prohibits drunkenness, swearing, etc.), was sentenced to lose all his pay, and be dismissed the Service. In addition he was "to be carried in a boat from ship to ship with an halter about his neck and the Provost Martial after beat of drum at a small distance from each ship's side to read his crime to the respective ship's companies of all His Majesty's ships in pay at Spithead and in Portsmouth Harbour, they being called on deck for that purpose and afterwards to be put ashore on the Point at Portsmouth."

Striking was a recognised method of maintaining discipline in the 18th century, as is exemplified by the case of William Hatton, a boatswain, tried in 1709 for killing Grainger a sailor. He was acquitted on the ground that the blow was delivered in the course of his duty "in turning the ship's company on deck, Grainger being in a very lowe condition by the scurvey and almost to a skelliton."

"Gagging" and "starting" were still common forms of punishment at this period; the former necessitated the man being placed in irons, his hands tied behind his back and a bolt forced into his mouth and well secured behind his head. The latter was a beating inflicted by the boatswain's mates with ropes' ends or rattans. In 1745 men were punished for swearing, cursing or blasphemy, by having to wear a wooden collar as a "shameful badge of Distinction." A commissioned officer, however, could swear for a shilling a time, and a warrant officer for sixpence. The sailor was not even allowed to swear ashore in peace and comfort, for he was fined a shilling for each oath, or in default, one hour in the stocks—or two hours for any number of oaths.

By the Act of George II., there were twenty-three capital offences, the death sentence being obligatory for nine of them. It was under this Act that any officer who through cowardice, negligence, or disaffection withdrew from the fight or did not do his utmost to take or destroy a hostile vessel, had to be condemned to death. Admiral Byng was condemned to death and shot, although he was not found guilty of cowardice or disaffection. As a matter of fact, right up to 1860 a sentence of death could be passed for stranding or losing a ship. In 1703 sentences of death were very numerous, for there was no alternative punishment for desertion. So that it came to pass that owing to a shortage of personnel, when more than one man was condemned to death, they sometimes threw dice to decide which was to die. Mr. Pocock, Chaplain of the "Ranelagh," at the capture of Gibraltar, records in his diary that there were excesses on shore by the marines, who were punished, "one of which was hanged after he had threw the dice with a Dutchman, who hove 10 and the Dutchman 9." At another court-martial which was held on 2nd March, 1698, when Benbow was President, three deserters were sentenced "to be hanged by the neck till they were dead, dead, dead. But in regard to the want of men it is further the opinion of the court-martial that they heave a die and one only to suffer death the other two to be whipped from ship to ship with a halter about their neck." And as the sentence ends, "And the die being hove it fell upon George Danbe," this gamble for death must have been carried out before the court.

About the end of the 18th century sentences of courts-martial were very often brutally severe. Those on officers were almost invariably either death, imprisonment or dismissal from the Service. Imprisonment was sometimes for life, and there are instances of 15, 7 and 5 years. Then there was the case of Captain Harris, who was condemned to death by court-martial for having submitted to some insult offered by a French ship. Secret instructions were, however, given that at the moment that he was about to be shot, Their Lordships' warrant for his reprieve was to be produced. The whole thing was a fiendish piece of make-believe by everybody except the prisoner.

(To be continued.)

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

"A visible reminder of the gallant deeds performed by our predecessors upon which our great history and traditions have been built."

The Naval General Service Medal with clasp "Martinique" awarded to Lieut. Henry Harrington, Royal Marines, has been secured for the collection. This officer obtained his commission on the 20th May, 1806, being posted to No. 123 Company at Plymouth, and promoted lieutenant on the 12th October, 1812. He was one of the very large number of officers placed on half pay 1st Sept., 1814.

The island of Martinique was captured from the French in 1809 by naval and military forces under the command of Rear-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane and Lieut. - General Beckwith. The troops landed without opposition, and in two actions defeated the French, who were holding strong positions. Less than a month after the landing had taken place, Martinique was in possession of the British. The *Penelope* in which Lieut. H. Harrington was serving took a prominent part in the landing of the troops at Bay Robert, the most important landing place.

NOBODY'S CHILDREN.

By Bennet Copplestone.

(Continued).

There lies before me at this moment the story of a Marine gunner, a drifter, and a gun. It is written by himself, and is carefully headed 'Reminiscences of my Life in a Drifter (patrol boat).' At short notice, in November 1914, he was drafted off to fix a six-pounder gun in a drifter and make good with it. He describes how he perched his gun in the bows of the vessel, where it could not be fired straight ahead because those confounded towering bows were in the way. However, he did his best. 'About this time the pedestal for the six-pounder was parbuckled to our decks, holes being bored in the deck, which was shored up beneath. We placed it in position and mounted the gun. I then discovered that one bolt, securing the strap, had dropped overboard. There was no spare, so I took the one we had to an engineering firm by the sea wall to have another one made, and of course left it as a pattern. I was to call at 7 A.M. the following morning for it. . .' But the vessel sailed at 4 A.M., so that our Marine found himself short of both bolts—the one which had been lost, and the other left as a pattern. 'I was wondering what I could do to secure the gun to the cradle, less the proper bolts. After searching the engine-room thoroughly, with the assistance of the engineer, I found two bolts that I thought might do. They were a quarter of an inch too short, but the thread was correct. So the upper part of the strap was filed down to allow the head of the bolt to sink deeper. I got it down, and got a bite or two on the threads. I dared not go lower because of weakening the upper part of the strap; so I finished off with binding strong wire round it and hoping that it would stand the strain.' Here one sees at work the perfect improvisor, one who buttresses ingenuity with unfailing hope. Remember that it was our poor friend's job not only to mount this gun but to fire it with full war charges; it was his body which would have been shattered had the too short bolts and the binding wire failed of their overtaxed duty. This fine fellow knew well the risk that he was running. 'When it came to firing the six-pounder, I confess to some feeling of trepidation. *So I cleared the gun's crew away and pressed the trigger.* Afterwards I examined the fitting and security bolts and was relieved to find everything correct. She was tied up with wire when I left the ship.' It takes a Marine to improvise really successfully with emergency bolts and wire, for other ships were not so fortunate as ours; in some the pedestal came right away on firing.' This was in the autumn of 1914, at a time when every old gun and mounting in the Empire was being turned to some use, and good men's lives had to pay toll for the badness of their weapons.

When the War broke out in August 1914, we were desperately short of guns and of gun ammunition for all the urgent services which rapidly pressed their necessities upon us. Lord Jellicoe, in that wonderful book of his upon the Grand Fleet, tells in quiet unsensational fashion how near we came during those early months to the sheer edge of irretrievable disaster. Scapa, our main Fleet Base, was wholly undefended—no forts, no booms or net—nothing. Between Scapa, Loch Ewe, and the open sea, the Grand Fleet scurried at the merest rumour of submarine attack, seeking rest yet finding none until, in October, an improvised boom was fitted up by the Fleet itself at Lough Swilly in Ireland. It is a humiliating story of pre-war neglect, and one typical of our national methods. If the Joss of the British Empire were not infinitely long-suffering, we should, in our history, again and again have overstrained its enduring patience.

It was well for our country, then and throughout the War, that the Corps of Improvisors never fails in resource. With guns landed from the Fleet, it set up batteries upon the rocky hills which commanded the approaches to the Scapa anchorage. With guns of any sort, swept up from forgotten corners of the Empire, it created brigades for German South-West Africa, and German East Africa. In like manner it made safe the sea approaches to Lower Egypt, upon which were based the Mediterranean operations. Later on, when the West Indies were under threat of submarine activities, a few skilled men of the all-pervasive Corps shipped out aged guns, hauled them up the slopes of lofty hills, mounted them there, trained fearful black gunners to know the breech from the muzzle, and made good the islands of the Western Ocean. Wherever the Corps may wander about the world, it carries a gun under each arm and a rifle slung upon its shoulder. Wherever it goes, it forms a highly-trained nucleus which gathers to itself ring after ring of the untrained and diffuses its own skill and resource throughout the mass of accretions.

In this fashion a few officers and men of the Royal Marine Artillery constituted the nucleus about which gathered the South African Heavy Artillery, which helped General Botha to conquer 'German South-West' and then afterwards, reorganised, transferred its newly found energies to France. Botha wanted heavy guns, but possessed neither guns nor gunners. The R.M.A. at home could supply incomparable gunners—if the Higher Powers would let them go—but where could guns be found for South Africa at a time when every gun which could be persuaded to shoot was under urgent requisition for France? It was a Colonel of R.M.A., who was then at the Admiralty, who solved what looked an insuperable problem. Surveying the Empire, he put his finger upon Malta, which had no apparent use for guns and yet which possessed four long-range twelve pounders (18 cwt.) and four naval four-inch guns, on carriages which were more or less mobile. 'Give me those Malta guns, and a few officers and men of the R.M.A.,' quoth he, 'and let me go with them to German South-West Africa.' He was hopeful, yet intensely apprehensive. The Army, hearing of those guns and of those gunners, grabbed at them, but the Navy stood staunchly by the Marines. Rose got his guns, he got leave to go himself and to take Captain Tripp, two subalterns and fifty N.C.O.s and men, mainly Fleet reservists. This was the germ from which sprouted and grew to maturity the South African Heavy Artillery.

The story is worth telling in some little detail. It shows with what speed and certainty a few regular officers of a scientific corps, two or three experienced gunnery instructors, and a detachment of trained men,

can transform unskilled human material into a disciplined and efficient force. The Blue Marines performed in South Africa that miracle in transfusion which, later on, thousands of other officers and trained men were to perform in all parts of the Empire.

The guns ravished from Malta were duly despatched, and a month later, at the end of October 1914, the R.M.A. detachment followed. In the meantime the rebellion had broken out in South Africa and the twelve-pounder guns, formed into a mule battery, had been sent up country after the rebels. The four-inch guns were handed over to the R.M.A.; two five-inch howitzers had been discovered in Mauritius, and were expected shortly; there was, in addition, a six-inch gun on a railway mounting, a relic of the Boer war of fifteen years earlier. The naval guns—twelve-pounders and four-inch—were not well suited to land work. They were high-velocity weapons with a low trajectory, and of calibre small in comparison with their weight. The mountings, too, were useless for campaigning, and all had to be altered. Field artillery limbers were obtained, and the railway works at Salt River, under R.M.A. supervision, designed and built broad-tyred steel wheels. The Marine officers were given commissions in the South African Defence Force, and were authorised to raise locally a Heavy Artillery Brigade. There was no lack of volunteers—splendid material, but quite untrained. For weeks, every officer and man of the skilled nucleus was hard at work training the recruits in artillery work and receiving training themselves in the, as yet, unknown art of trekking in a waterless desert. The batteries were to be mule or ox drawn, and the officers and N.C.O.s to be mounted, so that the Marines, who ere this had rarely seen a horse, were by circumstance compelled to learn riding. The officers, of course, could ride; they, as part of their regular Corps training, were already 'Horse Marines.'

Towards the latter part of December, our small group of Marine officers had collected about themselves a most incongruous lot of artillery—the long twelve-pounders, the four-inch naval guns, a six-inch gun, two five-inch howitzers, and two old fifteen-pounder field guns mounted on improvised anti-aircraft carriages. Five distinct calibres, requiring five types of shell! It is lucky that they did not need a great supply of ammunition.

I do not propose to tell the story of the German South-West campaign but merely to indicate how fifty officers and men of the R.M.A., supplemented a few months later by twenty more officers and men from Eastney, scraped up guns, designed mountings and field carriages, raised and trained recruits, so very successfully that by the early spring of 1915 the tiny nucleus had gathered about itself three whole brigades of Heavy Artillery. The guns that were hoary relics of the Boer war played a considerable part in the artillery equipment of the new force which, four months after the landing of the R.M.A., took the field with sixty officers and a thousand gunners. The Corps of Improvisors had transfused this mass with its own skill and spirit, and remained from first to last the central, compelling heart. The Heavy Artillery were in at the capture of Windhuk in May, though no fighting fell its way—the Germans had fled farther than the guns could shoot. In spite of the tremendous difficulties of hauling heavy guns through a sandy waste, one brigade—Tripp's—was in at the final surrender of the Germans at Otavi in July. By the sight of them, as has been told, Botha convinced the incredulous Francke that it was time to throw up the game.

Service with the Heavy Artillery had become so popular in South Africa that when Colonel Rose's brigades were disbanded after the campaign, and a new force recruited for Europe at Imperial rates of pay—much lower than the generous Union rates—the authorised number of gunners was raised in five days. In August 1915, five batteries sailed for England *en route* to France.

In German East Africa there was no clean finish. The Marine batteries there suffered severely from malaria and got little satisfaction out of the business. The pressure upon the Empire's guns remained very severe, in spite of the outpourings of British gunshops, and the long twelve-pounders which had been drawn from Malta for the Marine adventure in German South-West were passed on to German East when Botha had finished with them. Some four-inch naval guns on field mountings were also part of the equipment, and of one of these guns a queer story is told. My friends of the R.M.A. scoff at it; but here it is, vouched for by Captain Ellison of the R.M.L.I. The two branches of the Royal Corps do not readily accept one another's tall stories. One of Captain Ellison's four-inch guns, which was defending Lindi, suffered damage to its muzzle and was considered to be unfit for further service. The Germans soon learned that the gun was out of action, and bringing up a naval piece of their own—of the calibre of those four-point-ones in the *Emden*, which plastered the *Sydney* at over 10,000 yards—began to bombard Lindi with much Teutonic satisfaction. Ellison, permitted by the General to make what he could of the damaged gun, sawed twenty-two inches off the muzzle and at daybreak got home upon the surprised German gunners at a range of eight miles! They made off, taking their own out-ranged gun along with them. Captain Ellison claims deliberately, with his hand upon his officially responsible heart, that his four-inch gun, with twenty-two inches sawn off the muzzle, had a longer range than a new full-sized weapon of the same type. Whether one accepts his judgment or not—I repeat that my friends of the R.M.A. scoff—his feat in improvising an effective weapon out of a badly damaged one, and of promptly strafing the Germans with it, was exactly characteristic of his ingenious Corps. With its heavy field-carriage, and broad steel wheels, this gun weighed six tons, and was hauled about the East African bush by three hundred native porters.

THE JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE.

News that a serious earthquake had taken place in Japan reached Shanghai in time to appear in the evening edition of the papers on Saturday the 1st September; these reports were, however, vague, and not much importance was attached to them. As no further news was received on Sunday morning, a certain amount of uneasiness was felt by those who had interests in Japan. On Sunday evening a private telegram was received by a member of Reuter's Staff,

saying that Tokyo, Yokohama and the surrounding districts had been entirely destroyed by earthquake and fire, and ending up, dramatically, " It is easier to count the living than the dead." To confirm this, at about 2000 hrs. orders were received from the C.-in-C., who was then at Chemulpo, directing " Despatch " to proceed to Yokohama. Patrols were at once sent out into the town to collect as many liberty men as possible, and by 0700 hrs on Monday morning we proceeded, all liberty men with the exception of about half-a-dozen being aboard. On Wednesday, September 5th, at noon, we encountered the Japanese battle cruiser " Mutsu," flying the flag of the Japanese C.-in-C. ; we reduced to 23 knots and, having saluted his flag, we took station on his quarter. At the entrance to Tokyo Bay we received a signal from the " Mutsu," " Après vous, please (*sic*)." Increasing speed, we overtook the " Mutsu," who turned into Yokosuka.

Over Tokyo and Yokohama hung dense masses of smoke, which were being increased by burning oil tanks from the naval base at Yokosuka. The sea was thick with oil.

Passing the Forts at the entrance, which are built on artificial bases, we noticed the earthquake had done much damage to the fortifications and guns, copulas being observed to be leaning over at angles of 45 degrees or more, and in many places the walls had completely collapsed. We proceeded up the Bay with caution, owing to the possibility of a considerable alteration in depth. We anchored at 1500 to find we were the second foreign man-of-war to arrive, an American destroyer, the U.S.S. " Stewart " having arrived two hours previously. From the distance we were lying it was not possible to observe in detail any damage, except that the breakwater had sunk below sea-level and was not visible. We received on board the Acting Consul-General of Yokohama and Surgeon-Commander Hingston, his small son and the staff of R.N.H. " Yokohama." The only casualty of the R.N.H. was Mrs. Hingston, who was killed in the first shock. The majority of the British Colony were in the C.P.R. liner " Empress of Australia," for whom praise cannot be too high. Offices and relief parties had been organised on board by Mr. Boulter, the Acting Consul-General, and Surgeon-Commander Hingston. It was decided, after consultation with Mr. Boulter, that parties should be sent ashore the next day to bury European victims of the earthquake. On Thursday the American Destroyer Flotilla arrived and proceeded to search the coast, with a view to finding any Europeans who had been cut off in the outlying villages. The " Despatch's " working parties, consisting of seamen and marines, landed early on Thursday morning, equipped with crowbars, shovels, tackles, etc., also stretchers and hammocks on which to carry the dead. Two launches were lent to the ship to assist with ship's boat work. The English Hatobar, where we landed, had sunk several feet, the go-downs being completely wrecked, but having escaped fire. Getting alongside was unpleasant work, owing to the numerous corpses lying in the water. Once alongside, the parties were disembarked and proceeded up to the British Consulate, which was completely destroyed. On seeing our boats coming in, many Japanese came down to the Hatobar and asked to go off. There were also several requests for food. The parties at the Consulate were told off for various jobs, the most important one being the opening of the safe at the R.N.H. in order to retrieve any confidential matter. The R.N.H. was situated on the Bluff overlooking the Bay. We went up there by way of the Bund, passing the Club and the Grand Hotel, which were in ruins, as were all the other houses on the Bund. Crossing the Canal, which was congested with corpses, we made our way up, and from the top had a good view over the town. That part of the town which had been built in the Japanese style was completely wiped out. In the European business quarter the majority of the houses had been razed flat, but here and there one could see houses that had not fallen down but had been completely gutted by the fire which broke out shortly after the shock. The most conspicuous of these was the new telephone exchange, a large ugly building which had been opened two days before the earthquake. In the distance was Tokyo still burning. There were several fires in Yokohama still, the largest being the oil tanks and the coal heaps. Here and there could be seen the fires where bodies were being cremated. This work had only started on the previous day and the streets were full of dead. The smell was nauseating.

Arriving at the Hospital, which we found flat, not one stone standing upon another, the safe was dug out and the good work of opening it commenced. This was naturally very slow, owing to the absence of any acetylene plant to cope with it. Once opened, the papers inside were found to have been completely charred and, in passing, it may be mentioned that this was the case in practically every safe that was subsequently opened, showing the intensity of the fire. Hanging over the face of the cliff could be seen the remains of the hose-pipe down which the staff of the R.N.H. and several other European residents, who had gathered in the hospital grounds to escape the fire, had made their escape. The Union Jack was hoisted on the flagstaff. Looking to seaward the smoke of the burning oil at Yokosuka could be seen still coming over the Bay. At the bottom of the cliff was the reclaimed ground on which wooden shanties were being rapidly erected and medical aid and food-distributing stations were started. The other parties had been going round to where it was known Europeans had been killed and bringing them into the Consulate grounds. The same kind of work went on for the next two or three days, parties of seamen and marines being sent ashore for burials and safe-breaking. The former was a most unpleasant business, as the corpses were in an advanced state of decay and frequently required the use of a shovel. Everybody handling corpses was provided with anti-flash gloves, and had to wear them ; these were immediately destroyed on return on board.

On the 9th the ship went down to collect parties of refugees from Kamakura, Enoshima, which, by the way, never showed any signs of disappearing as the papers announced, and also Oiso, returning to Yokohama on the 10th, when H.M.S. " Hawkins," flagship of Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, arrived. We now became the second string, but still continued to land parties for safe-breaking, etc. One party, on breaking open a safe, found the subscription list for the Yokohama Cup, a coincidence, as the " Despatch " won the

Cup this year. This Cup was presented by the British residents in Japan to the British China Squadron, and is competed for every year at the Regatta at Wei-hai-wei, being awarded to the ship obtaining the greatest number of points. Horrors there are bound to be in such shows as this, but there were amusing incidents as well, which many could laugh at on looking back. Such a one was the sight of a good lady tobogganing out of the Grand Hotel in her bath. Another curious little incident was that in one house the only thing left intact were two lightly-boiled eggs ordered by the owner for his tiffin.

Hundreds of little anecdotes of this kind could be told, also survivors' experiences, for which there is no room here, I am afraid. On the 17th September we left for Kobe, and I think all were pleased to get away from a most depressing sight, and also, I may add, smell. Perhaps the best tribute that could be paid to the work done by the sailors and marines during our stay at Yokohama is by quoting the signal made to the ship on her departure by Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson.

"I am very well pleased with the manner in which the arduous and disagreeable work has been carried out by all the officers and men of 'Despatch.' I hope they will enjoy a little relaxation, such as it is, at Kobe."

CONSTANT.

(Continued.)

The second notable occasion where the Marines met water was in a spot called Chamleager. There was a slight war on at the time, at least so it was thought, and someone had started to dig trenches, which simply cried for occupation. The chief drawback was that there was a slight peace on at the same time, and improving your defences was simply not done. It was winter, very cold and intensely wet, but the Battalion had got quite used to being wet by then, in fact it is said that one company liked it so much that they went for a route march without W.P. sheets, and quite forgot that they had left all their dry clothes in another Continent.

The following gives some slight idea of the state of the war. While the Conference at Mudania was in progress a Turkish officer came over to our line at Chanak, and asked to see the C.O. On finding him he asked if he might borrow some barbed wire and screw pickets and, on being asked why, explained that his sector was being inspected in the morning, and if he had some nice wire up he would get a good report. He assured everyone he would return the wire by the evening. It is said he got his wire, put it up and returned it intact; and it is to be hoped he got promoted.

In the Bosphorus area on the Asia side, another rather amusing incident occurred. The Peace had been going for quite a long while, but there were still posts being held behind the line. A unit on a certain sector had been there a long while and wanted a change of air, and a long-hoped-for relief hove in sight. On going up to hand over it was found that the wire that had never been much was no more, and closer inspection showed that the local enemy had borrowed it to put round his hen compounds and melon groves. These things are apt to be trying.

Winter had its small advantages, chiefly the rum and cheese issue; but summer came as a very pleasant change. There were more signs of Peace. The Battalion was together again in a series of quite unspellable, but more or less get-at-able places. Games could be played, and the facilities for games were indeed good. The Waterwitch (a small ferry) conveyed parties to the Islands and up the Bosphorus. Personally-conducted tours were arranged for such places of interest as Spring Fields (a recreation ground of the American Navy), the Sporting Palace (the establishment of a wealthy Greek), the Black Rose (the country seat of a Russian Princess), and the Small Fields (a delightful garden, where the world and his wife were wont to enjoy their leisure and pleasure hours respectively).

There can be no doubt that the 11th Royal Marines made a good impression. It did all things from guarding the G.O.C.'s house to manning the fire engine; the R.M.A. Company of course took over the guns in Gallipoli.

A remark was overheard on one occasion as follows: "I like those fellows, they have the old Service way of doing everything, even drinking." But in spite of this one of the D.A.P.M.'s said that the 11th gave his branch less trouble that any unit in the force.

The greatest praise comes, however, from our friends the enemy. Shortly after taking over a certain barracks it was reported that the Turkish Police had arrested an Englishman in the neighbouring village of Arneout Keuij. An Allied Police officer went to investigate, and found the report false, but in conversation with the Chief of Police, asked if he had much trouble with the soldiers? The Commissar replied "When the others (meaning the unit that had left) were here we had plenty, but with these new ones it is quite different, they are so gentile!"

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The King has been graciously pleased to nominate and appoint Lieut.-Colonel the Right Honourable Leslie Orme Wilson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Governor-Designate of Bombay, to be an additional Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire. 31st October, 1923.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Lieut.-Col. G. T. Anderson (retd.) promoted to Col. (retd.), 8-12-23.

Lieut.Col. A. Rombulow-Pearse (Paymaster, R.M.) placed on Supplementary Unemployment Pay List, W.T., at full pay rate, 5-12-23.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. Peel, C.M.G., from Seconded List, relinquishes temporary rank of Lieut.-Col. and grading of G.S.O., 1st grade, and borne supy. to establishment, and posted to Chatham, 1-12-23.

Major M. F. Bennett posted to Chatham Division, 21-11-23.

Major W. A. Jolly posted to Portsmouth Division, 21-11-23.

Major St. G. Caulfeild from Seconded List posted to Portsmouth Division, and borne supy. to establishment, 21-1-24.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. R. F. C. Foster, C.M.G., D.S.O., to Seconded List on appointment to Staff, R.N. College, Greenwich, vice Godfrey, 7-1-24.

Major St. G. Caulfeild (supy.) to Seconded List on appt. to Staff of C.-in-C., East Indies for War Staff Intelligence Duties as D.I.O., Colombo, vice Foster.

Major and Bt. Lieut-Col. W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G. (secd.), apptd. to Plans Division, Admiralty, vice Caulfeild, 7-1-24.

Capt. F. J. Hore, Qr.-Mr., promoted to Major on appt. as 1st Qr.-Mr. vice Brown, and posted to Chatham, 12-12-23.

Capt. G. H. Stephens, Qr.-Mr., apptd. 2nd Qr.-Mr., vice Hore. and posted to Plymouth, 12-12-23.

Capt. Edward H. M. Unwin, R.M., having undergone a Battery Commander's course at Portsmouth Division, qualified for promotion to Major under Instructions for R.M. Divisions, Art. 10, 28th Nov., 1923.

Lieut. J. H. Wills apptd. Instructor of Signalling (unpaid), Portsmouth Division, on completion of Mil. Course.

Lieut. R. D. Hale apptd. Instructor of Signalling (unpaid), Chatham Division, 20-11-23.

Lieut. A. N. Deane, special Reserve of Officers, R.M., relinquishes his appointment, 19-11-23.

Lieut. A. J. Dixon, Qr.-Mr., promoted to Captain on appt. as 2nd Qr.-Mr., 12-12-23.

Sergt.-Maj. (W.O.) F. J. Flawn promoted to Lieut. on appt. as 3rd Qr. Mr., and posted to Plymouth, 12-12-23.

Lieut. S. Paine apptd. A.I. of G. vice Brown, and posted to Portsmouth, 1-1-24.

Lieut. J. Fuller apptd. A.I. of G. vice Newman, and posted to Plymouth, 10-1-24 (in continuation of present appt.).

Lieut. S. Appleyard apptd. A.I. of G. vice Fuller, and posted to Chatham.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., to H.M.S. **Revenge** vice Hill to disembark to Headquarters.

Capt. O. M. Haworth-Booth from H.M.S. **King George V** to H.M.S. **Glorious** addl. and **Tiger** on commissioning, 26-11-23.

Proby. Lieut. C. Salter to H.M.S. **Barham** vice Leicester.

Lieut. W. E. Petley from H.M.S. **King George V** to H.M.S. **Glorious** addl. and **Tiger** on commissioning, 26-11-23.

Lieut. L. Priestley to H.M.S. **Thunderer** to adjust complement.

2nd Lieut. Sillitoe to H.M.S. **Warspite** vice Lennox, 4-1-24.

2nd Lieut. D. J. Grey to H.M.S. **Hermes.**

R.M. Gunner W. H. Harvey to H.M.E. **Resolution.**

R.M. Gunner Lane to H.M.S. **Malaya** vice Botterill, 1-1-24.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieut.-Col. Raikes, D.S.O., and Major P. Sandilands, D.S.O. have been selected to attend the 14th Course at the Senior Officers' School, Woking, which assembles on 11th Feb., 1924 and terminates on 9th May, 1924.

Capts. G. Wildman-Lushington, V. D. Thomas, G. Campbell and G. Unwin have been selected to undergo Course II. laid down in G.O. 119/23, which will commence of the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth Division, 3rd Dec., 1923.

Lieuts. B. Leicester, N. Lennox and T. Bryan to **Victory** for course of P. and R.T., 4-1-24.

Lieuts. P. Smith-Hill, R. Teek and O. Jones have been selected to attend the Long Qualifying Course, which commences at the S.A.S., Hythe, on 4th Feb., 1924, and terminates on 18th April, 1924.

The undermentioned proby. 2nd Lieuts. are apptd. to H.M.S. **President** addl. for a course of instruction:—

V. H. Deane, M. G. Pughe, J. C. Cairncross, B. G. Ralfs, H. Woods, O. F. Phillipps, S. Martin, M. Rogers and H. S. Baker 3-1-24.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut.-Col. G. I. Anderson, Barrack Master (W.T.), placed on Retired List on account of age, 8-12-23.

Major H. Stockley, M.V.O., O.B.E. (Reserve of Officers, R.M.), is relegated to the Retired List on account of medical unfitness for General Service, 16-11-23.

Major D. E. Brown, Qr.-Mr., placed on Retired List on account of age, 12-12-23.

Major N. S. Clutterbuck, D.S.O., to Supplementary Half-pay List at own request, 31-12-23.

Major A. E. Brown, Qr.-Mr. (retd.), promoted to Lieut.-Col. (retd.), 12-1-23.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EXAMINATION.

The following N.C.O.s have qualified as Musical Instructors: Bandmaster 1st Class Percy Hammond, and Band Corporals L. A. Smith, Wm. Humphrey and F. A. Cook.

CORPS ESTABLISHMENT R.M. BAND.

The following amendments have been made to the Corps Establishment: Increase of Band Corporals from 57 to 63. Decrease of Musicians from 679 to 673.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Fyfield, Andover.
December 6th, 1923.

Dear Sir,

May I be permitted to suggest a slight alteration in the design for Corps Colours as proposed by Lieut.-Colonel O'Sullivan, so as to make them correct from an heraldic point of view.

Take out the yellow, which is not a colour, and put a narrow stripe of gold between the colours.

Also with regard to the last paragraph in his letter, let us stick to our scarlet, royal blue, rifle green and gold. Crimson, dark blue, olive green and yellow stand for nothing, the others represent the uniform.

All combinations of colours, except in some pictures, are glaring.—Yours faithfully,

FRED. W. E. EADY,
Lieut.-Col. (Retired).

St. Helena,
20/11/23.

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I make a suggestion as to a design for a new Corps tie, introducing the R.M.A. blue, the Light Infantry green, the Duke of York's Regiment yellow and the red R.M.A. facings? The predominating colours to be blue and green, the colours of the proposed design to be arranged diagonally, thus :—Blue (broad), red (narrow, about quarter width of blue), green (same width as blue), yellow (same width as red); and then repeated.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD IREMONGER.

Dear Sir,—I see that you are having some correspondence about the grant of the title Royal Marine Light Infantry, and have quoted the R.M.O. Circular of 9th February, 1855. This circular was based on the order published in the "London Gazette" of 2nd Feb., 1855, and I enclose a copy of the memorial that received Her Majesty's approval and which was duly published in the "Gazette."

It is interesting to note the title was Corps of Royal Marines Light Infantry, and this was continued in the old R. Marine Officers' Lists till the Order-in-Council of 21 March, 1862, when the Officers' Lists were separated into Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Marine Light Infantry, which has been the title of the Infantry branch of the Corps since that date,—I am,

Yours, etc.,
H.E.B.

[Copy]

"Most Humbly submitted Your Majesty by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty:

"That the Corps of Royal Marines may be designated a 'Light Corps' and equipped and instructed as such agreeably to Your Majesty's Regulations for Light Infantry Regiments of the Line, this training being considered best adapted to the nature of the service which the Corps is generally required to perform when employed on shore.

Appt. (Signed) VICTORIA R.

(30 Jan., 1855, is date of Admiralty Minute.)

CADET CORPS.

Presentation of the King's Shield.

In the Quadrangle of the War Office Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Director-General of the Territorial Army, acting on behalf of General the Earl of Cavan, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, presented the King's Shield and badges to the winning teams of the Cadet Units for the annual competition of 1923. Among those present at the ceremony were:—

General Sir W. H. Mackinnon, who was Director-General of the Territorial Force, 1908-10; Major-General Lord Cheylesmore, the Earl of Lucan, Chairman of the City of London Territorial Association; Colonel Riley, Deputy Director, Territorial Army; Colonel Hunter, Commandant, Small Arms School, Hythe; Lieutenant-Colonel Curling, Deputy Director, Military Training; Colonel Nation, Assistant Adjutant General, War Office; and Major Etches, Secretary, National Rifle Association.

The shield (which is the gift of the King) was won by the 1st Cadet (Chatham) Company Royal Marine Light Infantry for the third year in succession; the units next in order of merit being the 2nd Cadet Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment and the Roborough School (Eastbourne) Cadet Corps. These teams satisfied the new conditions for the competition, which require, as well as a good standard of shooting, the highest all-round efficiency. The silver badges for the team making the highest average were won by the 2nd Cadet Battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment, and the bronze badges for the next best average by the 1st Cadet (Chatham) Company Royal Marine Light Infantry "A" Team.

Sir Hugh Jeudwine, in making the presentation, said that no comparison of shooting results with those of previous years was possible, as the conditions were

changed this year to enable teams to count the scores made in this competition for the Senior Imperial Challenge Shield, open to all boys throughout the Empire. The performance of the 1st Cadet (Chatham) Company reflected great credit upon the unit and its commander, Captain H. D. Weir, of the Royal Marines, and upon its chief instructor, Quartermaster-Sergeant French.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING AND DISPLAY.

DEAL.

This always popular event took place at the Globe Theatre on Thursday evening, 13th December, 1923, and attracted a very large audience. In every respect it was regarded by many, and rightly so, as the best of the thirteen displays given by this Cadet Corps.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION R.M. CADETS.

The annual prize-giving took place on 23rd November when a most enjoyable evening was spent which, in addition to the prize-giving, included tea and a conjuror's entertainment. The arrangements were admirably carried out under the supervision of Q.M.S. Eden (Adjutant Cadet Corps), Sergts. Gasson, Crosby, Taylor, Grantham, Warwick, Rogers, Cpls. McKnight, Bowden, Race, Bramley.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Phillipps, the wife of Colonel-Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., who was also present. In a short speech the Commanding Officer drew attention to the high tone, efficiency and good attendance of the Cadets, and paid tribute to the valuable assistance afforded by the Musketry and P. and R.T. Staffs to the instruction of Cadets.

The Fanshawe Medal, awarded by Lady Fanshawe to the best Cadet of the year, was won by Cadet Corporal Belgrove.

The instruction during the year has included: Infantry, musketry, signalling, band practice, field gun and repository.

JUNIOR IMPERIAL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

No. of teams fired: 580.

Positions of R.M. Cadet Corps Teams.

Av. Age.	Position	Team	Strength	Score	Average
12yrs. 3mts.	185th	A	23	1602	69.6
12yrs. 6mts.	260th	E	8	524	65.5
11yrs. 11mts.	295th	D	8	507	63.3
12yrs. 4mts.	342nd	G	8	481	60.1
11yrs. 6mts.	359th	F	8	467	58.3
11yrs. 2mts.	403th	B	8	440	55
12yrs. 1mt.	492nd	C	8	373	46.6
11yrs. 7mts.	517th	H	15	621	41.4
95yrs. 4mts.			36	5015	58.3

Total strength of Cadet Corps—101. Average age of boys—11 years 7 months.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Clr.-Sergt. P. Morton.—Thanks for the "slip." We hesitate to introduce the "fallen angel" to our readers, but do not let this deter you from sending along something less slippery.

Major J. T. Ellison, M.C., D.C.M.,—We have received the copy of your official report on the repair to the damaged 4-inch gun referred to by Mr. Copplestone, for which we are much obliged. We regret it is rather too long and technical for insertion in this journal, but we are sure that gunner officers would be keenly interested to learn the methods of ranging and observation you employed in order to achieve such splendid results with a gun shorn of 21 inches of muzzle.

"Paddle Your Own Canoe."—We have received a broad hint that discussion, in this paper, of the subject related in your article, is inadvisable. We must, therefore, regretfully omit it.

REPORT ON FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF R.M.O.C.A. (HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA BRANCH)

The first annual meeting was held in H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong, on the 259th anniversary of the first formation of the Corps. The report stated that the membership was increasing and that twenty-nine members had joined.

At the unveiling of the local Cenotaph on Empire Day seven members represented the Association, and marched with the British Legion.

It was proposed to hold an annual dinner on the same lines as the one held in London, and to ask a guest of the evening to dine with the Association. The report stated that special thanks were due to Lieut. Previté for his assistance in the formation of the branch. The meeting was marked by the utmost cordiality, and it was decided to inaugurate a series of smoking concerts.

The committee for the year was elected as follows:—Chairman, Captain A. N. Williams. Hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. E. Frith. Committee, Messrs. Kent, Grimmett, West, Hill and Perry. The patrons of the branch are the Governor and the Commander-in-Chief. The President is the F.R.M.O. Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st October, 1923.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death.*
Avery, C.	Clr.-Sergt.	Ply.	A Co.	23/10/23
Boughtflower, W.	Clr.-Sergt.	R.M.A.	3767	28/9/23
Burns, J. L.	Sergt.	Ports.	13261	28/9/23
Case, T.	Clr.-Sergt.	Chat.	584	8/10/23
Collett, C.	Sergt.	Chat.	28 Co.	16/10/23
Churchill, T. J.	Pte.	Chat.	9424	7/10/23
Day, A.	Clr.-Sergt.	R.M.A.	4002	13/10/23
Eiton, W.	Clr.-Sergt.	Chat.	52 Co.	16/10/23
Gardener, F.	Pte.	Ply.	9337	22/10/23
Gauge, J.	Pte.	Ports.	5323	28/10/23
Gladwin, T.	Sergt.	Gosport	18105	16/10/23
Harwood, T.	Pte.	Ply.	43 Co.	13/10/23
Hearl, R.	Pte.	Ply.	13167	7/10/23
Jackson, J.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	394	6/10/23
Rowe, F.	Sergt.	Walmer	37 Co.	2/10/23
Smith, G.	Pte.	Chat.	37 Co.	6/10/23
Smith, J.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	6312	9/10/23
Vowles, E.	Pte.	Ply.	1235	7/10/23
Williams, J.	Cpl.	Ply.	13747	26/10/23
Wyles, J.	Cpl.	Ply.	1319	25/10/23

Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th November, 1923.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regt. No.*	*Date of Death.*
Aspey, J.	Pte.	Chat.	1621	19/11/23
Austin, H. J.	Sergt.	Chat.	6842	19/11/23
Bier, T.	Pte.	Ply.	11th Co.	13/11/23
Bowen, H.	Sergt.	Chat.	234	2/11/23
Burt, W.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	1362	22/11/23
Cheshire, H. G.	Pte.	Ply.	1967	3/11/23
Clark, W.	Pte.	Ply.	H Co.	26/11/23
Cogan, J.	Pte.	Ply.	5353	18/2/22
Edmonds, W.	Pte.	Ply.	4891	15/11/23
Entwistle, W.	Musn.	Ply.	1044	21/11/23
Featherstone, A. C.	Cpl.	Ply.	5363	8/10/23
Greenfield, W. C.	Cpl.	Ply.	3911	2/11/23
Grimmer, B.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	3679	16/11/23
Hiett, W.	Pte.	Chat.	29 Co.	9/11/23
Holmes, G.	L/Cpl.	Ply.	1842	2/9/22
Juggins, G.	Pte.	Gosport	F Co.	22/11/23
Laming, A. J.	Pte.	Chat.	6680	19/11/23
Legg, J.	Pte.	Chat.	640	5/11/23
Lewis, A.	Musn.	Ply.	2829	26/11/23
Lucas, J.	Pte.	Gosport	252	18/11/23

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce that we have been informed by Sergt. J. Gordon that his father, Ply./3081 Sergt. John Gordon, died at Manchester on the 2nd December, 1923.

"HUTCH."

No. 2. FEBRUARY, 1924 Price Threepence.

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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 appointment of Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., as Adjutant-General will be received with the liveliest satisfaction throughout the Corps. We beg to offer him our respectful congratulations, and with them our earnest wish that his term of office may bring happiness to himself and increased prosperity to the Corps.

As luck would have it we had arranged for a cartoon of General Hutchison to appear in this month's number —it seems singularly appropriate that the announcement of his appointment should be practically coincident with the issue of our cartoon.

The first of our General Officers to be affected by the non-employment rule is General Sir Charles Trotman, K.C.B., who was placed on the retired list on the 1st January. It is only just over three years ago that he was in command of the Portsmouth Division, so that he is well known to large numbers of our readers. He will carry with him on his retirement their high esteem and their sincere wishes for his future happiness. May we add that if he contemplates settling in some rural neighbourhood, such as that depicted by our artist in this number, we trust that its monotony will be relieved by a rippling trout stream.

Another officer who has recently severed his connection with the Corps—in this case at his own request, owing to the stagnation in promotion—is Lieut.-Colonel M. Festing, D.S.O. He did sterling work as Military Instructor at Deal, and many young officers are deeply indebted to him for the help they have received in gaining a knowledge of their profession, while his great ability as a lecturer will long be remembered. We wish him good luck in his new career as a Commander of Tanks, and if ever a floating tank is evolved large enough to carry a Lieut.-Colonel, may he recall with keen regret his early days in the old Corps.

Apropos of our efforts to increase our circulation afloat we publish in this month's correspondence a letter from Captain Puckle, in which he puts forward a most excellent scheme for organising subscriptions. Under his proposal each man becomes a part-subscriber to the Journal, and so is freed from the qualms of conscience of those who rely on seeing a "Mess" copy or borrowing one from a mess mate. Short of "one man one copy"—the slogan of many Regimental Journals—we can suggest no better plan. We beg all our readers of influence and initiative who have the interest of our Journal at heart to give this proposal their thoughtful consideration and, where and when they are able, to devise ways and means of putting it into practice. The number of copies taken by ships remains very unequal in proportion to the numbers borne. The "King George V" has now the distinction (*sic*) of being the only large ship which takes none at all! Nevertheless it is at the Divisions and Depot where the greatest scope exists for increasing our circulation, and we feel sure that if officers appointed to command companies will interest themselves in the matter they will be able to work wonders.

Elsewhere in our columns will be found the Balance

Sheet of "Britain's Sea Soldiers' Fund." As a result of the foresight shown in the financing of the venture the committee are now in a position to produce the work complete and it only remains to arrange for the taking up of the residue of 400 copies for them to be able to return all moneys borrowed from the Division. We congratulate the Committee on the happy outcome of their enterprise, and trust that they will experience no difficulty in finishing the last lap.

This month we are inserting Seniority Lists of Sergeants and Corporals, chiefly for the information of those afloat. We hope this feature will meet with general approval, and if it does we propose to publish Lists every quarter.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Major-General and Mrs. Hutchison have taken up their residence at 38a, Carlton Road, Putney, S.W.15.

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Lieut. O'Donnell played for the Combined Services v. the East, and Major R. A. D. Brooks v. the West in the International Hockey Trials.

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Marine E. R. Gardner played for the "Possibles" in the final Rugby trial match at Twickenham, but so far he has not had the good fortune to secure his cap this season.

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Colonel Field has obtained permission to dedicate "Britain's Sea Soldiers" to His Majesty the King.

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The Corps Cricket Week will be held this year at Chatham, when the following matches have been arranged:—

July 14th and 15th—Royal Marines v. Royal Engineers.

July 16th and 17th—Royal Marines v. Harrow Wanderers.

July 18th and 19th—Royal Marines v. Oxford Harlequins.

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On June 27th and 28th a match will be played against Stratford-on-Avon at Stratford. In the same week the local club meet the Incogniti and Free Foresters, so officers who are members of these clubs may be able to arrange a very pleasant week's cricket.

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Proceeds of Royal Tournament, 1923.

The Admiralty have made the following grants from a sum placed at their disposal by the Royal Tournament Committee as part of the proceeds of the Tournament held last year:—

R.M. Benevolent Funds at Chatham, Portsmouth, Plymouth and Deal—£25 each.

R.N. and R.M. Orphan Home, The Nore, and R.N. and R.M. Maternity Home, The Nore—£200 each.

It has been decided by the Army Council to move the Senior Officers' School from Woking to Sheerness, and the 15th Course will be held at the latter place from 23rd May to 16th August, 1924. Instructions will be issued later with regard to the R.M. Officers for this course.

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In consequence of the re-amalgamation of the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Marine Light Infantry under the title of "Royal Marines," it has been decided that the Horse Guards Order of 30th March, 1820, to the effect that the Royal Marines shall take precedence immediately after the Royal Berkshire Regiment, still holds good, and steps will be taken to amend paragraph 876 of the King's Regulations for the Army and the Army Reserve.

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This Journal does not usually concern itself with the sentimental side of its readers' lives, but an exception is made in the case of the following romantic appeal which appeared recently in the "Agony" Column of the "Morning Post":—

"Blue-eyed Marine. Where are you; longing for some word. Never forgotten, always loved. Do answer.—B.M., 05386."

If this has not until now caught the (blue) eye of the (ultra) Marine for whom it is intended and through the agency of this paragraph a reconciliation is effected, should not another leaf be added to our (Globe and) Laurel(s)?

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The Lord Chamberlain announces that ladies already presented at Court who wish to be summoned to attend or to make presentations during the coming year, are requested to make written application to the Comptroller, Ceremonial Department, St. James's Palace, S.W.1, on the 1st January, but not before that date.

THE APPOINTMENT OF ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Major-General Alexander R. H. Hutchison has been appointed to be Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, in succession to General Sir Herbert Blumberg, to date March 31st, 1924.

General Hutchison saw service in the South African War and in the Great War served in Gallipoli and France where he commanded a Brigade of the 63rd (R.N.) Division.

From 1918 to 1921 he was Assistant-Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, and has been a Marine A.D.C. to the King since 1920. He was promoted Major-General on the 1st inst. He was awarded the D.S.O. in 1917, C.M.G. in 1916, and the C.B. in 1918.

ROYAL MARINES' FIRST APPOINTMENTS.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IN JUNE.

The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that the next Entrance Examination for First Appointments in the Royal Marines will be held in June.

Seven new appointments, including two annual Service Commissions, will be offered for competition at the examination. Candidates must have attained the

age of 17½, but must not have attained the age of 19 on July 1st following.

Applications to compete should be addressed to the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, 54, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, and no application received after April 1st will be considered.

FLEET NOTES.

MEDITERRANEAN.

H.M.S. "Cleopatra."

Owing to the shortage of correspondence from ships of the Mediterranean Fleet it is impossible to send much news this month.

FOOTBALL.

A meeting was held on board H.M.S. "Cardiff," at which it was decided to run a team representative of the Royal Marines on this station. A trial match was played and sufficient talent was found to win by the odd goal our first match against Valetta United. At another meeting it was decided to form a Light Cruisers' League, and to raise sufficient funds to buy a silver cup to be competed for on the knock-out system under Association Football Rules. During December H.M.S. "Cleopatra" played football with the following results:

Beat H.M.S. "Cardiff—1-0.
Drew with Seamen—0-0.
Drew with "Comus"—1-1.
Beat the Daymen—3-2.
Lost to "Calypso"—4-1.

SHOOTING.

In Rifle Matches against H.M.S. "Comus" and H.M.S. "Benbow," "Cleopatra" won one and lost one. It was a slow shoot at 300yds., 500yds., and 600 yds., but, unfortunately, owing to shortage of time, both shoots at 600yds. had to be postponed. Great interest was aroused and all three teams hope to meet again shortly, and have a more decisive shoot.

AFRICA STATION.

H.M.S. "Birmingham."

We have started a new commission. To transfer the flag at so uncongenial a spot as Sierra Leone and to have to work up gunnery and other exercises on the West Coast of Africa is rather trying to a new ship's company. But everyone seems so optimistic and prospects of a happy commission seem so promising that the unpleasantness of the damp and sticky climate is much mitigated.

We were really sorry to have to say good-bye to the old commission. But they will spend Christmas at home, while we shall be rolling in the swell off Accra. A good many of the R.M. Band would have liked to have remained out here, and they were much disappointed when they discovered that the "Birmingham" had brought out a new band complete. They were always very much appreciated, and it must be gratifying to them to know that they maintained during the whole commission a very high reputation. We have not yet seen anything of the new band. They were snatched by the "Hood" and are on their way to Cape Town, as the C.-in-C. at Simonstown did not like being left without them for so long.

On our way up to Sierra Leone in the "Lowestoft" we put into St. Helena and shot a rifle match against the R. Marine Garrison. The results were as follows:—

Lowestoft.		St. Helena.	
P.O. Fyson	87	Sergt. Gibson	83
L.S. Fletcher	82	Mne. Vallance	81
Midn. Clitherow	81	Col.-Sergt. Reeves	77
Major Trench	72	Cpl. Warwick	68
P.O. Davis	70	E.R.A. Trevarthen	64
Sig. Hastings	66	Cpl. Beedles	64
Mne. Coe	62	Mne. Mynott	62
P.O. Thorogood	61	Mne. Crassweller	60
Total	581	Total	559

After commissioning the "Birmingham" we paid a short visit to Bathurst, then returned to Sierra Leone. During our stay there we hoped to have a rifle match against the West African Regiment. They were, however, unable to arrange one, but very kindly lent us their range for a match of our own. So we had a friendly competition on 18th December between the R. Marines and the rest of the ship. Considering the conditions, the results were very satisfactory and give us real hope of being able to achieve something in the shooting line during the commission. We are grateful to the Drafting Officer for sending us a King's Badgeman and some marksmen. The scores were as follows:—

R. Marines.		The Rest.	
Major Trench	84	T.G.M. Johnson	88
Mne. Williams	83	C.P.O. Symonds	83
Col.-Sergt. Lee	72	Stoker Watkinson	75
Mne. Cusick	72	P.O. Hood	65
Mne. Turner	71	A.B. Pearman	63
Mne. Bartholomew	71	Sig. Rogers	59
Mne. Barker	69	P.O. Hammond	56
Mne. Bailey	58	P.O. Holland	48
Total	580	Total	537

Two of our marksmen, Mnes. Fallace and O'Hare, were unable to shoot as they are in the ship's football team, which defeated the local police in a match on the same day by 2 goals to 1.

18th December, 1923.

7th December, 1923. H.M.S. "Dublin."

Once again we have been on a visit to Saldanha Bay, and being the holders of the Rifle Cup we were promptly challenged by the Saldanha Rifle Club, and a shoot was held on Saturday, the 1st of December.

The competition is 7 rounds and 1 sighter at 200, 400 and 500 yards, 10 men to shoot, the best 8 to count. Possible 105.

H.M.S. "Dublin."	200	400	500	Tl.	Saldanha R. Club.	200	400	500	Tl.
Lt. C. N. S. Smith (R.M.)	29	30	33	92	Mr. Holloway	31	31	29	91
Cpl. C. Tull	30	30	30	90	Mr. N. Sadie	26	34	28	88
Mid. Crossley	27	31	32	90	Mr. P. Cloete	20	32	22	83
Sgt. Wm. Emory	30	33	27	90	Mr. J. Chalmers	26	29	25	80
Sgt. H. Masters	29	30	27	86	Mr. Germinshayr	23	27	30	80
Lt. Packer, R.N.	27	31	26	84	Mr. A. Barnett	28	29	21	78
P.O. Morgan	26	30	27	83	Mr. Hildenhuys	28	23	26	77
C. E. N. W. Faulkner	21	30	30	81	Mr. G. Sadie	26	23	28	77
Mne. Butler	28	28	25	81	Mr. J. Lenowry	25	22	24	71
Mne. Hillier	27	25	18	17	Mr. F. Sadie	16	12	24	52
Total				847	Total				777

Best 8: 696.
Average: 87 per man.
Dublin wins by 42 points.

Best 8: 654.
Average 81.75 per man.

CHINA STATION.

MOVEMENTS.

The flagship H.M.S. "Hawkins," arrived at Hong Kong at the end of November and will commence her annual refit immediately. In February she will proceed to Singapore to meet the ships which are going round the world.

All the light cruisers are at Hong Kong with the exception of H.M.S. "Durban."

YANG-TSI GUNBOATS.

Cpl. Harrop and eight Marines have been lent from H.M.S. "Carlisle" to H.M. River Gunboat "Cricket." During the visit of the C.-in-C. up the river the "Cricket" paraded a guard, an unusual occurrence in that locality. From all accounts this detachment is a great success.

MUSKETRY.

The annual courses of musketry are in full swing at Stonecutters. The Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Diomede" have completed their course, and details of "Tamar," "Despatch," and "Ambrose" finish this week. A platoon from H.M.S. "Hawkins," under Capt. Bagot, will complete before Christ-

mas. A detailed list of averages, etc., will be sent to the "Globe and Laurel."

The Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Hawkins" accepted a challenge from the Scottish Company of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps to a Lewis Gun Competition to take place on the 25th November, 1923, each side being represented by two teams. The Scottish scratched at the last minute, too late to prevent the R.M.'s arriving at the Range. Finding the Portuguese Company in possession, they promptly challenged them, with the following result: Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of each gun firing in turn:—

	Team.	Hits.
H.M.S. "Hawkins," Royal Marines	No. 1 ...	64
Ditto Ditto	No. 2 ...	34
	Total	98
The Portuguese V.C.	No. 1 ...	65
Ditto	No. 2 ...	25
	Total	80

The "Hawkins" winning by 18 points.

In the afternoon the "Hawkins" Revolver Team challenged the Machine Gun Company, which was accepted, with the following results:—

Ten men fired, the best eight counting, the possible being 800.

M.G. Company	754
Royal Marines	588

CRICKET AND FOOTBALL.

Very little cricket has been played owing to the bad condition of the grounds. Captain Quinlan, Mnes. Leach and Wilkins have all played for the Navy 1st XI. Football is in full swing. H.M.S. "Tamar" is still second in the League with the King's Regiment leading with an unbeaten record. The Kings were relieved by the East Surreys at the beginning of December. The R.M. detachment, H.M.S. "Tamar," played the Signallers of the King's, and the match ended in a goalless draw.

ROBOTS.

The Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Society is producing "R.U.R." at the Theatre Royal as their Christmas pantomime. Eighteen Royal Marines are taking part, seven of whom appear as Robots. The precision of their movements is a marked feature of the performance, and their appearance generally is most formidable and a model of ferocity. The remainder are "Noises off." So far no serious accident has occurred!

R.M.O.C.A.

The first annual dinner of the Hong Kong and South China Branch takes place at Volunteer Headquarters on December 15th. The Governor of Hong Kong and the C.-in-C. are the guests of honour.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Taffy.—We advise you to apply to the Accountant- General of the Navy, Medals Branch, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London, S.W.1, giving full particulars of yourself and the dates between which you served in the "Lady Crundall."

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R.M. Detachment, H.M.S. "Coventry."—We are glad you are taking an increased interest in the Corps Journal, and welcome your suggestions. We will endeavour to publish all promotions which reach us from our local correspondents. The omission of "Embarkation" and "Disembarkation" in recent numbers has been due to our efforts to increase the amount of reading matter of more general interest, which we hope has had compensating advantages. However, we will bear your point of view in mind.

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Cpl. T. W. A. Stanford, H.M.S. "Cleopatra."—Thank you for your contribution. We referred to the lack of news from the Mediterranean in our January Editorial; it is therefore very gratifying to us to hear that you have undertaken the task.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

EASTNEY.

Much interest has been manifested in Portsmouth on the arrival on the 5th inst. of the U.S.S. Battleship "Colorado," whose motive power is electric and the turrets a combination of electric and hydraulic power.

The Marine detachment was commanded by Captain Adams, the other officer being Lieut. Foote. Colonel-Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., and Major Bt. Lt.-Col. L. C. Lampen, Brigade Major, called on the ship on the 8th.

A shooting match was arranged between the Division and the U.S.S. detachment. Results published separately.

On Friday, 11th, the two U.S.S. Marine Officers dined with the Officers of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.

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PLYMOUTH.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The party took place on 22nd December in the Longroom School. It was even more successful than last year, mainly owing to the fact that children from 5 to 14 only took part. Children from 1 to 4 attended at 5 p.m., with their parents, to receive their presents. Too much praise cannot be given to the Committee who worked hard for the children's amusement. Various competitive games provided plenty of fun and excitement, and small prizes were given to the winners. The shute groaned under the pressure, as the children simply loved it. Tea was provided at 4 p.m., and all the children as they filed out received a bag of sweets, a cracker and a new penny. At 5 p.m. Father Christmas appeared and each child received a toy or a useful present. The children's appreciation was shown by the amount of vim they put into their cheers for the committee.

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SHORT STORY.

(From a Chinese newspaper.)

One of the Chinese officials who went up to Paotzeku to negotiate with the bandits for the release of foreign captives, complained to Sun Mei-yao that one of the bandit chiefs had stolen his watch.

"Ah, he shouldn't have done that," said Sun Mei-yao, in tones of annoyance. "I will get it back."

Sure enough, towards the end of the evening the watch was recovered.

"And what did he say?" asked the Chinese official.

"Sh-h," cautioned Sun Mei-yao glancing anxiously about him. "He doesn't know that I got it back."

THE COLONEL TOLD THE ADJUTANT.

(A True Story).

O.C. Tactical Training Company: What is the greatest danger to health in the field?

Marine (gravely): Flies, sir.

O.C.T.T.C.: Right. Why?

Marine (brightly): Because they get on the food, sir.

O.C.T.T.C.: Good. What is the best method of preventing this?

Marine (hopefully): Cover up the food, sir.

O.C.T.T.C.: Right. And what is the best way of covering up the food?

Marine (eagerly): Eat it, sir.

SONGS OF THE WEST COUNTRY.

We have received an advance copy of a charming little collection of poems by "R.N.O.," an author whose works have not previously come to our notice, although we understand that many of them have appeared in this country and in the Colonies.

Most modern poetry, if, indeed, it have bias at all, leans, in our opinion, somewhat unduly towards sentimental sloptitude and it is refreshing, therefore, to meet an author whose works, though generally somewhat short, are characterised by a distinct robustness of tone.

Our poet treats of every phase of life in his own beloved West Country—i.e., West of the Whimp; and the great open spaces of the moors, where men are men, —have made an irresistible appeal to his facile pen.

"A Porter on Bittaford Platform" for instance is replete with delicate suggestion, and the homely village tragedy of "Honiton" recalls Hardy at his best:—

A farmer who lived down to Honiton,
His wife's eyebrows once wrote a Soniton.
Her annoyance was great,
In the deuce of a state,
She went up to bed with her Boniton.

The influence of the New Thought in matters ecclesiastical is evidenced in "Pinhoe":—

A curate said, preaching at Pinhoe,
He couldn't call drinking a Sinhoe,
It might be a vice,
But was, anyway, nice,
For himself—he stuck to hot Ginhoe.

And again in "St. Germains," where, too, there is a subtle allusion to a current political theory:—

A curate, who lived at St. Germains,
Always talked French in his sermains.
This worried the Vicar
(A bit of a stickar),
Who thought it would upset the Germains.

In a somewhat longer lyric, "Whimple," the tragedy of a young girl's soul is laid bare with certain touch, though it is possible that those whose feelings have been blunted by the aftermath of war may be inclined to scoff:—

There was a young whoman of Whimple,
In whose cheek was a charming deep dhimple;
She would have been prity,
But 'twas such a pity,
At the end of her nose was a wen.

This bored the young whoman of Whimple,
And so, to get rid of the wen,
She took a large pen
And, etc., etc. . . .

Another note is struck in "Devonport, Local Service," in which with a gentle irony he smiles at the vagaries of the transport system:—

Last night I dined with Edith on pot herbs mixed with love,
At 9.15, protestingly, I rose to make a move,
At .25 I left the house to catch the .30 train,
The wind was blasting (so was I), down poured the sleet and rain.
When halfway to the station I heard the trains approach,
I cursed her clock, I ran like H—, I caught the rearmost coach.
I sank exhausted in my seat and used another D,
Finding that at .29 I'd caught the .23.

Like the late Mr. Alfred Jingle, R.N.O. has travelled in many lands an observer of men and manners, and he exposes with poignant pen the unbecoming idiosyncrasies of aliens when he meets them in his own glorious West:—

A Scotsman once went down to Gorran,
The natives all thought he looked forran.
But he said, with a sneeze,
As he covered his kneeze,
"This isn't a wig, it's a sporran."

It would be unfair alike to author and publishers to make further quotations from this delightful little brochure. We can thoroughly recommend it to all who love Art for Art's sake. Since Shakespeare had his first quarto we have seen nothing to resemble it. The book will be published shortly by First, Blackit, Digwell, and Trench (1923, £3 3s. 0d.), and we shall welcome what will inevitably become an important addition to current literature.

SUCCESSFUL DANCES HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE SERGEANTS' MESS DURING THE YEAR.

[By kind permission o the "Tiger and Rose."

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

EASTNEY.

We were only able to play two matches in December owing to Christmas leave.

On the 1st of December we had as our opponents a United Services side, and had to admit defeat by 28 points to nil. The game was not so one-sided as the score suggests, and we were unlucky to be beaten by such a large margin.

On the 12th the Duke of Wellington's Regt. paid us a visit and after a very hard game we lost by 6 points to nil. Our XV played better than at any other period of the season, but we were faced with a very strong opposition.

This match concluded the first half of our programme for the season, with following results:—Games played 12, won 2, lost 10, points for 45, against 98.

On the 2nd of January a game was arranged between a scratch side in which were several of our 1st XV and a Public Schools XV, which included several of this year's 1st XV Schools' players.

W. J. A. Davies very kindly turned out for the scratch side and assisted us to win by 14 points to nil. Tries were scored by Davies, Mornement, Merchel and Duncan. The Public Schools "back," Vaughan, of Uppingham and Sandhurst, played a great game. Approximately 300 spectators watched this match.

Several of our players are going to turn out for the United Services for the remainder of the season.

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PLYMOUTH.

"G" Company played "A" in the Company Rugby final on Monday, 17th December, 1923, before a large number of spectators.

"G" won the toss, and starting from the Millbay end were soon on the attack. The three-quarters handled smartly, and Silby sent Mealing over with a try (no goal). This set "A" going great guns, but "G" were not to be denied; Silby short punted, and before Affleck could kick clear, Coombs charged down and scored for Silby to convert with a good kick. "A" then set up a tremendous attack, and Broome lost his side many chances by trying to bore through on his own. Half-time arrived with "G" heading by 8 points. The second half was brimful of excitement; in the first few moments Hawes was almost through for "G," Affleck saving well. "A" were now in full cry, and "G" defence had a trying time. Silby cleared to the centre, and then from a scrum the ball was out on the "A" side and some delightful passing was seen, which resulted in 2nd-Lieut. Blake scoring one of the best tries witnessed on the ground. Affleck converted with a fine kick. There was still a quarter of an hour to go, and the pace became hot; first one end and then the other was visited, but no further scoring took place, and "G" won by 8 points to 5. Edwards, Jeffries, Broome and 2nd-Lieut. Edmondson did great work for "A," whilst Silby, Hawes, Coombs and Capt. Newman did well for "G."

Everyone regrets that this series of matches is at an end, and the enthusiasm shown by players and spectators will indicate to the Committee what line they should take another season in respect to company matches. Congratulations to "G" on becoming Rugby champions.

Afer six weeks' rest the second half of the season opened with a visit to Paignton R. The ground was in a very bad state, but Paignton decided to play.

The Marines at once set up a hot attack, Silby, South and Ainsworth all handling, for the last to score; Silby, with a nice kick, converted. The Paigntonians came out strongly after this reverse, but Affleck was in great form, and drove them back. From a scrum in midfield, Silby gave to South, who cut in and scored, leaving the defence standing. Silby again converted with a fine kick.

Paignton now attacked. Knapman came away strongly on the wing, and although pushed several feet into touch by South and Silby, ran on, and placed the ball by the corner flag. The whole of the team were waiting for the linesman to put his flag up, but to everyone's surprise he did not. Later, a penalty was awarded Paignton near the post, which was converted, and almost immediately after Bennett dropped a goal for Paignton, bringing the score to 10 all. Silby set Pollit going, and on two occasions was only just grassed on the line. Broome came away from the scrum near the post; a pass would have won the match, but he tried to bore through, and fell to numbers. Result: R.M., Ply., 10 points; Paignton 10.

Considering the conditions and the time the team have been out of action, they played splendidly. Better team work and a little less individual work could now be exercised with advantage to the side, as there are some very hot fixtures in front of us.

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ASSOCIATION.

PLYMOUTH.

The Plymouth and District League team has only played one match since the last report. This was against Looe, and was lost by 2-0, at Looe, who are one of the strongest teams in the League. We had to field a weak side owing to a number of players being on Christmas leave. Shewbrook was also absent, playing for Devon County.

The second team also lost their only match by 3-1, against the Plymouth Trams on our opponents' ground. Our forwards lost several golden opportunities of scoring, and in the first 25 minutes, when they were continuously bombarding the homesters' goal, should have scored sufficient goals to have made the game safe for the "Royals." We are hoping to have the honour of inflicting the first defeat on the Trams this season when we meet them on the 23rd of this month on our own ground.

All Plymouth soccer enthusiasts wish Chatham and Portsmouth Marines the best of luck in the Amateur Cup.

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EASTNEY.

It is regretted that we commence these notes with having to record a defeat. Our game with H.M.S. "Excellent" in the Divisional Final of the Navy Cup was looked forward to with the greatest confidence after our team's brilliant display against Gosport Athletic, in the Amateur Cup, but we were well and truly beaten at Fratton Park to the tune of 4—0. H.M.S. "Excellent" thoroughly deserved their win; our team never found their feet, and were much below form, and the only excuse we can make is, that they had not recovered from the hard game a few days before with Gosport. It was obvious to everyone that the "Excellents" were trained and fit, and that our team were not, but it is pleasing to note that our players are training hard now. So we have had a lesson although it was not to our liking.

To start again and with better news, we have not lost a match since. The following are our successes:—

Victory Cup, v. Prince of Wales' Regt. Won 2-0. Williams 1, Goodchild 1.

Hants League, v. Basingstoke. Won 5-2. Davidson 3, Warwick, Lawrence.

v. Pick of Gosport League, for the Children's Fund. Won 2-0. Prestcott, Warwick.

Hants League, v. Salisbury. Won 3-1. Williams 2, Arnold.

U.S. League, v. R.G.A. Won 4-1. Williams 2, Warwick, Davidson.

U.S. Charity, v. R.G.A. Won 4-1. Williams 2, Warwick, Davidson.

1st round Amateur Cup, v. Worthing. Won 2-1. Davidson 2.

The second team are having a slack time at present, their last match having been on the 28th November, but they will be busy towards the end of January. We note with pleasure the success of the R.M., Chatham, in the Amateur Cup, and sincerely hope that the luck of the draw will not bring us together, unless it be in the final.

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CHATHAM.

As stated in last month's notes we were drawn against Tufnell Park in the 1st round (competition proper) Amateur Cup. As they and the London Caledonians share the same ground, and the "Calies" had also been drawn at home in the same competition, the "Park" either had to come to Chatham or to seek a temporary home elsewhere. This they did at Wimbledon, the best-appointed enclosure that our team has had to visit. The game was played on the 5th January, and we ran out winners with the score 2-0 (both scored by Clark). It would be unfair to select any individual player for special mention in this match. The whole team worked in harmony and played one of their best games of the

season. True, the "Park" provided the prettier football, but dogged determination eventually brought about the desired result. As our team only completed their Christmas leave the evening before the match, and had no game nor training during the previous fortnight to "work off" the usual Christmas cheer, the win is the more meritorious. In regard to the game itself, it was the most pleasant one we have had this season. Fought in the most sportsmanlike spirit, and so far as the "whistle" was concerned, the referee need not have been present. The first to congratulate us were the officials and players of our opponents, and a small (but very enthusiastic) band of ex-Forton and Chatham Pensioner N.C.O.s, who had come along to support us with their lungs. We, too, as well as Forton have very pleasant memories of meeting Tufnell Park F.C.

The next round in the Amateur Cup Competition brought us up against another Kent League Club, Erith and Belvedere. This time we were at home for a change. As we had met twice before this season, each claiming a win, a very close and exciting game was anticipated. We were not disappointed. The result 2-2, after extra time, was a fitting one. It would have been bad luck for either team to have lost, although our scoring chances were more numerous than our opponents. Owing to a very high wind and the sodden state of the ground, good football was impossible. On the other hand it was by no means of the "kick and rush" order. The twelve hundred spectators had thrills each minute for their money and enthusiasm ran high. The goal scorers were Stares and Green. All played exceedingly well considering the climatic conditions. Rain and sleet fell in torrents towards the end of the first 90 minutes which added to the discomfort of players, but did not diminish the enthusiasm of the "fans" of the respective teams. The re-play takes place at Belvedere on 26th January, when we hope to emerge successfully. Quite a number of the local charabancs will be missing from their usual haunts that day. We hear rumours that the Woolwich branch of the R.M.O.C.A. has issued a special "whip" to their members to turn up in force and bring their "rattles."

The following is the result of other matches played since our last report.—

1st TEAM.

Ashford Railway Works (Kent League), 15th December. Drew 1-1.

Cray Valley Paper Mills (Kent Amateur Cup), 22nd December. Won, 6-3.

Bexley Heath (Kent League), 12th January. Lost 1-2.

2nd TEAM.

Short's Athletic (New Brompton League), 5th January. Drew 2-2.

Short's Athletic (New Brompton League), 12th January. Lost 1-4.

We have been rather unfortunate this last month with sickness in our team. We no sooner had Green back than Forrester had to visit the P.M.O., and is now in hospital. Cobb is getting fit again and we hope to play him on 26th inst. The necessary re-arrangement of our team for our recent very important games has certainly not been to our advantage, although our capable substitutes have played so well that the "sick" people are fearful of recovering their places in the team.

HOCKEY.

CHATHAM.

Three goals, one in the first half and two after the interval, were sufficient for Chatham Navy to beat the Royal Marines, at Chatham, and all the points were registered by Lt.-Cmdr. Stanley. Neither team showed good combination, but the Navy were better served by their wing men. Merriman played well for the winning side, and his work was largely responsible for the goals.

The following represented the Royal Marines: De Berry, Weir, Martini, Carters, Nonweiler, Attwood, Quill, Dean, Supdg. Clerk Parfitt, Sergt.-Major Board, and Sergt. Woolward.

PORTSMOUTH.

Royal Navy and Royal Marines v. Oxford University, on 23rd January: Major Brooks, Capt. Congdon, and Lieut. O'Donnell were all due to play in this match which was scratched owing to the railway strike.

BOXING.

PLYMOUTH..

A novice boxing competition was held in the Drill Shed on 13th December, and provided the Division with a splendid evening's sport. Capt. Sergeant, D.S.C., refereed the whole of the bouts, assisted by Capt. Jolley and Clr.-Sergt. Ponsford as judges.

The majority of the entries were in the 9st. series, and some fine spirited bouts were seen. The final was a great fight, Mne. Mealing being the winner over Mne. McDonald.

10st. series (Final).—Mne. Kirkwood was too good and strong for Mne. Bickle, but the latter kept pegging away till the end.

12st. series (Final).—Mne. Pixton and Mne. Stoole provided the only fight in this series. Pixton, with a useful left hand, proved a good winner.

8st. series (Final).—Mne. Lyons beat Bug. Coles. Coles, who made a good impression at the start, was knocked out in the second round.

Buglers under 7st. (Final).—Bug. Kelly beat Bug. Lord.

Buglers under 9st. (Final).—Bugler Taylor beat Bugler Button.

4 round Contest.—Mne. Allen and Mne. Duffield. This proved an evenly-matched affair, and until the final gong the verdict was in the air. Allen, however, got the decision by a narrow margin.

R.M. Cadets.—Three contests for the Cadets also provided thrills. Cadet Corp. Pengilly beat Cadet Sergt. Sare, Cadet Williams beat Cadet Milton. Cadet Fry beat Cadet Gunton.

Bugler Hill and Marine Bickle received good losers' prizes.

SHOOTING.

EASTNEY.

An interesting Rifle Match took place on the Eastney Ranges on Thursday 10th, between a team of Marines from the U.S.S. "Colorado" and the Royal Marines, Eastney. The match was fired under the conditions for the 1st stage, "King's Prize," N.R.A. Targets, 1924 dimensions were used. A bad light prevailed throughout the shoot, which made it difficult for close shooting. The local Marines were leading by a narrow margin at the first two ranges, but at 600 yards the firing was concluded in a downpour of rain, and the home team, knowing the peculiarities of the longer range, won by a margin of 60 points. The rifle used by the visitors was the Springfield, and was very accurate at the shorter ranges.

After the match the teams adjourned to the War Memorial Sports Pavilion to tea, where a club spoon was presented to Pte. Eldridge of the U.S. Marines for the highest score of their team, to commemorate the occasion. After tea they were conducted round the various places of interest in the Barracks, leaving about 7 p.m.

Scores:—

Royal Marines—Q.M.S.I. Foster 90, Clr.-Sergt. McCarvey 89, Capt. Leech-Porter 87, Sergt. Lamacraft 86, Clr.-Sergt. Cooper 85, Sergt. Paget 81, Cpl. Blundell 79, and Mne. Shearwood 69. Total 666.

Marines, U.S.S. "Colorado"—Pte. Eldridge 89, Sergt. Handy 81, Pte. Stephenson 78, Cpl. Mack 76, Pte. Lisicke 76, Pte. Holt 75, Cpl. Mayer 75, Pte. Connor 56. Total 606. Counted out, Pte. Carr 51, Cpl. McNabb 47.

SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE PENINSULA MEETS "HOOD" AND "REPULSE."

A team of twenty men drawn from the ranks of the local Rifle Clubs and units, met a team of twenty from His Majesty's ships "Hood" and "Repulse," on Saturday afternoon last.

In spite of the local men having discarded their peep-sights for the event, and reverting to open sights, the visitors were at a great disadvantage in that the rifles they had to use were strange in their hands, only being drawn from the stores during the day. That in itself is a most serious handicap, but when it became known

that the naval men were armed with rifles on which the sights were fixed laterally, the anticipation of a close struggle disappeared; particularly as the south-easter was blowing sufficiently strong to necessitate an allowance of between thirteen and fourteen degrees of wind at 600 yards. This meant that the naval men had to aim completely off the target at the distant ranges.

The naval men, true to tradition, faced the enormous odds with the spirit " to win," and one did not hear a single comment at the disadvantages they found themselves to be in.

At the conclusion of the shoot Colonel R. W. McCluskie, speaking on behalf of the C.C.N.R.A., wished the visitors bon voyage, and presented souvenirs to the two highest scorers in the Naval team.

Result—

CAPE PENINSULA TEAM.	H.M.S. " HOOD " AND " REPULSE."
200 500 600 Tl.	200 500 600 Tl.
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OBITUARY.

We deeply regret to report the death in Italy, on 21st January, 1924, of Major-General A. E. Marchant, C.B., R.M.

Born in 1863, General Marchant entered the Corps in 1881; was promoted Captain in 1890, Major in 1899, Lieut.-Colonel in 1907. He was Colonel-Commandant (T./Brig.General) of the Chatham Division from 1915 to 1918, and was placed on the retired list in 1918 with the rank of Major-General. From 1910 to 1918 he held the appointment of A.D.C. to H.M. the King. His war service was as follows:—

Egyptian War, 1884-85—Served with R.M. Battalion July, 1884, to April, 1885. Wounded in action near Suakim, 24-3-85.

South Africa, 1899-00—Served with Naval Brigade and present at actions of Belmont, Graspan, Modder River and Magersfontein. Brought the Brigade out of action at Graspan, all senior officers being killed or wounded. Present at Paardeberg and in command of R.M. at engagement of Osfontein and capture of Bloemfontein, entry into Pretoria and engagements of Diamond Hill and Bargendal. (Appointed C.B. and twice mentioned in despatches.)

Great War, 1914-18—Served with R.M. Brigade, 2-10-14 to 10-10-14. In command of the Brigade at the defence of Antwerp.

He was in possession of the following medals and decorations:—

Egyptian Medal (2 clasps), Khedive's Bronze Star, South African Medal (7 clasps), Companion of the Bath, 1914 Star, British War Medal, and the Victory Medal.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Capt. and Bt. Major Herbert E. Dowding (Retd.) which occurred at Bournemouth on 7th January, 1924. Appointed 2nd-Lieutenant in 1906, he was promoted to Lieut. in 1907, temporary Captain in 1916, and Captain in 1917. For distinguished service in the prosecution of the war he was promoted to Major by Brevet in June, 1918.

During the war Major Dowding served in H.M. Ships " Duke of Edinburgh," " Centaur " and " Curacoa." In 1916 he served in the Irish Battalion during the Sinn Fein rising.

In June 1922 he was placed on the retired list on account of medical unfitness.

We regret to report the death in his 73rd year, of Pensioner Frederick Webber, which occurred at Gillingham, Kent, on 14th January, 1924.

Deceased enlisted in the Corps on 31st December, 1872 at Plymouth, and was discharged to pension at Chatham on 19th March, 1895. He served at each of the Divisions and Depot, and took part in the Egyptian Campaign 1882. He was awarded the Egyptian Medal and Clasp, Tel-el-Kebir, Khedive's Bronze Star and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

He had two sons in the Corps, one of whom predeceased him; the other Supt. Clerk (W.O.) W. E. Webber, is still serving.

ROYAL MARINES MEMORIAL.

SIR ROGER KEYES PERFORMS UNVEILING CEREMONY.

Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes unveiled at the Royal Marine Depot Church, Deal, three windows in the chancel to the memory of Royal Marines who fell in the war. A fourth window, commemorating Major-General Roche, Royal Marines, was unveiled by General Sir Herbert Blumberg, Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.

The first three windows represent respectively St. Martin of Tours, St. Augustine of Canterbury, and St. Thomas à Becket. The window in memory of General Roche, who was Commandant of the Royal Marine Depot some years ago, depicts the Roman centurion, St. Longinus. This window has been given by General Roche's widow. The four windows were dedicated by the Bishop of Dover, who referred to the long and distinguished record of the Royal Marines, notably during the late war, when their services included participation in the blocking of Zeebrugge.

Outside the church Royal Marine buglers sounded " The Last Post " and " Réveillé."

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

A very handsome addition has been made to the collection, thanks to Lieut.-Col. C. E. Risk, who has very kindly presented (subject to certain provisos) his decorations and medals. These comprise (a) *The Distinguished Service Order*, awarded to him in 1919 for services in Palestine; (b) *The 1914 Star*, with clasp " 15 Aug.-Nov. 1914 "; (c) *The General Service Medal* (1914-1918); (d) *The Victory Medal*, with oak leaf, signifying " mentioned in despatches; (e) the Egyptian *Order of the Nile* (3rd class) awarded to him in 1918.

Lieut.-Colonel Risk obtained his commission 1st Sept., 1901, and joined the Plymouth Division as Lieutenant in July, 1902; promoted Captain in 1912, he joined the Central Flying School at Upavon in Aug., 1912, and retired from the Service in Dec., 1922.

NOBODY'S CHILDREN.

By Bennet Copplestone.

(*Continued*).

It is characteristic of the Corps of Wanderers that officers and men disappear from a Divisional Headquarters and not one—except the Commandant, the Brigade-Major, and possibly the Adjutant—knows whither they have gone. They just fly off into space, and after years or months wander in again as if they had achieved no more of experience than a week-end in Town. Their departure arouses no comment, and their return no effusion. One day, when I was at Forton, a friend said casually in mess: "Some of our men are just back from the West Indies." To my enquiry of their duty there he replied indifferently that he had no idea: "I never knew that they had gone," said he, "until they came back!" Much the same could be said of most of the detachments which go forth from Eastney and Forton, from Stonehouse and Chatham. Few know whither they have gone, or why they have gone, until they—or what is left of them—come back.

It appears that in the summer of 1917, at a time when these British Isles of ours came nearer to isolation by German submarines than is pleasant now to think of, it was held necessary to protect the West Indian Islands from possible German raiders, and to set at naught German designs to establish submarine bases in remote harbours, beloved of eighteenth-century pirates. So, in accordance with the invariable formula, "When in doubt play the Marines!" a detachment of gunners, scraped up from the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., were told off to collect up old four-point-seven-inch guns from obsolete cruisers, ship them across the Western Ocean, and stick them up to the confounding of the enemy on the hitherto undefended Islands. This detachment went to Halifax in the *Olympic*, and were conveyed thence to their scattered objectives in that hardy old Atlantic shuttlecock, the *Drake*. How one of these old four-point-sevens was hauled up 600 feet of hill, in the small island of Grenada, was told to me at Forton two years later by the Marine sergeant who had done the trick. Figure to yourselves the problem in haulage—"repository," as the Marines term it—which confronted this plain honest sergeant and two or three of his men. In front rose a steep ascent six hundred feet high. About him, strewn upon the beach, lay a gun (41 cwt.), a cradle (38 cwt.), a gun-shield (2 tons), a pedestal (5 tons). He had no tackle except that which he could steal or improvise. Blacks, men and women and children—especially children—swarmed about him, his men, and those great forlorn immovable lumps of metal. They peered excitedly down the gun tube, they sat upon the pedestal, they climbed to the upper edge of the gun-shield. The Marine sergeant scratched his head and smiled. "We will make a game of it, just a game, which the blacks shall play!" So then and there he enlisted into his service every black skin in the island—not for work, God forbid! but for a game, the glorious game of hauling those great tons of steel up six hundred feet of rock. And this was in the height of the summer, the West Indian summer; it was in the height of this burning workless season that the ingenious Marine taught the blacks of Grenada their new and amusing game. The school was closed, and the schoolmaster came forth to help—at the game!

Six hundred feet may not sound much, but spread it out into two miles of winding road and it becomes more than enough. The five-ton pedestal was the first and worst of the loads; the others were, by comparison, feather-weights. Hunting about the island, our Marine sergeant found a trolley which would bear the load of the pedestal, but (as with the Malta guns in German South-West) the wheels were of no use at all. Hunting still further, he came upon some hundred-year-old muzzle-loaders, forgotten relics of Nelson's day, standing upon gloriously strong artillery wheels. To find, with a Marine, is instantly to annex. He equipped the trolley with the old wheels, and sorted out his tackle. He had strong rope in plenty, and for blocks he found—and annexed forthwith—what he wanted in old sailing-ships. He set up sheers equipped with blocks and tackle, put the eager blacks to the game, and the pedestal was slung upon the trolley. Then away went the gallant chattering concourse up that hill. Blocks carried ahead were fastened to anything that would hold; ropes reeved through them were hauled upon by the whole population of the island; the noise, the wasted labour, was heart-destroying; yet, as Galileo said of the solar system, "For all that it did move!" The pedestal, proudly standing upon its trolley—and smothered under black children bent upon a free ride—went up like some inexorable Juggernaut, crushing under its powerful wheels all the water and other pipes which, in that frostless land, had been laid within a few inches of the roadway. It went up at the rate of half a mile a day "Jolly good work!" said the Marine to me, "I have never seen a black man sweat before"—and in four days reached its solid foundation at the top of the hill. The rest was easy. Gun and cradle and shield were dragged up on the faithful trolley. To put them together on the top was just routine "repository."

Here we have a four-point-seven-inch gun, mounted and ready for action, upon a lofty hill in a far-away West Indian Island. It was one of ten which, in fashion similar, were hauled and mounted on other lofty hills where no guns ever stood before. But where were the guns' crews to serve these guns, by day and night, for months and even years? Since they did not exist, they had to be created—out of black men who—in the words of our Marine sergeant—"became quite useful when they had seen the gun go off without killing anybody." All the white men in the islands joined up as volunteers, and the Marine gunners, skilful moulders of every kind of human clay, soon made white and black comprehend that a shell put in at one end of a gun may, by crafty persuasion, be induced to issue violently from the other.

No shots were fired from those guns, mounted with such out-pouring of brains and sweat on West Indian hills—no shots except by way of practice. They stand where they were hauled to this day, and the Islands are frightfully proud of them. The blacks built houses over some of them, as a protection from the wet, and legends, rank as tropical creepers, are growing

about them. I expect that by now they will have "won the War." The black children love them; and the schoolmasters, now that the Marines have gone, explain learnedly their technical uses. In a generation or two, they will be worshipped as gods—and, when one comes to think of it, the world owes much less to most of its deities than it does to British naval guns. What sort of unholy mess would it be in now but for them and for their gunners?

Our friend Sir George Aston has been telling you lately that the Royal Corps, in his early days, offered no chance of service to the higher officers. They did not go to sea above the rank of Major, and those who had not the good luck or high desert to become Commandants of Divisions at home, or failed to rise to the solitary eminence of Adjutant-General at the Admiralty, found that their training and experience were largely lost to their country. This, though true of the past before the War—and the truth may repeat itself later, if "Nobody's Children" remain in undeserved neglect as nobody's children—was not true during the War period. The present Adjutant-General, Sir David Mercer, and the present Commandants of Divisions, fought in the War, in command of their own Marines, on the beaches of Gallipoli, and on the fields of France. Colonels, Majors, officers of all ranks, led their own men and died with their own men on every land front, except in Palestine and Mesopotamia. The War, horrible as it was to most of us, was kind to the senior officers of Royal Marines. They were no longer, like ripe fruit, put upon the shelf and neglected until they became—what shall I say?—over-ripe. They showed what Marines could do when given a chance that was worthy of them. Sir A. Paris who commanded the Marine forlorn hope at Antwerp, afterwards led the Naval Division at Gallipoli and passed on to the command of a Division in France. Lumsden, that medieval knight-errant reincarnate, began the war as a Major of R.M.A., won the V.C. and D.S.O., jumped to the command of an infantry brigade and then—was killed. The fame of Poole's batteries of 15-inch howitzers—known as "grannies"—has been sung in many dispatches. They were the heaviest howitzers used by the Allies and were hard at their tremendous work from 1915 right up to the Armistice. Many services done by members of the Corps were more picturesque than those of the Marine Light Infantry in Gallipoli and France and of the Marine Artillery in France, but none were of greater value! They did, year in year out, that hard, dogged, continuous, obscure, unromantic fighting without which wars cannot be won nowadays.

I have not written much of the bigger shows in which Nobody's Children were engaged during the War. What I have tried to do is to reveal the infinite variety or their service as a Corps of Improvisors, a Corps of Wanderers, a Corps of those who bridge sea and land. But I would not have you forget that the Royal Naval Division, of which the long-service Marines formed the unbreakable warp, stood the fierce strain of war upon four fronts—Belgium, Gallipoli, France, and Salonika—and remained throughout unbreakable, though sorely ravelled and thin. I have said little of the R.M.A. siege-guns in Flanders, though I took in them, for private reasons, a deep personal interest. I have said little of Zeebrugge, that perfect Marine Show, which has gained for itself an imperishable chapter in our Island history. The glories of the Battalion of Zeebrugge are safe. No one can add anything to them, or take anything from them.

If I wrote in any detail of what the Service of Detachments has done, on all fronts, by land and sea, except in Palestine and Mesoptamia—one must have some exceptions to every rule—I should fill a volume. And now that the War is over and its lessons are being rapidly forgotten, who would read it? God forgive us! As a people we are the very antithesis of the Bourbons—we learn everything, and then forget everything that we have learned. But I hope that some few, reading what I have written here, will retain in their memories some recollection, and in their hearts some tenderness, for that long-service and long-suffering Corps of Nobody's Children, which stands between the Navy and the Army, which, at the call of duty, serves indifferently by land or sea; which in war is cherished, yet in peace is neglected; that ever-loyal Corps of Royal Marines of which His Majesty—God bless him!—is the Colonel-in-Chief.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES.

ASSOCIATION'S FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

Saturday evening was the occasion of the first annual dinner of the recently formed Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association of Hong Kong and South China. The function was held at the Volunteer Headquarters and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Unfortunately neither H. E. the Governor nor Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson were able to be present, and in the absence of Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel) R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., the chair was occupied by Capt. R. Nevill, A.D.C. to the Governor. Nearly fifty guests sat down to an excellent repast.

That of the King was the only toast honoured. During the dinner the Royal Marines Band, China Station, which was present by the kind permission of Admiral Leveson, rendered a particularly good selection of music. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

BOUND COPIES OF THE "GLOBE & LAUREL."

Arrangements are being made for the binding of the 1923 numbers and also for printing spare copies of the index. Details as to cost will be published in the March number.

CARTOON.

The Cartoon this month, as stated above, is of Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjutant-General elect, and lately Commandant of the Chatham Division.

MARRIAGE.

COUCHER—PAGE.—On 22nd December, 1923, at St. Mary's, Walmer, Frank Harold Coucher, Lieutenant, Royal Marines, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coucher, of Blackheath, to Marjorie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Greville Page, of Torquay.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

III.

Cruel as were the foregoing punishments, they were mild compared with the terrible floggings round the fleet which reached their height at the end of the 18th century.

In 1744, 14 sailors were tried by court-martial. Two were sentenced to death, the sentences on the others were 3 of 900 lashes, 1 of 500, 2 of 400, 1 of 300, 2 of 150, and 1 of 100 lashes alongside each ship in Antigua. It can only be presumed that some of these sentences were intended to result in death.

Between February and May, 1800, 34 seamen and marines were court-martialled. Two men were acquitted; the sentences on the remaining 32 were as follows: 2 sentences of 500 lashes, 7 of 300, 6 of 200, 2 of 150, 7 of 100, 1 of 60 and 7 of 50. One sentence of 500 and one of 300 lashes was followed by 2 years' solitary confinement. Some of the crimes, it is true, were serious; on the other hand, one man who received 6 months' solitary confinement in addition to 200 lashes, had only been guilty of presenting a petition to be transferred to another ship, and of complaining of ill-treatment by the officers. Another, who had a most excellent character, unusual in those days, received 200 lashes because he had left a prisoner for one minute to get him a drink of water.

Sometimes terrible floggings were awarded for what was no offence at all. In 1744, a man who had had the misfortune to kill a man he was boxing with, received 100 lashes. In 1809 a man who was acquitted of a charge of murder on the ground that the men were skylarking, was awarded 200 lashes round the fleet as "an admonition against skylarking" in future.

A surgeon accompanied any victim who was being flogged round the fleet, and could stop the punishment when the man could stand no more; he was then taken back to his ship to recover sufficiently to receive the remainder. Sometimes the torture was aggravated by washing the man's back in salt water after the conclusion of the punishment. Boatswains' mates were "drilled to flog effectively, by being made to practise on a cask, under the superintendence of the boatswain," and their rating depended on their proficiency. The custom was for each boatswain's mate to inflict one, or at most two dozen lashes.

It was not till 1830 that reforms were effected which did away with the old customs, and reduced the number of lashes to a maximum of 48. The Naval Discpline Act was passed in 1860, and from that time on the use of corporal punishment became more and more restricted, until, in 1879, it was practically abolished. The last case that occurred in the Service was in 1882. Corporal punishment, up to 25 lashes, may still be awarded by court-martial (*vide* Art. 790 K.R. and R.) in cases of mutiny, or of using or offering violence to a superior officer.

It was due more to opinion within than without the Service that flogging was done away with. Shoregoing folk are no more humane than those who go down to the sea in ships. Punishments on shore in the good old days were far more brutal than they are to-day. In fact, it was a brutal age, and so cruelty and brutality passed unremarked. Those who suffered were often uneducated, brutal and criminal, and incapable of understanding anything but force and brutality. The common law of England never recognised torture as legal, but it was prevalent for many centuries. The rack in the Tower seldom stood idle in Queen Elizabeth's reign; the "scavenger's daughter" (which was the reverse of the rack, and compressed a man into a ball), iron gauntlets, and the cell called "Little Ease," were only a few of the devices in use. Tying the thumbs with whipcord, and the piling of weights upon a man stretched on his back, were common practices at the Old Bailey up to the last century. Indeed, torture as a part of the punishment existed in fact, if not in name, down to a very recent period.

Torture was long a recognised part of Scottish criminal procedure, and was not finally abolished till 1708. Among other varieties were the rack, the pilnie-winks (applied to the thumb and fingers), the boot, the caschie-laws, the lang irnis, the narrow bore, and worst of all, the waking, or artificial prevention of sleep.

As we observed before, all days may be good, but some are undoubtedly better than others.

THE WORLD CRUISE.

"SHOWING THE FLAG."

On the 27th of November, 1923, the battle cruisers "Hood" and "Repulse," together with four light cruisers, "Delhi," "Danae," "Dragon" and "Dauntless," set out from the Eddystone Lighthouse on an Imperial World's Cruise.

The objects of this cruise are, firstly, to bring the people who live in the most distant parts of the Empire into closer relationship with, and greater understanding of the sentiments and difficulties of the Mother Country; secondly, to give them an opportunity of seeing a representative unit of the Royal Navy, and to bring home to them the paramount importance of an adequate Fleet to keep open the trade routes, on which the existence of the Empire entirely depends; thirdly, to test the types of ships under war conditions in tropical climates.—(Extract V.A. comdg. S.S.S., Memo. No. 32/1/1, dated 24/12/23.)

That will suffice to explain to any who may not know them, the objects of the service for which we of the Squadron consider ourselves so fortunate to have been selected.

Of our trip from England to Sierra Leone there is not a lot to tell. We arrived at Sierra Leone on December 8th after an enjoyable sea trip. Steam tactics, evolutions, etc., formed part of our entertainments. One item, however, cannot be allowed to pass without comment. A progressive whist drive was run by the Committee of the Detachment Sports Club and proved a great success. Many and varied were the different "rigs" worn by the "ladies." The prize-winners were as follows:—

1st Gents. (value 7s.), Mne. Williams (Ch. Divn), score 176; 1st ladies (value 7s.), Mne. Gleed (Ch. Divn.), score 176; sealed number, gents. (value 2s. 6d.), Mne. Goodridge (Ch. Divn.), 143; sealed number, ladies (value 2s. 6d.), Mne. R. Collins (Ch. Divn.),

153 and a cut of 4-157; booby, gents. (¼lb. gorgonzola and 6d., Cpl. T. A. Grant (Ch. Divn.), 129; booby, ladies (1 bottle Kruschen's and 6d.), Mne. Hawkins (Po. Divn.), 129.

Everyone was immensely pleased with the entertainment, and the committee and M.C. (Cpl. Bidwell, ex-R.M.A.), are to be congratulated.

December.

Arrived at Freetown, Sierra Leone, on the 8th, after an uneventful passage. A westerly swell, which had had little effect on the big ships, had caused the light cruisers to roll about 27°. Sierra Leone presents a beautiful vista of palm-surrounded sandy bays, while in the distance the land, covered with vegetation, rises by a series of ridges to hills of about 400 feet.

A full programme of entertainments for officers and men had been arranged, including a garden party at the G.O.C.'s residence, football, tennis, cricket, hockey, dances, excursions, whist drives, variety entertainments and a rifle match. The result of the latter was:—

Royal Marines (all ships), 1st, with 276 points; Army, 2nd, with 272 points; Battle Cruisers, 3rd, with 253 points; Light Cruisers, 4th, with 185 points.

The following were the R.M. team: "Hood"—R.M. Gunner Clarke (captain), Sergt. Riddler, Corpl. Flack, Mne. Fraser. "Repulse"—Corpl. Rawson and Mnes Steele and Collins. "Dauntless"—Sergt. Henkall. "Dragoon"—Corpl. Laughton. Mne. Steele was 1st in the winning team.

The band of the West African Regiment played at the Governor's Garden Party. The musicians were all Creoles, conducted by a C.S.M., who was looking out for the bandmaster at home on leave! The regiment recruits mostly from the Mendi tribe, and their arm drill and general turn out is very good, especially the packs. Of course they work under favourable conditions. For instance, when they have to parade for guard they arrive some time beforehand in old clothes, followed by one of their wives—most have two, and perhaps one or more "on the ice," so to speak—or children, carrying their uniform and equipment carefully cleaned. They change into this near the parade. At our headquarters, such a method of ensuring a smart appearance on parade would not perhaps be practicable!

The excursions, of which there were three, comprised a train ride to Waterloo, about 25 miles away. The train was fairly comfortable, and the journey gave an opportunity of seeing the magnificent tropical flora. Several native and somewhat ramshackle stations were passed, bearing names such as "Dove Cot," "Hastings," "Kissing," "Koosh Town," etc. Cocoanut palms, orange and banana trees were everywhere, while a striking feature were the ravines and gullies over which the narrow-gauge railway ran, by means of thin steel and concrete bridges, just wide enough for one train to pass. These ravines were from 500 to 800 yards wide, and up to 300 feet deep. When the train rocked, as it did on curves, one became pensive as one gazed at the alligators in the water far below. The time at Waterloo was spent in having lunch, walking in the jungle, inspecting a nearby village and local buildings, such as the Post Office, Court House, School, etc.

A slight contretemps occurred on the evening of th 11th, when the oiler "War Nizam" on leavin "Delhi" became unmanageable in the strong tideway She went off with one of "Delhi's" anchors fro the hawse-pipe together with three shackles of cable b fore she could be brought up across the bows of th "Danae."

The entertainments at Freetown were brought to conclusion on the 12th, when the squadron was "A home" in the "Hood." About 250 guests, white an coloured, attended. Dancing on the boat deck wa largely patronised, especially by the coloured folk, an a concert was held on the quarter-deck.

On the 13th the Squadron sailed, and at 21.00 hou on the 14th, was stopped to enable Father Neptun amid much flashing of searchlights and firing of rocket to clamber on board and announce his intention of hol ing an initiation ceremony on the following day. Th line was crossed at 06.00 hours on the 15th. Sum monses having been previously issued, Father Neptune court assembled at 09.00 hours. Details of this in memorial ceremony are unnecessary; the ritual wa strictly adhered to, and the procedure faithfully carri out. Vast numbers of officers and men receive among other things, the Order of the Bath. The cou closed about 12.45 hours, everyone having had his du

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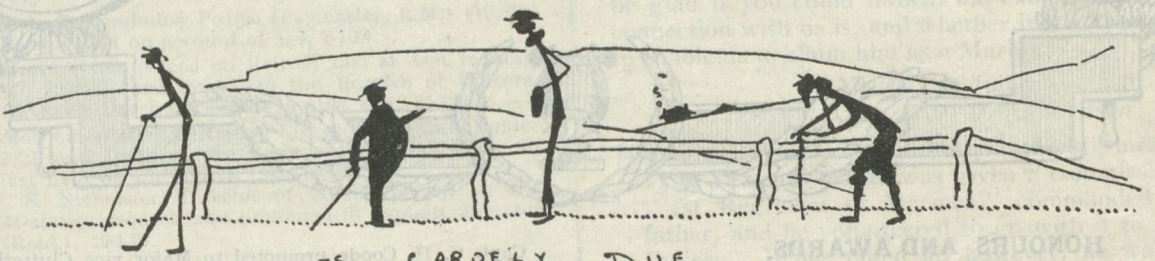

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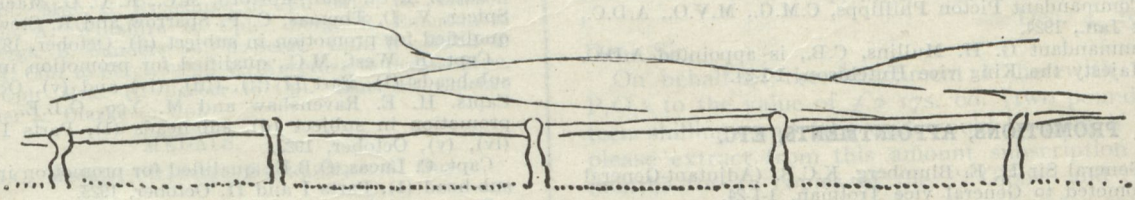

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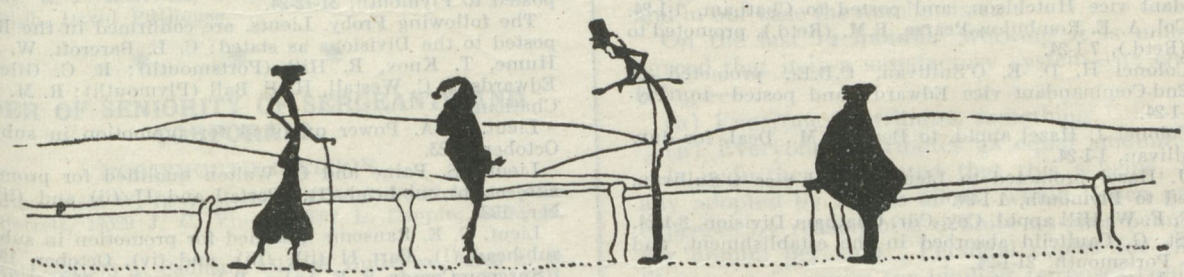

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HONOURS AND AWARDS.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:—

To be Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companion of the said most Honourable Order: Colonel-Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., R.M. 1st Jan., 1924.

Col.-Commandant G. H. Mullins, C.B., is appointed A.D.C. to His Majesty the King vice Hutchison, 1-1-24.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Lieut.-General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B. (Adjutant-General R.M.) promoted to General vice Trotman, 1-1-24.

Major-General H. M. C. Graham, C.M.G., promoted to Lieut.-General vice Blumberg, 1-1-24.

Major-General A. R. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., apptd. Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, vice Blumberg, 31-3-24.

Colonel-Commandant A. R. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., promoted to Major-General vice Graham, 1-1-24.

Col. 2nd-Commandant F. C. Edwards promoted to Colonel-Commandant vice Hutchison, and posted to Chatham, 1-1-24.

Lieut.-Col. A. E. Rombulow-Pearse, R.M. (Retd.), promoted to Colonel (Retd.), 7-1-24.

Lieut.-Colonel H. D. E. O'Sullivan, C.B.E., promoted to Colonel 2nd-Commandant vice Edwards, and posted to Plymouth, 1-1-24.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Hazel apptd. to Depot R.M., Deal, for duty vice O'Sullivan, 1-1-24.

Major J. Hazel promoted to Lieut.-Colonel vice O'Sullivan, and posted to Plymouth, 1-1-24.

Major C. F. W. Hill apptd. Coy.-Cdr. Chatham Division, 8-1-24.

Major St. G. Caulfeild absorbed in the establishment, and posted to Portsmouth, 21-1-24.

Capt. S. J. Bassett absorbed in the establishment vice Williams, and posted to Plymouth, 24-12-23.

Capt. W. G. Quianlan absorbed in the establishment vice Mathews, and posted to Chatham, 24-12-23.

Capt. A. C. St. Clair-Morford, M.C., apptd. Asst. Military Instructor (Deal, tempy.) while Capt. Sturges is on sick leave.

Capt. A. J. Bath, D.S.C., has been lent for service under the New Zealand Government in H.M.S. "Dunedin."

Capt. C. H. Coode promoted to Major vice Clutterbuck, and posted to Plymouth, 31-12-23.

Capt. R. McDonnell absorbed in the establishment vice Coode and posted to Chatham, 31-12-23.

Capt. and Bt. Major A. L. Forster, D.S.O. (secd.), promoted to Major and remain seconded, 1-1-24.

Capts. A. St. Clair-Morford, M.C., R. C. G. Mackenzie, M. Spicer, V. D. Thomas, C. P. Sparrow and R. Stewart (retired) qualified for promotion in subject (d), October, 1923.

Capt. R. West, M.C., qualified for promotion in subject (d), sub-heads (1), Part II (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v), October, 1923.

Capts. H. E. Ravenshaw and M. Yeo, O.B.E., qualified for promotion in subject (d), sub-heads (1), Parts I and II (iii), (iv), (v), October, 1923.

Capt. C. Lucas, O.B.E., qualified for promotion in subject (d), sub-head (1), Parts I and II, October, 1923.

Capt. C. T. Brown, O.B.E., qualified for promotion in subject (d), sub-head (1), Part I (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), October, 1923.

Lieut. R. P. O'Donnell, Director of Music (supy.) absorbed in the establishment vice Nicholson, and posted to Portsmouth, 16-1-24.

Lieut. R. W. Spraggett, M.C., promoted to Captain (supy.) for good service (under O. in C. of 15-1-78, clause 6), and posted to Plymouth, 31-12-24.

The following Proby. Lieuts. are confirmed in the Rank and posted to the Divisions as stated: C. L. Barcroft, W. Dean, Hume, T. Knox, R. Hill (Portsmouth); R. C. Giles, C. Edwards, J. C. Westall, H. E. Ball (Plymouth); R. M. Giddy, Chatham.

Lieut. C. A. Power qualified for promotion in subject (d), October, 1923.

Lieuts. S. Paine and G. Walton qualified for promotion in subject (b), sub-head (1), Parts I and II (ii) and (iii), October, 1923.

Lieut. C. E. Ransome qualified for promotion in subject (b), sub-head (1), Part II (ii), (iii), and (iv), October, 1923.

Surgeon-Comdr. F. E. Anley, R.N., apptd. to H.M.S. "Victory" (addl.) for Portsmouth Division vice Mornement.

Surg.-Lieut. (D.) J. L. Lenn, R.N., apptd. to H.M.S. "Pembroke" for Depot R.M., Deal, 1-1-24.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. C. A. Lucas, O.B.E., apptd. to H.M.S. **Dartmouth.**

Lieut. G. V. Walton to H.M.S. **Dublin.**

H. C. J. Fell to H.M.S. **Cambrian** vice Lieut. S. G. Cutler, to disembark to Headquarters.

Lieut. H. McC. Slater to H.M.S. **Castor** vice Capt. J. S. Tuppen, to disembark to Headquarters.

2nd-Lieut. D. J. Grey to H.M.S. **Warspite** vice Lennox.

2nd-Lieut. F. G. Sillitoe, to H.M.S. **Hermes**, on commissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. T. B. Sandall qualified in Anti-Gas Measures at Chatham on 14th December, 1923, obtaining 90 per cent. of marks. The Adjutant-General, R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained.

Capt. W. E. Bashall and Lieut. R. S. Landale apptd. H.M.S. **President**, addl. for Intelligence Course, 5-2-24.

Lieut. Priestley qualified (1st class) at the Rifle and Light Automatic Wings (combined) Course at the S.A.S., Hythe, on 22nd December, 1923.

RETIREMENTS.

General Sir C. N. Trotman, K.C.B., retires on account of non-service, 1-1-24.

Lieut.-Col. A. E. Rombulow-Pearse (Paymaster, R.M.) (W.T.), placed on Retired List on account of age, 7-1-24.

Capt. E. J. Williams placed on Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 2242/23, and apptd. to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the Rank last held on the Active List, 24-12-23.

Capt. R. Mathews placed on Retired List at own request, under A.F.O. 2242/23, and apptd. to the Reserve of Officers, R.M., in the Rank last held on the Active List, 24-12-23.

Lieut. J. S. Nicholson, Director of Music, placed on the Retired List at own request, and promoted to Captain, Director of Music (Retd.), 16-1-24.

PLYMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

Cpl. A. South to Sergt. Mne. P. Light to Cpl. Mne. W. Parsons to Cpl. Mne. G. Brookman to Cpl. Mne. H. Johnson to Cpl. Mne. A. Wiltshire to Cpl. Sergt. R. Emerson to Clr.-Sergt. Sergt. B. Sanders to Clr.-Sergt. Cpl. W. Wood to Sergt. Cpl. H. Cort to Sergt. Cpl. W. Norgrove to Sergt. Mne. J. Sykes to Cpl. Mne. H. Barber to Cpl. Mne. H. Colenso to Cpl. Mne. L. Clarke to Cpl.

MEDALS.

L.S. and G.C. Medals—Clr.-Sergt. Gould, Mne. J. Guy.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EXAMINATION.

The under-mentioned N.C. Officers have qualified for the rank of Bandmaster, 2nd class:—Bandmasters H. Henry Hoyte, T. A. Murray, R. P. Rosewell, William Martyr and Band Corpls. J. W. Relph, David Pitthouse.

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ORDER OF SENIORITY OF SERGEANTS AND CORPORALS.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

Sergeants.—14605 W. B. A. Herbert, 13336 C. F. Fletcher, 14115 G. H. Barrett, 14329 J. C. Viney, 16682 L. Coppin, 14573 H. G. Wright.

Corporals.—211473 A. Cadman, 13174 S. Guttridge, 12365 A. E. Francis, 15525 B. Chaffey, 11792 E. Pomery, 210747 T. W. Hill.

CHATHAM DIVISION.

Sergeants.—G. A. Meade, C. Dixon, E. J. Buddell, J. Gorrill, H. J. Milton, F. Bessant.

Corporals.—R. H. Keir, A. W. F. Putman, C. Goodwin, J. W. Kent, G. Campbell, S. D. Parker.

(Lists of Plymouth Divn. will appear next month.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth,"
Portland.
Jan. 5th, 1924.

Dear Sir,

It has always been my impression that Wolfe was closely connected with our Corps. He certainly has figured in pageants representing our past history.

In a report of the celebration of Wolfe's Anniversary (in yesterday's "Times") a long list was given of representatives present from all the regiments with which Wolfe was connected.

No representative from the R.M. appeared. Was this an error in the report, or is our connection with him so slight that a representative from our Corps was not justified?

Possibly there may be some other reason, but I should be glad if you could inform me exactly what Wolfe's connection with us is, and whether it is sufficiently close to enable us to claim him as a Marine.

Yours faithfully,
W. P. ARBUTHNOT, Major.

[General James Wolfe did not join the Marines. When 13 or 14 years old he was given a commission in the "1st Regiment of Marines" commanded by his father, and he volunteered to go with it to the West Indies. Being taken ill, however, he was sent to school instead. Ref. "Britain's Sea Soldiers," Part 3. Page 75.—Ed., G. and L.]

H.M.S. "Diomede," China.
Dec. 4, 1923.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the detachment I herewith forward P.O.s to the value of £2 17s. 6d. (two pounds seventeen shillings and 6d.) and would be glad if you will please extract from this amount subscription for 12 months for 12 copies of the "Globe and Laurel." What balance there is over will you please consider as a donation towards the "G. and L." general fund.

The balance is due to the scheme by which the detachment takes in the Corps Journal, viz., a round subscription of so much per head. The total number of copies considered sufficient is decided by general wish and in our case the number is 12.

On the last 12 months' working it is unanimously agreed that it is a satisfactory system—its chief merit being:—

(a) Everyone contributes something.
(b) Everyone contributes an equal amount.

It is further suggested that this scheme, if generally adopted by R.M.s afloat, would lessen production expenses by reason of a definite number being ordered per annum per ship. Personal copies for those who like to retain copies for binding purposes could always be ordered privately, those doing so not being included in a detachment general subscription, unless they wished to contribute to that as well.

Our subscription works out at about 1s. per head (pay is in dollars Mex. about here) so that a man could go to four different ships in the course of 12 months

wthout paying more than he would by ordering a private copy for the same period. (The size of detachment need not affect the rate per head appreciably if calculated on a sectional basis).

It would be interesting to hear the opinions of other members of the Corps.

Yours faithfully,
K. PUCKLEY (Capt., R.M.).
O.C. Detachment.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th November, 1923.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death.*
McWilliam, J.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	6239	26/4/23
Mills, S. A. M.	Bde.S.M.	R.M.A.	439	26/10/23
Murphy, J.	Pte.	Chat.	11742	19/11/23
Musgrove, T.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	13 Co.	27/11/23
Newham, J. W. B.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	8429	2/11/23
Parsons, J.	Pte.	Ports.	1645	5/1/23
Pope, S.	Pte.	Chat.	3011	19/11/23
Reed, G.	Pte.	Ply.	15 Co.	3/11/23
Stephenson, J.	Pte.	Chat.	3548	9/8/23
Weir, W.	Pte.	Ply.	12578	1/11/33
Willis, F. W.	Pte.	Chat.	3888	13/11/23
Winslow, W.	Pte.	Ports.	5934	4/11/23
White, C.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	1199	22/11/23
Young, W.	Pte.	Ply.	8965	5/11/23

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st December, 1923.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death.*
Adams, J.	Pte.	Chat.	29 Co.	6/12/23
Amor, T.	Pte.	Ports.	355	16/12/23
Ball, J.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	6273	16/12/23
Bentley, T.	Clr.-Sergt.	Ply.	6270	11/12/23
Black, E.	Cpl.	Ply.	614	4/12/23
Bodsworth, T.	Pte.	Chat.	605	23/12/23
Breed, J.	Pte.	Walmer	18592	3/12/23
Foster, S.	Pte.	Ply.	F Co.	26/12/23
Hewitt, C.	Sergt.	R.M.A.	843	11/12/23
Hounsell, A. H.	Pte.	Ply.	5476	8/12/23
Kellaway, A.	Pte.	Ply.	843	18/12/23
Knight, G.	Pte.	Chat.	12616	6/10/23
Newsam, M.	Cpl.	Deal	——	13/8/21
Potts, T.	Clr.-Sergt.	Ply.	48 Co.	28/12/23
Raper, C.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	2848	13/12/23
Store, W.	Pte.	Ply.	35 Co.	4/12/23
Welsh, H. S.	Bugler	R.M.A.	550	14/12/23

BALANCE SHEET, ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' SPORTS FUND.

JULY—DECEMBER, 1923.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit, 1-7-23	22	3	2½	Cricket, viz. (Train fares and entertaining Teams)	48	9	10
Per Subscriptions, 1-7-23—31-12-23	28	7	6	Hockey, viz. (Train fares and entertaining Teams)	17	7	7
Interest on deposit Account	0	4	2	Printing	0	9	0
Transferred from Deposit Account	20	0	0	Postage, Telegrams, etc.	0	18	3
				Balance Credit	3	10	2½
	70	14	10½		70	14	10½

Money on Deposit £20.

H. C. POPE,, Major, Hon. Treasurer 1-1-24

Audited and found correct,
R. V. T. FORD, Lieut.-Col.

A. G. LITTLE, Lieut. Col.

BRITAINS SEA SOLDIERS.

Depot, R.M., Deal.
Jan. 13, 1924.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The Committee have arranged for Vol. I to be boun (blue cloth, gold lettering and badges) at a contra rate of 5s., postage free, to the subscriber, 1s. ext top edge gilt, 2s. 9d. extra all edges gilt, 2s. 3d. ext blue leather back.

All subscribers are being sent forms showing the credits, and requesting them to state where they wis Vol. I sent about the end of March, and whether the want any other kind of binding, as: Morocco, all g edges, about 30s.; Half Morocco, top edge gilt, abo 17s. 6d.

In any case, the Commitee would be glad of ca with the order form from subscribers who have n sufficient credit over £2 to defray the cost of bindin

Vol. II may be expected about the end of the yea This will be bound in cloth binding free of charge, pr vided the cost of production keeps below the estima (£2) by 5s. as it looks like doing at present.

It is expected that the advent of Vol. I will attra many new subscribers, and they are invited to co municate with the Hon. Treasurer so that their requir ments as to binding, etc., may be recorded without d lay.

There are close on 600 subscribers at present, so th we can do with about 400 more.

I enclose balance sheet showing state of funds.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. TUPMAN, Col.

P.S.—The Officers' Mess at Eastney have guaranteed £100 t wards the cost of binding, for which the Committee a very grateful.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Credits.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure	£	s.	d.
Per G. and L., April, 1923	1,183	13	0	Per G. and L., April, 1923	179	7	
Subscriptions, etc., to 12-1-24	476	8	3	Lyceum Press, Parts II and XI	412	4	
Interest on Deposit Account for Year 1923	18	17	3	Messrs. Gilchrist, Coloured Plates to Part XVII	133	10	
				Messrs. Vaughan, Blocks	98	4	
				M. Gedovius, drawings	37	7	
				Victor Huen drawings	10	16	
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				Tuck and Co.	0	10	
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				Deposit Account	762	12	
				Current Account	18	0	
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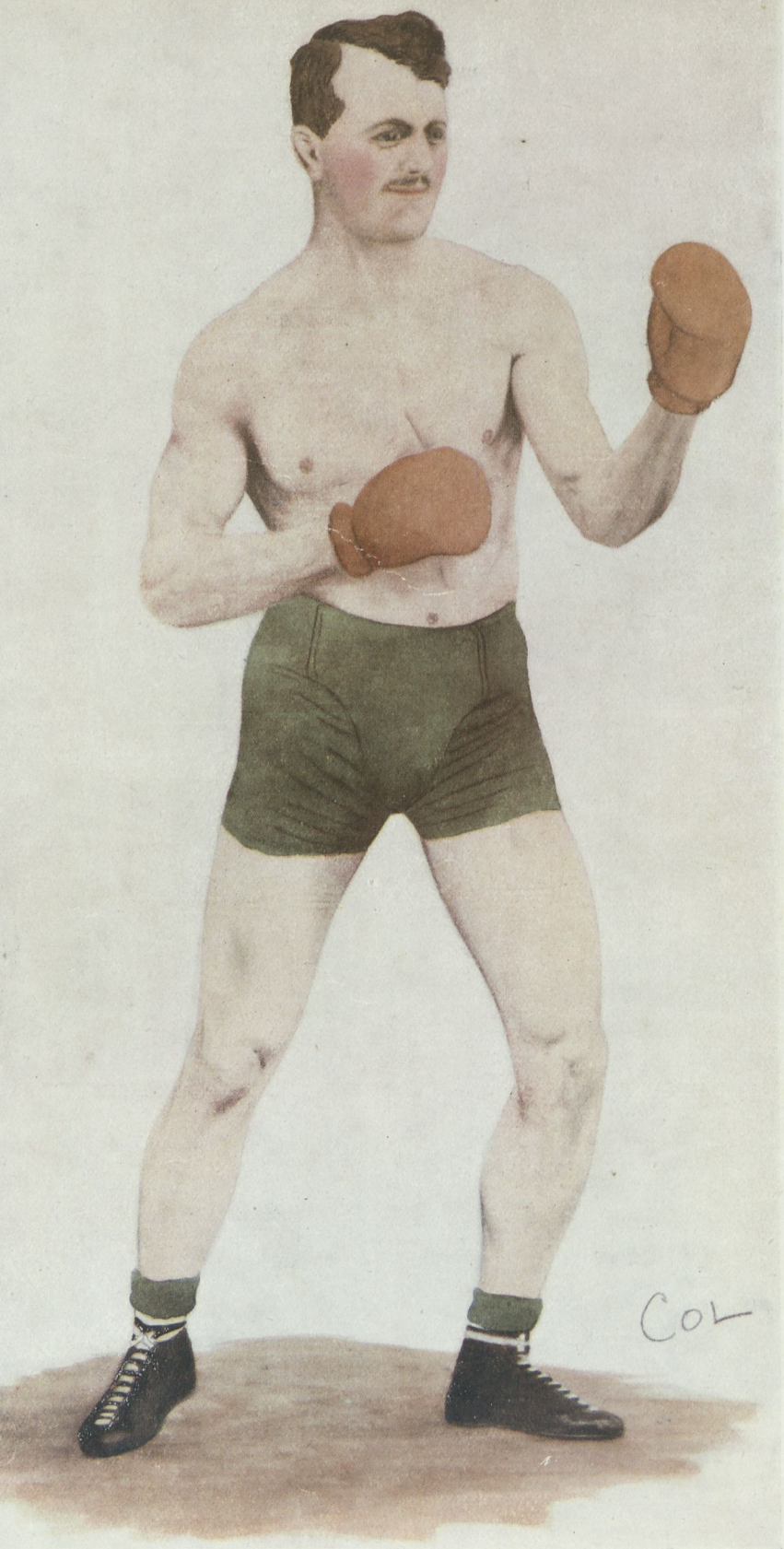
Examined and found correct,

H. L. BENETT, Major, R.M. 12-1-24.

J. A. TUPMAN, Col., Hon. Treasurer, Britain's Sea Soldiers' Fund 12-1-24



CLR.-SERGT. J. PONSFORD.

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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.

Since we last wrote another General Officer has left the Corps—Lieut.-General H. M. C. Graham, C.M.G., having been placed on the retired list at his own request. General Graham was a very celebrated boxer in his day and was famed for his feats of strength—he is still able to bend an ordinary poker over his arm with consummate ease. We wish him the best of luck.

Our readers will have noticed from the reports in our Football column that Rugby is becoming quite a habit in the Corps. Numbers at Headquarters are so low just now that it must be extraordinarily difficult to raise a XV and keep it in the field. That this has been accomplished with satisfactory results speaks volumes for the keenness and energy of the officers and men concerned. We hope the game will continue to prosper and expand throughout the Corps, for we believe there is no training-ground for the young officer and young Marine that can compare with the Rugby football field.

In the last two or three numbers we have omitted the lists of "Embarkations" and "Disembarkations," chiefly because we felt the reading matter published in lieu was of more general interest, believing, as we did, that long printed lists of names appealed to only a small percentage of our readers. Lately, however, we have received one or two letters from supporters of the Journal afloat asking us to re-introduce this feature. We feel that the wishes of men serving afloat should be our first consideration, in view of the large preponderance of subscribers compared with those on shore—the proportion is actually three to one in their favour—and if this is the general desire of the *Per Mare* part of the Corps, we should be glad to accede. Perhaps others will let us have their views on the subject.

Referring to long lists of names reminds us that lately we have been rather snowed under by the lists of subscribers and balance sheets of various funds sent to us for publication. We fully recognize the fact that the Corps Journal is the proper, and possibly the only, medium for promulgation—but there are limits. From the journalistic point of view, they are unattractive and encroach on our valuable space—moreover, from the financial point of view they are unremunerative. We must therefore be forgiven if we occasionally defer publication for a month or so—unless, of course, it is made worth our while!

Although our circulation afloat continues to increase, we regret to say that such is not the case at the Divisions. It was particularly disappointing that the cartoon of a footballer of the Portsmouth Division did not result in an increased sale by even the number of the football team. Nevertheless, we have had many reminders that our cartoons are very popular and we shall persevere, in the hope that their excellence will, before long, be realized at the Divisions with resultant benefit to our Journal.

We should like, here, to thank the members of the Band of the Portsmouth Division for their kindness and generosity in sending us a special donation; it is only by support such as this that it is possible to maintain the standard of the "Globe and Laurel."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Major Bramble, who left the Egyptian Army in 1922, has returned to the Sudan in the Sudan Political Service, and has been appointed District Commissioner of Eastern Kardagan.

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Captain L. Mercer and Mne. E. R. Gardiner played for the Royal Navy v. the R.A.F. in the annual Rugby match at Twickenham on the 13th February, which the Navy won by 16 points to 9.

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The first hard-court championships of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Lawn Tennis Association will be played at Torquay on April 14th–18th. The fifth annual grass-court championships take place on July 28th–August 2nd, or on August 4th–9th, on a ground yet to be decided.

Among lawn tennis matches arranged for the coming season are: May 3rd, v. Cambridge University; June 14th, v. Oxford University; April 21st (at Torquay) and September 6th (at Portsmouth) v. Mr. R. J. McNair's team; May 17th, v. the United Services (Chatham); May 24th and July 16th, v. the United Banks; March 29th and September 27th, v. the Stock Exchange; June 7th, v. the Civil Service.

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The Corps was well represented in the Combined Services Hockey Team on the occasion of the International Trial Match v. The South on the 16th February. Major Brooks, Capt. Congdon and Lieut. O'Donnell all being included. We hope to see them all selected for the final English Trial.

The same three officers would have played for the Navy and the Army on the 20th February, had not the match been postponed.

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The Pootung Cemetery.

The existence of the little Seamen's Cemetery in Pootung has slipped from the memory of the older Shanghai residents, and the younger generation are ignorant of the fact that such a place exists. The stones are gradually disappearing, also the iron chains and columns which protect the graves, giving ample room for the Chinese youths from the neighbouring village to play football on Sundays. A broken stone placed against the house of the Chinese "caretaker" bears the following inscription:—

George Blake, R.M.L.I.
H.M.S. Juno.
Died Shanghai, 1871.

(Extract from a letter in the *North China Daily News*.)

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In our January issue we reported the various lectures which had been given by different officers; the following further lectures have been given in the Officers' Mess, Plymouth Division. "Experiences on the Belgian Coast," by Captain H. T. Newman, R.M.; "Showing the Flag in the Pacific," by Captain D. B. Carter, R.M.; "The Battle of the Marne," by Captain F. C. Law, D.S.C., R.M.; "Twelve months in a Fishery Protection Cruiser," by Surgeon-Lieutenant J. C. Brown, R.N.; "Some extracts from the diary of a R.M. subaltern during the period 1806 to 1815," by Col.-Commdt. G. J. H. Mullins, C.B., A.D.C.

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"OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE."

A football match between the Veterans of No. 94 Company R.G.A., and a detachment of Marines took place recently at Stonecutters Island, Hong Kong, the Marines having 155 years' service between them and the 94 company 102 years. The Marines won by six goals to one.

The subjoined photograph is of the Marine team, the names being: Wayatt, Tabner, Smoker, Mathews, Mead, Clark, Sampson, Crouch, Snook, Hill and Ring.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the R.M.O.C.A. Greenwich Branch was held at the "Star and Garter," Old Woolwich Road, through the generosity of Councillor Thomas Hearn who kindly placed his fine Club Room at our disposal on Monday, 11th February, 1924.

Mr. J. Mallard, in proposing the formation of this Branch, expressed his regret at the small number present and asked Comrade C. E. Marshall, the Secretary of the London Association, to take over the chair for the purpose of election of Officers,

The following Officers were elected:

President, Major W. Sinclair, R.M.
Chairman, Mr. G. H. Pearce.
Secretary, Mr. J. Mallard, 6, Trenchard Street, E., Greenwich.
Treasurer, Mr. H. L. Smith.
Committee, Messrs. J. S. Brown, A. Presland, and W. Dibble.

At the conclusion of business the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, Mr. Sidney Dacombe, D.C.M., rendering in his fine baritone voice four songs including "Bandolero" and "Rueben Ranzo," which were splendidly accompanied by Mrs. H. Brown; other items by Messrs. Presland, Watts, Smith, Mullen, Mallard, Brown, and Mne. Cole.

FLEET NOTES.

AFRICA STATION.

H.M.S. "Birmingham."

Christmas has been spent at Accra, where as usual a full programme of amusements was arranged for us. But numbers landing had to be restricted, the accommodation in surf boats being limited. Football matches were played each afternoon, in which our teams were successful. Marines Fallace and O'Hare have been playing in the ship's team. The cricket match was a fiasco. We have not yet been able to discover any talent in this line. The usual rifle match against the Accra Rifle Club took place on December 24th. We were defeated by one point in each match.

On December 26th the Governor of the Gold Coast, Brig.-Gen. Sir Gordon Guggisberg, paid a visit to the ship. He inspected the Royal Marine Guard and the ship's company at Divisions. He afterwards gave us all a very interesting lecture on the Gold Coast, in which he described to us his policy and how the country was being developed to the advantage of the African native.

Before leaving Accra we had a number of native chiefs on board, also native boy Sea Scouts. We fired Lewis Guns, 6-inch guns and the H.A. Gun for their benefit.

While at Victoria, Cameroons, some of the ship's company went up to Buea. This is the principal town in the territory which we mandate and lies some 3,000 feet above the sea. The journey there was a tedious one. Although the distance was only about 20 miles, the time which the very small engine took to drag the parties up was from 7 to 9 hours. The Chief of Staff and the F.R.M.O. made an expedition up the Cameroon Mountain, 13,350ft., a three days' trip. It is a climb well worth making; it gives one an opportunity of feeling really cold, which is a pleasant change on the West Coast.

A few days were spent at Duala and at Bonny, after which we proceeded to Lagos to coal. This is always one of the most unpleasant experiences during the cruise. Coaling takes three full days and nights. It is supposed to be done by natives; but they soon realise that if they only work slowly enough the British sailor will do it for them. Football and cricket matches which had been arranged had to be cancelled. A rifle match against the Lagos Rifle Club took place on January 12th, which we won rather easily by 83 points.

We shall soon be on our way South again, into cooler weather we hope. Before returning to Simonstown we are to join the remainder of the Squadron at Saldanha Bay, and are to make an attack on the Cape Peninsula. We are going to attempt to land a force of 250 men on the coast and hope to maintain a position on shore for 12 hours to cover the landing of an imaginary main force. The operation should be an interesting one.

CHINA STATION.

DR. SUN-YAT-SEN AT CANTON.

Sun-Yat-Sen, who returned to Canton at the end of 1922 and set up a de facto government, has demanded the surplus of the Chinese Maritime Customs, which have always been sent to Pekin. His demands have not been met by the Diplomatic body at Pekin, with a result that his attitude became somewhat hostile, and it was thought possible that he might resort to force in order to occupy the Custom House at Canton. Other issues are at stake as well.

The Signatory Powers of the Pekin Protocol are concerned in this question, and have sent ships to Canton to prevent Dr. Sun from seizing this surplus.

Six American Destroyers with U.S. Marines from Manila were sent at high speed to Hong Kong, four of which went on to Canton. France, Italy, Portugal, and Japan also sent ships. It was observed that the French sailors wore the ordinary "Poilu" uniform when they were landed to protect the French Concession at Shameen.

Besides the British West River gunboats the "Magnolia," with a Royal Marine Platoon of H.M.S. "Hawkins," under Capt. Bagot, R.M., and "Bluebell" with R.M. Platoon from "Tamar," under Captain A. N. Williams, R.M., were sent to Canton on December 15th. Colonel Darwall, F.R.M.O., was also sent in command of the force which was to be landed. Nothing warlike, however, has occurred so far. Colonel Darwall and all the "Hawkins" Marines returned to Hong Kong on 22nd December. The "Tamar" Platoon is still at Canton in H.M.S. "Bluebell."

It has been possible to land on Shameen each day and a good deal of training and recreation games have kept the men very fit indeed. There is no leave in Canton City itself when in uniform, as the whole place is full of Chinese soldiers, but leave is given on Shameen where there is a Naval Canteen and football ground.

The old battlefields of 1840 and 1857 have been visited, which up to a few years ago were in much the same condition as they were in those days. Seaman Fort is still visible, and the five-storey pagoda, built in the Ming dynasty, is still standing. It was near this place that six R.M.A. and one hundred R.M.L.I. remains were found. They were cremated in 1923 and placed in an urn, which is now outside the British Church on Shameen.

There are a few ex-Royal Marines here. To-day two of them joined up with a Lewis Gun section which they said they knew little about, as they left the Corps in 1896.

This afternoon, 3rd January, four Chinese soldiers were executed in a field adjoining the Golf Links.

MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. "Hawkins," "Diomede," "Despatch," "Carlisle," "Titania," and "Ambrose" spent Christmas at Hong Kong.

H.M.S. "Durban" is arriving shortly to pay off, her new crew proceeding to Hong Kong in H.M.S. "Weymouth."

MUSKETRY.

A platoon from H.M.S. "Hawkins" has completed the annual course for Q 1923, obtaining an average of 142.18.

The R.M. Detachment of H.M.S. "Despatch" has started their annual course for Q 1924.

The musketry records for R.M. Detachments for 1923 are:—

Ship.	Nos.	Averages.
"Tamar"	52	159.3
"Durban"	32	151.22
"Carlisle"	29	149.7
"Hawkins"	30	142.18
"Ambrose"	24	142.17
"Despatch"	42	141.1
"Titania"	21	140.16
"Diomede"	39	140.6

Marksmen, 33; 1st class, 167; 2nd class, 61; 3rd class, 7.

FOOTBALL.

The following matches have been played at Shameen:—

Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Tamar," 3; v. Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Hawkins," 0.

Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Tamar," 1; v. H.M.S. "Bluebell," 0.

Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Tamar," 2; v. H.M.S. "Tarantula" and "Moorhen," 2.

Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Tamar," 4; v. H.M.S. "Bluebell," 2.

H.M.S. "Magnolia," 7; v. Royal Marines, "H.M.S. "Hawkins," 1.

Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Tamar" 2nd XI, 1; v. "Bluebell" 2nd XI, 0.

H.M.S. "Tamar" are still second in the football league at Hong Kong.

On Boxing Day a combined team of Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Tamar" and H.M.S. "Bluebell" played the Shameen Football League in a charity game in aid of St. Dunstan's. It was a great event on Shameen and an excellent game was witnessed. Royal Marines and "Bluebell" won by the only goal scored.

MEDITERRANEAN.

GHAIN TUFFIEHA, MALTA.

The Musketry season here is in full swing, and up to the present time 7 detachments have completed their Weapon Training Courses, namely, "Benbow," average 128.8; "Ajax," 133; "Calypso," 125.7; "Ceres," 140.2; E. of I., 127; "Cardiff," 133.5; and "Comus," 135; with the "Iron Duke," at present in camp. 351 have fired Tables "R. and L." Rifle, average 131.8 ("Ceres" 140.2); best individual score, Lieut. R. Gumm, H.M.S. "Comus," 189; 84 have fired Table "L," Part 1 and 2, average 180.5. Best individual score, Corpl. Norgrove, H.M.S. "Comus," 217.2; 58 have fired Revolver Course; best individual score, Captain Field, 147 (excluding trench practice).

The appearance of the camp is gradually altering now that the construction of stone huts in lieu of tents is being proceeded with, and it is hoped that the next winter will be a more comfortable one from an accommodation point of view than the present one has proved.

The low ground below the camp has been made into a football ground, and is proving a great asset to the camp, although it entailed a lot of hard work from the permanent staff, assisted by volunteers from detachments under the direction of Sergts. Bowie and Buckley, who also have in line the making of a cricket pitch.

Congratulations are due to Sergt. A. C. Rutland, of the Staff, in winning the Naval Revolver Championship at the Ricasoli Range last month; the shooting was very keen and several members of the Corps were in the first 15.

There are several Rifle Meetings to be shot off during the next four months including the U.S. Cup, which is at present held by the Royal Marines, and with such shots as Captain Field, Lieut. Gumm, Clr.-Sergt. Ridding, Sergts. Fuller, Bowie, Buckley, etc., one should have no fear of the result, although competition amongst the Navy and Army is bound to be very keen.

H.M.S. "Cleopatra."

Owing to many of the light cruisers being away at different ports, and some of the big ships being out firing, it is impossible to send on much news this time, but we did manage to raise a Royal Marines Fleet team to defeat the Royal Engineers by 2–1, and the Dorset Regiment, 5–2.

In the first round of the Light Cruisers' League the "Caradoc" beat the "Cleopatra", 4–2, and the "Calypso" beat the "Cardiff", 4–0.

Two friendly matches were played between the "Comus" and the "Caradoc," in which the latter became victorious in the first case by 5–0, and secondly by 1–0; but both games were full of excitement.

The "Cleopatra's" Rifle Team were successful in the matches against the "Calypso" and "Emperor of India." They beat the "Calypso" by 11 points and the "Emperor of India" by 27 points. It was a slow shoot at 300, 500 and 600 yards, and great interest was shown by both teams.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

H.M.S. "Revenge."

The R.M. Band of this ship, having played at Vigo at a Thé Dansant, created quite a mild furore by the excellence of its performance, and has been in great demand ever since.

The ship Soccer team had a good match against Vigo, losing 2-0. Everyone was much struck with the sporting display of the Spaniards, who are frightfully keen and have obviously learnt the game in the right spirit.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

PLYMOUTH.

SERGEANTS' MESS ANNUAL BALL.

The Ball was held at Stonehouse Town Hall on 14th February, our "Royal" Day, the guests numbering about 350. Those present included Colonel-Commandant C. J. H. Mullins, C.B., A.D.C., and Mrs. Mullins, and other officers and their wives. Almost every unit in the Garrison was represented, Army and Navy.

Sergt. Rich, R.E., and Mrs. Rich won the spot waltz competition, and ex-Q.M.S. Symonds and Miss Symonds the balloon competition; the latter being the cause of much merriment.

Mrs. Mullins led the Grand March Lancers, which were carried out in true military style.

The hats issued were tip-top, and the numerous fancy trumpets kept the guests in high glee. Among the many tasteful decorations in the hall was a brass tablet with Lord St. Vincent's now historic message to the Corps inscribed upon it.

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On 7th February by permission of Lieut.-Col. L. H. Tudor, O.B.E., the South Wales Borderers, a limbered G.S. waggon, carrying Lewis guns and ammunition, was brought to the R.M. Barracks for the purpose of a demonstration. Officers, and qualified Lewis Gunners, gathered round the limber, and listened to a very clear description of the method of stowing guns, ammunition and spare parts. A practical demonstration was given at the same time. Whilst this was taking place on the parade, several officers of the S.W. Borderers, and all their Battalion cooks, were shown round the cook-house, preparing-rooms, etc. Up-to-date electrical appliances have been installed here, and the visitors seemed much impressed with all they saw. The mixing and potato peeling machines aroused most interest. A few days later the same Regiment invited some of our officers to witness a demonstration on their miniature range. This was extremely realistic and was the same programme as recently carried out at Blackdown Camp before H.M. the King.

CHATHAM.

CHILDREN'S PARTY AT BARRACKS.

The annual children's party was given in the Royal Marine Sergeants' Mess on Saturday, January 26th, when about 100 children and fifty adults were entertained. Many games were enjoyed by the young guests, who were each the recipient of a toy, and they were also kept fully amused by the "clowning" antics of Sergts. Preston and Deane. The general arrangements were in the hands of Clr.-Sergt. Stuart.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

A very successful Whist Drive for all ranks and their friends was held in the Concert Hall on the 1st February, and as this was so well appreciated by all ranks it is hoped to arrange another on similar lines in the near future.

OBITUARY.

We regret to report the death at a Nursing Home in Bournemouth, on 25th January, 1924, of Lieut.-Col. W. M. Lambert, D.S.O., Royal Marine Artillery (Retired). He was gazetted a 2nd-Lieut. on 26th June, 1860, and joined the R.M.A. Headquarters in the following year. Promoted Captain in November, 1875, and Major in August, 1885; he was granted the rank of Hon. Lieut.-Colonel on being placed on the retired list at his own request on 1st August, 1886.

Colonel Lambert served in the Burmese Campaign of 1885-86 as Senior Officer of Marines. He was mentioned in dispatches, and for his services was appointed a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

MARINE FRED COOK.

Las Palmas,

Marine Fred Cook of H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth was buried at the North Front Cemetery, on 29th January with full Naval Honours. He was a very popular member of the ship's company and a large number of men from the Fleet Flagship attended the funeral. The gun-carriage and team were provided by the Royal Artillery. The coffin bore some beautiful wreaths and a number were carried by his late messmates. Amongst those who sent the wreaths were the Commander-in-Chief, Flag Captain and Officers, Gun-room Officers, Warrant Officers, R.M. Detachment, Petty Officers, Admirals Steward and Staff.

Amongst the number of officers present were the Flag Captain and Fleet R.M. Officer. The escort was under the command of Lieut. Giles, the pall-bearers being selected from the members of his mess.

The Burial Service was beautifully read by the Rev. Knight-Adkin, O.B.E., after which the massed Buglers sounded the Last Post. The great precision of every movement of the firing party and escort lent added dignity to a most impressive scene and a fitting background was provided by the mighty rock whose name provides the only Battle Honour on our Colours.

Corpl. Hunter represented Mrs. Cook, and placed a wreath from her on the grave.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

PORTSMOUTH.

Football at Eastney is going as strong as ever, and the continued success of the team in the Amateur Cup has the team's confidence, and the Division's confidence in the team. Since our last notes we have not had to record a defeat. The following games have been played :—

1st Team.—January 9th, *v.* R.A.F., U.S. League, away, won 6–0 (Warwick 2, Davidson, Lawrence, Arnold, March).

January 12th, *v.* Eastleigh, Hants League, away, won 6–0 (Davidson 2, Arnold 2, Lawrence, Farmer). January 19th, *v.* Nunhead, Amateur Cup, away (abandoned). January 26th, *v.* Nunhead, Amateur Cup, away, draw 1–1 (Arnold). January 30th, *v.* Duke of Wellington's Regt., U.S. League, home, 3–0 (Wood, Warwick, Davidson). February, 2nd, *v.* Nunhead, Amateur Cup, home, won 2–1 (Warwick, Arnold).

2nd Team.—January 16th, *v.* "Fisgard," U.S. League, Div. II, home, won, 9–0. (Prescott 3, Brown, Watts, Elsey, Baits, Lyons, Wilson). January 23rd, *v.* R.A.F., U.S. League, Div. I., won, 5–3 (Brown 2, Wilson 2, Elsey). January 30th, *v.* Duke of Wellington's Regt., U.S. League, Div. II., away, draw, 2–2 (Williams 2). February 6th, *v.* R.N. Depot, U.S. League, Div. II., home, won, 6–0 (Brown 3, Wilson, Prescott, Ormston).

Amateur Cup

The outstanding games have been those in the Amateur Cup with Nunhead. The re-play at Eastney before 2,500 spectators was a great game, and those who attended were rewarded with one of the finest exhibitions of Amateur football seen in this district for many years. The following team was fielded :—

Cpl. Harris ; Mne. Farmer, Mne. Lyons ; Mne. Brown, Sgt. Lawrence, (Capt.), Mne. Derrick ; Sgt. Wood, Cpl. Warwick, Mne. Davidson, Sgt. Arnold, Mne. March.

Everyone agreed that the "Lilywhites" thoroughly deserved their victory, although the Division was surprised to read in the London papers that we were lucky. The visiting goalkeeper played a great game, some of his saves bordering on sensational. Both Warwick's and Arnold's goals were real beauties, and Nunhead's, which rewarded them in the last minute, was as good as any. The telegrams received prior to the games from Chatham were much appreciated. We are all anxiously waiting that which fate has in store for us, at the "Spotted Dog," Clapton on the 16th February. A point which comes to our mind, and which the committee continually have to grapple with, is the frequent and large demands which representative games make on our players. Rarely a week passes without a representative or County game of some description and we find that this is making a heavy drain on our club. It is not an unusual occurence to find five or six Marines selected for these games ; other Committees will appreciate our difficulties.

PLYMOUTH.

Since writing last month, and up to yesterday, 16th February, we have played four matches in the Plymouth and District League, out of which we won 1 and lost 3. Our win was by 2–1 against Liskeard on our opponents' ground. But our losses have, altogether, been fairly heavy. Plymouth St. Thomas defeated us at home by 3–1 and away 5–1, whilst Lorpoint came out the victors to the tune of 4–1 on our ground. Our position in the League is a lowly one indeed, with little hope of improvement.

Our Reserves have played one game only during the past month, this with the Plymouth Trams on our own ground, in a Devon Wednesday ; here also we met with heavy defeat at the hands of a far better team by 6–1. We are still, however, in the semi-final of the Devon Wednesday Cup, this time we are drawn against the South Staffordshire Regt., and the game takes place at Home Park on Wednesday, 12th March. The local papers do not hold much hope for us coming through this round, but then time will tell.

Of the Inter-Company League "G" Company are still at the top with seven points, followed by "C" Company with five points. A surprising Company was "E", who still have a chance of winning the competition. This is, however, rather doubtful, as "G" can field a good side at each of the two remaining games.

Of representative games the local Royal Navy and Royal Marines were engaged with Plymouth Argyle at Home Park on February 2nd. A good game resulted, and although the professionals won by 3–1, they were fully extended. We had three of our fellows playing and all of them were selected to go to Portsmouth for the Inter-Port game, Devonport *versus* Portsmouth. The three were Cpl. Pollitt, Mnes. Broad and Shewbrook. The game on the 6th proved a draw, during which Shewbrook notched a brace of goals ; but on the following day Devonport lost. One is inclined to dispute the fairness of the games being always played at Portsmouth, especially replays ; it does not give the visiting team much chance, whilst the home team can change their men *ad lib.* Pollitt and Shewbrook travelled from Portsmouth to Southampton for the County match, Devon *versus* Hampshire, for which game they had been selected. Hampshire proved the better team, but from all accounts it was a good game.

DEPOT R.M., DEAL.

January 12th, *v.* Green Howards, away, lost 5–2. January 19th *v.* Deal Town, home, lost 1–0. January 26th, *v.* Northants, away, won 3–2. February 2nd, *v.* Chatham Div., home, lost 5–1. February 9th, *v.* R.I.F., away, lost 7–3.

The Chatham Div. kindly consented to send their Kent League Team to play us, but proved themselves much too strong. Still it was a very pleasant and cleanly contested game. Also, the object aimed at proved very satisfactory, a cheque for £18 5s. 6d. being sent to "St. Dunstan's Footballers Fund."

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Although the School's teams have been unsuccessful in their endeavours to gain positions of special note in the respective League in which they are participating, there is still the keenness and good sportsmanship amongst them that prevailed at the commencement of the season, and although the first team have been labouring under a serious handicap throughout the season, viz., the continual change of players, which has been unavoidable owing to the small numbers at Headquarters, and the demand of men for draft, they have made themselves felt on more than one occasion.

On February 2nd at the U.S. Ground they defeated H.M.S. "Vernon" by 3-2, after being 1-0 down at half-time.

Musns. C. R. M. Robinson, E. H. Tipp and Henry Jones are playing in the Port matches this season.

The Band Boys' teams are doing very well, and it is hoped that with the further increase of boys at the School good talent will be found amongst the new-comers.

The Inter-Room Competition which is played annually, medals being presented to the winners, is now in full swing, and as usual is providing some very keen contests.

RUGBY.

PLYMOUTH.

On 26th January *v.* Seal Hayne College at Longroom. This being our first fixture with this team, little was known of their capabilities. The Marines were soon attacking, but fine work in the visiting three-quarters drove them back and our defence was sorely tested. Keen tackling alone prevented a score. Edwards led a fine forward rush up the field and Silby, tackling the visitors' back, enabled Lieut. Edmondson to score. The kick was not converted. Our forwards were now commanding the "scrums," but lack of combination by the half-backs lost us many opportunities. The visitors opened up splendidly, and on several occasions were within an ace of scoring. Then South, intercepting a pass, rounded the back and scored a fine try, but Silby failed to convert. At half-time the Marines led rather luckily by 6 points to nil.

Early in the second half the visitors came away with some brilliant open work, the ball being handled by at least a dozen different players in succession. It was particularly hard lines that the final pass was ruled forward, as a score seemed certain. Attacking again, the visitors scored far out ; the kick at goal failed. The Marines then set up a hot attack, and Hadley scored far out, but the try was not converted. Play remained in the centre for some time, until Silby, from a dropped pass, dribbled the ball in and scored a good try, which he also converted. A further try was added by Coombes, and a delightful game ended in a win for the Marines by 13 points to 3.

30th January *v.* R.N. Barracks, played at St. Budeaux, on a slippery pitch ; the ball was difficult to handle. The game was

keen throughout, the forwards playing very strongly. Late in the second half South kicked a penalty goal from a mark, this being the only score. Royal Marines 3, R.N. Barracks 0.

February 2nd *v.* Buckfastleigh.—A very scrappy and disappointing game, won by 3 points—a penalty goal by Silby.

February 4th, *v.* H.M.S. "Maidstone," at Longroom. The visitors fielded a strong side, which included a number of Devonport Services players and through injuries the Marines were without four of their regular players. However, the team played wonderfully, and won a splendid game by 10 points to nil. Scores, Hadley, 1 dropped goal, 1 try, and Vincent, 1 try.

February 9th, *v.* Albion Reserves. At Longroom. Again depleted by injuries, the Marines hardly dared to expect anything but a crushing defeat from this team, which had previously in the season beaten a much stronger fifteen. However, the Marines rose to the occasion. Albion started a warm attack, and several times were on the point of scoring, but were worked back to the centre when Hadley snapped up and beat the Albion defence, Affleck converting with a capital kick. Albion then set up a great pace, and scored after a pretty bout of passing; the kick, however, failed. Again the Marines attacked, and from a *mêlée* Hadley dropped a brilliant goal. Albion retaliated with a try, after a fine run by Rowe. Half-time: Royal Marines, 9, Albion Reserves, 6.

The second half was fought out at a great pace, Affleck at back driving the visitors back splendidly time after time. The Marines' three-quarters got going and South broke clear, but was unsupported, and a certain score was lost. Excitement now ran high, each end in turn was visited, but without result, and a great game ended in a win for the Marines, 9 points to 6 points, every man of whom had done "his damnedest."

EASTNEY.

Since our last report we have played five matches, winning one and losing four. Our opponents were United Services, lost, 4 pts. to 3 pts. H.M.S. "Resolution", won, 14 pts. to 6 pts. Duke of Wellington's Regt., lost 9 pts. to nil. R.F.C., Fareham, lost 21 pts. to 6pts., and H.M.S., "Fisgard" 1st XV., lost 15 pts to 6 pts.

Now that it is possible to play till 5.30 p.m., we hope to be able to field our full side for most matches.

The following have played for United Services, 1st XV.: Capt. Leech-Porter, Lieut. Warren, and 2nd Lieuts. Buckley, Penfold and Phillips.

DEAL.

So far we have only managed to play one match since the Christmas leave. We have had several fixtures down for decision, but these have been scratched or postponed for various causes.

On Wednesday, 6th February,we played the 2nd Worcestershire Regt. on tneir own ground, at Dover. It was a very hard game, which we lost by one goal and one try (8 points) to nil. We had several members of the team on the sick list, and were rather unsettled. We did not get together until near the end of the game.

A FOOTBALL EXCURSION TO CORUNNA.

As the result of an invitation from the Royal Club at Corunna, on Sunday, January 20th, 1924, a party of all ranks from the ships of the 1st B.S. at Villagarcia left that place for the purpose of playing the Royal Club at football. All arrangements were made by the club, all we had to do was to get there. Cars were to have been supplied, but owing to a misunderstanding our means of transport was a rather ancient-looking motor bus.

However, we squeezed into it and got away. Any of your readers who have experienced Spanish roads will tender us their sympathy. For the first twenty or so miles the road followed the river, and consisting chiefly of mud, and none too wide, it took us some time to feel really safe, but as we got along and nothing happened we settled down.

The most striking thing we noticed was the amount of work done by the women who carry almost marvellous weights upon their heads; in fact, they vie with the donkeys in carriage. The never-failing oxen supply the draught, and most amusing scenes, from our point of view at any rate, were witnessed by the efforts to get them out of the way. Our exhaust which seemed to be minus a silencer, may have had something to do with it. The countryside (at a distance) resembled any English landscape, but when one got to the houses (?) the resemblance ended. One required a great stretch of imagination to picture even an English pig living in some of them. This, of course, applies chiefly to those of the peasant class.

Our steed was proving very thirsty and numerous stops occurred for watering. These, in addition to our stopping to take up occasional passengers (although the bus was hired) did not tend to improve our prospects of getting to Corunna in time for the match, to say nothing of lunch. We had been timed to arrive at Corunna at about one, instead we arrived about 3.30. Some way out we were met by a couple of small cars which took the team on whilst we followed more leisurely in the bus.

Our arrival at the ground was signalled by the playing of "God Save the King" about four or five times over, followed by the Spanish National Anthem.

The ground bids fair to be quite a good one—it is still unfinished—and the pitch compares favourably with most English ones. Owing to the amount of rain which had fallen it was rather on the soft side, but in spite of this the game was quite fast. It was played in a clean and sportsmanlike manner, and was controlled by a Rugby player who had never before refereed, but he did not make a bad job of it.

It was twenty minutes before Mne. Hughes ("Malaya") put across a nice centre from the right which was met by the outside left, who gave the goalie no chance whatever. The game was still more in our favour now, and after a further quarter of an hour's play the second goal came, again from the right. Here again the goalkeeper hadn't an earthly. Both goalkeepers were playing a grand game, ours especially bringing off some sensational saves.

The local team played good football, the only fault being that they did not get the ball often enough. They were rather unfortunate in not scoring more than once, but I think our side held their hands somewhat so that altogether the final score, 2-0, could not be grumbled at.

The spectators were very impartial and quite good sportsmen, giving us more support possibly than their own side, but got so excited at one time during a siege of our goal that they swept from the stand in a wave, though they did not go on to the pitch.

Our return to the hotel was so late that the driver didn't care to take the bus back along the road in its present state; so arrangements were made for us to stop there the night. After having had dinner, which of course included a short speech from each side, we sallied forth to see as much of the place as was possible by electric light.

We had a fair night's sleep (few of us turned in before 2 a.m.) and rose about 8 a.m. After a breakfast of dry rolls and coffee we commenced our return journey. The day was fine, with a slight breeze; so some of us took advantage and rode on the top. A short stop at Santiago to take in something to eat on the way and we reached the ships at about 5 p.m. Monday. Our thanks are due to the Royal Club for an excellent time. Four Marines were in the party, of whom Mne. Odey was reserve and Mnes. Kemp and Hughes played and gave a good account of themselves.

E.A.D.

BOXING.

(BAND BOY NOVICES' CHAMPIONSHIPS).

Five Silver Cups (suitably engraved) have now been purchased from the General Fund, which are to be competed for annually by Boy Novices, under the five weights: Paper, fly, feather, bantam and light. The cups cannot be won outright, but will always remain the property of the School, the five winners, five runners-up and six good losers to receive medals.

A very fine boxing meeting was held in the Divisional Gymnasium on the evening of the 12th February, when the Finals and Semi-finals for these cups took place, and some exceptionally good fights were put up. The number of entries prove how keenly interested all the boys were in this competition, out of 150 boys serving at the School there were between 70 and 80 who entered their names and fought.

During the evening two very prominent boxers, namely Corpl. Downton and Corpl. Davey, R.M., gave some exhibition rounds which were much appreciated by all present.

After presenting the medals to the winners the Superintendent Major F. M. Bennett, R.M., remarked on the fine sporting

spirit which had always existed amongst the R.M. Band Service, and he hoped that such clean fighting and good sportsmanship which had been so pronounced throughout the evening would continue to be the rule at all future contests.

The winners were as follows:—

Paper-weight.—R.M.B./2977 E. J. Boorah (winner), R.M.B./2940 S. B. Hobbins (runner-up). Feather-weight.—R.M.B./2958 E. Goadby (winner), R.M.B./2936 W. S. Woods (runner-up). Light-weight.—R.M.B./2915 G. O. W. Hutty (winner), R.M.B./2816 W. H. Ruel (runner-up). Fly-weight.—R.M.B./2851 K. H. Theobald (winner), R.M.B./2976 W. G. E. Lloyd (runner-up). Bantam-weight.—R.M.B./2971 G. J. Styles (winner), R.M.B./2938 J. D. Lock (runner-up).

Band Boys P. W. Burnett, H. A. Davis, J. D. Lock, L. F. Sexton were awarded "good losers" medals.

THE CORPS BOXING MEETING.

This meeting is held about March every year at each of the Divisions in turn, and enables the Championship Trophy to be fought for and the best men selected to represent the Corps in the Inter-Services Meeting.

The 1924 meeting will be held at Deal, under the same conditions as in previous years. Each division enters a team divided into four classes, which are again divided into seven weights.

The classes are: Officers, open; men under 21 years of age; boys, under 17 years of age. From this it will be seen that all classes of boxers are catered for. The novice does not come up against the expert nor does a Bugler of 20 fight against a small boy of 15. During the actual fighting every man drawing a "bye" or winning his bout scores 2 points for his division, and every loser one point. The Division gaining the greatest number of points wins the Championship Trophy, which was presented by the officers of the 1st Reserve Battalion, R.M. There is also another smaller cup to be won by the Division which scores the greatest number of points from its entries of under 21 years of age. The Depot recruits compete as a Division for the latter cup, but the other ranks, over 21 years of age, serving at Deal, compete for their Division. The Championship Cup has been won:—

In 1919 by Plymouth; 1920 by Forton; 1921 by Forton; 1922 by Eastney; 1923 by Eastney (Eastney and Forton tying for the Young Soldiers' Cup).

Any N.C.O. or man who loses his fight but, in the opinion of the officials, in an exceptionally plucky manner is awarded a "Good Losers' Prize." These were won last year by Bugler Durling, Pte. Haverscroft, B. Boy Piesse, Bugler Mills.

There is always difficulty at Divisions to find sufficient N.C.O.s and men to form a complete team, and those men serving afloat or away from Headquarters should communicate with the P. and R.T. Officer of their Division should they wish to compete.

THE IMPERIAL SERVICES BOXING ASSOCIATION.

This Association which consists of representatives from each Service lays down the rules under which all Service boxing meetings shall be run. Annually they hold an inter-Service Boxing Competition known as the I.S.B.A. Meeting. Teams from the R.N., R.M., Army and R.A.F. compete to decide the champion service. Since this was instituted in 1922 the Army has won it each year.

Each member of the Corps team is given a badge with the Globe and Laurel embroidered on it in red, black and yellow; they also fight with the Corps colour, a green sash tied round their waist. The Corps team consisted of:—

1922: Capt. Shephard, Lieut. Sillitoe, Lieut. Hunt, Lieut. Rees, Sergt. Ring, Sergt. Braddock, Pte. Toudup, Act.-Sergt. Davey, Corporal Downton, Act.-Sergt. Cawthraw, Corporal Fort, Pte. Davies.

1923: Capt. Shephard, Lieut. Wooley, Lieut. Hayter, Lieut. Westcott, Cpl. Davey, Pte. Mottram, Pte. Piddock, Gnr. Hornsey, Cpl. Downton, Cpl. Hayes Bugler Coles, Cpl. Cawthraw.

HOCKEY.

DEAL.

The following matches have been played so far during the month of February:—

February 2nd, *v.* Chatham Div. R.M., won 3–1.
February 6th, *v.* Folkestone and District, draw 3–3.
February 13th, *v.* Wye College, lost 1–2.

SHOOTING.

ENGLISH MARINES VICTORS IN RIFLE MATCH

(Extract from the *Colorado Look Out.*)

Always in the midst of things, our Marines engaged in a rifle match last Thursday with the picked team of the English Marines, the team, in fact, which will represent the English in the Olympic games next summer. Our own marksmen have not had opportunity for practice since last May, while their opponents have been practising here for over a year, but in spite of this handicap and a difference in the English and American Bulls-eyes, the final score gave the English Marines a victory by only 666 to 606. First class Private L. Eldridge was presented with a silver spoon for excellency in marksmanship and we are proud of the men who represented the *Colorado* and their Corps with such credit.

R.M.R.A. NOTES.

The Committee have decided, with the approval of the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, that there shall be a Central Prize Meeting at Bisley, and Non-Central Meetings at Divisions, the Depot, and Ports. The final stages of the Competition for the Rifle VIII and the Revolver VIII will be held at Bisley during the week preceding the Meeting of the National Rifle Association, which takes place on 7th to 19th July. The Army Rifle Association, The Royal Air Force Rifle Association, and, probably, the Royal Navy Rifle Association will be holding their Meeting concurrently with the R.M.R.A.

The Team Matches will be decided at the Non-Central Meetings. The "Prince of Wales" Cup and the S.R. (*b*) Competition will be decided by Nominated Card Shoots, open to all ranks wherever serving.

Major C. Williams has been elected Captain of the Rifle VIII, for the second time; Major (Bt. Lt.-Col.) H. Ozanne, D.S.O., has been elected Captain of the Revolver VIII, in place of Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E. who is not available.

The Rules for 1924 are in the Printer's hands, and should be available for issue in March. Copies will be obtainable from the Instructors of Small Arms, Senior Officers R.M. at Home Ports, and the Honorary Secretary.

THE COLONEL TOLD THE ADJUTANT.

(Scene: *London during the Great War.*)

A.P.M. (stopping officer who is not wearing a Sam Brown Belt): "Sir, you are not in uniform."

Officer: "Sir, I must respectfully contradict you, I *am* in uniform."

A.P.M.: "You are not."

Officer: "May I ask in what respect I am not in uniform?"

A.P.M.: "You are not wearing a belt."

Officer: "I admit that that is so, but still I maintain I am in uniform."

A.P.M.: Please explain."

Officer: "Sir, I am not wearing a belt, because I am under open arrest."

A.P.M.: "Oh! Well. Why are you under open arrest."

Officer: "For not wearing a belt, Sir!"

THE WORLD CRUISE.

SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

Table Bay was reached early on 22nd December, the weather was thick, and nothing could be seen of Table Mountain till later. The light cruisers proceeded to berth alongside in the dock, "Hood" and "Repulse" anchoring in the bay. A very full programme of entertainments and festivities had been arranged by the good people of Cape Town and there is no doubt that the stay there was much enjoyed by all ranks and ratings. People were most hospitable and seemed to lay themselves out to make sure we had a happy Christmas. Probably the expedition which gave the most enjoyment was a motor drive of some 90 miles round the Cape peninsula, out by the new cliff road to Slangkop and back by Simonstown, Muizenberg, etc.

On 24th December, two battalions of seamen and one battalion of Marines made a ceremonial march through the streets of Cape Town and were well received, as was the beer provided for all ranks on return to the Docks by some kindly people! The R.M. Battalion was composed of a company each from the "Hood" and "Repulse" and a company from the light cruisers. Unfortunately "Dragon" received considerable damage to her stern while being moved in the docks and had to go round to Simonstown to be docked. Sports were held in great heat on Boxing Day, the tug-of-war being won by a R.M. team from "Hood."

In a boxing show on 27th December, Mne. Smith ("Repulse") and Mne. Penvarden ("Dauntless") won their bouts.

The light cruisers scored considerably over the big ships while at Cape Town, as for several days, owing to a "South Easter," communication with the ships in Table Bay was difficult if not actually impossible.

On 30th "Delhi," "Dauntless" and "Danae" left for Durban and, to judge by the crowds, largely composed of the fair sex who gathered on the piers to cheer and wave, the visit seemed to have been mutually appreciated, to say the least of it.

Durban was reached on New Year's Day and the ships proceeded alongside wharves. We were again greeted with a very full programme of entertainment which included receptions, race meetings, Zulu war dance, and a ball given by the Navy League and Boxing. In the latter, which was held at the Town Hall, we did particularly well and won every contest with the exception of one. Considering that they won all six-round contests fought out, that the heat was stifling, that our opponents all appeared to be "Champions" and that the recent hospitality of Cape Town was not best calculated to help training, our lads did very well indeed. Penvarden was the only Marine representative and won a very good fight against M. D. McCorkindale of Pretoria. The winners all received very handsome silver cups.

At Durban we were rejoined by the small party of officers and other ranks who had paid a visit to Buluwayo and the Victoria Falls at the invitation of the Rhodesian Government. They started from Cape Town and travelled some thousands of miles by train, visiting amongst other places Kimberley, Mafeking, the Victoria Falls (including a trip on the Zambesi), and after being royally entertained at Buluwayo returned to Durban via Johannesburg—better known as "Jo-burg." As some return for hospitality received the ships' companies of "Delhi" and "Dauntless" were "at home" one day at Cape Town and the "Danae"—which ship was literally swamped, at Durban. The officers of the light cruisers gave a dance on board "Delhi" and "Dauntless" (tied up alongside one another) at Durban, which, in spite of the heat, was a great success. A party of officers and men accompanied the Admiral to Pietermaritzburg, the capital of Natal. As an instance of the newness of everything in this colony, an officer who was being shown over the Maritzburg University asked how long it had been going. His host replied that he was not quite sure, but it had certainly been for a long time, as he had been six years in the Colony and it was going when he arrived! Several parties were taken out to see sugar mills. This was most interesting, the whole process from the crushing of the canes to the production of refined sugar being seen at the same mill. The intermediate stage of sending crude sugar to refineries appears to be obsolete, due to improved machinery; one mill seen turned out 60 tons of sugar every 24 hours for about 6 months in the year.

The light cruisers left Durban on 5th January, "Delhi" and "Dauntless" arrived at Mombasa, and "Danae" at Dar-es-Salaam on 12th. From Mombasa a large party of officers and men were taken by special train to Nairobi. Leaving Mombasa at 3 p.m., Nairobi was reached in time for breakfast next day. This party thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and nothing could exceed the kindness and hospitality of the people of Nairobi. Starting with an early morning dash into the country in motors to have shots at Hartebeeste, Impalla, etc., every form of sport and game was indulged in. Not much need be said of the result of the Cricket Match, Nairobi being much too strong, but our lads made a good show at boxing, Mne. Penvarden again winning his fight.

A small party of officers had got off the train at Simba, which is right in the middle of the game country, and had a most interesting time, living in the wild. Had the object been mere killing of game, a very large number of heads could have been had, but after shooting a few specimens of the commoner kinds, most of the time was taken in stalking the more wary eland or seeking for lion and buffalo in the dense bush by the rivers. Besides various forms of antelope, and, of course the ubiquitous zebra, giraffes, ostriches, hyena and a rhino were seen as well as numerous tracks of lion and buffalo and rhino and, in one case, elephant. Magnificent views of snow-capped Kilimanjaro were had. The whole party returned to Mombasa on the morning of the 17th and the Squadron sailed the same forenoon, meeting "Hood" and "Repulse," who came from Zanzibar, and "Danae" next day. We are now (24th) heading for Ceylon have passed the 8° Channel North of the Maldives and are due at Trincomali on the evening of 26th. "Dunedin" has just joined up, bringing the largest mail we have had since leaving England. A longish spell of tropical heat must be my excuse for a rather disjointed account of happenings.

J.M.S.

DUCK-NETTING IN JAPAN.

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Some years ago, when serving in a man-of-war in Japanese waters, it was my privilege to take part in a sport as exciting as it was novel. It consisted of netting wild duck on the wing.

This has been a pastime of the Emperors of Japan for many ages, and, as far as known, is confined to the Imperial domains.

There are two or three of these duck preserves in the country, the one I had the pleasure of visiting being situated about ten miles from Tokio.

In former days it was customary to attend these duck-netting parties in Court or full-dress, and I have met a retired naval officer who well remembers having taken part in one dressed in frock coat and cocked hat. Fortunately for us the dress on this occasion was optional, so, needless to say, cocked hats were not in evidence.

Our party, numbering about twenty British and Japanese, started off from Tokio in a long procession of rickshas, each drawn by two coolies. Except for a single halt, during which our ricksha men had a drink of native tea or cold water—certainly nothing more potent—I do not think we broke out of a steady run during the whole ten miles.

On reaching the duck grounds we were met by some Court officials. The head keeper with several assistants was also present.

The first thing impressed upon us was the imperative need for silence. As nothing was to take place for an hour or so, we were taken round the grounds and had the principles of duck-netting explained to us.

The whole place was laid out with the softest of green turf so that no sound of footsteps should disturb the wild-fowl. In the centre of these grounds was a large pond, where, judging by the noise, there must have been thousands of duck. The pond itself, however, was invisible, owing to a thick fringe of trees round the water's edge. Radiating from this central pond were a number of wet ditches, some 8 ft. or 10 ft. deep and 6 ft. wide, in each of which were a number of tame decoy duck. The latter are fed by a keeper daily, and their calls at feeding time soon attract the wild birds, which are thus enticed into these ditches.

Having been shown how the birds came to be there, the next thing was to secure them. We were first divided into parties of eight, and then turned over to the care of the head-keeper. Each was given a net somewhat resembling a prawning-net, but with a handle about 10 ft. long made of bamboo. These we were instructed to carry behind us as if about to make a cast with a fishing-rod, so that they should not protrude beyond the edge of the ditch.

At a signal from the keeper four of us crept along either side of the ditch, a few feet from the edge. We were thus facing one another across the ditch only three or four yards apart, each crouching low with his net held in readiness.

When the keeper saw all were prepared he clapped his hands. Immediately there arose a great quacking, and the air was full of birds, nets and much shouting. All our party, with the exception of two Japanese, were novices at this game, and whilst we were endeavouring to wield these clumsy nets, our expert friends were doing great execution.

When the duck had either been netted or had made good their escape from this first ditch—the whole affair was a matter of a few seconds only—a move was made to the next, a short distance away. After one or two ditches had been dealt with we novices began to get the hang of it, and managed to more or less hold our own. The Japanese next to me became so intensely excited, I remember, that, in his efforts to secure a big bag, he all but toppled me and the man on his other side into the water.

Netting these birds is not so easy as one might suppose, for, as everyone knows, the wild duck is very fleet on the wing and takes very little time to get up speed. Then a net only 2 ft. wide at the end of a 10 ft. pole is not the handiest of things to manipulate. Also, in addition to defeating the manœuvres of the bird, one had the other nets to compete with.

It was a case of everyone for himself, and there was no such thing as "poaching."

On making a catch one was supposed to swing one's net round behind, where an attendant was in readiness to remove and despatch the bird. The experts, however, were seldom content with one bird, but frequently netted two and even three at a time. A shipmate of mine standing opposite endeavoured to do the same, but his face was a study and his language unprintable when, on opening his net to catch a second bird, the one already bagged made off.

By far the greater number of these wild-fowl were teal, but occasionally a mallard would get up. Whether there are any grounds for this belief I cannot say, but it is generally supposed in Japan that if one of these mallard should succeed in getting back to the main pond it would give the show away.

So, to prevent this, a falconer is always in attendance with a falcon on his wrist ready to be launched at a moment's notice. I watched this bird at work, and it was marvellous the speed at which it selected its prey from among the teal and brought it to earth. As a reward for its prowess the falcon is always given the mallard's heart.

At the end of the day's sport the bag was counted and found to consist of 187 birds. These our Japanese hosts distributed among the party, and away we sped in rickshas at top speed for Tokio and our respective ships, which were lying off Yokohama.

Although we should probably have preferred a good day's wild-fowl shooting, we nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this ancient Japanese sport, and the Ward-room Mess testified to the excellence of Japanese teal at dinner that evening.

P.M.

The following dates of the various service Boxing Meetings are published for information :—R.M. Championships at Deal, on 3rd and 4th April ; R.N. and R.M. Championships at Plymouth, on 9th, 10th and 11th April ; I.S.B.A. Championships at Portsmouth, on 30th April, 1st and 2nd May.

A PAPER HUNT IN CHINA

The first paper hunt of the season took place in Shanghai on 24th November, 1923. The field included four officers from H.M.S. " Hawkins "—Lt.-Col. Darwell, a Lieutenant, R.N., and two Midshipmen.

Before proceeding to record their experiences it might be well to explain briefly what a Shanghai Paper Hunt is, in case some of your readers unacquainted with the Far East might picture a paper chase of their schoolboy days, slightly altered—to wit, rotund naval officers chasing a paper trail laid by the Detachment Bugler.

Paper hunts were first introduced into China from India, and have become one of the greatest sporting amusements in Shanghai.

The country round Shanghai is as flat as your hand, paddy fields and cotton, intersected with numerous creeks and ditches.

When the country is open, i.e., not until the end of November, the going is real rough riding over the ridge and furrow, with low mud ridges between the paddy fields. The first hunt of the season is always laid by the Master of the Hunt, and the paper trail is laid over a well reconnoitred course so as to provide as many obstacles as a China pony is capable, " or deemed capable," of competing with; should creeks be unfordable, and too broad to jump, platforms are constructed which consist of mud piers on each side of the creek, with a gap left between, the breadth of the pier only allowing of two ponies to jump at one and the same time, consequently a pony out of hand may cause disaster to his rider as well as numerous others.

Members of the hunt, and those of us who have ridden a China pony when his blood is up, know he takes some holding. The finish of the hunt is marked by two red flags, as a rule placed on the far side of a particularly nasty ditch, and it is here that the onlookers get their best laugh. Any competitor who fails to ride paper, and to successfully negotiate all obstacles it entails is disqualified, the hunt stewards see to this; false trails are laid, and checks arranged, but once the flags are sighted it is a wild race for home.

The competitor first home is entitled to his pink coat, a much coveted honour. The first six home are " on the card," or mentioned in despatches, i.e., in the official records of the hunt.

To hark back to the 24th November, at 3 p.m. precisely, a cavalcade of some hundred riders, mounted on all kinds of China ponies, were let loose on this trail. As the weather for three previous days had been dry and cold, the dust barrage put up obscured the first ditch to any but the foremost line, consequently the first jump produced the first casualties, including the naval lieutenant of the " Hawkins," who was seen with his new bowler hat badly dented—" it cost him 19 dollars, and this was its trial trip,"—bravely legging it among the mass of excited ponies, endeavouring to recover his steed, now galloping off to Central China. This being the first hunt, the course was approximately eight miles, including a noted jump " Clear Water," otherwise the jumps were not big, but quite sufficient to put well nigh 50 per cent. of the field " hors de combat." The remainder is told as follows:—

Myself, I was extremely fortunate to finish the course, so many distinguished members of the hunt " bit the dust," that I deemed the betting on my doing likewise was a hundred to one; at one time when riding back along a false trail with a pink-coated, top-hatted sportsman, and a hunt steward with a beautiful peak cap, we encountered a small bank, " but it had a double grip on the far side." My pony negotiated it, but not so this pink-coated gentleman and the hunting cap, they both got entangled in a most extraordinary toss. Fortune being with me, I arrived in the vicinity of the flags alone, riding a China pony, which for the first time in my experience was not pulling—he was beyond that, and I quite expected that the final obstacle, a ditch filled with black sog, would finish us both. The other side of the jump were the spectators shrieking with joy at the difficulties of a once pink-coated gentleman floundering in the ditch, but the little pony stuck it gamely, and to my great astonishment put us safely across. Up to this time I had been far from laughing, but now I laughed more than I had ever laughed in China, watching the efforts of the field. Midshipman Roberts was placed 5th, myself 6th, very much to the astonishment of the Master of the Hunt, who had mounted me, for as he candidly told me afterwards " I thought you would buy it at " Clear Water."

Just before leaving Shanghai on the 27th November, I was informed that an irate member of the hunt claimed to have come in 3rd. Whether this is true I know not—if it is, my name is expunged from the annals of the hunt. But " Maskee " all the same it was a most exciting and enjoyable experience. This is China at its best.

THE LATE GENERAL A. E. MARCHANT, C.B.

Bordighera, 24th Jan.

The remains of our much-loved brother officer were laid to rest this afternoon under the cypress trees in the beautiful cemetery at San Remo.

The ceremony was strictly private, and the small but representative gathering which followed his coffin, smothered in all the lovely spring flowers of the Riviera and covered by the Union Jack, included only his intimate friends who had come from all over the French and Italian Rivieras to pay this last sad tribute of affection and respect. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Penrose, Chaplain to the British Colony at San Remo, an old and valued friend of the deceased officer.

Major-General Sir A. Paris and Major F. J. Brett represented the Corps, Admiral W. B. Fisher, Surgeon-General Pearson and Captain Ogle, the Royal Navy, and General of Division Rosachir Luigi, the Italian Army. British military officers present included General Sir R. Adams, V.C., K.C.B. The Corps wreath was a lovely one of violets and carnations bound in the R.M.L.I. colours, and " Per Mare Per Terram."

F.J.B.

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Mrs. Marchant desires to express through these columns to all members of the Corps her heartfelt thanks for this beautiful wreath, which she will ever regard as an emblem of the great esteem in which her late husband was held by the Royal Marines.

CORRESPONDENCE.

H.M.S. Caradoc,
Monday, 11th February, 1922.

To the Editor *Globe and Laurel*,

Sir,—I visited various ships of the Fleet these last few days and it is the opinion of everybody that the Embarkations, Disembarkations and Promotions ought to be inserted.

And if this was so there would be more sale.

They all agree that the *Globe and Laurel* is improving, but success would be found if the above suggestion was carried out, as many men only take up the *Globe and Laurel* to see the whereabouts of their friends.

Wishing you every success, believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,
T. W. A. STANFORD,
Fleet Correspondent.

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39 Hornton Court, W.8.
4th February, 1924.

Dear Sir,—Could the artist who designed the excellent series of figures on the outer wrapper of the *G. and L.* give information as to when the Royal Marine Artillery changed their head-dress from Shako to Busby. I have recently seen at Parker's Print Shop in Berkeley Street an excellent print (among other Corps ones) of an R.M.A. Officer in blue coatee, gold epaulettes, and shako with *white* ball. Presumably the R.M.L.I. changed from white to green ball when made L.I. in 1855.

Did the Artillery do the same?

Yours faithfully,
W. T. ADAIR (General).

The Royal Marine Artillery changed from Shako to Busby on 25th September, 1862. The Royal Marine Light Infantry changed from white to green on 20th September, 1857, when the officers wore green plumes and the men green balls.

On this date the R.M.A. officers changed their white balls to white plumes.

In 1866 the officers wore balls instead of plumes, the R.M.A., white, and the R.M.L.I., green.—Ed., *G. and L.*

At Sea,
24th January, 1924.

Dear Mr. Editor.—I feel I really owe you an apology for attached,* I'm fully aware that it lacks all the refinements of composition, writing and possibly even spelling, but in this continuous state of perspiration one does not feel at one's best. All goes well, I saw Hickson the other day, going over with the R.A. to lunch in the "Hood" in the middle of the Indian Ocean! They had been well entertained at Zanzibar, but he had a fearful moan against the cricketers there for keeping them in the field in a blazing heat the whole afternoon and leaving no alternative to an uninteresting draw. We saw Prynne, Bacon and Smith (Dublin) at Cape Town and some fellows saw Bridges going very strong. I was disappointed not to hear any direct news of Pardoe, Archie Smith and Scott in Kenya, but the two former seemed to be going strong, from all accounts. Sayers (late Temp.-Lieut. in 1st R.M. Battalion, France) was much in evidence at Mombasa.

I was very lucky personally in being one of the four "big game hunters." We had two of the best big game hunters in Africa with us and the whole experience was most interesting. We led a pretty strenuous life and must all have lost a good deal of weight in the four days! Good luck.

Yours sincerely,
J. MACNAIR SMITH.

* The World Cruise.

"THE ADVANCE IN LINE."

Dear Mr. Editor,—It is often said that nothing ever happens in our Corps that has not happened before. The enclosed R.M.O. circular, dated April, 1873, exemplifies this. How many times since 1914 has not one heard the same instructions! From personal experience I can vouch that the advances in line were being carried out fifteen years later.

Among the same collection I found that it must have been an unpleasant experience to have been ordered from Deal or Chatham to Plymouth, as apparently they went to Gosport to await Government opportunity, *i.e.*, one of the small storeships that used to run between the home ports; it was only in 1876 that permission was given to send parties by rail.—Yours, etc.,

H.E.B.

"No. 1198/73. 19th April, 1873.

"Commanding Officers are directed to pay great attention to the Instructions contained in 'Formations for Attack on the Half-Battalion System,' which accompanies G.O.23 Drill—to practice officers and men in Battalion and Brigade at every opportunity in these formations.

"The D.A.G. points out that this loose drill (!) which the change in arm (*i.e.*, Martini-Henry) renders absolutely necessary entails increased care in the instruction and training of the men.

"He recommends that at the conclusion of a drill in these formations, one or two steady advances or retirements in line should be carried out with the utmost precision and accuracy.

"Also that frequent opportunities should be taken of drilling the Old Soldiers and Recruits in steady Company Drill, on which occasions he thinks it would be advantageous to perform 3 or 4 Sections of Company Drill in *Slow Time*.

"Every care must be taken to prevent the men *becoming unsteady*."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Trier (Chatham).—We have received your "effort of Rhyme,"—we use your own expression. We thank you, but regret we are unable to make use of it. Try again.

Clr.-Sergt. Fred. Walker (Curacoa).—Please see our Editorial in this number

"A By-Way of War."—If the writer will kindly disclose his identity (which will not be revealed), we shall be glad to publish his story.

MARRIAGE.

CAMERON—IRVINE.—On the 31st January, at the Church of St. Joseph and St. Teresa, Wells, by the Rev. Andrew Cameron, brother of the bridegroom, Colin John Norman, eldest son of the late Andrew Cameron, P.W.D., to Maud Andrée, widow of Major Gerard B. C. Irvine, IX Bhopal Infantry, and second daughter of General and Mrs. Wylde, of Edgarley Lodge, Glastonbury.

DEATHS.

CAIRNS.—On 25th December, 1923, at his home, 4, East Street, James Street, Edinburgh, Ply. 8829 Pte. John Cairns, pensioner, Royal Marines.

PIKE.—On the 7th February, at 8, Townsend Villas, Mannamean, Plymouth, Charles George, aged 47, violoncellist, formerly Band Sergeant, Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., and beloved husband of Lilian Pike.

THE TRAGIC ASPECT OF THE RECENT OPERATIONS IN THE NEAR EAST.

Although I have only been privileged to serve the Empire in a minor capacity, I have become acquainted with the human side of the political disturbances and semi-warfare which ended in the evacuation of Turkey.

In November last I arrived at the village of Gallipoli, and was struck by the number of caïques filled with refugees, fleeing from the Turk in Asia to the British on the European side of the Dardanelles.

One case, typical of thousands, came specially to my notice. A Greek family fled from Sebastopol to Turkey at the time of the Bolshevist menace, and after severe trials and privations in the Black Sea arrived in Asiatic Turkey, where they made a home in a small Turkish village. When the Greek force withdrew, however, they were again forced to move, and eventually arrived at the village of Gallipoli.

With the signing of the Convention at Mudania, this unhappy family were again compelled, with their entire family possessions, to travel beyond the Maritza River, suffering the greatest privations en route.

The pitiful side to these evacuations is the plight of the wretched people. I have seen them sitting for hours, and even days, with dejected faces and a hopeless air in the drenching rain and cold winds, waiting with a patience born of utter despair for the transport that not infrequently failed to arrive. Often disease, due to lack of sanitation, put an end to their misery. Their one desire is to avoid death by starvation on the one hand and the massacres which follow Turkish rule on the other.

Thousands of people at home sit comfortably in their armchairs by a cosy fire and casually read of the evacuation of such and such a place. Let them think of those unhappy people sitting upon the open quayside with their furniture piled up about them, who often prefer death to a life which can hold no further interest for them. Helpless and hopeless, they have to suffer degradation and privation because of the hatred of the Moslem for Christianity.

FRED MOXON, R.M.
73 Mess, H.M.S. "Centurion."

CARTOON.

The subject of our Cartoon in this number is Col.-Sergt. J. Ponsford, who commenced his boxing career by winning the Light-Weight Championship of the R.M. Depot in 1914. From this date till 1918, when he broke his arm at the Albert Hall, Ponsford has fought many of the best boxers in this country.

His chief victories were over such men as :—Jack Harrison (Middle-Weight Champion of England) ; Albert Scanlon (Australia) ; Sergt. Braddock, R.M. ; Sergt. McEnroy (Irish Guards); Sergt. Fullerton (Army and Navy Champion) ; Arthur Townley (went 9 rounds with "Bombardier" Wells) ; Liscomb ; Morland; Arthur Everdeen ; Tom McCormick.

He has won the Welter-Weight Championship (R.N. and R.M.) three times, was a finalist in the I.S.B.A. Championships, and N.S.C. Middle-weight Championships three times. Ponsford calculates that he has fought 115 contests, winning 98, drawing 7 and losing 1. He prides himself on never having been disqualified, and his chief advice to boxers is "Play the game, shake hands. Step back half a pace, step in with a left lead. If you go down, get up. If you can box, fight!"

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st January, 1924

Name	*Rank*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death*
Ansell, J.	Pte.	Forton	16921	10/1/24
Benoy, W. H.	Pte.	Ply.	27 Co.	28/1/24
Blackman, E.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	626	29/12/23
Bryant, A. W.	Pte.	Chat.	1216	1/1/24
Coid, J.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	16 Co.	11/1/24
Cook, G.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	1406	30/1/24
Cairns, J.	Pte.	Ply.	8879	25/12/23
Clouter, A. H.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	1398	24/1/24
Court, G.	Pte.	Ply.	271	10/1/24
Downs, T.	Sgt.	Ply.	30	27/1/24
Flower, W.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	73	29/1/24
Harrison, G.	Sgt.	Walmer	13564	1/1/24
Harrison, H.	Clr.-Sgt.	Ply.	1404	13/12/23
Heardin, J.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	1st Co.	8/1/24
Hemborow, W.	Pte.	Ply.	39 Co.	2/1/24
Hooper, S.	Pte.	Chat.	363	15/1/24
Jackson, T.	Pte.	Ports.	2442	18/1/24
Jones, E.	Pte.	Chat.	11690	16/1/24
Manton, J. H.	Cpl.	R.M.A.		25/12/23
Matthews, W. A.	Pte.	Ports.	259	15/1/24
Mullins, G.	Pte.	Ports.	6392	14/1/24
Owens, A.	Pte.	Ports.	7334	3/1/24
Peddie, W. H.	Hos. St. Sgt.	Depot	53	10/12/23
Rowland, A.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	5349	1/1/24
Short, P. C.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	10647	16/1/24
Smith, G.	Pte.	Chat.	83	4/1/24
Walley, W. J.	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	4391	25/1/24
Webber, F.	Pte.	Chat.	15019	14/1/24

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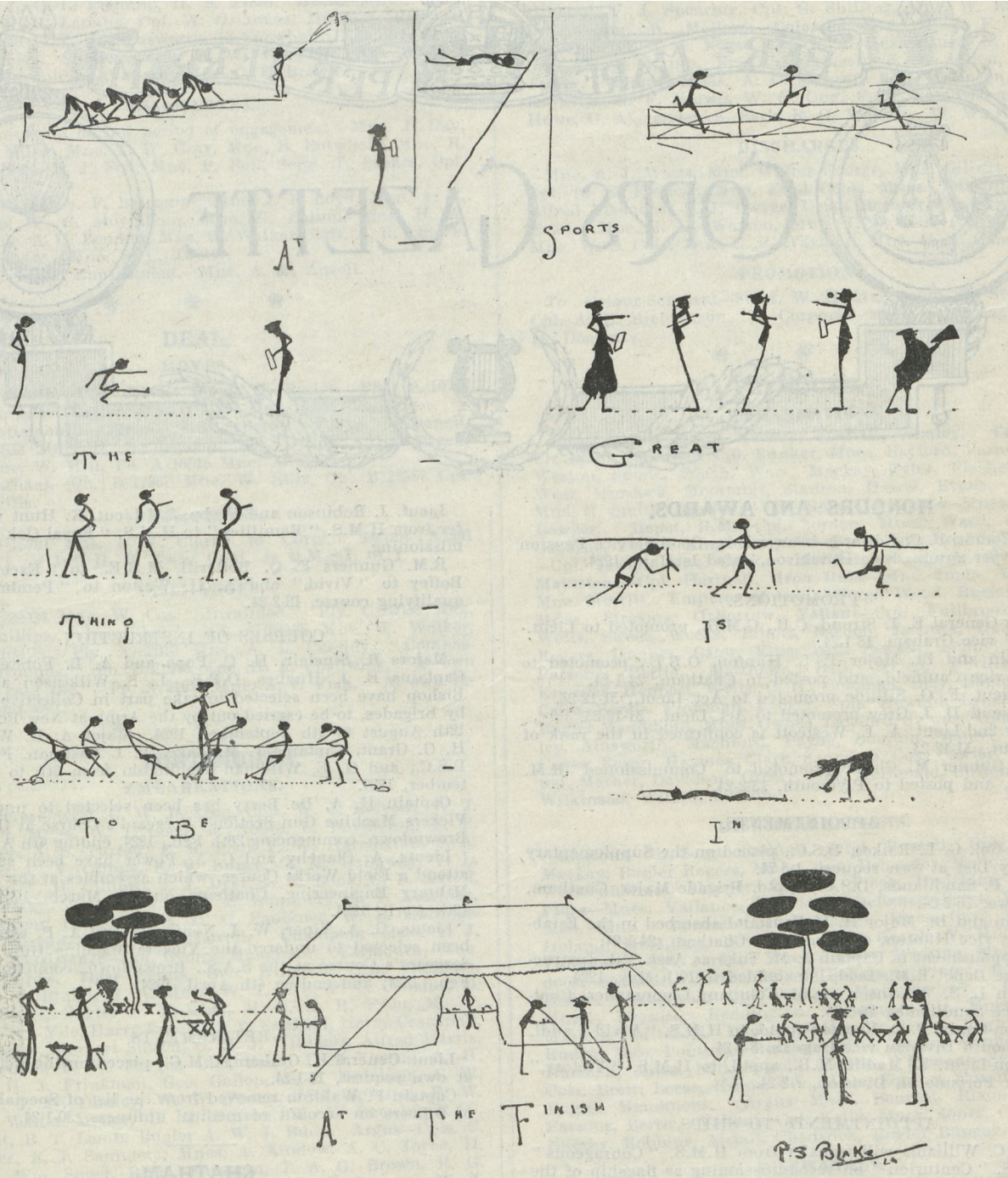
M. FILMER-BENNETT, Major, Hon. Sec. R.M.R.A.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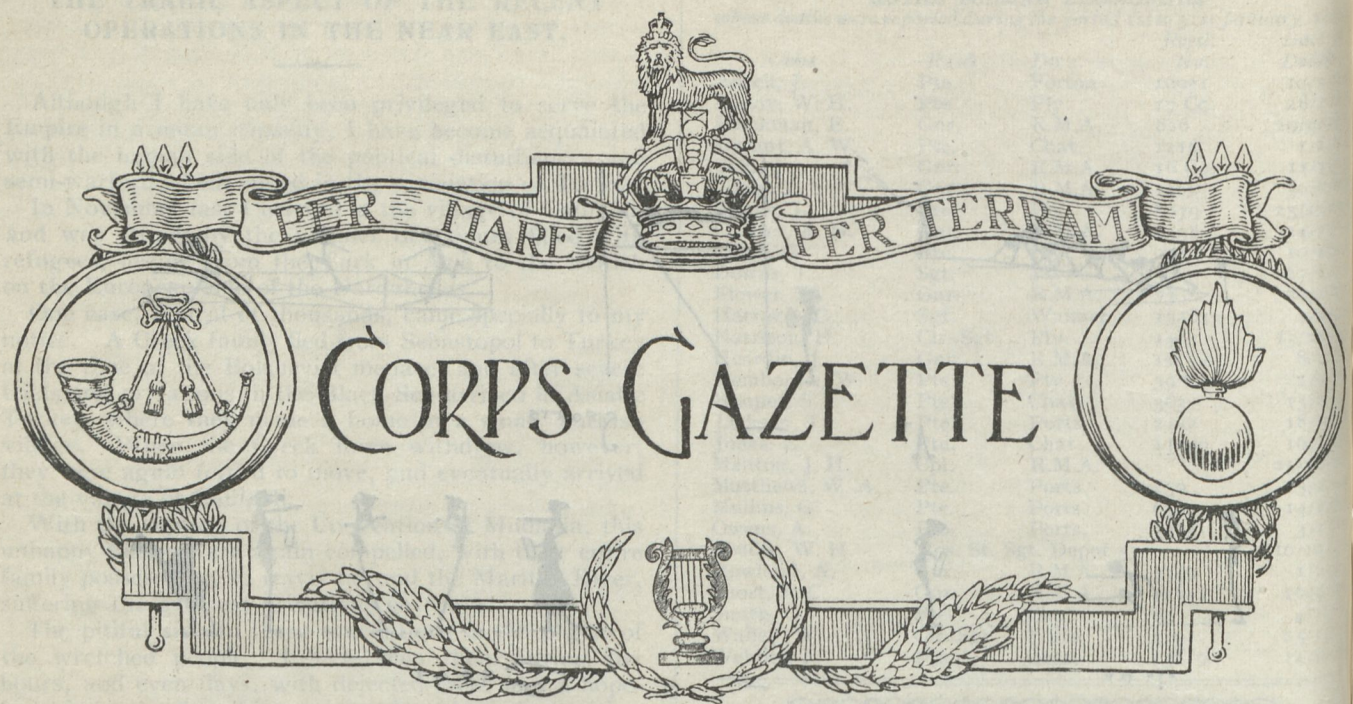

CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

Col.-Comdt. F. C. Edwards is awarded a Good Service Pension of £150 per annum, vice Hutchison, dated 1st Jan., 1924.

PROMOTIONS.

Major-General E. J. Stroud, C.B., C.M.G., promoted to Lieut.-General vice Graham, 16-1-24.

Captain and Bt. Major T. L. Hunton, O.B.E., promoted to Major, vice Caulfield, and posted to Chatham, 24-1-24.

2nd-Lieut. F. G. Sillitoe promoted to Act.-Lieut., 31-12-23.

2nd-Lieut. D. J. Grey promoted to Act.-Lieut., 31-12-23.

Proby 2nd-Lieut. A. E. Westcott is confirmed in the rank of 2nd-Lieut., 31-12-23.

R.M. Gunner M. Clarke promoted to Commissioned R.M. Gunner, and posted to Plymouth, 13-2-24.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut.-Col. G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., placed on the Supplementary Half-Pay List at own request, 1-3-24.

Major P. Sandilands, D.S.O., apptd. Brigade Major, Chatham, vice Powe, 26-2-24.

Captain and Bt. Major H. McCausland absorbed in the Establishment vice Hunton, and posted to Chatham, 24-1-24.

The appointment of Captain J. M. Tuke as Asst. Mil. Instructor at the Depot R.M., Deal, is extended to 10th May, 1924.

Captain L. S. Wilkinson apptd. Company Commander, Chatham, vice Sandilands, 26-2-24.

Surgeon-Cmdr. P. D. Ramsay apptd. to H.M.S. "Vivid" addl. for Plymouth Division vice Duncan, 6-3-24.

Surgeon-Lieut. T. Madill, M.B., apptd. to H.M.S. "Victory," addl. for Portsmouth Division, 7-2-24.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major C. Williams will transfer from H.M.S. "Courageous" to H.M.S. "Centurion" on recommissioning as flagship of the V.A.C.R.F.

Major R. Lough, D.S.O., O.B.E., will transfer from "Southampton" to "Chatham" on commissioning.

Captain W. F. Fawckner will transfer from H.M.S. "Ramillies" to H.M.S. "Royal Oak" on commissioning.

Lieut. T. J. Hall to H.M.S. "Emperor of India" vice Lieut. B. Baseby, D.S.O., invalided home.

Lieut. R. M. Gumm to H.M.S. "Concord" on commissioning.

Lieut. J. Robinson and Proby. 2nd-Lieut. K. Hunt will transfer from H.M.S. "Ramillies" to H.M.S. "Royal Oak" on commissioning.

R.M. Gunners F. O. Botterill, M.B.E., to "Excellent," T. Boffey to "Vivid," and A. H. Walton to "Pembroke" for qualifying course, 13-2-24.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Majors R. Sinclair, H. C. Pope and A. L. Forster, D.S.O., Captains E. J. Hughes, O.B.E., L. S. Wilkinson and E. L. Bishop have been selected to take part in Collective Training by Brigades, to be carried out by the Army at New Forest from 12th August to 6th September, 1924. Major A. D. Welch and H. G. Grant, Captains J. M. Tuke, N. I. Eastman, F. C. Law, D.S.C., and G. E. Wildman-Lushington from 8th to 20th September, 1924.

Captain H. A. De Berry has been selected to undergo the Vickers Machine Gun Section's Sergeant's Course at the S.A.S., Browndown, commencing 26th Feb., 1924, ending 4th April, 1924.

Lieuts. A. Clanchy and C. A. Power have been selected to attend a Field Works Course, which assembles at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, on 5th March, 1924, ending 16th April, 1924.

Lieuts. G. A. Viner, W. I. Nonweiler and A. P. Gumm have been selected to undergo the Vickers Machine Gun Section's Sergeant's Course at the S.A.S., Browndown, commencing 26th Feb., 1924, and ending 4th April, 1924.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut.-General H. Graham, C.M.G., placed on the Retired List at own request, 16-1-24.

Captain F. Waldron removed from the list of Special Reserve of Officers on account of medical unfitness, 30-1-24.

CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

Calliope—Mnes. H. A. Hayden, R. A. Harvey. **Hecla**—Cpl. W. F. Ings, Mnes. A. J. Chiverton, G. H. Turner, Gladwin. **Shotley T.E.**—Mne. E. W. Henson. **Endeavour**—Mne. W. G. King. **President**—Mne. G. Massee, G. Angel. **Vulcan**—Mne. H. B. Parks. **Marlborough**—Sergt. G. Rogers, Buglr. W. F. Timmins. **Egmont**—Sergt. E. J. Flaherty.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Royal Sovereign—Mne. J. S. Thorpe. **Benbow**—Sergt. T. Barwell. **Calliope**—Mne. E. L. Barker, H. Donophy.... **President**—Mnes. J. Hounsome, G. Massee. **Hawkins**—Cpl. V. G. Moyniham. **Flora**—Mne. W. R Devereux. **Thunderer**—Mnes. J. W. Holbrow, E. O. Scragge, C. C. Marley, A. P. Anderson, E. Edser, H. T. Giddings, S. A. Stringer, C. E. Askman, H. J. Channon, L. C. F. Fleming, H. B. Allen. **Hecla**—Mnes. G. E. L. Long, G. R. Laming, Cpl. W. G. Jones, Mnes. A. Badrick. **Argus**—Mne. C. T. Hollingsworth, E. Snowball. **Egmont**—Mne. G. W. Smith. **Shotley**—Mne. Z. W. Kingdon. **Ark Royal**—Mne. W. Reynoldsy. **Valiant**—Mne. C. E. Brown.

DISCHARGES.

On termination of 2nd period of engagement.—Mne. J. Day, Sergt. G. Milne, Mne. T. W. Gray, Mne. E. Entwistle, Mne. R. Tharme, Mne. E. J. Fox, Mne. P. Bell, Sergt. T. Brakes, Cpl. W. Hole.

Invalided.—Mne. F. Balcombe, Mne, J. J. Boyd, Mne. A. R. Gates, Cpl. V. G. Moyniham, Mne. N. Bolton, Mne. H. A. Smith, Mne. A. G. Bennett, Mne. W. Walker, Bglr. A. R. Affleck.

By Purchase.—Mne. R. C. Taylor.

First Period of Engagement.—Mne. A. M. Ansell.

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DEAL.

MOVES.

To Plymouth.—Ply. C/14814 Sergt. H. Rudge, Ply. A/10700 Clr.-Sergt. J. W. Taylor, Ply. D/21257 Mne. A. H. Ponting.

To Portsmouth.—Ply. A/21831 Sergt. F. A. Peasnell, Po. B/21532 Mne. H. A. Diment, Ply. D/Cpl. A. C. Mizen, Po. B/Mne. W. Hill, Po. A/15515 Mne. A. Brown.

To Chatham.—Ch. B/17967 Mne. W. Ellis, Ch. B/23557 Cpl. W. H. Wills.

PROMOTIONS.

Ply. D/15781 Mne. L. V. Clarke to Corpl. Depot A/591 A/Q.M.S.I. of Inf. G. R. Twist Conf. as Q.M.S.I. of I.

DISCHARGES.

Ply. C/22034 Mne. W. Cox "Invalided." Ply. C/22038 Mne. A. J. Phillips, "Invalided." Ch. C/24185 Mne. W. Walker, "Invalided." Ply. A/22010 Mne. A. L. Cassidy, "Compassionate grounds." Po. B/21946 Mne. H. A. Chadwick, "At own request, paid £48." Po. A/21810 Mne. A. I. Fish, "At own request, paid £40."

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PORTSMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Thunderer—Sergt. C. W. Jackson, Cpls. W. C. Rideout, W. J. Desmond, Mnes. W. J. Coen, E. Noble, L. Bovington, F. P. Woolridge, A. S. Turner, E. R. Pool, F. W. Harrington, S. A. Plummer, C. V. Cripps, E. V. Bunce, G. M. Dallaway, V. L. Coleman, W. H. Clifford, J. J. Dyer, J. R. Bone, C. F. Axtell, J. E. Livesay, W. E. Howard, J. E. Rummery, A. T. Aldridge, C. F. Puryer, H. Gomer, A. H. C. Faulkner, W. E. Hollingsworth. **Dryad**—Mne. C. C. Lovell. **Champion**—Mne. T. J. Pearce. **Assistance**—Cpl. George Maughan. **Yarmouth**—Mne. A. A. Cripps. **Tiger**—Sergts. Geo. Hillman, Geo. Vaughan, Cpls. W. J. Brand, H. A. Moss, W. T. Hill, P. C. Couzins, D. J. Treadwell, Bugler A. J. King, Mnes. A. R. Fydo, M. W. Long, W. H. Vile, Harry Fuller, R. T. England, Harry Cracknell, G. S. Pasley, Herbert Sutton, C. H. J. Williams, Alfred Harris, E. Bosworth, F. W. Harris, Dick Fenn, I. M. Currie, A. H. Ansell, H. J. Frinkman, Geo. Gallop, A. E. Hutchins, A. W. Blacker, J. W. Dudley, W. W. Power, J. J. Spinner, F. W. Smith, Walter Mellor, H. G. Peason, W. F. Snewin, F. C. Sergeant, B. T. Lamb, Bugler A. W. J. Budd. **Argus**—Cpls. C. S. Meyer, E. J. Saunders, Mnes. A. Aindow, A. C. Joyce, H. Barrett, Wm. Soper, R. H. Foreman, T. A. G. Brown, R. G. Wright, F. W. G. Maton, F. C. Arnold, F. C. Parsons, W. J. Court, Chas. Pithers. **Dryad**—Mne. J. H. D. Adkins. **Dolphin**—Mnes. G. Watt, G. J. Darbyshire, L. L. Lloyd, G. A. Combes. **Benbow**—Cpl. W. Ashworth. **Egmont**—Sergt. M. Young, Mnes. H. L. Wakeling, H. A. F. Lamb. **Dolphin**—R. E. Norton. **Yarmouth**—Mne. G. Hamp. **Tiger**—Sergt. R. Bailey, Mnes. R. Pierce, L. G. Moore, F. McKinley, W. E. Morris, J. W. Marshall, Fredk. Ormston, L. G. R. B. Pierre, C. G. Williams, Lewis May, W. G. Beer, P. C. Platt, W. T. Cornwall, J. R. Walker, G. S. Illedge, L. E. Walls, C. W. Haycock, F. L. Broadwater, S. Bark, Albert Smith, A. C. Denyer, R. G. Wakeley, J. N. Morrow, R. W. M. Lauder, H. C. Sparrow.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Dolphin—Cpl. W. C. Eames. **Assistance**—Bugler A. A. Cripps. **Champion**—Mne. M. M. L. J. Chisham. **Thunderer**—Sergts. R. Hibberd, V. J. Spearing, Cpl. G. Shilling, Mne. W. Eastman. **Dryad**—Mne. W. Mellor. **Colombo**—Mne. H. J. F. Brown. **Argus**—Sergt. G. A. Nurse, Cpl. E. A. Hext, Mnes. R. E. Norton, George Hamp, Frank Higginson, S. W. Allen, W. G. Taylor. **Valiant**—Mnes. A. C. Denyer, Wm. Atkinson, C. W. Haycock, N. F. Brown, W. G. Ong, F. L. Broadwater, J. W. Howe, G. Alexander, S. Bark, R. G. Wakeley, W. W. Wheaton.

DISCHARGES.

Mne. A. J. Watts, Mne. Walter George, Mne. Gilbert Dennis, Cpl. A. E. Francis, Mne. Fred Cook, Mnes. Edward Evans, Alfred Yeomans, E. J. Dwyer, Uriah Bostock, Clr.-Sergt. J. F. Evans, Mne. J. G. Warren, Mne. J. C. Hill ("Diomede"), Mne. W. S. Cole, Mne. C. F. Wayman, Mne. H. A. Chadwick.

PROMOTIONS.

To Colour-Sergeant—Sergt. W. H. Heighway. To Sergeant—Cpl. A. B. Richardson. To Corporal—Mnes. S. E. Jaggard, A. H. Docherty.

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PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Impregnable—Mnes. Mackay, Foxhall, Whaley. **Colossus**—Clr.-Sergt. Saunders, Cpl. Bunker, Mnes. Bayford, Varney, Hole, Weston, Smale, Smith, Ware, Mackay, Tyler, Flashett, Ellis, West, Murdock, Moorcroft, Stanton, Harris, Evans. **Flora**—Mne. G. Smith. **Glorious**—Cpl. Ronan. **Defiance**—Mnes. Forder, Bowyer. **Depot, R.M.**—Cpl. Jordan, Mnes. Ward, Goddard, Osborne, Young. **King George V.**—Mnes. Tate, Brown. **Woolwich**—Cpl. Jewell, Mne. Cook. **Marlborough**—Sergt. Jenkinson. **Maidstone**—Cpl. Hartnell. **Iron Duke**—Mne. Ingle. **Caradoc**—Mne. Merritt. **Emperor of India**—Sergt. Wood, Bugler Rogers, Mnes. Streams, Oxborrow. **Valiant**—Cpl. Fullbrook, Mnes. Wells, Sweet, Weeks, Elliott, Bardon, Jacques, Heath, Ash, Rogers, Hughes, Cater, Ellis, Hill, Sewell, Bennett, Rixon, Parsons, Bertie,, Matthews, Ball, Welsh, Deville, Clark, Knowles, Henbest, Wells, C. H., Coleman, Blay, Bugler Taylor. **Cairo**—Sergts. Plowman, Ledger, Cpls. Howard, Lynch, Ronan, Bugler Maudmont, Mnes. Ownes, Lawford, Stewart, Gould, Bradley, Ainsworth, Mashford, Payne, Boulton, Winter, Parsons, Capes, Bevan, Haymes, Clark, Saunders, Cox, Cowley, Brassington, Mather, Davidson, Gresty, Pow, McDonald, Clifton, Stainer, Wilkinson, Wilkes, Luxton.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Glorious—Clr.-Sergt. Radford, Sergt. Russell, Cpls. Ronan, Mackay, Bugler Rogers, Mnes. Tait, Dempster, Mallows, Bould, Wolstenholmes, Skipper, Lyndon, Fleck, Hodgkins, Wheeler. **Flora**—Mnes. Vallance, Sandford. **Defiance**—Sergt. Waddling, Mne. Ellis. **Thistle**—Cpl. McMaster, Mnes. Cose, Sheppard, Ireland, McMillan, Dowden. **King George V**—Mne. Guppy. **Thunderer**—Cpl. Jordan, Mnes. Lavers, Whiting, McKay, Murdock, Shemeld, Harris, Green, Robinson, Pierce, Ball, Field, Billett. **Woolwich**—Cpl. O'Brien, Mne. Pudner. **Diomede**—Mnes. Drewitt, Reddington. **Impregnable**—Mnes, Rowe, Masters, Mitchell. **Depot, R.M.**—Clr.-Sergt. Taylor, Sergt. Rudge, Mne. Ponting. **Revenge**—Mne. Jones. **Yarmouth**—Cpl. Hartnell, Mnes. Hill, Sewell, Clowes. **Egmont**—Sergt. Ford, Cpls. Brett, Leese, Evans, Fry, Mnes. Squires, Cunliffe, Mears, Bugler Maudmont. **Argus**—Mnes. Bennett, Rixon, Watson, Parsons, Bertie. **Valiant**—Cpl. Kelly, Mnes. Jones, Cobley, H., Ellerby, Robbins, Alstaff, Chadwick, Bugler Bungay.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Mnes. C. Blake, T. Sephton and W. Turner.

Invalided.—Mnes. J. Dugdale and D. Jones, — F. Lapthorn.

Purchase.—Mne. B. Dyer.

PROMOTIONS.

Mne. McKeag to Corporal; Cpl. H. Whittingham to Sergeant; Clr.-Sergt. J. W. Taylor to C.S.M. "A" Company.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKATIONS.

Victory (C. in C.)—Musns. Gordon Letts and W. H. G. Harris. **Impregnable** (T.S.)—Musns. H. G. Rule....**Victory** (R.N.B.)—Musns. Fredk. Brown and Wm. Green. **Tiger**—Bandmaster 2nd Class, Fredk. Higgins, Band-Corpl. Wm. Walsham, Musns. A. C. Jennings, A. E. Burtt, R. H. Walker, H. A. Brydges, Alfred Simpson, Charles Hayward, J. W. H. Ferry, Richard Wicker, W. G. C. Rich, Albert Charlesworth, George Jepp, H. F. D. Broughton, Wm. Lang.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Victory (C. in C.)—Musns. A. E. Williams, E. W. Thomas. **Victory** (R.N.B.)—Musns. A. E. Sneath and G. W. L. Purnell. **Impregnable** (T.S.)—Musns. G. C. Pegrum. **Lowestoft**—Bandmaster 1st class W. J. Papworth, Band-Corpl. G. A. Jones, Musns. George Webb, W. T. S. Latter, Samuel Bray, G. A. Alcock, L. S. Roberts, Edwin Yarnold, H. G. Smith, P. J. Garton, Leonard Knight, Joseph Costigan, F. T. Howell, George Moody, and S. G. Walkiden.

DISCHARGES.

Musn. W. H. Boobier, "Invalided."

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys W. A. F. Pilton and H. A. Leach to Musicians.

RE-ENLISTMENTS.

Musician M. A. Kirk has re-enlisted.

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ORDER OF SENIORITY OF SERGEANTS AND CORPORALS.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

Sergeants.—14219 C. H. Spinner, 13983 J. Mumford, 12373 F. Chapman, 14312 F. J. Oakes, 14866 R. M. Yea, 14519 G. Peberdy, 14568 S. J. March.

Corporals.—14867 N. V. Bishop, 13231 W. Dickman, 14995 G. Oliver, 21887 H. J. Leese, 13736 F. C. Gill, 10321 W. J. C. Osborne, 13192 A. J. Hooper.

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R.N.S.M. SENIORITY LIST.

Bandmasters, 2nd Class (qualified for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class).—R.M.B./29 A. W. Sharpe, R.M.B./436 John Whittaker, R.M.M./789 John Allen, R.M.B./665 H. E. Hardy, R.M.B./1237 C. T. Ship, R.M.B./38 R. W. Jenkins.

Band Corporals (qualified for promotion to Bandmaster, 2nd Class).—R.M.B./1158 J. W. Relph, R.M.B./1129 David Pitthouse, R.M.B./1475 Sidney Dennis, R.M.B./1249 S. A. Howse, R.M.B./848 E. W. Donne, R.M.B./1510* George Winsor.

* In the present promotion class.

Musicians (qualified for promotion to Band-Corporal).—R.M.B./820 T. H. Lawrence, R.M.B./1742 W. H. Tibble, R.M.B./334 Wm. Knight, R.M.B./1350 G. J. Maulkin, R.M.B./670* E. T. Evered, R.M.B./2056 H. W. Ford.

* To obtain 2nd Class School Certificate before being promoted.

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1923				1923			
1st Jan. By balance brought fwd.	14	5	3½	7th May. Expenses of Boxing Meeting, per Captain Shepherd ...	4	2	0
13th Apl. By proceeds of Boxing Meeting	24	12	3	Balance:			
18th Sept. By donation, R.N. and R.M. Boxing Association	50	0	0	Deposit Account ...	50	0	0
31st Dec. By interest on Deposit Account	0	5	7	Cash at Bank	35	1	0
				Cash in hand	0	0	1½
	89	3	1½		89	3	1½

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Approved:

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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.

Major Gowney's letter in this month's correspondence will be read with much interest by all followers of Corps Football. The idea of a Divisional Football Championship is, we believe, not altogether novel—the fact that it has never materialised is due not entirely to financial reasons, but in a large measure to the difficulty of fitting the Competition in to fixture lists already full to overflowing. We can recall no one in the Corps whose knowledge of the management of football teams and competitions can equal that of Major Gowney and if he is convinced, as he apparently is, that the difficulties and objections can be surmounted, his wide experience entitles him to the active support and co-operation of our football enthusiasts, unless they can show conclusively that his project is impracticable. A ready response now would enable a competition to be organised in time for the next Football Season.

Another letter in this number which we are pleased to have received is that from Lieut. Moxham. His testimony as to the increasing popularity of our Cartoons is most satisfactory; but with regard to his statement that the circulation has doubled in two months we must make it clear that this refers only to the circulation in H.M.S. "Resolution." We wish it were otherwise and we trust that the excellent example set by the "Resolution" may be quickly followed. We wonder if Readers of this Journal realize how unutterably bored we are becoming with this question of circulation! Far more so than they are, we can assure them, for they can skip our vapourings, while we, in observance of our vow when we took over the Editorship, must continue to peg away until we achieve something really substantial.

We confess we are beginning to be a little disheartened. Take for instance the number of copies supplied to Divisions. They are—

Chatham	74
Portsmouth (including R.N.S. of Music)	50
Plymouth	77
Deal	75

and some of these are returned to us unsold! These figures do not, of course, include the number taken by the officers of the Corps, who, with few exceptions, are individual subscribers. We know the paper is read, and widely read, at Divisions—in Recreation Rooms, Canteens and Messes, from whom we gratefully receive, on occasions, generous donations; but the fact remains that **individual N.C.O's and men at Headquarters do not support the paper.** Why? We believe there are hundreds of men who would be willing to expend *3d. per month* on the Corps Journal if only some simple system of contribution could be devised.

May we suggest to Presidents of Messes and Clubs that if they would interest themselves to the extent of keeping a list of subscribers who agree to be charged for the Journal monthly in their mess accounts they would be giving us a good start on the road to our objective. Will they help us? If they cannot, will they write and tell us why?

The Corps has lost the services of another senior officer in the person of Lieut.-Colonel Luard, whose retirement at his own request was announced in February. Until about eighteen months ago he was Editor

of this Journal in which he has not ceased to take the keenest interest. Our Readers will join with us in wishing him long life and happiness in his new surroundings and in assuring him that his work for the welfare of " The Globe and Laurel " is not forgotten.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

General Sir William Adair, Hon. Colonel-Commandant of the Chatham Division, attended the Levée at St. James' Palace, on 11th March. The following officers were presented to His Majesty on this occasion :—Gen. Sir Herbert Blumberg, Lieut.-Genl. E. Stroud and Col. Commandant G. Mullins. Col-Commandant Picton Phillipps was present on duty as one of the A.D.C.'s in waiting.

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We have seldom witnessed more vigorous tackling than that displayed in the Army and Navy Rugby match this year. We might add that in this department of the game Mne. Gardner appeared to more than hold his own.

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In the annual Hockey Match, Army *versus* Navy, the Corps was represented by Major Brooks and Lieut. O' Donnell. The latter is reported to have given a magnificent display in goal; but for him the defeat of the Navy by 2 goals to 1 would have been far more severe. Capt. Congden was unable to play in this match owing to an injury.

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Our hearty congratulations to Major R. A. D. Brooks on being " capped " for England. He is lucky to have played in the Irish game, for it is regarded in the hockey world as **the** match of the season.

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The Journal of the R.A.S.C., reporting a shooting match between the Royal Marines of the Special Service Squadron and the Garrison of Sierra Leone, pays a tribute to the prowess of our men in these terms: " The shooting competition was very keenly contested, and was eventually won by the Royal Marines by four points, the Garrison taking second place. Considering the fact that members of the winning team were scoring 18 out of 20 at 600 yards, and this at 20 minutes to six in the evening, we came away from this contest considering ourselves very fortunate to get the place we did. (Darkness sets in at 6 p.m. every evening of the year at Sierra Leone.)"

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Congratulations to Sergeant Lawrence (Ports. Div.), on having captained the R.N. and R.M. Football Team on several occasions lately. Mne. Rowbotham (Chatham Div.), secured a place in the side in the match against the Corinthians.

CARTOON.

We much regret the absence of a Cartoon in this number. It is due to the fact that our artist has recently undergone a serious operation, and although he hoped to have been able to finish the picture in time for this number, he finds himself at the moment of going to Press unable to do so. He is, however, well on the road to complete recovery and we fully expect to resume this popular feature in our next number.

INSPECTION OF THE PLYMOUTH DIVISION BY THE HONORARY COLONEL-COMMANDANT.

On the 13th March, General Sir Charles Trotman, K.C.B., made his first inspection of the Plymouth Division since his appointment as its Honorary Colonel-Commandant.

A battalion of four companies under Lt.-Col. C. D'O. Harmar, D.S.O., with Major L. Norcock second in command and Captain and Adjutant N. K. Jolley, was drawn up in line facing the Main Gate; Lieut. N. Lennox and 2nd-Lt. R. D. Edmondson carried the King's Colour and Regimental Colour respectively.

After the general salute the inspecting officer walked down the ranks of the Battalion, accompanied by Col.-Commandant G. J. H. Mullins, C.B., A.D.C., and then across the Parade to the line of officers drawn up opposite the Pay Office, under Col. H. D. O'Sullivan, C.B.E. The Officers of the Division having been introduced and dismissed, the Battalion then marched past in column, being followed closely by a strong party of Pensioners whose erect carriage and steadiness attracted particular attention. The Battalion returned in close column and then formed line and advanced in review order. Close column was then formed at the North end of the Parade.

General Trotman, addressing the battalion, said His Majesty the King had thought fit to confer upon him the great honour of being Honorary Colonel-Commandant of that Division—a privilege which he deeply appreciated. He joined that Division in 1882, and its welfare had always been to him a great consideration. He remembered in 1882 the battalion coming back after the Battle of Tel-el-Kebir, and in 1884-5 he was with the Battalion in the Soudan.

Those were the old days, when the discipline was very hard and stern, and the men were looked after very differently from the way they were now. During the Great War, when all ranks went to various parts of the world, afloat and ashore, the old spirit of the Royal Marines had a marked effect, and the way they did their duty during the war won the admiration of admirals and captains.

His own personal connection with the Royal Marines during the war was on shore, where he had the honour to command the Royal Marine Brigade that went to Gallipoli, which included the Plymouth Battalion and many pensioners, as well as young men specially enlisted for the war.

They had continuously hard work, and the manner in which the pensioners did their duty enabled the Battalion to carry on as it did. He hoped the young men of today would follow in the footsteps of their forerunners and so uphold the credit and traditions of the Royal Marines, so that in the words of Admiral Lord St. Vincent, " if ever the real hour of danger should come to England, they will be found the country's sheet anchor."

The battalion was then dismissed and Gen. Trotman afterwards chatted with a party of Royal Marine Police and a number of pensioners.

FLEET NOTES.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

H.M.S. " Resolution,"
First Battle Squadron.

We are just beginning to find our feet after recommissioning. Our first laurels came by winning the Atlantic Fleet Boxing Cup. Marine Allen was the Corps' representative of the team.

FOOTBALL.

The semi-final for the R.M. 2nd Division Squadron cup was played between " Resolution " and " Revenge " at Gibraltar in fine weather. In the opening half " Resolution," favoured with a slight breeze, had the better of the exchanges and kept their opponents in their own territory, but erratic shooting prevented any scoring. Half time—no score.

On resuming, fine combination on the part of the Flagship's forwards resulted in a mêlée at the goal mouth during which the ball was tapped into the net. " Resolution," out for " Revenge " pressed hotly and, after a fine run by the left wing, the equalising goal was scored by Kirkham from a fine centre by Venn. After this both sides played with great determination but without any further scoring, making the full time score 1—1.

Extra time being played, " Resolution " pressed forward with renewed vigour and were rewarded with the winning goal by Corp. Haycox.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A Rifle Shooting competition took place at Gibraltar between the Royal Marines of this ship and the Corporals of " The Buffs." We were beaten by 15 points, the scores being: Buffs 637, R.M. 622.

H.M.S. " Barham,"
Pollensa Bay.

FOOTBALL.

Although bad weather has dogged the 1st Divn. of the 1st B.S. since we left Portland, causing many games to be scratched, nevertheless the games it has been possible to play have been very favourable to us. As the team in every game has practically been drawn from three ships the results have been very gratifying. These have resulted as follows :—

Atlantic Fleet v. Royal Club, Corunna, won, 2—0, at Corunna.
Atlantic Fleet v. Lagos, won, 5—1, at Lagos.
Atlantic Fleet v. Lisbon and Lagos, won, 6—0, at Lagos.
Atlantic Fleet v. Pick of the " Rock," won, 3—1, at Gibraltar.
(Charity Match for dependents of crew of L24.)
Atlantic Fleet v. Mediterranean Fleet, won, 1—0, at Malta.
Atlantic Fleet v. Mediterranean Fleet, draw, 2—2, at Pollensa Bay.

In all of these games there have been a good proportion of " Royals " included, so that we can justly claim to have kept the flag flying.

I do not know much of the other ships, but our Marine team, drawn from those of the detachment whose names begin with the letters from K to Z, has for the fourth season in succession won the Inter-Port Cup, beating in turn the Band (2—0), Marines (A to J) (7—1), Foretop (2—0), and E.R.A.'s (2—1).

Our detachment team also played a friendly game with the Buffs, who beat us 2—0, which was not so bad, as we had three of our players on the sick list, etc.

BAYONETS.

In this department also the Marines have given a good account of themselves. Besides having a good proportion of representatives in the team taking part in the Fleet finals, Cpl. Richardson won the Open and Mne. Ocock won the Novices and will fight in the same Finals. (Sergt. George at the same time won the Sabres.)

Our team have also fought against the Buffs, whom they beat by 8 fights to 4, and the Gordon Highlanders (Malta) by 7 fights to 3. The latter rather pride themselves on their abilities and were surprised to be beaten. However, they were very sporting over their defeat.

TUG-OF-WAR.

Here again the Royals have distinguished themselves. In the pulling-off for the Fleet Finals at Gibraltar they were drawn against some good teams, but won in the end by beating the " Malaya " (Heavies) with the same team, except one man, that won the Lights against the " Valiant." It may be interesting to state that they gave away 18 stone in the Heavies. In none of the four rounds (two in each weight) were they pulled over, winning the eight pulls.

Since then they have met, and defeated by two pulls to one, the Gordon Highlanders, themselves no novices. It is a great disappointment to all concerned that there will be no representatives from the Atlantic Fleet at the Olympia this year.

SOCIAL.

There have been few opportunities for social events, but the Senior and Junior N.C.O.'s have both had good instances of the good feeling which exists between the N.C.O.'s of the Army and ourselves. In the case of the Sergeants' Mess this has been specially the case with the members of the R.G.A. Mess at Europa, where they were given a fine time on the occasion of a combined whist drive, social and dance, when, according to tradition, some of the Corps gave of their best, which was greatly appreciated by all present. As a little return for this we invited all who cared to come and look over the ship on the following Sunday. Owing to the weather, which was unkind, only a small proportion availed themselves of the offer, but went away, I am glad to say, thoroughly satisfied, especially the children, whom we entertained as well as the size of the Mess allowed.

The Juniors entertained the Juniors of the Buffs in like manner, but were blessed by good weather in their case.

We hope to get a rifle match between a team of six sergeants and six corporals from this ship, and the same from the Buffs, on our return to Gibraltar.

The members of the Sergeants' Messes of the various ships all received the greatest of welcome from the members of the Dockyard Social Club of whom the Secretary is an old Royal, Mr. C. H. Allen, who is employed in the Intelligence Office there. We found that he and two other ex-Royals, Q.M.S. Ranner and Clr.-Sergt. Ben Cox, are still going strong.

H.M.S. " Revenge."

We have just finished the southern part of our spring cruise, on which the weather has hardly played the game. At Madeira, our football team was to have taken on a local team, but the match had to be called off owing to the ground becoming a duck pond. The following day was equally unfortunate, as the Massed Bands of the " Revenge " and " Royal Sovereign " played in the public gardens, but it rained so heavily that less than a hundred people turned up to listen. The Roulette Tables at the Casino probably scored by the bad weather and many a John Bradbury broke its leave and failed to rejoin the ship before sailing. We were all too short a time at Madeira, which was delightful; only two days at Teneriffe and three at Las Palmas were merely enough to get to know what to do. At Teneriffe a Thé Dansant was given by the Officers and in the evening six officers of the two ships (ourselves and " Royal Sovereign ") played the English Club at billiards, what time the remainder of the officers disported themselves at a dance in the same building. The match was won by four matches to two, despite this disadvantage, but (weather again) it was a wet night ! ! Thence to Las Palmas, where tennis, football, golf and billiard matches were arranged. The first was not finished for rain, and the football and golf could not take place as it blew so hard nobody could land. The billiard match was a draw at three matches all.

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We are now busy working up for the Atlantic Fleet Tournament and Boxing Competitions in the very little spare time we have. The Second Division Tournament is being held on 29th February and 1st March. Considering the lack of facilities for training and practising, those who have entered deserve full marks for their keenness. As an example of this, two of the detachment were discovered the other evening practising for the Foil v. Foil with only one foil between them ! They deserve to go far, I think. The same two had entered for Epée v. Epée, neither having seen such a weapon before, but they were prepared to have a lap at it. That's the spirit ! Only three sets of spring bayonets are available for the whole ship's Company, which do not go far, more especially as some are generally in dry dock for repairs. As teams consist of 19 men, it can be seen that practice takes time.

The Tournament is over and I append results with apologies for such a lengthy epistle, but if I were to tell you the *rest* of what we are doing I should double it. Give me the piping times of war, if this is peace !

ROYAL MARINES' TOURNAMENT.

Second Division.

Event.	*Title.*	*Winner.*	*Ship.*	*Pts.*
i.	Officers Foils	1. Lieut. Giles	" Queen Elizabeth "	2
		2. Lieut. Knox	" Revenge "	1
ii.	Other Ranks Foils	1. Mne. Warwick	" Queen Elizabeth."	2
		2. Mne. Torrington	" Queen Elizabeth "	1
iii.	Officers Sabres	1. Lieut. Hume	" Revenge "	2
		2. Lieut. Knox	" Revenge "	1
iv.	Other Ranks Sabres	1. Mne. Bray	" Revenge "	2
		2. Mne. Owen	" Revenge "	1
vii.	Officers Bayonets	1. Maj. Gillespie	" Revenge "	2
		2. Lieut. Robinson	" Ramillies "	1
viii	Other Ranks Bayonets	1. Sergt. Bishop	" Revenge "	2
		2. Cpl. Duncan	" Royal Sovereign "	1
x.	Bayonet Combat Team	First	" Queen Elizabeth "	10
		Second	" Resolution "	5
xli.	Heavy Tug-of War	First	" Revenge "	10
		Second	" Royal Sovereign "	5
xiii	Light Tug-of-War	First	" Queen Elizabeth "	10
		Second	" Revenge "	5

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MEDITERRANEAN.

H.M.S. " Caradoc."

This month, Malta has had a lively time with the arrival of the Atlantic Fleet, and the return of the 3rd L.C.S. from their cruise.

Whilst the 3rd L.C.S. were away, they held the Royal Marines Cutters Race for the Khedival Cup which had not been pulled for since 1921 when the " Caradoc's " Marines won it.

It is a 2-mile pull and can only be pulled off in Alexandria.

The ships that entered were the " Ceres," " Cleopatra," " Calypso " and " Cardiff," and they finished up in the order named.

It was a very good race considering it was pulled off on a sweltering hot day. The favourites came in first as expected ; they have a crack crew and are the holders of the Ramillies Cup.

FOOTBALL.

The following are the results of matches played :

5th Feb. " Cleopatra's " Marines beat Engine Room Dept., 3—0.

16th Feb. Musketry Staff Ghain Tuffieha beat " Caradoc's " Marines, 2—0.

17th Feb. Staff and " Caradoc " drew with R.N. Camp, 2—2.

18th Feb. " Calypso " Marines drew with " Comus " Marines, 0—0.

1st March Staff and " Caradoc " beat R.G.A. Battery, 3—0.

6th March, Marines of Fleet beat the Rest, 2—0.

LIGHT CRUISERS CUP.

In the Light Cruisers Cup, the " Calypso's " Marines beat the " Comus " Marines in the replay 2—1. and " Caradoc " Marines beat the " Ceres " Marines 3—1.

This now leaves the " Calypso " and " Caradoc " to fight it out in the Final.

The " Ceres " *v.* " Caradoc " match was played at Ghain Tuffieha owing to the " Caradoc's " Marines going through musketry and it turned out to be a very good game, with nothing to mar it except a very strong wind.

The " Ceres " team arrived up in a char-à-banc with a number of supporters armed to the teeth with the usual weapons of noise, the total party numbering 30.

After tea, the " Ceres " adjourned to the Canteen intending to have a good time, but a scarcity of " Caradoc's " Marines in the building soon led the " Ceres "to discover that the " Caradoc " had already had a good time and were financially unable to stand the strain again, whereupon the " Ceres " very sportingly sent out an invitation to the " Caradoc's " detachment to advance upon the Canteen.

A jolly good evening was spent ; a large number of songsters came from both Detachments and the Musketry Staff, the pianist being Cpl. Stanford of the " Caradoc."

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H.M.S " Cleopatra."

On the 21st January, the 3rd L.C.S., less " Caradoc " and " Comus " sailed for Alexandria and Port Said.

On the 27th " Cleopatra " was detached to Port Said for ten days and being the only ship there had quite a good time. The Inter-part of ship soccer competition was continued, the detachment defeated Port-watch of Stokers by 3—1. Several cheery nights were spent with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who had a half company there.

We then returned to Alexandria where Cutter Races took place for Cups presented by the Khedival Yacht Club. The detachment was 2nd in Marines cutters, " Ceres " being 1st. This was a very creditable performance, as we are the smallest detachment out here and have only been in commission four months.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

No rifle matches were possible at Alexandria, but on our return to Malta the detachment took on the remainder of ship and won by 22 points.

On the 2nd March we took on the Staff of Ghain Tuffieha Rifle Range and lost by 22 points on this occasion. A charabanc was ordered and 20 R.M.'s left the ship one Sunday morning. A halt was made at Musta where light refreshments were partaken of and a look round the Cathedral—the dome of which is bigger than St. Paul's.

Ghain Tuffieha was reached at 10.30, when the shooting match took place. In the afternoon we were beaten at soccer 4—0 by " Caradoc's " Detachment. A too heavy lunch might have accounted for this. After tea we were again beaten at Tug-of-War 2—1. It is hoped to reverse all these results when we go out for Musketry in April when real training will commence.

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CHINA.

MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. " Hawkins " and " Carlisle " have proceeded to Singapore to meet the Special Service Squadron. H.M.S. " Durban " is recommissioning at Hong Kong. H.M.S. " Diomede " is going to Shanghai and the northern part of the station.

CANTON.

The R.M. Detachment of H.M.S. " Tamar " is still at Canton, where they have been since December 15th, living in sloops, the first five weeks being spent in H.M.S. " Bluebell," while at the time of writing they are in H.M.S. " Foxglove," which, in turn, will be relieved by H.M.S. " Hollyhock " next week.

The Platoon lands on Shameen every day, where most is made of a three-quarter sized football ground, and a small garden in front of the British Consulate. The routine is normally as follows :—Half an hour bayonet training, which interests and impresses the scores of Chinese who watch us, particularly the ring-and-blob stick. Then P.T. Tables with a double of just under a mile, which is followed by a recreational game of handball, in which the whole Platoon takes part. " Stand easy " is followed by Section and Piatoon training. The afternoons are spent in lectures, signalling, etc., and in fine weather a first or second XI football match or a match between the two XI's of the Platoon.

Unfortunately the weather has been very bad during the last three weeks, which has prevented football, but has not affected landing for drill, and we have been fortunate in securing the use of a large room and a verandah over a Bank, where it is possible to carry out training during wet weather.

R.M. River Gunboat " Moth " has just been put in temporary commission from H.M.S. " Despatch." She has on board Capt. Broadwood, one Sergeant and ten Marines as part of her complement, and forming a six-inch gun's crew.

FOOTBALL.

The following football matches have been played at Canton :—

Royal Marines H.M.S. " Tamar," 1 ; H.M.S. " Cicala,"0.

Royal Marines H.M.S. " Tamar," 1 ; H.M.S. " Foxglove," 0.

At Hongkong :—
Royal Marines, 1 ; Communication Branch, 1.

MUSKETRY.

R.M. Detachment H.M.S. " Despatch " have completed their annual course, obtaining an average of 134.

R.M.O.C.A.

The Hongkong and South China Branch is flourishing. The membership has increased to 47, a very high percentage of those eligible to join.

FOOTBALL.

We ran a very successful football team in the autumn Inter-port competition for a Shield and Medals. There was great rivalry throughout the League matches between the Marines and Sailors, but, as in the majority of cases, the " Royal's " came out on top, and with a spendid record at that.

Record :

v. Boys 8—0	v. Sig. and Tels., 3—1.
v. Daymen, 3—3.	v. Q.D., 6—0.
v. Fxl., 4—0.	v. Topmen, 3—0.
v. Stokers S., 3—1.	v. Stokers P., 2—0.

R.M.F.C., H.M.S. " HAWKINS."

Mne. King (*Sec.*), Mus. Carpenter, Mne. Terry, Mus. Heathcote, Cpl. Warne, Mne. Waine, Mne. Hunt.
Sergt. Wood (*Trainer*), Capt. Baggot, R.M., Mus. Penrose (*Capt.*), Comdr. Tait, R.N., Clr.-Sergt. Gosset.
Mne. King, Mus. Kirkby, Mne. Watson, Mne. Thomas.

On Jan. 28th the pick of the Royal Marines of the Squadron played the pick of the Signalmen and Telegraphists of the Squadron at football on the Naval Ground at Happy Valley, Hong Kong. It was a drawn game 1—1, and the result well merited the play of both teams. It was a most exciting game, and the play was very fast. It is hoped that we shall manage to fix up a replay before the " Hawkins " sails for Singapore on February 2nd, when we hope to have the good fortune to beat our opponents of the previous match.

The ship has just completed a two months' refit, and I think that the majority of the ship's company will be only too pleased to get to sea once more. We are going south to Singapore, where we shall meet the British Squadron which is cruising the World. Our stay there will last about a fortnight, during which time we hope to meet some of the Squadron's detachments' teams at football. On completion of our visit here we are going still further south, visiting Borneo, and Batavia.

BOXING.

We possess a coming Boxing Champion of the China Squadron, in the person of Marine Betts of Chatham Division. Since his arrival in the Station he has had three good fights, and has proved victorious in them all. His three Cups for these respective fights adorn our Detachment Cup-case, and except for a Cup presented to the Detachment as an inter-mess shooting trophy, by Mrs. Bagot the wife of our Marine Officer (this cup has not been shot for yet) these three cups are the only ones in our case. But in the forthcoming year of sport we hope to add to them.

Marine Betts' record to date :

Nov. 24th, 1923, Shanghai Amateur Boxing Association, fought " Wilson," a local champion, for the Amateur Championship of Shanghai—6-round contest, won on points.

Dec. 22nd, 1923, China Fleet Boxing Championships, fought A. B. Turner (H.M.S. " Carlisle ").—6-round contest, won on points.

Jan. 12, 1924, Hong Kong Boxing Association, fought Pte. Pooley of the East Surrey Regt.—6-round contest, won on points.

AFRICA STATION.

H.M.S. " Birmingham."

After a week spent at Walfis Bay the " Birmingham " joined up with the remainder of the Squadron at Saldanha Bay on February 5th. The Commander-in-Chief came on board and his flag was transferred from the " Dublin." We have also our band on board, perhaps not an unmixed pleasure to those who have to live on a crowded mess deck.

Whilst at Saldanha advantage was taken of all ships being present to compete for the Saldanha Bay Rifle Cup. Four teams took part, as the " Wallflower " had to sail the day before the match. The cup was won by the " Birmingham " by a narrow margin of 17 points.

Since our arrival at Simonstown we have been busy coaling, provisioning and storing ship. This gives time to the ship's company who are new out here to learn their way about before each watch proceeds on the four days' leave. This leave is always given to every ship returning from a cruise up the West Coast.

On Sunday, February 17th, a small party made their first expedition up Table Mountain. The party divided before reaching the rock work, one of them with the Chief of Staff went up Saddle Face, the other with the F.R.M.O. up the Ledges. The party included Clr.-Sergt. Lee, Mnes. Brown, Bond, Emerson and Burns. Rock climbing is far less tiring and more interesting than the ordinary ascent up the steep gullies and gorges, which, during this dry season of the year are so full of loose stones.

The " Dublin " is to pay off next month and the " Verbena " in April, so that we shall soon have all four ships of the Squadron with new crews on board, the " Wallflower " having recommissioned in December.

The first football match against the " Dublin's " Marines was played on Feb. 21st. In order to make conditions equal the Band was not included in the " Birmingham's " team. There was no score.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

CHATHAM.

ENTERTAINMENT AT FORT BORSTAL.

A successful concert was given at Fort Borstal on Friday evening to augment the funds of the **Royal Marine Rifle Association.** Individual items were provided by Mrs. Kitchen, Miss School, Miss Bradley, Lt. Power, Lt. Kitchen, Sergt. Bonnett, Cpl Hallahan, Cpl. Smith and Mne. Sharp. The second half contained a humorous sketch entitled " The Gipsy Queen's Revenge.' The show was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience, which included the Governor and officers of H.M. Borstal Institution, where the programme will be repeated shortly at the request of the Governor.

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DEAL.

A party of 64 from the Royal Marines Sergeants' Mess, Chatham, visited their contemporaries at the R.M. Depot, Deal, on Saturday. The journey was made by char-à-banc, and in the afternoon a comic football match was played. This ended with the score reading : Chatham, one try ; Deal, one goal. The game provided many humorous incidents, especially when the referee (C.S. Pawley) was ordered off the field for an alleged infringement.

C.S. Stuart, dressed as a policeman, acted as linesman, and he kept up with the play on a bicycle. The Chatham team was :— C.S. Perkins ; Sergt. Rushworth, C.S. Fitzgerald ; Sergt. Morey, Sergt. Booth, Q.M.C. Thorne ; Sergt. Woolley, Sergt. Huddart, Sergt. Burnell, Sergt. Mercer, Sergt. Dean. In the evening a billiard match was played between Mr. W. J. Price, of the Rochester Conservative Club, and Mr. Harverson (Deal), which the latter won with a score of 500 to 470.

A smoking concert followed, in which the following Chatham members participated : Sergts. Burnell, Dean, Johnson, C.S. Perkins, Q.M.S. Foulsham, C.S.M. Baker and Mr. Wadley. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Q.M.S. Freeman.

PLYMOUTH.

DEVONPORT R.N. & R.M. MARATHON RACE.

This race was run on 6th March. The course was just over seven miles, starting from the Royal Naval Barracks Parade Ground, out of the Main Gate and along the road to St. Budeaux, *via* Saltash Passage to Saltash Bridge. Here the runners turned up a steep hill and thence to Upper St. Budeaux and further on to Honickeknole. From this point the course went across country to the Rugby Football Ground at Beacon Park, and then by road again to the R.N. Barracks Parade Ground.

After a very fine race "C" Company, Mne. D. E. Price, beat Schoolmaster Candidate, Mitchell, R.N., by half a second in 46 minutes 48 seconds.

Thirty competitors started, including five Marines, and all finished. All the Marines were well up, but Mne. Price was the only one to finish in the first six.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CHANGE IN COMMAND.

Lieut.-Colonel M. F. Bennett, having been posted to Plymouth Division on promotion, handed over Command of the School on the 27th February to Major (Bt. Lieut.-Colonel) H. Ozanne, D.S.O. The following is an extract from Divisional Orders :— "On handing over the command of the R.N. School of Music Lieut.-Colonel M. F. Bennett wishes to express his appreciation of the loyal support of all ranks during his tenure of office. He wishes the members of the R.M. Band Service every success in the future."

COMMAND TOURNAMENT, 1924.

DEAL.

The Command Tournament between the Chatham Division and the Depot, R.M., was held at Deal on Tuesday and Wednesday, 11th and 12th March, with the following results :—

	Officers	Open
Foil. *v* Foil	1. S..M Board	Capt. Alcock
	2. Capt. Alcock	Cpl. Clarke
Epée *v*. Epée	1. Lieut. Bryan	Cpl. Clarke
	2. Capt. Quill	Q.M.S.I. Chalkley
Sabre *v*. Sabre	1. S.M. Board	Cpl. Clarke
	2. Capt. Alcock	Cpl. Jerred
Bayonet *v*. Bayonet	1. Capt. Webber	Sergt. Franks
	2. S.M. Board	Cpl. Jerred

Bayonet *v*. Bayonet (Novices) 1. Mne. Whitecross
2. Sergt. Huddart

Tug-of-War (110 st)—Chatham Division (2 pulls to 0)
(130 st.)—Depot, R.M. (2 pulls to 0)

Bayonet Team Combat—Chatham (won 10 fights), Depot, R.M. (won 8 fights).

STAFF INSTRUCTORS COMPETITION.

The Staff Instructors Competition was held at the Depot, R.M., Deal, on Wednesday, 12th March. The first in each weapon will go up to Olympia and will compete in the Inter-Services Tournament.

Foil *v*. Foil	1. Q.M.S.I. Peasnell
	2. Sergt. Watts
Epée *v*. Epée	1. Q.M.S.I. Peasnell
	2. Sergt. Watts
Sabre *v*. Sabre	1. Q.M.S.I. Peasnell
	2. Sergt. Watts
Bayonet *v*. Bayonet	1. Sergt. Watts
	2. Q.M.S.I. Peasnell

UNIT TOURNAMENTS, 1924.

DEAL.

The eliminating competitions to select the competitors to represent the Depot, R.M., in the Command Tournament against Chatham Division was held on Tuesday and Thursday, 4th and 6th March with the following results :—

	Officers.	Open.
Sabre *v*. Sabre	1. Major Grant	Cpl. Clarke
	2. Capt. Alcock	Cpl. Jerred
	3. Lieut. Shackleton	Cpl. Cawthraw
Foil *v*. Foil	1.	Cpl. Jerred
	2.	Cpl. Clarke
	3.	Cpl. Featherstone
Epée *v*. Epée	1.	Cpl. Clarke
	2.	Cpl. Jerred
	3.	Sergt. Waskett

Bayonet *v*. Bayonet Open :—1. Cpl. Jerred
2. Sergt. Franks
3. Mne. Wright

Novices :— 1. Mne. Wallis
2. Mne. Dancy
3. Rect. Farr

PLYMOUTH.

The Plymouth Division Unit Tournament was held in the Drill Shed on the 10th and 11th March, and produced some very good fights in the various competitions. The results were as follows :—

	Sabre *v*. Sabre	Bayonet *v*. Bayonet (Open)
Other Ranks	1st Sergt. Coker	1st Clr.-Sergt. Dursley
	2nd Cpl. Brinkman	2nd Drum-Major Dyer
	3rd Cpl. Short	3rd Mne. Ellis

Foil *v*. Foil	Bayonet *v*. Bayonet for Men who are not P.R.T.I.'s
1st Sergt. Coker	1st Clr.-Sergt. Dursley
2nd Cpl. Pritchard	2nd Mne. Holland
3rd Cpl. Brinkman	3rd Mne. Ellis

Epée *v*. Epée
1st Sergt. Coker
2nd Cpl. Brinkman
3rd Cpl. Short

The Inter-Company Bayonet Competition was also fought off at the Tournament on the 10th with the following results :—

"A" Company beat "C" Company by 5 fights to 1.
"G" Company beat "E" Company by 4 fights to 2.

The Final was very exciting, as "A" and "G" Companies were all square after the teams had fought and the leaders had to settle it.

"A" Company's official leader had not turned up, so the Adjutant, who belongs to the Company, deputised, and amid tremendous enthusiasm won the fight by 3 hits to 1.

Incidentally, this decided the winning of the Tuckey Cup for the year, for had "G" Company won the Bayonets they would have tied with "C" Company. However, "A" won the Bayonets, so "C" wins the Tuckey Cup for the year.

BOXING.

CHATHAM.

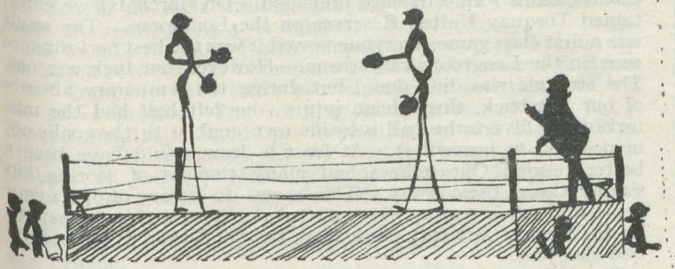
A Boxing Tournament was held at the R.N. Barracks, Chatham, on 26th February. Commodore E. J. Fullerton, D.S.O., was referee and Capt. R. H. Quill and Lieut. Nonweiler, were judges.

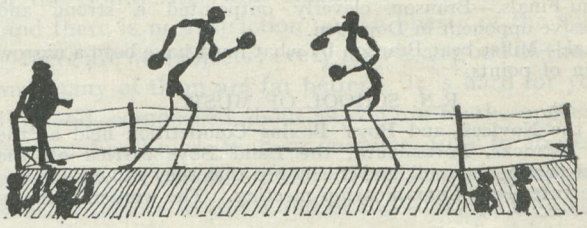
The bouts in which Royal Marines took part were as follows :—

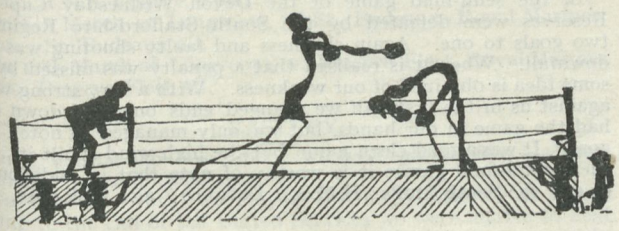
SIX-ROUND CONTEST.

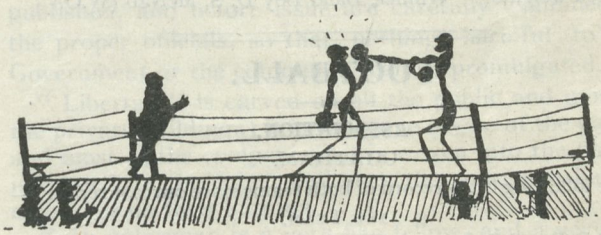
Piddock v. Moore.—Mne. Piddock beat Sto. Moore on points. Piddock opened well and his faultless left-handed hitting was early in evidence. From the half-way stage Moore set up an aggressive double-handed attack, and he wiped off a lot of his arrears. Piddock came again in the last round to gain a narrow points verdict.

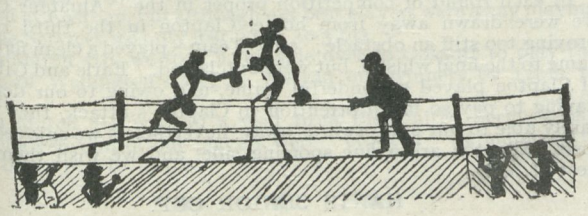
The Gentle Art!

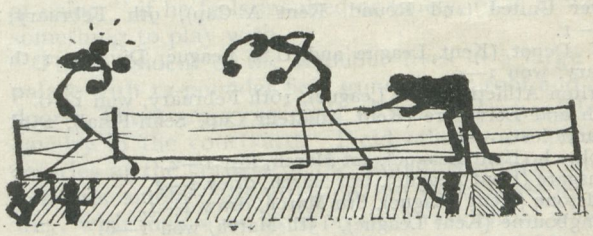


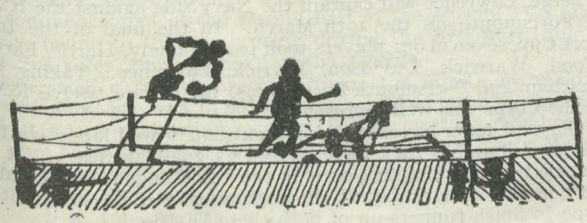


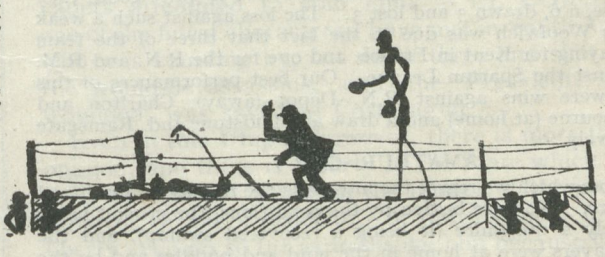












PORT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Feather-weight—Semi-Finals.—Cpl. Cawthraw, R.M., knocked out Sto. Mackley in the initial round.

Final.—Cawthraw beat Prince, who retired in the first round with a damaged hand.

Welter-weight.—Ldg. Smn. Tyler chased Mne. Craig round the ring for nearly three rounds, at which point the referee awarded him the fight.

Cpl. Branson, R.M., beat A.B. Hall on points after three rounds of clever and interesting boxing. The winner was the better trained and scored with a series of crisp blows that had the effect of slowing Hall in the latter stages of the contest.

Semi-Finals.—Branson cleverly outpointed a strong and aggressive opponent in Dounison.

Final.—Miller beat Branson by what must have been a narrow margin of points.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

At the Novices' and Boys' Boxing Competition held at the R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, the Band Boys carried off the greater part of the spoil, and it is hoped that they will do likewise at the Inter-Port Championship meeting. The winners were as follows :—

7 st. 6 lbs.	...	Runner-up, Band Boy H. J. Maynard.
8 st. 6 lbs.	...	Winner, Musn. William Howard.
,, ,,	...	Runner-up, Band Boy Edward Goadby.
10 st. 6 lbs.	...	Winner, Band Boy F. C. Piesse.
,, ,,	...	Runner-up, Band Boy W. E. Meyrick.
Catch weights		Winner, Band Boy D. S. McNab (W.O.)

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

CHATHAM.

The following is the record of both teams since our last report :—

1ST TEAM.

T.B.R.E. (U.S. League, Div. I), 23rd January, won 3—1.

Erith and Belvedere (Replay 2nd Round, E.A. Cup), January 26th, lost 1—4.

R.N. Depot (Kent League), 30th January, draw 1—1.

Depot, R.M. Deal (Friendly in aid of St. Dunstan's), 2nd February, won 5—1.

Dover United (2nd Round, Kent A. Cup), 9th February, won 3—1.

R.N. Depot (Kent League and U.S. League, Div. I), 13th February, won 1—0.

Charlton Athletic (Kent League), 16th February, won 1—0.

Erith and Belvedere (Kent Amateur Cup, Semi-Final), 23rd February, lost 0—1.

Woolwich (Kent League), 1st March, lost 1—2.

Ramsgate (Kent League), 6th March, draw 2—2.

Maidstone (Kent League), 8th March, draw 1—1.

Sittingbourne (Kent League), 15th March, won 1—0.

2ND TEAM.

D.B.R.E. (U.S. League, Div. II), 27th February, lost 2—3.

D.B.R.E. (New Brompton and District League), 6th March, won 4—0.

The record of the 1st XI. as shown above is quite good, they having won 6, drawn 3 and lost 3. The loss against such a weak team as Woolwich was due to the fact that three of the team were playing for Kent in France, and one for the R.N. and R.M. XI against the Spartan League. Our best performances of this period were wins against R.N. Depot (away), Charlton and Sittingbourne (at home) and a draw at Maidstone and Ramsgate respectively.

AMATEUR CUP.

The loss which we regret the most was the re-play at Erith and Belvedere. We were beaten by the conditions, the ground being absolutely a quagmire (it being a recovered swamp), and the home players were at home in the mud and puddles and on the run of the play were good winners.

The Division has made sure of the U.S. League, Div. I, by beating the R.N. Depot and it seems that this will be the only trophy that we shall win this season, although we are still interested in the Milner Cup (an ex-service man's charity competition).

PLYMOUTH.

We commenced the month very badly; on the 23rd February we met Green Waves on their ground and were defeated to the tune of six goals to one. We opened the scoring when Smith, our inside left, beat the opposing custodian with a splendid first timer. Green Waves were soon on level terms with us and then disaster overtook us in the shape of a penalty. This took the wind out of our sails and on changing ends we were down three goals. During the second half our fellows tried their utmost to reduce the arrears, but a sound defence prevailed. On March 1st we entertained Torquay United Reserves on the Longroom. The result was a first class game, everyone vowed it was the best performance seen on the Longroom this season. However, our luck was out. The struggle was ding dong, but during the temporary absence of our left back, through an injury, our left half had the misfortune to divert the ball into his own goal, with the goalie not in position to prevent it. At least a draw would have been a better result. Our fellows had many chances of scoring, but simply threw them away; This seems to be one of our many great faults this season, everyone works hard and gets the ball in the enemy territory and then the good work is wasted by bad shooting.

The following Saturday we visited Saltash and although this team had only won one game this season they beat us by the odd goal in five.

On this day Cpl. Pollitt was away playing in a representative side of the P. and D. League against Plymouth Argyle at Home Park, where he acquitted himself well.

In the semi-final game of the Devon Wednesday Cup our Reserves were defeated by the South Staffordshire Regiment two goals to one. Again slowness and faulty shooting was our downfall. When it is realised that a penalty was missed by us some idea is obtained of our weakness. With a very strong wind against us in the first half we changed ends one goal down and had the game in our hands, but we only managed to notch one goal. It was a good clean game, but the high wind spoilt it. In these semi-final games it is worthy of note that in addition to us and the South Staffs., H.M.S. " Defiance " also took part.

EASTNEY.

This month we much regret to have to report our exit from the " Amateur Cup " and " Hants Senior Cup."

AMATEUR CUP.

In each round of competition proper in the " Amateur Cup," we were drawn away from home, Clapton in the third round proving too stiff an obstacle; our " Team " played a clean fighting game to the final whistle, but were outclassed. Earle and Gibbins of Clapton played a wonderful game, and owing to our defence having to pay so much attention to Clapton's attack, they were rarely able to put our forwards away, nevertheless we enjoyed our visit. Clapton are a fine sporting side, and we wish them the best of luck.

HANTS SENIOR CUP.

In the " Hants Senior Cup " with Bournemouth and Boscombe Reserves, a Southern League Team, we were distinctly unlucky, having to play without Lawrence, our centre half and Captain. He was playing for the " Navy " as captain, the R.N. and R.M.F.A. being unable to release him from the Navy side for this game.

Sergt. Lawrence will captain the Navy side against the R.A.F. at Portsmouth on the 19th March. In the final of the Inter-Port Cup, seven of our players took part, namely, Harris, Farmer, Wood, Warwick, Davidson, Derrick, Lawrence. Taking both Chatham and Portsmouth Port teams, there were twelve R.M.'s, so the Corps was well represented.

Our 2nd team have been doing extremely well lately, in their last four matches they have scored 33 goals against 3. It is a great pity that valuable points in the U.S. League Divs. I and II., were lost so remarkably at the beginning of the season, but we hope to finish runners-up of both these Divisions.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The closing days of the School's football season have been fully occupied by the 1st team. Among the numerous matches played during the last month, the " Local Derby " (the School v. Royal Marines (Ports.) in the U.S. League, Div. I) proved the most

interesting; this match was played on the 19th February and had been looked forward to with great keenness equally by supporters and the team. The strength of the team which turned out on this occasion was far from being normal, as several of the recognized 1st XI, including the goalkeeper, were unable to play, which, of course, was a great handicap. The result (6—1 against), considering the circumstances, although a bad defeat, was certainly an honourable one. On the 25th February the return match was played, the School was even more unfortunate as regards available players on this occasion, and it was left to ten men to do their utmost, and a very plucky attempt was made, the result being 4—1 against.

The final of the Inter-Room competition was played off on the 4th March between "B" Company Trained Soldiers and 52 Room ("A" Company); the latter proved superior and therefore win the silver medals. The winning team were:—Musn. A. J. Bennett (captain), Band-Cpl. Arthur Eames and Musns. Wm. Sturtivant, E. Vockings, E. W. Tucker, Joseph Costigan, A. Gibbons, H. Jones, J. Jones, W. A. F. Pilton, C. Ralph.

The silver medals for the six-a-side tournament also went to 52 Room.

The Band Boys finished second from top in the Lads' Wednesday League.

RUGBY.

PLYMOUTH.

On 23rd February at Longroom *v.* Okehampton, Royal Marines 14 pts, Okehampton, nil.

On 5th March at Longroom, v. R.N.E. College, Royal Marines, 10 pts., R.N.E. College, 6 pts.

On 8th March at Longroom, v. St. Budeaux, Royal Marines, 19 pts., St. Budeaux nil.

On 12th March at Longroom, v. Reserve Fleet, Royal Marines 8 pts., Reserve Fleet nil.

EASTNEY.

Since writing our last report, we have played five matches, winning three and losing two.

On February 16th, we played R.A.F. Winchester at home. Owing to the call of the United Services we were unable to field a full side. A very even game resulted in a defeat of 12 pts. to 6 pts.

On February 20th, H.M.S. "Vernon" visited us and commencing at 4.30 p.m. we were able to field a full side. The result was 12 pts. to 6 pts. in our favour. Our XV showed great improvement in this game, especially the forwards.

On March 1st, our return match with the Trojans 1st XV was played at Eastney, but although our best players were away playing for the Services we only lost 6 pts. to 3 pts.

On March 5th, we took a full side over to Gosport to play the Duke of Wellington's Regt. We ran out winners by 12pts. to 3 pts.

On March 8th we had a visit from the United Services and although several of our players were "crocked" we managed to win by 11 pts. to 10 pts.

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SHOOTING.

EASTNEY.

In connection with the Portsmouth and District Miniature Rifle League, the Divisional Team have not lost a match since the commencement of the second half of the season. Unfortunately, owing to the low scoring during the first part, due to defective rifles, they cannot top the League.

We created a post-war record during the month by making a score of 795 pts., out of 800 pts. It would appear, by the very high standard of shooting recently, that at least six members of the team should shoot for Portsmouth in the Inter-Town Match.

The following matches have been fired:—

R.M. 785.—Portsmouth R.C. 774.
R.M. 791.—6th Hants 736.
R.M. 787.—Gas Co. 776.
R.M. 793.—Railway R.C. 781.
R.M. 786.—H.M.S. "Victory" 781.

During the month a "Postal Match" was fired with Eltham and District R.M. (10 a side 8 to count), the result was:—

R.M. 795 pts.—Eltham and District 781 pts.

LIFE IN A SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

A short time ago I had an opportunity of visiting Agua, the capital of Costaragua, which is, as you probably know, one of the freest and most independent of the South American Republics. In that charming land there is no restriction on the liberty of the subject—there are no subjects; every man is as good as the next and many of them are far better. It is hard for you in England, compassed about as you are by the oppressive laws and still more binding customs, fully to appreciate the feeling of absolute liberty that is acquired by even a short residence in this Land of the Free. There are no dog licences, no cab licences, no teetotal societies, no rule of the road—indeed very few roads—and only two newspapers. These last, lest they should infringe on sacred liberty, are printed the day before they are published, and before issue are carefully examined by the proper officials, so that nothing harmful to the Government or the community can be promulgated.

"Libertad" is carved on all the public and most of the private buildings; it is the name of one of the papers and most of the companies; it is woven into the flag, it is minted on the coins, and even the policemen have it embossed on their buttons.

Each policeman is a very fine fellow, and a very fine fellow is he; and if you want to go home, or go out, or cross the street, it is just as well to get hold of one and tell him so, because he carries a very sharp sword and two loaded revolvers which he has a "very good notion of using" if he feels insulted or lonely, or is in want of something to play with.

The President of the Republic lives in a large stone palace with 12-pounder field guns on the roof and at the door. There are a regiment of foot and a squadron of cavalry in the courtyard. Field officers are placed as sentries at the corners of the adjoining streets and two generals smoke cigarettes on the opposite side of the way, with their eyes fixed on the Presidential windows. This is, of course, expensive, but who would begrudge expense in the sacred cause of liberty?

The last time the President's life was threatened he happened to be at a tea-party, when some military cadets attempted to stab him. "EL CORONEL," one of the finest characters I have met in South America, who was standing by, cut down three and shot two of the would-be assassins, and the President, though wounded, was saved to Costaragua.

Even in this Utopia, however, there is more than one opinion, and there is a party in the State which resents "El Coronel's" action in the matter of the attempted removal of the President. A few extreme lovers of liberty even go so far as to dislike him because he is not a native of Costaragua. He finds it necessary, therefore, to take a few precautions, and I was much interested in them and him during my short stay in Agua.

He met me at San Dolores, the Port of Costaragua, and travelled to the Capital with his armed orderly

seated behind him in the carriage and his hand seldom away from the butt of his own revolver. At the stations he took up a strategic position between the doors of the carriage.

On arrival at Agua we drove in a presidential carriage, preceded by mounted policemen, to his house, a corner one, and he took me at once to his room, calling loudly for lights. One of his eight soldier servants entered and struck a match, being immediately knocked down by " El Coronel," who stamped on the match and in the kindest way assisted the man to rise by lifting him by the ear. Having kicked the brutal soldier to the window he pointed out that he would prefer the shutters to be closed and the curtains drawn before a light was shown to the street. It was pleasant to see the ease with which " El Coronel " made himself understood. His wishes were **at once** carried out, and then the gas was lighted.

He apologised to me for his apparent abruptness by explaining that he was sometimes shot at through windows, and then showed me how to load the two revolvers hanging from my bed-head, from the bands at their sides. I gathered that I was to try to fire first, directly any suspicious noise was heard during the night, and it was about this time that I felt my bosom expand with the exhilarating atmosphere of perfect Freedom.

I changed my clothes and went to dine at the Grand Hotel of Libertad, with a party of twenty English friends. We had finished the soup when a message was brought to the chairman, asking what was the name of the Government Official present at the meeting of more than four residents of Agua. Unfortunately, my friends had overlooked the little formality of providing a government guest, so the festivities were interrupted until a stray Presidential Aide-de-Camp, who " happened " to be nearby, could be roped in, after which the proceedings closed in harmony.

Next morning I asked where I should bath and was shown a patio, or yard, wherein stood a tank with running water and a row of soldier servants.

No man has less false modesty than I; so, facing the bath, I scooped up a basinful of water and proceeded to wash my head; having finished (my eyes being full of soap), I reached for my basin and poured the water over me. I continued to pour for quite a long time—it seemed an inexhaustible basin. Looking up eventually, I found two soldiers with impassive faces alternately pouring jugs of water over me too. Directly I understood the routine, everything was of course plain sailing and I carried on with my ablutions. As I finished cleaning every little part of me, so the soldiers nearest to it came forward and douched it with fresh water. I was much gratified by the evident admiration they felt for my person. I do not understand the Spanish patois spoken in Costaragua, but the tones of their voices brought the blush of gratified vanity even to the small of my back.

In the afternoon we went for a most interesting drive round the city, inspecting the museums, with their numberless trophies of the War of Independence, and the public buildings and bureaux, with " Libertad " all over them. For this jaunt " El Coronel " took only two armed orderlies, one on the box and one in a rumble behind the carriage, and he himself had only one revolver.

In the evening we attended a Dance at the British Legation. The uniform " El Coronel " wore would have set better behind, had his long revolver not been in his hip pocket.

On our way home the carriage suddenly stopped at the corner of a street. Before one could say "knife" "El Coronel's " revolver was out and aimed at the head of the only man he could see outside the window, who happened to be a policeman, whilst in his left hand appeared a short broad stilletto, which I did not know he carried till then. He thrust me back into the dark part of the carriage and remained motionless for about ten seconds whilst an altercation developed outside between his coachman and another. An orderly then came to the door and explained that a carriage in front of us had broken down, but that we could now pass it and go on. " El Coronel," however, was suspicious for some little time, and when we did drive on, knelt on the back of the seat and peered through the peephole with his revolver uncovered till we turned the next corner.

The next morning when I was again being assisted at my bath, a knock at the door suddenly stiffened everyone in the house. All the soldiers shifted their pistol belts round, but did not actually draw their weapons. The doorkeeper crept down the passage close to the wall, and after parley opened the door a couple of inches, took in the morning paper, and fastened it again. The tension relaxed and I went on washing.

That afternoon we went to call on the Minister after our dance of the previous night. "El Coronel's" frock coat had been built to fit him some little time before. Freedom from worry and the atmosphere of Libertad have added somewhat to his chest measurement. He found, therefore, that his coat would not close gracefully in front if he wore his revolver behind. The difficulty was in some way overcome by sending two armed orderlies in front of us and two behind, whilst his personal servant walked abreast of us on the opposite side of the street.

To my lasting regret I had to leave Agua early next morning without having seen a single shot fired in anger.

Whilst accepting my invitation to the Capital I certainly hoped to see some street fighting (which is most interesting, according to the people who have taken part in it), but although my visit lasted three days there was no revolution, nor was my kind host's life attempted even once during the whole of that time.

THE WORLD CRUISE.

SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

In our last article the " Hood " and " Repulse " were lost sight of from the time the light cruisers left Cape Town until the whole squadron was re-united on the 17th January. We will now relate very briefly what we were doing during this period.

Leaving Cape Town for Zanzibar, we called en route at Mossel Bay for an all-day visit. It was a cause of much regret that time would not permit leave and the heavy swell would not permit shore boats coming along-

side. We felt particularly sorry for many who had travelled great distances to see the ships. January 4th, 1924, saw us at Port Elizabeth and the inhabitants here were more unfortunate than at Mossel Bay. A heavy fog hanging around shore made it impossible to go in and after waiting about for the fog to lift, the Vice-Admiral decided the visit must be abandoned.

The next day we arrived at Durban and stayed about 10 hours. Large tugs and many small craft came out to meet us and then spent all day taking full cargoes of passengers round the fleet.

The " Hood " and " Repulse " arrived at Zanzibar on January 12th, 1924. Both ships, in addition to all others at the Port were dressed overall, the Moorish Ensign being flown at the main-mast, and " Hood " fired a 21 gun salute in honour of His Highness the Sultan, the shore guns saluting in return. U.S. Ship " Concord " was lying at anchor in the harbour; many jokes are told about her speed. She is built for 35 knots and the best joke about her is this: On leaving Zanzibar she was to call at Durban, but after getting clear of the harbour her Captain forgot to give the order to go astern, with the result that she could not be pulled up in time and went on to Cape Town!!

Under similar arrangements to those at Cape Town a route march and march past was carried out at Zanzibar. H.H. the Sultan took the salute at the completion of the march and later expressed his admiration, and that of his subjects, for the exhibition of power, strength and efficiency witnessed that day. Owing to the heat of the day and the conditions of the march, the " power, strength and efficiency " were very glad to embark again. Native dances, which were appreciated to the full, formed a great attraction, but the majority of our spare day-time was spent in arguing with natives about the exorbitant price of curios.

The date of departure soon came round and we had to leave. H.H. the Sultan, in a large steam ship, preceded the two battle cruisers to sea, and, taking the salute from " Hood," bade us farewell.

Our next port of call was Trincomali, Ceylon. We had been joined by the Light Cruiser Squadron from Mombassa and Dar-es-Salaam, and a day or so later by " Dunedin," from home. All seven ships arrived at " Trinco." on Saturday, 25th January, 1924. At Trincomali our programme was to oil and provision ship during our four days' stay, so that not much time was left for amusements ashore. Forty-eight hour trips to Kandy were arranged, however, and we of the " Repulse " have to mourn the loss of a ship-mate who joined in this excursion. It was a ride over 120 miles of jungle, more or less, and had to be traversed by motor coach. When our party, accompanied by a party from the L.C.'s, went up on the last trip, a most regrettable accident occurred. Five cars were employed. At a dangerous point in the road the third car in the line capsized whereby Sto. Petty Officer G. T. Wood received injuries which caused his death shortly after he was carried into Dambulla Hospital. Mnes. Silk and Croucham and two others were also injured, but they have now more or less recovered.

Our shipmate was buried next morning and a memorial service was held at sea on Sunday, 3rd February.

THE LAMENT OF MARINE BLOGGS.

(" Far away, in the Heart of Turkey," in the month of September, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two, Marine Bloggs was serving in a light cruiser in the Mediterranean Fleet. At a few hours' notice, he was landed on the Asiatic shore of the Dardanelles, not a hundred miles from Chanak, to play his part in resisting a possible attack by large forces of victorious Turks from Smyrna. After several weeks of feverish digging, wiring and standing-by, he was relieved by troops from England and returned to his ship. Among these troops from England, who arrived speedily, and in great numbers, upon the shores of the Dardanelles and of the Bosphorus, stood out the 11th R.M. Battalion.

To the handful of men, the brethren of Marine Bloggs, is this effort inscribed. J.C.)

I.

It's " Nobody's Children " they calls us, I'm told
By an article recently 'ere,
And I ventures to say (if I might be so bold),
That I thinks as the meanin' is clear;
For to me I am certain the name can apply—
When you've read this 'ere, p'raps you'll agree—
I've bin turned from me 'ammick at dead o' the night,
I've bin given a baynit and told to show fight,
But, as for the perks as I thinks is me right,
Why, nobody's noticed me!

II.

Me ship was a-lyin' up Dardanelles way;
(It was just after Smyrna had fell),
That the Turk needed stoppin' and 'oldin' at bay
Was the story as 'ow I 'eard tell.
So they landed me quick; I was bunged on the beach,
And, gettin' there, wot did I see?
Why, everyone there in a warfarin' mood,
Arrangin' for me all the work as they could,
But, come to matter of blankets and food,
Why, nobody noticed me!

III.

I worked me way out to the left o' the line,
Diggin' trench after trench ev'ry day;
It must 'a' bin three miles—it **would** 'a' bin nine
If the sea 'adn't got in the way.
Then I settled me down at the place where I've read
That Leander once lived, by the sea,
To meet 'is fair Hero beneath the white moon,
He swam once too often—and stopped a bit soon!—
I went for a bathe there meself one forenoon,
But nobody noticed me!

IV.

I dug and I wired in the blaze o' the sun
And slep' in a trench ev'ry night,
And ev'ryone thought as a war 'ad begun
And the Turk was preparin' to fight.
He settled 'isself a few yards from our lines
Just as cool and as calm as could be;
Each night 'e would cut all our wire in two;
Then Kemal decided just 'ow to break through
And drive all the Englishmen into the Blue,
But 'e 'adn't noticed **me!**

V.

But they never attacked us—and this is for why:
'Cos thousands and thousands of men,
In transports and warships, was fast drorin' nigh—
They started a Conference then!
And later they wanted to send me aboard
To finish the bizness at sea,
So they burnt all me clo'es and they cut off me 'air—
I **might** be infectious, so wot did they care!—
But, when I got off, found the ship wasn't there;—
She 'adnt noticed me!

VI.

We 'ung around Turkey for close on a year,
While the talkin' went on at Lausanne,
And, when it was over, with many a cheer,
To evacuate Turkey began.
And well-deserved praises fell where they was due
On the Army, the Blokes o' the Sea,
The Air Force, the R.M. Battalion;—quite true
Was the things as was said of the 'deeds they did do,'—
And they'd fourteen days special leave;—very right, too,
But nobody noticed me!!

JACK COURTENAY.

UPPER EGYPT IN 1891.

14th Sudanese,
Frontier Field Force,
Merowi.

[*Extract from a letter written by the late* COLONEL G. E. MATTHEWS, C.B., R.M.L.I., *to a N.C.O.*]

" I am sorry to say that neither of the members of the Corps was fortunate enough to be at the taking of Abu Hamed. I was left in command of this Battalion in July, in the absence of its C.O., a Major Shekleton, in the 82nd, who had gone down to San Stefano, near Alexandria, for 6 weeks, for a little sea air, and the work and the new experience was very interesting.

I moved the regiment to Debbeh and thence to Korti, and I had only just settled there when a telegram, followed immediately by two steamers, ordered an immediate removal to Merowi. For the moment I had high hopes that we were bound for Abu Hamed, but eventually only one brigade moved up there from here, so as yet I have not had the good luck to see any service.

There has been a great difficulty in feeding the Army, owing to its being spread over such a very prolonged base, but this wonderful desert railway from Halfa to Abu Hamed, is now within 15 miles of its destination, and when this is finished the difficulty about supplies will be overcome and the whole Army, almost, will very shortly be concentrated at or about Berber.

Of course, we were all very disappointed individually at Berber being occupied without a shot being fired. We had all promised ourselves a great fight there, and as we have been working very hard at this Battalion, which is a comparatively new one, in teaching it the art of soldiering, we were very anxious to see how it would do in a brush with the Dervishes. However, Metemneh must be our next objective and we hope we may move on to attack it some time between now and next February.

It is thought that perhaps a brigade of British troops may be sent up here, but affairs in India have, I am afraid, diverted the eyes of England in that direction, and we may have to sit down throughout another furnace-like summer before an advance to Khartoum is made. We can employ this time profitably, though, in continuing the railway from Abu Hamed to Berber and possibly by opening up the road thence to Suakim.

You would admire the smartness of these blacks in their actual parade drill, and though I admit accurate arm drill and exercises will not in itself win them a battle, it is wonderful how very precise they are in this respect. As to their musketry, they try very hard, and though this is not a country for averages, I dare say they will hold their own when the time comes. The N.C.O's are excellent, and though they cannot read or write, they know their drill very well, and with scarcely one exception, their word of command would be a credit to the Chatham parade ground!

We had a fearful storm here last month. We were under canvas at the time, and with only a few moments' warning, the storm came right down on us. In a few moments every tent was levelled, and clothes, tents, saddles, wooden boxes, tables, came flying through the air. The roar of the wind, rain, dust and stones was deafening. The cavalry horses all stampeded and galloped through our camp, and it was many days before they were recovered. The air was thick with official correspondence, of which the atmosphere was eventually cleared, possibly in more senses than one! It was a miraculous thing that no one was seriously hurt.

I daresay you have heard of Capt. Hobbs' misadventure in the Cataracts. All the Gun Boats were successfully got over with the exception of the " El Teb." Capt. Hobbs was working with the hawsers on the shore, and in a bad bit of a rapid he had the mortification of seeing the " El Teb " turn turtle and go to the bottom, and with her went every particle of his kit. It was real hard luck.

He is now doing Transport Officer at Abu Hamed, and also acting Postmaster-General, so you see we are liable to any sort of job out here.

The R.M.A. N.C.O's are distributed amongst the Gun Boats, which are now for the most part at Debbeh. I am sorry to say that one of them, Corpl. Hearse, I think his name is, died of acute dysentry on the 26th August. He was working on the Cataracts at the time, and I'm afraid nothing could have saved him."

CORRESPONDENCE

H.M.S. " Calliope."
7. 3. 24.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I have been exceedingly interested during the present season in reading the accounts from your Divisional correspondents of Association football matches played in the various Cup Competitions and representative games, also the large number of representatives selected from the Divisional clubs for representative and charity games.

Regarding the latter games, I am of opinion that the time has arrived for the Corps to have its own championship trophy, similar to the Corps rifle, boxing and cricket championships.

I think I am correct in saying that we are the only Corps whose units do not meet each other in this particular branch of sport, the Brigade of Guards, Artillery,

Cavalry, R.A.S.C., R.A.O.C., R.A.F., each having their own Unit Trophy.

Considerable sums of money are raised each season by each Division and Depôt for the various Counties, R.N. and R.M., F.A. Charities, Benevolent Institutions, Trusts, etc., from which the Divisional clubs do not to any great extent derive direct assistance commensurate with the great sacrifice which they make in releasing their players for these games, also the heavy work involved by the committees of clubs in advertising, grounds, and employment of officials, etc. (I have recollection of one Divisional club raising over £500 in one season for the above organisations).

The suggested inception of a Corps Trophy would, I feel sure, be the means of subsidising and assisting financially other Corps games and pastimes, which have no regular source of income, beyond appeals to the individual, or from institution funds.

The proposed competition would greatly assist Divisional clubs and players in meeting each other, and continuing and maintaining a feeling of comradeship which commences with the young players, during their playing and training at the R.M. Depôt, Deal.

The occasions in which Divisions have met in the Army and Navy Amateur Cups, have been very few, but on the few occasions that they have met the greatest of enthusiasm and interest have been shown, not only by the present serving members, but by past members and the general public.

The expenses connected with the competition, from the club point of view, would be very small, owing to the four Divisions and R.N.S. of Music having grounds of their own upon which " gates " could be taken, and each particular match being organised and looked after by the officials of the home club.

It may be said that each Division is already plentifully provided with competitive games, but in my opinion, from past experience, " Charity begins at Home."

The competition, if organised on the knock-out system, would only necessitate three or four games being played, in any case the pros and cons of such a competition could be easily solved and considered by representatives of each Division, if such a competition is desired by the Corps.

I would suggest that the club representatives and those interested in the game, should be permitted, if space permits, to give their opinion through the columns of the Corps journal.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID GOWNEY.

H.M.S. " Resolution,"
First Battle Squadron.
12. 3. 24.

Dear Sir,

May I enclose a short account of our recent activities for entry in the " Globe and Laurel."

The reason why the sale of the Corps journal has doubled itself in the last two months, I think, is entirely due to the coloured plates.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. MOXHAM,
Lieut. R.M. for O.C. Detachment.

OBITUARY

Lieut.-Colonel H. O. P. Wright, whose death occurred on the 28th January, served in the Corps from 1867 until 1891, when he retired at his own request with the rank of Major. He joined the Army Reserve of Officers in 1900 and served at St. Helena as a Commandant of Prisoners of War. For this Service he was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal and was promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel (Reserve of Officers, Army).

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Lieut.-Colonel Edward Wheeler joined the R.M. Artillery in 1868. He was promoted Major in 1887 and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel in 1894. He served with the Royal Marine Battalion during the Egyptian Campaign and was in possession of the Egyptian Medal (Tel-el-Kebir Clasp) and Bronze Star. He was placed on the retired list on 18th August, 1898, " On account of age." Colonel Wheeler died at a Nursing Home in London on the 9th February.

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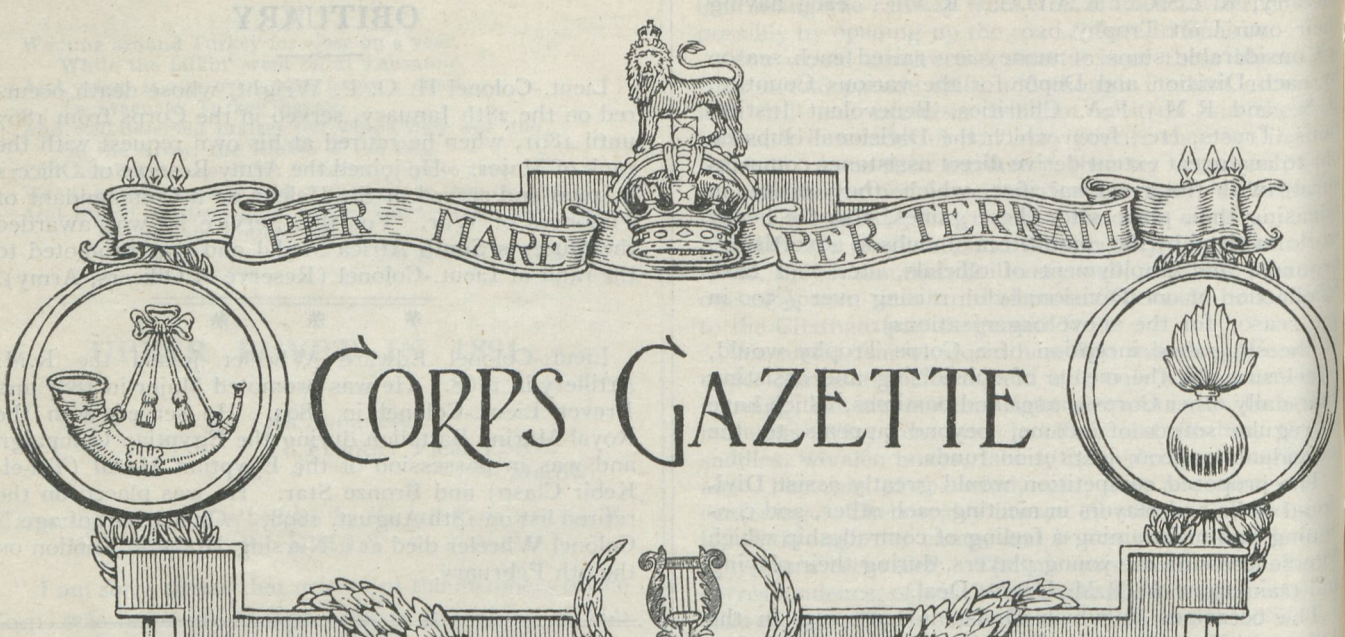
BIRTH.

STORY.—On the 18th February, at Riversham, Saunton, Braunton, the wife of Lt.-Col. E. K. Story, Royal Marines (retired), a son.

DEATH.

HUNGERFORD.—On the 1st March, at Pin Vin, Paignton, Gertrude, the beloved wife of Capt. Thomas Graham Hungerford, Royal Marines, daughter of the late Capt. Henry Talbot Price, R.N., and niece of the late Sir Rose Price, Bart., R.M.L.I., of Hensol Castle, Glamorganshire.



PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

PROMOTIONS.

Major M. F. Bennett promoted to Lieut.-Col., vice Luard, and posted to Plymouth Divn., 27/2/24.

Major W. P. Arbuthnot promoted to Lieut.-Col., vice Raikes, and posted to Portsmouth, 1/3/24.

Major H. R. N. D'Oyley (Retd.) promoted to Lieut.-Col. (Retd.), 27/2/24.

Major G. F. Shewell (Retd.) promoted to Lieut.-Col. (Retd.), 27/2/24.

Capt. A. J. Mellor, R.M., W.T. Supy. List, promoted to Major, 27/2/24.

Capt. J. M. Tuke, promoted to Major vice Bennett, and posted to Chatham, 27/2/24.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut.-Col. N. F. Trotman is to supervise the instruction, etc., in Land Service Gunnery at the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth, vice Raikes.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O., apptd. Supt. R.N. School of Music vice Bennett, 27/2/24.

Capt. C. S. Goldingham (Supy.) absorbed in the establishment vice Tuke and posted to Chatham Divn., 27/2/24.

Capts. E. Bishop and N. Eastman are apptd. Co. Commanders and posted to Portsmouth, 1/3/24.

The appointment of Capt. F. A. Hamer, R.M., in the N.I. Dept., Admiralty, is extended to 1st April, 1924.

Capt. D. A. Shepherd apptd. Supt. of Swimming and for P.R.T. duties at the Depot vice Alcock, 25/3/24.

Lieut. H. Tollemache is apptd. A.I. of Small Arms vice Leech-Porter and posted to Portsmouth Divn., 19/4/24.

Lieut. H. Shackleton apptd. Asst. Supt. P.R.T. School, vice Shepherd, 25/3/24.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major W. L. Huntingford, C.B.E., to H.M.S. "Impregnable" and as Senior R.M. Officer, vice Ozanne.

Capt. Leech-Porter to H.M.S. "Impregnable" to adjust complement.

Lieut. F. M. Bramall to transfer from H.M.S. "Diligence" to H.M.S. "Sandhurst."

R.M. Gunner C. W. Ryman to H.M.S. "Royal Oak" on commissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieut.-Col. H. A. H. Jones has been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course at the S.A. School, Browndown, on 7th April, ending 11th April.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. Orde apptd. to H.M.S. "President" (addl.) for Senior Officer's War Course, 10/3/24.

Majors T. de S. Washington and R. Sinclair have been selected to attend the Senior Officer's Course at the S.A. School, Browndown, on 7th April, ending 11th April.

Lieuts. B. W. Leicester, N. Lennox and T. L. Bryan passed a short course of P. and R. Training at Portsmouth on 29th Feb., 1924, and are detailed for a long course commencing 22nd Aug., 1924.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.

Lieut. L. O. Jones, R.M., having undergone a Battery Commanders' Course and obtained a satisfactory certificate, is qualified for promotion under I.M.D., Art. 10.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut.-Col. T. B. Luard, D.S.O., placed on Retired List at own request and promoted to Colonel (Retd.), 27/2/24.

Capt. A. Hurford removed from Special Reserve of Officers, R.M., on account of age, 13/3/24.

CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

Shotley—Mnes. N. B. Hooper, A. J. Cummings. **Eagle**—Sergts. J. F. Betteridge, W. E. F. Pledger, F. Bessant, Cpls. J. McCormack, A. C. Hutton, E. M. Bircham, C. Knight, W. N. Whitmore, Buglers A. E. Brown, W. E. Williams, Mnes. S. J. Hicks, E. J. Smith, H. Jarvis, W. G. Pollard, J. S. Brooks, F. G. Bloomfield, A. Brown, E. F. Tracey, P. L. Hale, C. H. Vernon, C. R. Riley, G. H. Aldridge, A. T. Sheilds, E. A. Keller, A. E. Frost, F. Sykes, H. S. J. Pearce, B. F. Aston, C. R. Woodrow, J. W. Blakeman, W. Cuthbertson, F. M. Galliers, J. W. Taft, G. McQuillam, J. T. Stapleton, W. G. Edwards, F. Reed, A. E. Le Grove, H. Gray, H. Norris, C. R. Pye, S. N. F. Peacock, R. Gibson, W. A. Hawkins, T. E. Hyde, R. J. Benjamin, C. P.

Binstead, C. E. Kelly, A. P. While, H. J. Simmons, A. N. Honeybun, G. Smith, W. G. Miller, J. G. W. Absolam, A. J. Lord, S. Smith, M. A. Wright, A. J. Mercer, J. K. Key, J. G. Overy. **Blenheim**—Mnes. A. T. Packer, B. Powell. **Vulcan**—Mnes. A. Cohen, W. E. Lewis, G. H. Jones, E. Woods, W. G. Burke, J. Leeman. **Ark Royal**—Mne. W. G. Beavington. **Constance**—Mne. M. C. Moss. **Hecla**—Cpl. G. V. Gray, Mne. G. R. Laming.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Vulcan—Mne. J. F. Jackson. **Shotley**—Mnes. G. Barker, S. T. Stevens, J. J. Bagust. **Lowestoft**—Sergts. G. M. Rickard, S. Roberts, Cpls. A. E. S. Howlett, H. Mozier, F. G. Patrick, E. F. T. Venerables, Mnes. J. Pavey, R. G. Baxter, W. G. Rushworth, C. Stolberg, J. W. Nicholson, J. E. McMaster, R. W. Coe, C. T. Girvan, A. Clegg, J. E. W. O'Rourke, W. A. Harris, F. Harrison, H. Haynes, H. Peters, J. Harris, B. Franks, J. A. Trott. **Marlborough**—Cpl. P. H. Ives, Mne. C. J. Skeats. **Benbow**—Mne. L. W. Habgood. **Ironduke**—Mne. C. F. Wills. **Calypso**—Mne. A. Hills. **Egmont**—Mne. P. J. Howard, A. H. Hayward. **Blenheim**—Mne. A. Woods. **Diligence**—Cpl. J. W. Bowden.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergts.—Cpls. A. Stares, C. Firth. To be Cpls.—Mnes. V. N. Rootes, J. C. Webb, E. C. Tucker, T. C. Stonehouse.

DISCHARGES.

Second Period of Engagement—Sergt. A. O. Cobb, Mne. C. F. Gedge, C.S.M. W. J. Baker, Mne. P. W. Walton, Mne. G. E. Brown. Invalided—Mne. A. T. Bowers, Mne. R. Kelly, Mne. A. Smith. By Purchase—Mne. S. R. Squelch. On Compassionate Grounds—Mne. E. Salisbury.

PLYMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Sergt.—Cpl. W. Fletcher. To Cpl.—Mne. R. P. Wheeler

DISCHARGES.

To Pension—Mne. H. Masters. Invalided—Cpl. W. Mackay Mnes. T. A. Watson, J. W. Steele.

EMBARKATIONS.

Impregnable—Cpl. Crocker, Mne. Poulter. **Flora**—Sergt Slocombe. **Courageous**—Cpl Spanton. **Defiance**—Mne. Alstaff **Pegasus**—Sergt. Rudge, Mnes. Rowe, Smith, Guppy, Glenneu **Ormonde**—Cpl. Raymond, Mnes. Sheldon, Collings, Conner, Nash

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Glorious—Mne. Wheeler. **Capetown**—Mne. Ward. **Defiance**—Mne. Glenn. **Pegasus**—Cpl. Hayter. **Tamar**—Clr.-Sergt. Payne, Sergts. Smith, Stapleton, Cpl. Bryant, Mues. Williams, Hughes, Reynolds, Taylor, Hucker, Attwell, Mitchell. **Fantome**—Cpls. Breckon, Griffiths, Buglr. Coles, Mnes. R. Gibbons, Biggs, Hannaford, Allen.

DEAL.

DISCHARGES.

Invalided.—Po. D/22007 Mne. F. G. Eggleton, Ch. A/24294 Mne. A. T. Bowers, Po. A/22010 Mne. C. R. Piper. To Pension.—Po. A/21336, Mne. John Sinclair, Po. B/12864 Mne. G. Dowdell. "Compassionate Grounds."—Ch. D/23704 Mne. E. Salisbury. Run.—Ch. A/23351 Mne. F. W. Coleman.

MOVES.

To Chatham.—Ch. A/15884 Sergt. G. M. Rickard. To Portsmouth.—Po. C/212976 Mne. C. A. Perryman. Squad Transfer to Headquarters.—The 79th (King's Squad) were transferred to their respective Headquarters on Thursday, 6th March.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKATIONS.

Vivid (R.N.B.)—Bandmaster, 1st Class, Samuel Taylor, Musns. Thomas Scott, A. E. McCormick, F. H. Norman, Alfred Humphreys, G. J. Young, W. G. Turner, Norman Cook, F. E. Friend, G. J. Lewis, F. H. E. Curd, V. R. Hales, A. E. Williams, R. F. Gobby. **Impregnable (T.S.)**—Bandmaster William Martyr. **Eagle**—Bandmaster (2nd Class) P. E. Barnacle, Band-Cpl. James Shuter, Musns. H. S. Nicholas, E. W. Tucker, C. D. Gibson, S. H. Taylor, T. E. Chapman, H. P. Fish, A. G. Draper, J. A. Cook, Henry Daines, A. T. Still, F. W. Martin, J. E. Roberts, A. H. Sturmy. **Pembroke (C.-in-C.)**—Bandmaster (W.O.) T. W. Trimmer, R.M.B., Band-Cpl. A. R. J. Passell, Musns. R. C. Page, T. W. Golding, Gerald Woodyer, T. R. Wigmore, H. H. Heath, E. G. McNamara, Walter Guerin, G. A. Alcock, L. S. Robberts, George Moody, S. G. Walkiden.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Vivid (R.N.B.)—Bandmaster (1st Class) Fredk. Skidmore, Musns. H. W. Powell, J. H. Warnes, Albert Gibbons, Fredk. Doy, H. J. Fussell, Charles Smith, G. P. Wiseman, A. G. Mann, A. G. Houlton, E. G. Boxall, Fredk. Ede, S. G. Firth, Andrew Rowbotham. **Impregnable (T.S.)**—Band-Cpl. William Plumridge. **Lowestoft**—Musn. H. I. Dine. **Pembroke (C.-in-C.)**—Bandmaster (W.O.) Charles Marks, R.M.B., Band-Cpl. E. J. Hills, Musns. P. D. Evans, Joseph Livesey, Alexander Feinson, D. W. Green, L. A. Hamblin, R. E. Compton, T. J. Roberts, S. A. Sutherland, R. S. L. Hambling, Harry Hassall, S. A. Bushell.

DISCHARGES.

Musn. A. S. Sneath, "unsuitable."

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys C. H. Parker, Wm. Howard and F. W. Tansley to Musician.

PROMOTIONS.

Band-Cpl. J. W. Relph to Bandmaster (2nd Class) vice Plumridge.

CADET CORPS.

THE NATIONAL ROLL OF MARKSMEN CHALLENGE SHIELD (JUNIOR SECTION), 1924.

The 1st Cadet (Chatham) Co., R.M.C.C., have been declared the winners of the above, having obtained the following certificates:—

"A" ... 10. "B" ... 10. "C" ... 4.

This is the second year in succession that the shield has been won by the Chatham Cadets.

BOXING.

The results at the recent boxing tournament held at the Upnor Schools between the Chatham Royal Marine Cadet Corps and the Upnor Social Club were as follows:—Roberts (Upnor) beat Wood; Hunt (Upnor) beat Prague; Franks (R.M.) beat Sargison; H. Hubbard (R.M.) beat Tanton; Smith (Upnor) beat L. Hubbard; Mason (R.M.) beat Waghorn; Sutton (R.M.) beat Rowan in the best bout of the evening; Morritt (R.M.) and Still fought a draw; Pawley (R.M.) beat Clout; Booth (R.M.) beat Ballard; Offord (Upnor) beat Parsons; Tilsley (R.M.) beat Rowan; Sergeant (R.M.) beat Reynolds; Hunt (Upnor) beat James.

The boys proved a credit to their instructors, Q.M.S.I. W. Chalkley and the P.R.T. Staff, R.M., and R.M. Police-Sergts. W. J. Flanaghan and W. J. Pilcher.

The officials were: Referee, Lt.-Comdr. J. B. Falls, R.N.; judges, Capt. R. H. Quill, R.M., and Lt. Nonweiler, R.M.; timekeeper, Capt. S. W. Bucknall, R.M. (Ret.); medical officer, Surgeon-Captain Barnes, R.N. (Ret.).

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EDITORIAL.

We must preface our remarks in this number by making the announcement that they will be the last from the pen of the present Editor. Having been ordered to attend the Senior Officers' School in May—a three months' course—we have no option but to make our adieux to our Readers. The parting comes sooner, perhaps, than expected, and for this reason we must admit to some feeling of regret in having to vacate the Editorial chair before our plans for the development of the paper have fully matured.

With regard to the career of the Journal during the seven months it has been under our control there are two points to which we feel obliged to refer very briefly, for we believe they have been the subject of some quite reasonable criticism.

The first is the monthly Cartoon which, while its attraction is freely admitted, has been thought to be of doubtful expediency, owing to the largely increased printing bill occasioned by its introduction. We have only to point to the Balance Sheet issued in this number to show that to date the finances of the paper have not suffered on this score—the funds in the hands of the Hon. Treasurer on 31st March being £141 11s. 4½d. as against £91 1s. 8½d. on 15th September, 1923.

The second point is the interspersing of advertisements with reading matter in the Journal. This innovation, we agree, detracts from its general appearance and also entails a certain number of advertisements being included in the bound copies. A glance at any progressive magazine, regimental or otherwise, will demonstrate, however, that this practice is gradually becoming universal. It is an acknowledged fact that advertisements make a paper pay; in our own case the balance sheet shows that subscriptions alone do not cover the printing bill. When, therefore, an Advertiser stipulates that his advertisement should face reading matter, ought we to decline it? We think not, and it has been our policy to increase our assured income by increasing our advertisements. In this we claim to have achieved already a certain measure of success which, we anticipate, will be enhanced in time to come when the full effect of our policy can be expressed in terms of £ s. d.

Our Readers will now be interested to learn the name of the new Editor. We feared there would be some difficulty in finding one, so that it is with much pleasure we find ourselves able to announce that Lieut.-Colonel H. A. H. Jones has most nobly stepped into the breach. Few Officers would accept with alacrity the solemn and onerous duties of editorship—we do not exaggerate—and Colonel Jones is certainly no exception in this respect. He has, nevertheless, unselfishly and purely out of *esprit de corps* decided to assume the editorial mantle. Our Readers will be grateful to him and with us will wish him all success in his endeavour.

It remains for us in all sincerity to thank most warmly the authors, artists, and correspondents, who have unfailingly contributed to our pages and also the Staff of the "Globe and Laurel" for their loyal assistance. That they will accord to our successor the same support that we have received there is no shadow of doubt and so to his gentle care we confide the Journal and its destinies.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The following farewell message to the Corps was promulgated on the 29th March :—

" On relinquishing the appointment of Adjutant-General, Sir Herbert E. Blumberg wishes to express his thanks to all ranks of the Corps for their loyal support on all occasions, and to take this opportunity of wishing them every success in the future."

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Colonel-Commandant L. Halliday, V.C., C.B., was presented to his Majesty at the Levée held at St. James's Palace on 18th March. The following Officers were presented for the first time :—Captains Stock and MacDonnell, Lieuts. Fell and Hale, and 2nd-Lieuts. Carless and Whitmarsh.

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Congratulations to Major Evans and Capt. West on winning the Hard Court Doubles Championship at the R.N. and R.M. Lawn Tennis Meeting at Torquay.

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It has been decided that all Officers *employed solely as Recruiting Officers* for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines shall, in future, bear the distinctive title of " Recruiting Staff Officer, Royal Navy and Royal Marines."

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On the occasion of the Royal Naval Review at Gibraltar on 27th March the horses for the mounted Officers of the Royal Marine Brigade were kindly provided by the 1st Battalion the Buffs and the Irish Guards.

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At an entertainment given recently at Canton in honour of the Royal Marines from H.M.S. " Tamar " a little girl, aged ten, was given a blank dance programme. When asked whom she wished to have as partners, she replied, " Oh, Daddy, and all the Marines." Her sister, aged seven, asked the whole Detachment to her birthday party.

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The Committee of " Britain's Sea Soldiers " are taking steps to have this History sold outside the Corps in order to bring the sale up to 1,000 copies. Intending purchasers should therefore make application without delay or they may be too late to secure a copy.

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We witnessed the International Hockey Match, England *v.* France, at Folkestone on the 19th April. Major Brooks played at centre-forward and fully justified his selection. He hit four goals of the nine scored for England.

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A Guard of Honour of Royal Marines under the command of Captain R. C. G. Mackenzie was furnished by the Chatham Division on the occasion of the opening by His Majesty of the Empire Exhibition at Wembley on 23rd April.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE.

23rd April, 1918—St. George's Day. The 4th Battalion, R.M., consisting of 3 Companies, R.M.L.I., one each from Chatham, Portsmouth and Plymouth respectively, of Howitzer and Stokes Gun details, R.M.A., and Machine Gun Section, under Lieut.-Col. B. N. Elliott, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., embarked for this enterprise in H.M.S. " Vindictive " and the Ferry Boats " Iris " and " Daffodil." The destruction of the Mole and the sinking of block ships at the entrance of the Canal were successfully carried out in spite of very heavy casualties.

The Victoria Cross was awarded for " most conspicuous gallantry " on this occasion to Capt. E. Bamford, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., and Sergeant N. A. Finch, R.M.A.

SCHOOL OF LAND ARTILLERY.

The " Infantry Gun " itself has not yet been perfected, but a Course at the Mobile Wing of the School of Land Artillery is surely calculated to produce " Infantry Gunners."

For it is on our sea-faring feet that we tramp round the copses and across the fields of rural Hampshire to put into practice the knowledge we have gained of reconnoitring O.P.'s, Battery positions and wagon lines, establishing communications, laying out Zero lines, etc., etc., all strictly in accordance with the " requirements of the tactical situation."

Since land owners still have some rights, our guns are left at home on these occasions. Their turn comes on the next convenient day. This time we mark a Battery position from which we can fire, and, with the aid of Fordson tractors, occupy it by one of the various methods.

Floating rafts bearing strips of canvas represent to the enthusiast at the O.P. all sorts of exciting targets. From different points along the shore we direct upon these the appropriate H.E. or Shrapnel of the Battery, using the methods learnt in the Lecture Room or on the Miniature Range as " most suitable to achieve the object in view."

The cherry is eaten, but we have had to take two bites. If only, just for once, we could carry out a mounted reconnaissance and fire over a land range !

PIRACY IN CHINESE WATERS.

Piracies, particularly in the vicinity of Hong Kong, are becoming more prevalent, and from the daring and successful manner in which they have been carried out it appears that there is a pretty good organizing mind working the whole show.

Banditry and piracy have been common in China for very many years, but at the present time they are more frequent near Hong Kong than ever before,

The usual type of piracy is that of a gang getting on board as passengers and, some time after the ship has sailed, to rise simultaneously in all parts of the ship. Although vigorous searching of Chinese is carried out at Hong Kong, the pirates manage to get on board somehow, which rather points to the fact that there is collusion between Chinese crews and the pirates. In the olden days the village near which the pirates made off would have been shot up, but this is not desirable at the present time.

Armed Indian guards sail in most China coast vessels, but have not proved of sufficient value to overcome an attack.

As all present methods seem unsuccessful, it is possible that other steps may be taken before long.

R.M. CORPS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at 54, Victoria Street, on 20th March, 1924. General Sir Herbert Blumberg, K.C.B., Adjutant-General R.M., in the chair.

The statement of the Hon. Secretary showed that since March, 1921, employment had been found for 588 men.

Owing to the carelessness of men in not reporting when they obtain employment, it was difficult to arrive at an accurate statement of the number remaining unemployed, but he estimated that the number was not more than 125.

The question of the employment of Royal Marines in the Post Office was now entirely in the hands of the National Association and that of arranging and financing emigration was being carried out by County Committees, one of which exists in Devon and Cornwall and another in Kent.

Owing to the large number of men accepted for the Dockyard Police and several having been taken on as servants to Naval officers at Greenwich College, the numbers out of employment had been considerably reduced. In addition to the numbers reported above, 448 men had been placed by the National Association.

The future of the Corps Association was then discussed and it was decided that the Central Office and the Divisional branches should be retained for another year.

General Sir H. Blumberg resigned with regret his position as President and Hon. Treasurer of the Association and Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison was unanimously elected to fill these positions. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to General Blumberg for his great services to the Association and after he had made a suitable reply the proceedings terminated.

ROYAL MARINES DINNER CLUB.

The annual dinner will be held at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, at 7.45 p.m. on the 23rd May.

Members intending to dine are requested to inform the Honorary Secretary, 55, Whitehall, S.W.1., as soon as possible.

A general meeting of the members of the Club will be held on the same day at 55, Whitehall, at 3 p.m., to receive the balance sheet for 1923 and elect members of the Committee.

The Honorary Secretary is always glad to send a copy of the rules of the Club to any Officer who may contemplate joining.

The Committee is anxious that Officers who held temporary commissions in the Royal Marines during the war should know that they are eligible for membership; it has not been found possible to inform them all individually, as in many cases their addresses are not known.

LADY GROVER'S HOSPITAL FUND FOR OFFICERS' FAMILIES.

This fund assists the wives and children of active and retired Commissioned Officers in all the Services by grants towards costs of hospitals and nursing homes, the amount granted being up to £4 4s. weekly in addition to medicines and operation fees. A grant of £3 13s. 6d. a week is given for a hospital nurse being required in the home of a member. The annual subscription is £1 1s. yearly, no benefit being obtainable until members have registered as such for 6 months.

The fund is affiliated to the Officers' Association (British Legion), its administration and finance are on correct lines, and it is desired to make it as well known as possible in view of the wide scope for its activities now prevailing.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, Ltd. (Cox & Co.'s Branch), 6, Pall Mall.

Further particulars with copies of the rules are obtainable from the Secretary, Miss Burberry, 2, Earl's Terrace, Kensington, W. 8.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

Mrs. Youatt, of 51, Emma Place, Stonehouse, has very kindly presented the medals of her father, the late Mr. Samuel Smith, to the Officers, Plymouth Division, Royal Marines. These medals are the Crimean with two clasps, Balaklava and Sebastopol; the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct; and the Turkish medal for the Crimea. He was also present at the bombardment of Odessa on the 22nd April, 1854.

On enlistment in 1850, Private Samuel Smith was posted to the 13th Company at Chatham Division, but transferred in '61 to the 99th Coy., Plymouth Division. For some years prior to taking his discharge to pension (9th May, '72), he belonged to the 84th Company, Plymouth Division.

He died in 1908 from heart failure when out rabbit shooting, his body being found some hours later in Trevarrick Wood, near St. Austell.

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Donations towards the Medal Fund of £1 (each) from General H. C. Eagles, Mrs. Eagles and Miss Eagles, are acknowledged with many thanks.

FLEET NOTES.

MEDITERRANEAN.

COMPETITION FOR THE "GIBRALTAR CUP," 1924.

The field firing competition for the Gibraltar Cup, presented in 1920 by the R.M. Rifle Association, was held on the Ghain Tuffieha rifle ranges on 25th and 26th March, 1924.

Teams, consisting of two rifle sections and one L.G. section with platoon headquarters, in fighting order, carried 120 rounds per man and 16 magazines for the Lewis gun. They started from the point where the road from Palma joins the Iz Zebbieh–Ghain Tuffieha road, and marched about 1½ miles to the range, where the chief umpire explained the scheme to the platoon commander, who had to form his plan, issue orders to the section commanders, and then carry out the attack.

Major H. B. Inman, M.C., Capt. E. J. B. Noyes, Lieuts. F. M. Bramall and G. W. Beazley carried out the umpiring up to the conclusion of the approach march, when the teams were handed over to the chief umpire (Major J. M. Hamilton, D.S.O., The Gordon Highlanders); the other range umpires were obtained from the Army.

Points were awarded up to a maximum of:—100 for march discipline (including the inspection at the start and finish of the march); 300 for tactics and ½ for every hit on the targets.

The Lewis gun had a special target (a screen 4 ft. by 4 ft.), except during the counter-attack when it fired on any suitable targets.

RESULTS.

Order of Merit.	*Team.*	*Hour and Date of commencing March.*	*Hits on L. G. Screen.*	*Hits on Other Targets*	*Marks for March discipline and Tactics.*	*Total Points.*
1.	"Iron Duke" ...	1200/26th	419	476	300	747½
2.	"Emperor of India"	0930/25th	426	341	280	663½
3.	"Comus"	1200/25th	293	335	313	627
4.	"Cleopatra" ...	1045/26th	294	212	318	571
5.	"Marlborough" ...	1045/26th	283	240	236	497½
6.	"Ceres"	0700/26th	226	203	253	467½
7.	"Benbow" ...	0700/25th	193	251	211	433
8.	"Calypso" ...	0930/26th	143	207	247	422
9.	"Caradoc" ...	0815/25th	55	267	233	394
10.	"Cardiff"	0815/26th	156	139	176	323½

H.B.

H.M.S. "Revenge," Pollenza Bay.

A very pleasant meeting of the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets has just come to an end. Starting and ending with exercises at sea, a lot has been crowded into three days, including pulling and sailing races and boxing, the honours going chiefly to the Atlantic Fleet. The Q.E.'s Marines' Cutters crew won the Marines' race for the combined Fleets pretty comfortably. Rough weather spoilt the last day and prevented a show, which was to have been given by the Q.E., from being put up. On the preceding night the "Iron Duke's" officers gave an extremely successful and amusing play. A huge crowd of officers of the Combined Fleets, computed at about 800, were present, including Earl Beatty. Not the least pleasant part of the evening was after the entertainment, when one met on the Quarter Deck innumerable old pals and shipmates not seen for years.

GIBRALTAR.

We are nearing the end of our labours of the Spring Cruise. The Fleet Tournament has been brought to a successful termination, despite dreadful weather. The finals of the Tug-of-War were pulled in from two to four inches of mud and water!

The results were as follows:—

R.M. Inter-Team Events.

Light Tug-of-War—"Barham" (1st Div.) beat Q.E. (2nd Div.).
Heavy Tug-of-War—"Revenge" (2nd Div.) beat "Barham."
Bayonet Combat Teams—2nd Div. and Q.E. beat 1st Div.

R.M. Individual Events.

Bayonet *v.* Bayonet—Maj. H. Gillespie, "Revenge."
Sabre *v.* Sabre—Lt. J. Hume, "Revenge."
Foil *v.* Foil—Lt. Giles, Q.E.
Epée *v.* Epée—Lt. Salter, "Barham."

Inter-Service Events.

Light Tug-of-War—R. Marines, H.M.S. "Barham," beat Seamen, "Barham."
Heavy Tug-of-War—R. Marines, "Revenge," beat Seamen, Q.E.

Bayonet Combat Team.

Seamen, H.M.S. "Barham" beat R. Marines 2nd Div. and Q.E.

This last was a very close fight, the Seamen getting home by 10 fights to 8. They deserved their win thoroughly, having taken a lot more trouble than the Marines, who had had the same opportunities for practice.

NAVAL REVIEW AT GIBRALTAR.

A big Naval Review took place on the North Front on the 27th March, when H.E. the Governor of Gibraltar took the salute from between five and six thousand Seamen and Marines. The rain, for a wonder, held off during the actual review, though many got soaked to the skin before reaching the ground. The R.M. contingent consisted of a Brigade of two battalions with Lt.-Col. A. P. Arbuthnot as Brigadier. It was quite an experience for many men and officers, who so seldom have a chance of seeing, much less drilling with, a big battalion. Considering how little practice was available beforehand, satisfaction may be felt at the good show put up.

BAND CONTEST.

The R.M. Bands Contest was held on the 28th and 29th of March, and resulted in a win for the band of H.M.S. "Valiant," those of the Q.E. and "Revenge" being second and third respectively. The bands, all round, were very good, and Admiral Sir John de Robeck, who presented the prizes, expressed himself as very pleased with the results.

Now all talk is of leave and re-fits, etc., with the Summer Cruise in the offing. Our one hope is that the weather will be kinder than it has been on the Spring Cruise. It couldn't be worse!

H.M.S. "Caradoc."

In the Marines' two-mile race (Cutters) for Light Cruisers, "Ceres" took first place, with "Cleopatra" coming in a good second, adrift only by three strokes—a very creditable performance considering they are the smallest detachment for Light Cruisers out here. "Curacoa" of the Atlantic Fleet came in third.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

H.M.S. "Resolution."

SQUADRON CUP FINAL.

Following our report to you of the semi-final for the Divisional Squadron Cup, we are now able to render you a report of the finals, which took place against the "Royal Sovereign" at Gibraltar in fine weather on March 8th.

The game opened with great vigour by both teams, and the play in the first ten minutes favoured "Resolution," who kept their opponents well in their own territory.

Fine combination in our opponents' team soon reverted the play to our half, but it was not for long, and after twenty minutes' play a goal was scored for "Resolution" by Musn. Heyes. This made the half-time score 1—*nil*.

In the second half the play was very fast, and with fine combination the "Royal Sovereign" were soon attacking our goal, and through misjudgment between our backs and goalie they scored an equaliser. The "Royal Sovereign" now proved their worth, and a few minutes after the first goal they scored again. Our team were now feeling the lack of training, but, although our opponents pressed hotly, there was no further scoring. Resulting full-time score was therefore 2—1.

This was the first defeat we had suffered in the new commission.

AFRICA STATION.

H.M.S. "Birmingham."

March on the Africa Station is usually a month devoted to Gunnery and Torpedo Exercises. We are in the middle of them now. The strong South-easters ease down at this time of the year, the weather becomes delightful, and it is cold enough to get back into Blues again.

LANDING OPERATIONS.

The Landing Operation against the mobilised forces of the Cape Peninsula, originally fixed for February, took place on March 8th. The object was to exercise ships of the Africa Station (Blue) in landing a Covering Force and to exercise the Cape Peninsula Defence Force (Red) in the first stages of opposing a hostile landing.

The military units opposing the Navy consisted of 350 Cape Town Highlanders, 225 D.E.O. Rifles, 150 Cape Peninsula Rifles and 600 of the Railway and Harbour Brigade. This force was encamped at Wynberg ; but on the day before the operations commenced they were distributed in various central positions throughout the Peninsula, ready to oppose a landing wherever it might be made.

The four ships of the Africa Squadron can only provide a landing party of 8 Platoons, about 240 men, with 16 Lewis guns. This represented a Covering Force of 1,000 men.

The ships arrived in Hout Bay before daylight on March 8th and anchored at 0547. The First Flight was ashore at 0604 and advanced without serious opposition to their first objective.

The only enemy met with consisted of one Platoon of Cape Town Highlanders. Some of these were captured and the remainder driven back towards Wynberg. The Demolition Party from the " Birmingham " blocked the Wynberg–Hout Bay main road, charges were placed and the bridge was decided by the umpires to have been demolished at 0830.

The whole of the Covering Force was in position, entrenched on high ground on a radius of about two miles from the landing place, by 0900. The Chief Umpire then sounded the general cease fire, the military critics having decided that Blue's objectives had been reached.

From the Naval side these operations afforded valuable experience in entering harbour at night and landing a force with all despatch. Subsequent operations on shore were very easy in view of the small resistance encountered. They entailed practically no alteration from the original plan.

CHINA.

H.M.S. " Hawkins " met the Special Service Squadron at Singapore, the weather was unusually bad during the whole of the visit.

H.M.S. " Durban " and " Despatch " are still at Hong Kong, H.M.S. " Diomede " is North and " Carlisle " South.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

The rendition of Wei-hai-wei will cause a number of alterations on the island. The present Officers' Club House will probably not survive much longer, and it is proposed to make a new one by utilising the Rifle Range houses, the range itself is to be the site of the new recreation grounds, and a new golf course is to be built.

CANTON.

The Royal Marine Detachment of H.M.S. " Tamar " transferred from H.M.S. " Foxglove " to " Hollyhock " on February 12th, and on February 24th " Hollyhock " returned to Hong Kong with the majority of the Platoon, the " Foxglove " relieving her and taking over one officer and 12 other ranks who were detailed to remain. The weather has been very bad this winter ; for six consecutive weeks at Canton there was sunshine on only two days and it rained almost every day. This has prevented football, the main recreation ; however, plenty of P. and R.T. has kept the platoon at full strength the whole time.

People in Shameen have been particularly kind and have entertained the Platoon in a most generous manner. They have given two dances, a whist drive and concert among other things, and, in marked contrast to Hong Kong, there is an air of real friendship. Perhaps the children who come to watch the training have something to do with it.

THE " HEUNGHSAN,"

a river steamer running between Hong Kong and Canton, ran ashore in a fog just below Whampoa a few days ago. A guard of Royal Marines has been sent from Canton to live on board and to shoot up any pirates who may wish to visit them. Only her boat deck is above water.

H.M. River Gunboat " Moth " is still in commission with the gun's crew of Marines from H.M.S. " Despatch."

FOOTBALL.

The following football match was played at Canton : Royal Marines, H.M.S. " Tamar," 3 ; H.M.S. " Tarantula " and " Moorhen," 0.

Rain has prevented any other matches.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

EASTNEY.

This month has mostly been a scramble to make up matches which we postponed, through our successes in various Cups early in the season. We have not done anything like so well these last few weeks, although we annexed the U.S. Charity Cup, beating the R.N. Depôt 2—0 in the Final at Pitt Street. We lost the Semi-Final of the Gosport Hospital Cup 3—0, an afternoon on which the team forgot to put any luck in the bags when packing. We are now only interested in one more Cup Competition, the Victory Cup, we meet the R.N. Depôt in the Semi-Final on the 15th April.

The second team have completed their fixtures for the season by beating the Prince of Wales's Volunteers 5—1. It was disappointing not to see Cpl. Watts captain the second team for their last time of turning out, but he has been out of the side for several games, crocked, Cpl. Dockerty very obligingly taking captain.

The following is the second team's League record :—

Played 22, won 17, drawn 1, lost 3. Goals for, 109, against, 26. Points 25.

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CHATHAM.

The following is the record since 15th March, 1924 :—

Erith and Belvedere (Kent League), 19th March. Lost, 0—1.
Charlton Athletic (Kent League), 21st March. Lost, 0—1.
Northfleet (Kent League), 26th March. Lost, 0—2.
Sheppey United (Kent League), 29th March. Won, 1—0.
Ashford (Kent League), 2nd April. *Abandoned, 2—1.
Northfleet (Kent League), 5th April. Lost, 2—0.
Dartford (Kent League), 9th April. Draw, 2—2.
Depôt Battalion R.E. (Semi-Final, Milner Cup), 7th April. Won, 5—0.
Sheppey United (Kent League), 12th April. Lost, 3—6.
Depôt Battalion, R.E. (U.S. League), 14th April. Won, 3—2.
Ramsgate (Kent League), 16th April. Won, 6—0.

* Owing to bad light.

The result of matches played since last report have not been all that could be desired, possibly owing to having to play off so many fixtures in so short time, due to Cup Ties postponing our League fixtures.

The first eleven have won the U.S. League with the following record :—

Played 6, won 6. Goals for, 17, against, 3.

We have to play the R.N. Depôt in the final of the Milner Cup. The date is not yet fixed, probable date is Wednesday, 7th May.

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PLYMOUTH.

This month we are writing in a little more cheerful mood, having no less than 3 wins to record in the Plymouth and District League. On the 22nd March we entertained Green Waves on the Longroom and although we lost to the tune of 3 goals to *nil* the result was not a fair reflection of the run of the game. Everyone in this district is aware that Green Waves are a formidable team to tackle, but in the game in question we had as much of the play as they. The big score was the result of taking advantage of all openings and banging in first-timers. They are a boisterous team with a " win at any price " spirit ; little wonder then that one of our best men, namely, Stratton, was carried off the field with his chest ripped open by someone's studs. The following Saturday saw us with a poor (on paper) team at Truro, pitted against Truro City. We lost here by 6 goals to 2. But what a difference in the game, not an angry word was heard from player or spectator, but a good hard and clean game resulted. The previous week our opponents had beaten Plymouth Argyle Reserves, no mean performance. The 5th of April saw us welcoming St. Austell on the Longroom in a P. and D. League fixture. We kicked off at 1.30 to allow the visitors a chance of going to see Plymouth Argyle at Home Park after. This game we won 3 to *nil*. We met Millbrook on our ground on the 12th April, and avenged our defeat in the Devon Senior Cup Competition by 4 goals to 1. It was a good game throughout, both sides doing their utmost to increase the score, but sound defence told the tale. On Tuesday evening at 6.30 we had Tavistock with us on the Longroom and we defeated them by 3 goals to 1.

Farming in South Africa

Practical Help for the Settler

Land Settlement in South Africa has received a great stimulus by the recently published survey of the Kendrew Settlement. This unique project to land development unquestionably offers exceptional benefits to the ambitious and energetic type of settler. Experts of repute, after exhaustive investigation, have expressed a vigorous confidence in the certainty of success. Amongst other important endorsements may be mentioned that of Mr. H. Urquhart, Chairman of the Local Advisory Committee of the 1820 Memorial Settlers' Association.

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One of the most striking features is that the scheme has been endorsed by all the influential farmers in the district, having been drawn up after conferences with them, both individually and collectively.

The outcome has been the formation of an advisory committee, consisting of a number of the leading agriculturists familiar with local conditions, which will act as a link between the developing company and the settlers. This committee consists of Mr. Walter Rubidge, of Dalham, chairman; Mr. Isaac Booysen, of Klipdrift, Chairman of the Van Ryneveld's Pass Irrigation Board; Mr. A. A. Kingwill, Coloniesplaats, President of the Friesland Stud Breeders' Association of South Africa, and Vice-President of the South African Merino Breeders' Association; Mr. Denham G. Collett, Rynheath; and Mr. R. C. Holmes, of Kendrew.

The problem of successful production and the vital question of the economic marketing of the fruits of the settlers' labour have been given careful consideration and satisfactory provision has been made. It is intended to erect, on a co-operative basis, a bacon factory, a dairy, and a fruit-drying plant, and to produce all the raw materials which will feed these and similar establishments.

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RUGBY.

PLYMOUTH.

The Rugby Team has been showing consistently improved form this year, the record since November last being :—Played 18, won 16, drawn 1, lost 1.

The record for the whole season so far does not look quite so well, but fully illustrates the marked improvement of the team during the latter half :—Played 29, won 18, drawn 2, lost 9. Points for, 274, against, 180.

A very satisfactory point is the number of Recruits joining the Division from the Depôt who are keen on the game.

v. H.M.S. " Defiance." Played on the Longroom on 19th of March. The Marines proved too good for the Sailors, and won a fairly easy game by three goals and two tries (21 points) to a dropped goal and a try (7 points.)

v. Totnes. This match was played at Totnes on a very heavy ground, which rather limited any display of good football. Early in the first half Dumpleton dropped a good goal. For the remainder of the half Totnes pressed hard but failed to penetrate the Marines' defence, which was very sound. In the second half tries were scored for the Marines by Harrison and Hadley, but neither were converted. Totnes scored once. Result: Royal Marines 10 points, Totnes 3 points.

v. Okehampton. Played away at Okehampton on 5th April, proving a fairly comfortable win for the Royals. Okehampton were the first to score, but the try was not converted. Shortly after South got over for the Marines, but this also was not improved on. From this time onwards the play was all in favour of the Marines, and further tries were added by Coombes, Hadley and South (2), one of the latter being converted by Silby. Result: Royal Marines 1 goal, 4 tries (17 points), Okehampton 1 try (3 points).

v. Paignton Reserves. Played on the Longroom on 20th March. As the previous match with Paignton had resulted in a draw a keen game was witnessed. Early in the first half the ball crossed the Paignton line and Mealing touched it down, but the score was disallowed. In the second half the Marines, though pressing hard, failed to get over and the game resulted in a pointless draw. Curiously enough, the only two drawn games this season have both been with Paignton.

v. Kingsteignton. Played on the latter's ground in a gale of wind. The Marines kicked off against the wind and were very satisfied with the score of eight points against them at half time. In the second half the Marines pressed hard and kept the home side pinned to their own line. A score seemed imminent at any moment, when to the surprise of everyone the Referee blew for " No side " after 20 minutes' play. Both captains protested, but to no avail. The match ended with the score eight points to nothing for Kingsteignton.

BOXING.

R.N. & R.M. BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1924.

The annual Boxing Championships of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines were held in the Cosmopolitan, Plymouth, on the 9th, 10th and 11th April. There was a large number of entries. The following results were obtained.

OFFICERS.

Weight.	*Winner.*	*Runner-up.*
Heavy ...	Lt. C. F. Hallaran, R.N.	Surg.-Lt. Barker, R.N.
Light Heavy	Mid. Dobree, R.N.	Mid. Fry, R.N.
Middle ...	Capt. D. A. C. Shephard, R.M.	Mid. Furze, R.N.
Welter ...	Mid. Winch, R.N.	Lt. Davies, R.N.
Light ...	Pay-Lt. Glenister, R.N.	Lt. Kitcat, R.N.

OTHER RANKS.

Middle ...	Sto. Mann, R.N.	Mne. Hornsey, R.M.
Welter ...	Mne. Piddock, R.M.	Sto. Meadows, R.N.
Light ...	Cpl. Downton, R.M.	Tel. Underwood, R.N.

Mne. Hornsey had very bad luck in the Middle-weight. He put up some splendid fights in the earlier rounds. In the semi-final he had the misfortune to damage his right hand, so that in the final he only had one hand in use. As it was, he lost a very close fight. Had he had both hands in working order, he would have stood a very good chance of winning his weight.

Mne. Trinder put up a very good display in his first fight. At the end of the third round the judges disagreed, and the referee ordered an extra round. His opponent was in a little better condition than he was, and managed to get the decision. Trinder, however, got the prize given to the best good loser of the session.

Another good loser's prize was obtained by Mne. Mealing. He fought in the Light-weight and, although beaten in his first fight, he gave a really plucky exhibition.

Cpl. Downton and Mne. Piddock are to be congratulated on winning the Light and Welter-weight Championships respectively. The latter is a very promising boxer, who fought very well for us as a Middle-weight in the I.S.B.A. Championships last year.

EASTNEY.

Cpl. Downton	*v.* Evan Williams. Lost 2nd Round (K.O.).
	v. Johnny Sharp. Won 3rd Round (K.O.).
	v. Tom Humphries. Won 15 Rounds on points.
	v. Harry Robinson, Won 15 Rounds on points.
	v. Jack Lane. Lost 10 Rounds (stopped by Ref.).
Mne. Hornsey	*v.* Frankie Marsh. Won 3rd Round (K.O.).
	v. Sid Chilton. Won 10 Rounds on points.
	v. Bill Jones. Won 15 Rounds on points.
	v. Harry Jones. Won 10 Rounds on points.
	v. Lantsbury. Lost 10 Rounds on points.
	v. A. B. Bromley. Lost 3 Rounds on points. (Port Championship).
Mne. Davis	*v.* A. C. Richardson, R.A.F. Won 1st Round (K.O.).
	v. Joe Batten. Lost 8th Round (K.O.).

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

R.M. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The representatives of the R.N. School of Music, who were included in the teams of the Portsmouth Division, R.M., at the recent Tournament at Deal, were as follows :—

Musns. T. W. Parnell, Wm. Howard, Band Boys D. S. McNab, H. J. Maynard, J. E. Marx, J. D. Lock, Edward Goadby, E. J. Boorah, S. G. Worsfold.

Of the nine entries from the School six were successful in gaining admission to the respective finals, and three were winners outright, the following were the results :—

UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE—

Middle-weight ...	Band Boy D. S. NcMab, runner-up.
Bantam ,, ...	Musn. Wm Howard, runner-up.
Fly ,, ...	Band Boy Edward Goadby, winner.

UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE—

9 st. and under ...	Band Boy J. E. Marx, runner-up.
7 st. 6 lbs. and under ...	Band Boy H. J. Maynard, winner.
6 st. 6 lbs. and under ...	Band Boy E. J. Boorah, winner.

Owing to the important part played by the School's representatives in bringing the Open Trophy to the Portsmouth Division R.M. again this year, the School has been entrusted with its safe keeping, an honour which, of course, will be greatly appreciated, more especially by those who assisted in winning it.

SHOOTING.

EASTNEY.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.—In connection with the Portsmouth and District Rifle League, we have completed our matches and after losing four during the first half of the season, our position in the League was runners-up with the Railway R.C., having fired 14 and won 10 matches.

The tie shoot took place at Eastney, and after a close match the Railway won by 6 points. This is the first match we have lost since using the B.S.A. No. 12 model.

The shooting of the team during the season has been of a high standard, as many as six with two reserves being selected to shoot for Portsmouth in the Inter-Town Shield, which was fired at Winchester on Saturday, April 5th. The Shield was won by Southampton, with Portsmouth second, being down 8 points.

FULL-BORE.—The Annual General Meeting was held in the Sports Pavilion on March 21st. It was decided that the conditions of Club Shoots should be, " Prince of Wales " and S.R.B. Competitions alternate weeks.

COMMAND TOURNAMENT,

PORTSMOUTH AND PLYMOUTH DIVISIONS.

Held at Eastney on March 27th, 1924.

RESULTS.

1. *Team Events.*

(*a*) Bayonet Combat ... R.M. Portsmouth, won.
(*b*) Tug-of-War (110 st.) ,, ,, ,,
(*c*) ,, ,, (130 st.) ,, ,, w.o.

2. *Individual Events* (*O.R.*).

(*a*) Bayonet *v.* Bayonet (Open)—Mne. Duncan, Po. Div., 1st.
(*b*) ,, ,, (Uncertificated Command Tournament only)—Mne. Ellis, Plymouth Div., 1st.
(*c*) Epée *v.* Epée ... Sergt. Coker, Ply. Div. 1st.
(*d*) Foil *v.* Foil ... Sergt. Coker, Ply. Div. 1st.
(*e*) Sabre *v.* Sabre ... Sergt. Coker, Ply. Div. 1st.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

DEAL.

Kent County A.A.A. Cross-Country Race (for youths under 18 years of age) was held at Sandwich on the 10th April, the Depôt R.M. entered a team of Recruits and the following places were obtained :—

Recruit R. E. Sharp	5th place.
Recruit J. Kealy	6th place.
Recruit F. C. Marks	7th place.
Recruit E. Tombleson	13th place.

Result of Race :—

Chatham House Grammar School	1st place.
Depôt R.M.	2nd place.
Royal Irish Fusiliers	3rd place.
Green Howards	4th place.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE CHATHAM DIVISION.

The competition commenced on the 12th February, with four representatives from the Officers, Warrant Officers, Sergeants' Mess, Junior N.C.O.s' Club and Marines in Barracks.

The draw for the rounds consisted of the following ties :—

Byes : Cpl. Godfrey, Capt. Wilkinson, Mne. Bickley, Lt.-Col. Little, Mne. Basten, S.M. Board, Cpl. Bennett, Supt.-Clerk Parfitt, Supt.-Clerk Smith, Mne. Botting, Sergt. Hall, Cpl. Hallahan.

Q.M.S.I. Bacon *v.* Sergt. Surgey ; Cpl. Anderson *v.* Col. Paterson ; Supt.-Clerk Webber *v.* Mne. Palmer ; Sergt. Small *v.* Major Sandilands ; all matches being 200 up except the final, which was 400.

The competition aroused great interest in the Division and was productive of some keenly contested games. In the second round a particularly close match between Sergt. Hall and Cpl. Hallahan was witnessed. On five separate occasions their scores were level. Eventually both reached 199 and the scores remained at these totals for nearly five minutes, easy shots being missed until Hallahan ran out with a losing hazard white.

In this round Capt. Wilkinson made the highest break of the competition, viz., 63. It was unfortunate that Colonel Paterson, owing to being on the sick list, had to scratch in the second round. The semi-finalists were Capt. Wilkinson *v.* Q.M.S.I. Bacon and Sergt. Small *v.* Mne. Botting. The first two played a close game, which was won by Capt. Wilkinson by 16, while in the other game Sergt. Small won comfortably by 88.

The final match was played off on the 21st March between Capt. Wilkinson and Sergt. Small, resulting in a win for the latter, with the scores closing at :—

Sergt. Small, 400 ; Capt. Wilkinson, 277.

Chief breaks of the game were :—Sergt. Small : 32, 30, 29, 28, 24, and 23. Capt. Wilkinson : 25, 23, and 21. The game was very quick, taking only 1 hour and 20 minutes to finish. The winner played with great precision and thoroughly deserved his victory, which gave him the Championship of the Division—and with it a very nice silver cup.

FROM OUR LOCAL CORRESPONDENTS.

CHATHAM.

COMIC SOCCER.

The Royal Marine Sergeants from Deal visited Chatham on Saturday, 22nd March, on a return visit to the function held recently at Deal. In the afternoon a comic football match was played on the Royal Marine ground, a collection taken up in aid of St. Dunstan's realising £3 2s. 6d. The game was one long scream, Association and Rugby football being played alternately. The final score was returned at two goals each, but neither side subsequently claimed to have gained the victory.

DEAL.

Things we would like to know :—

Who is it that invented " Next five in, 10 seconds to go " ?
Is there a standard height for Quartermaster-Sergeant ?
Who is known as " Felix " ?

ROYAL NAVAL FUND.

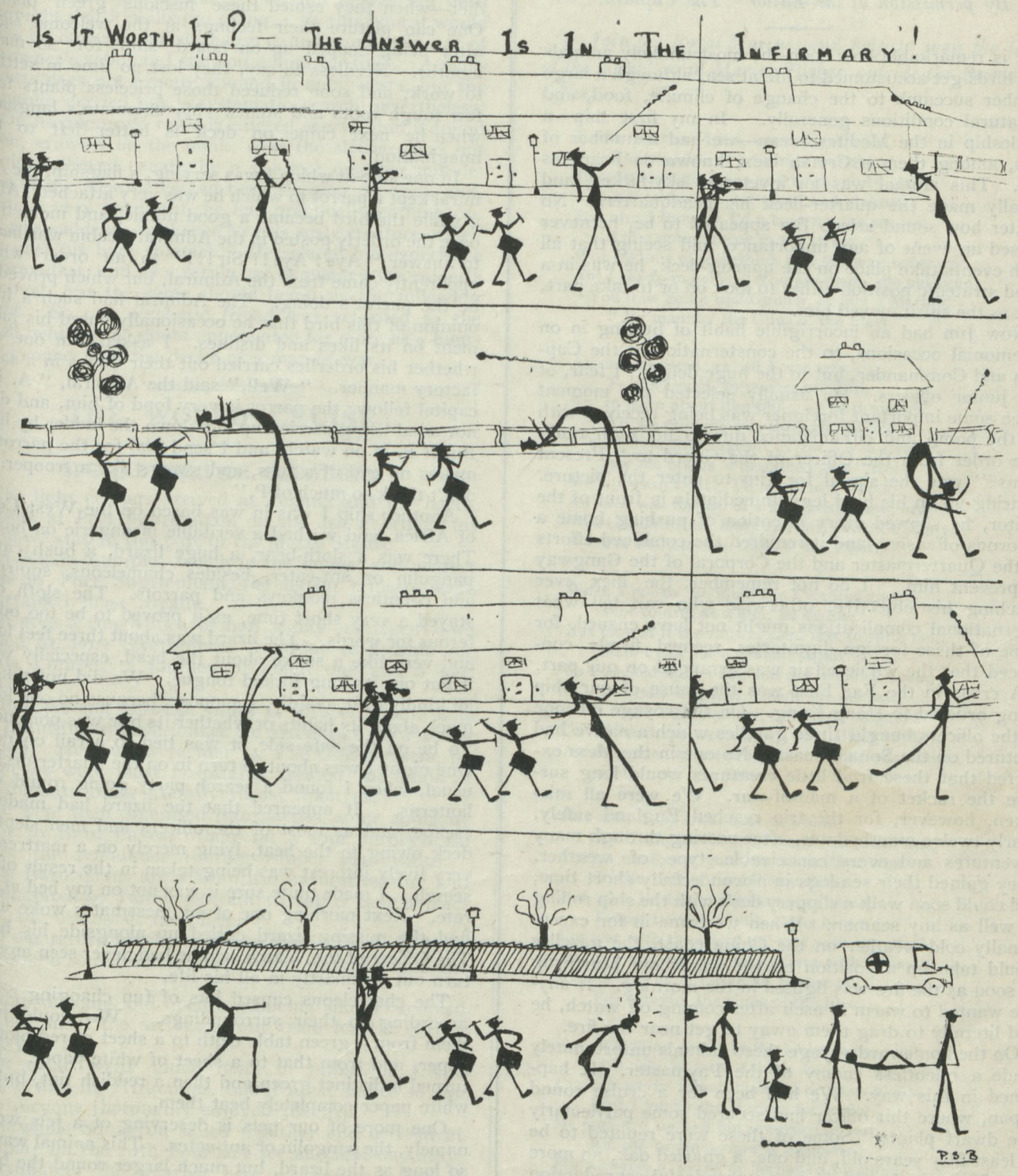
The Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Royal Naval Fund—founded in connection with the Royal Naval Exhibition of 1891—was held on Wednesday, 9th April, at the Royal United Service Institution. The attendance included Admiral of the Fleet the Right Hon. Sir Edward H. Seymour, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., LL.D., President ; Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O. ; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Joseph Chambers, C.B., C.M.G. ; Mr. Gerald E. Compston, M.A., LL.B. ; Sir Alfred Eyles, K.C.B., K.B.E. ; Admiral the Hon. Sir Edmund R. Freemantle, G.C.B., C.M.G. ; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry B. Jackson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., F.R.S. ; Admiral of the Fleet Sir William H. May, G.C.B., G.C.V.O. ; Mr. G. J. Naof, 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 Mr. J. F. Phillips, Secretary.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville, Chairman of the Executive Committee, in presenting the Annual Report, stated that H.R.H. Prince George had honoured the Fund by becoming a Life Governor. In the course of the past year, and for the first time in the history of the Fund, the normal income, plus the balance of income brought forward from the preceding year, had been wholly expended. But for the timely aid of King George's Fund for Sailors, and notwithstanding successive reductions in the scale of grants, a debit balance must have resulted at the end of the year—unless the Committee had declined to make grants in many of the very deserving cases brought to notice. The grants made from the Fund during the year 1923 amounted to £2,380. The persons assisted were : 255 widows, 415 children, and 21 other dependent relatives—a total of 691. One-fourth of the cases dealt with were those of dependents of men who died whilst actually serving in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines. The Committee hoped that the Fund, in its present position, would appeal to all interested in the Naval Service, with the result that its income might be augmented and its benefits increased beyond the limits now imposed by reason of the largely increased number of worthy cases with which the Fund is called upon to deal. The Report was unanimously adopted.

An announcement that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty had recently made a grant of £6,500 to the Fund from the residue of the Naval Prize Fund was warmly welcomed by the meeting as of material assistance in coping with the ever-increasing number of applications for relief.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MAJOR G. BOULTON.—Thank you for your letter and enclosures. It is always gratifying to learn of the success of old comrades in civil life and the case you cite is certainly one of which all members of the Corps may well be proud. We regret that lack of space prohibits the publication of reports on individuals, so we are forwarding your account to the R.M. Corps Association at Eastney where, we feel sure, it will be highly appreciated.


Is It Worth It? — The Answer Is In The Infirmary!
P.S.B

PETS ON BOARD A MAN-OF-WAR.

By P. Molloy.

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It is remarkable how soon the most unlikely animals and birds get accustomed to life at sea, although a large number succumb to the change of climate, food, and unnatural conditions generally. In my first ship—a battleship in the Mediterranean—we had a number of pets, among them a Cretan ibex, known on board as Jim. This animal was an inveterate sky-larker, and usually made the quarter-deck his headquarters. No matter how sound asleep Jim appeared to be, he never missed an event of any importance, and seeing that all such events take place on the quarter-deck, he was in a good strategic position either to look on or to take part, just as the spirit moved him.

Now Jim had an incorrigible habit of butting in on ceremonial occasions, to the consternation of the Captain and Commander, but to the huge delight, I fear, of the junior officers. He usually selected the moment when some important foreigner was being received with all the pomp and circumstance due to his high rank. The order from the Officer of the Guard to "Present Arms!" was the signal for Jim to enter the picture. Rearing up on his hind legs immediately in front of the visitor, he showed every intention of pushing home a vigorous offensive, and it required the combined efforts of the Quartermaster and the Corporal of the Gangway to prevent him. I do not remember the ibex ever reaching his objective, otherwise who can tell what international complications might not have ensued, for some of these foreign dignitaries seemed firmly convinced that the whole affair was arranged on our part.

A crisis in the Far East was the cause of our ship being ordered to Hong Kong. On the voyage out one of the officers bought three gazelles which a native had captured on the Somali coast. No one in the Mess expected that these frail little creatures would long survive the racket of a man-of-war. We were all mistaken, however, for the trio reached England safely, nearly twelve months later, after passing through many adventures and every conceivable type of weather. They gained their sea-legs in a wonderfully short time, and could soon walk a slippery deck with the ship rolling as well as any seaman. When we came in for exceptionally cold weather on the China coast, the gazelles would take up a position on the wardroom hearthrug as soon as the fire was lighted in the morning. If anyone wanted to warm himself after coming off watch, he had literally to drag them away to get near the fire.

On the homeward voyage these animals unfortunately made a relentless enemy of the Paymaster. It happened in this way. We had been for a cruise round Japan, where this officer had secured some particularly fine dwarf plants. Some of these were reputed to be at least fifty years old, and one, a gnarled oak, no more than fifteen inches high, was a wonderful reproduction in miniature of the real tree. On our way across the Indian Ocean we came in for some heavy tropical showers, and one afternoon the "Pay" brought his treasured plants on deck to get the benefit of the rain. Fearing no harm to them, he went below to his cabin for his usual "forty winks." The gazelles happened to be strolling about looking for any tasty patches of fresh paint or brass polish—apparently their favourite diet—when they espied these luscious green plants. One can picture their feelings at the welcome sight after being cooped up on board ship for so many months. Needless to say, they lost no time in setting to work, and soon reduced those priceless plants to a few tough roots and stems. My shipmate's language when he next came on deck is better left to the imagination.

In one ship in which I was serving, a flagship, the Admiral kept a parrot to which he was very attached. After a while the bird became a good mimic, and more than once the orderly posted in the Admiral's cabin was heard to answer "Aye! Aye!! Sir!!!" to an order which apparently came from the Admiral, but which proved to be the parrot's doing. The Admiral had such a high opinion of this bird that he occasionally based his judgment on its likes and dislikes. I asked him one day whether his orderlies carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner. "Well," said the Admiral, "A. is a capital fellow; the parrot is very fond of him, and does not mind being carried up and down the ladder by him. But if P. is on watch, and I send *him* for the parrot, it makes no end of a fuss, and swears like a trooper. I don't think so much of P."

Another ship I was in was based on the West Coast of Africa, and we had a veritable menagerie on board. There was a sloth-bear, a huge lizard, a bush cat, a pangolin or ant-eater, besides chameleons, squirrels, and countless monkeys and parrots. The sloth only stayed a very short time, as it proved to be too odoriferous for words. The lizard was about three feet long, and very like a snake about the head, especially when it put out its long forked tongue. We did not take at all kindly to it, mainly, I suppose, because no one knew much about its habits or whether its bite was poisonous. To be on the safe side, it was tied to a rail on deck. One night I was about to turn in on the quarter-deck as usual, when I found a search party going round with lanterns. It appeared that the lizard had made its escape, and as most of the officers and men slept on deck owing to the heat, lying merely on a mattress, a very lively interest was being taken in the result of the search. I made quite sure it was not on my bed at any rate. Next morning one of my messmates woke up to find the missing lizard curled up alongside his head. The Officer of the Watch said he had never seen any one turn out so smartly in all his life.

The chameleons caused lots of fun changing colour according to their surroundings. We would move them from a green table cloth to a sheet of red blotting paper, and from that to a sheet of white paper. They turned a distinct green and then a reddish tint, but the white paper completely beat them.

One more of our pets is deserving of a few words, namely, the pangolin or ant-eater. This animal was not so long as the lizard, but much larger round the body. It was entirely covered with scales from the nose to the tip of the long tail, which gave it the appearance of wearing a suit of armour. The flexible tail enabled it to hang head down like a monkey and to do all kinds of

gymnastic feats. During the daytime the pangolin preferred to climb into a dark corner of the wardroom, tuck in its head and go to sleep. Towards evening it began to sit up and take notice, but it was not until midnight that it really got going. By this hour it would have become ravenously hungry, and would slip out of its owner's cabin and start on a hunt for food. A man-of-war does not exactly abound in ants' nests, but the pangolin carried out a systematic search nevertheless.

On its nocturnal raids it entered every cabin it found open, crawled up the bunk, over the sleeper, and out again, followed usually by a sea-boot or other missile. One of my messmates had been sleeping on deck, and, being a very hot night, he had practically nothing on. He was suddenly awakened by this scaly creature crawling over his bare stomach. He related his experience at breakfast, and as a result, we demanded the raider's removal, lest the same should befall us the following night. So our acrobatic friend was returned to the Bush, which it no doubt appreciated far more as a hunting ground than the decks of a man-of-war.

THE WORLD CRUISE.

SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

The light cruisers arrived at Penang and the battle cruisers at Port Swettenham on the 4th February for a 5 days' stay in this part of the Malay States.

At Kuala Lumpur, which is the largest and nearest town to Port Swettenham, the battle cruisers were entertained most royally.

To give a rough idea of how a day was spent—we landed at Port Swettenham in order to entrain for Kuala Lumpur, a journey of about one and a half hours.

After passing through miles of rubber plantations and beautiful tropical foliage we arrived at the Padang Station. Here we were met by Y.M.C.A. workers, by whom we were most hospitably treated, all kinds of refreshments being literally thrust upon us.

We were then organised into parties, some going by motor to Batu Caves, others on a tour through tin mines, the remainder touring rubber plantations.

The Batu Caves are a beautiful natural feature and are inhabited by Tamils who add to, rather than detract from, the beauty of the place.

On our return luncheon was served in the Drill Hall, after which some rode in cars, others walked round the town.

Malay dancing and open air cinema shows occupied our time until the arrival of our train for the return journey.

One could write much more in praise of Kuala Lumpur and its attractions, but it must suffice to say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

The whole Squadron sailed together and arrived at Singapore on the 10th February for an eight-day stay. Unfortunately the weather here was so bad that it had a most depressing effect both upon ourselves and our hosts. In the circumstances the best that could be done for us was done and we managed to enjoy ourselves in spite of the weather.

A BALLAD OF MARINE BLOGGS.

(*" Join the Royal Marines and help to man the Guns of the Fleet," read Marine Bloggs, outside the Recruiting Office*).

I once 'ad the notion, when I was a lad,
That the life of a Gunner was grand ;
In a uniform gorgeous and bright to be clad
An' to fire a Great gun I had planned ;
But also I thought I'd a bent for the sea :—
Till a notice I saw in the street,
Wot told me of somethink just 'alf-way between,
An' I sez to meself : " You are made, me old bean,
" You'll be Sailor *and* Gunner, in fact a Marine,
" By mannin' the Guns o' the Fleet."

An' so I enlisted, an' off I was sent
To the Depôt, to master me drill,
An' to learn about discipline, all as it meant,
An' be properly put through the mill.
I 'eard from the Sergeant as 'ow I was green
An' me brains 'e described as a " treat " ;
Me 'air wasn't cut ; I'd a 'ole in me boot ;
An' wot was the use of a lop-eared young brute,
Wot couldn't form fours and wot couldn't salute,
For mannin' the Guns o' the Fleet ?

When I got to 'Eadquarters I wanted to see
Wot to drill at a gun 'ud be like ;
But blowed if the railwaymen, just to spite me,
Didn't call out a general strike !
So I packed up me bag and me 'ammick again,
An' from Barricks I made me retreat.
After tourin' the country, I finished on guard
On a locked spirit store, in a victualling yard,
An' it seemed as me prospec's for ever was marred
Of mannin' the Guns o' the Fleet.

But after a bit I was sent to a ship,
An' I thought as me dreams 'ad come true,—
With a number o' guns, on a maritime trip
In the 'eart o' the billowy Blue.
But after I'd bin in the ship for a week,
I must frankly admit, I was beat :
For wot with the baccy an' wot with the smell,
An' wot with me rum ration, wot with the swell,
I never was fit, if the truth I must tell,
For mannin' the Guns o' the Fleet.

But ev'rything comes to the bloke as can wait
If 'e only 'angs on till it's due.
I've bin servin' afloat, mannin' cannons o' late,
Wot I joined the Marines for to do.
Me patience 'as well bin rewarded at last,
An' me 'appiness now is complete :
For a couple o' years, or perhaps a bit more,
As auxiliary sweeper at gun No. 4,
In a elderly cruiser—Reserve Fleet, the Nore,
I'm mannin' the Guns o' the Fleet !

JACK COURTENAY.

THE BATTLE OF THE ALMA.

(*This letter was written to his wife by an officer of the Royal Marines*).

H.M.S. Rodney, At Anchor
4 Miles West of Sebastopol,
27 *September*, 1854.

My Dear,

I told you in my letter of the 18th what our proceedings had been up to that date. I will now go on from that time and give a detailed account of what has occurred since then. At daylight on the morning of the 19th the allied armies advanced, the fleet also getting under weigh, keeping the troops in sight along the shore. At noon came in sight of the Russian army strongly entrenched on the banks and surrounding heights of the river Alma, about 10 miles from Sebastopol.

A dropping fire was heard for a short time, but no fighting of any consequence took place on this day; the fleet anchored and both armies encamped within sight of each other during the night. The morning of the 20th broke with a thick fog so that we could not see ten yards from the ship, which was a great disappointment, as we were all anxious to see what was going on on shore; about noon the fog cleared off, when we observed the allies advancing towards the river and heights, the Russians being drawn up to receive them; the action commenced about 12.30 p.m. by the French skirmishers, the Russian field pieces opening about 1 p.m. We had a good view of the attack made by the French who formed the right wing, our own troops being on the left and further up the valley, where the most severe fighting was. We could see nothing of them until they had gained the height at the close of the battle. By two o'clock the action had become general and by four the heights were entirely cleared of the enemy, the allies having driven them from every point of their position; but this was not done without great loss on our part, the enemy having to be driven out of the batteries that opposed our troops (the English) with the bayonet.

Our loss is as follows:—

	Killed.	*Wounded.*
Officers ...	25	73
Non-commissioned officers ...	19	95
Drummers ...	2	17
Privates ...	306	1427
Total	352	1612

I don't know how many men the French lost, but believe not anything like so many as we did. The whole of the soldiers were brought from Sebastopol to take part in the battle, together with 1,500 Marines from their fleet, amounting in all to 56,000 men. The Russian general was so confident of beating the allies that he had invited the ladies of the town and neighbourhood out to see the beating they were going to give us. Any quantity of ladies' veils, muffs and boas were picked up on the heights after their flight. Our soldiers fought as none but British soldiers can; had the French charged as our brave fellows did when they first gained the heights, half of the Russian army must have been made prisoners; as it was, the Russian loss is enormous, no less than 15,000 men being missing on their reaching Sebastopol, but I should say 5,000 of that number must have deserted, as they have been coming into our camp and to the boats on the beach—giving themselves up as prisoners—every day since the battle. On the 21st the allies were observed to be encamped on the heights taken the day previous.

Signal was made for the assistant surgeons with working parties from the fleet to assemble on shore to convey the wounded to the transports; the greater part of our people are wounded from the knee down, the Russian fire being very low. A Russian general taken during the battle, on being complimented by Lord Raglan on the brave manner his men had fought, replied that he could not see it, as they fully expected to have kept their position for at least three weeks, and we had driven them out of it in as many hours.

On the 23rd the armies again advanced and have marched round to the north side of the town. They again attacked the enemy on the night of the 25th; they do not appear to have offered much resistance, but decamped, leaving all their ammunition and baggage in the hands of our soldiers. A number of the garrison have deserted and given our generals and admirals much valuable information. On the 26th a report was made to the Admiral that Prince Gortschakoff intended to escape in a steamer during the night; four of our steamers were ordered immediately to watch the mouth of the harbour to prevent him. There is a rumour this morning that he attempted to escape by land with about 2,000 horsemen, but I don't believe it. The steamers took a battery this afternoon, some way to the north of the town. Our soldiers are now on the heights above the town, the siege-train is being landed and got into position and we expect to be ready to commence the attack on the forts by Saturday, the 30th, or perhaps they may put it off until Sunday, the 1st October. It is generally supposed that we shall not have so much to do with it as we expected, the enemy having sunk five line-of-battleships and some frigates in the passage leading to the harbour, so that we must be content with the outer forts. According to all accounts got from the deserters, they can't have more than 40,000 men in the garrison, their ships are all dismantled and the guns taken out of them and placed round the town.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir,

The suggestion for a Corps championship trophy is welcomed by the Chatham Division, although, with all respect to the proposer, it is not new (at least the main idea) in this Division.

In 1920 a member of the Canteen Committee put forward the proposal that a Cup should be bought for this purpose by the Canteens of the various Divisions (cost at that time about £60), but for some reason it did not materialize. If something of this kind could be done, I am sure it would be for the good of the Corps generally.

As regards the trophy to be played for, there is no need for the Canteens to give one. All that would be necessary, would be for them to lend the money for this purpose and no doubt the profit of the gates charged in the competition in the first season would enable it to be repaid.

As an example of the drawing power when two Corps teams meet, the Depôt R.M., Deal, and the Chatham Division met in a friendly game at Deal on the 2nd February, and the proceeds amounted to over £20. I only mention this to kill the idea of expense being put forward as a point against the suggestion.

Yours, etc.,
J. W. PAWLEY,
Clr.-Sgt.

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M. FILMER-BENNETT, *Lieut.-Colonel,*
Hon. Secretary, R.M.R.A.

15th April, 1924.

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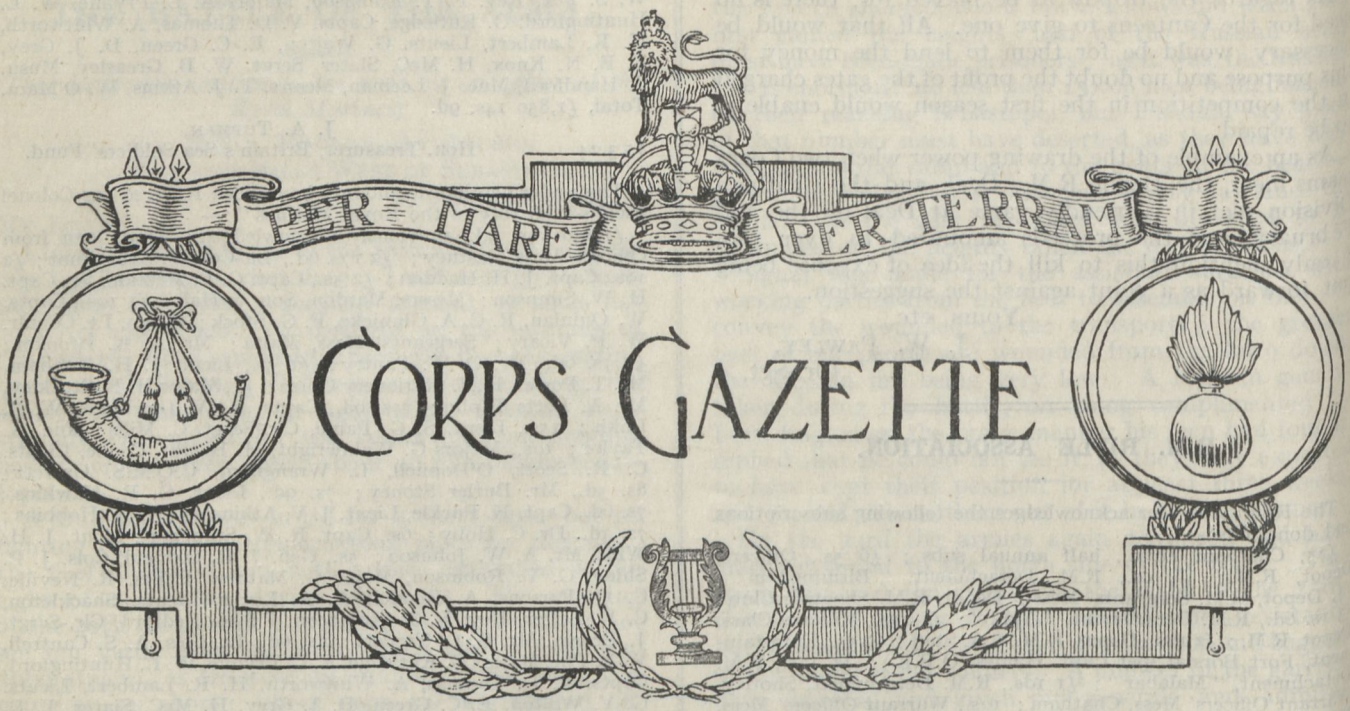

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Major J. D. Wyley, O.B.E., R.M. (retired), being granted a Greenwich Hospital Pension of £50 per annum, in the vacancy created by the death of Lt.-Col. H. O. P. Wright, R.M. (retired). 29th Jan., 1924.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major C. E. S. Wright, O.B.E. (H.M.S. "Malabar" addl. as S.I.O. N.A. and W.I. Station) is apptd. Acting Interpreter in Spanish, 19/12/23.

Major A. L. Forster, D.S.O., from Seconded List, is absorbed in the Establishment and posted to Portsmouth Division.

Capt. G. Campbell (Supy.) is absorbed in the Establishment *vice* Ravenshaw and posted to Portsmouth, 1/3/24.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. C. Harrison, D.S.O. (Secd.) apptd. G.S.O., 2nd Grade, Singapore.

The undermentioned officers are apptd. to the Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty.

Capts. E. C. Heathcote, C. Brooke-Short, R. W. Spraggett, M.C., Lieuts. L. H. Wrangham, M.C., E. Woodington, R. W. Gordon, P. J. Burgess and R. T. Deane.

Capt. C. Fothergill, Supy. List (W.T.), H.M.S. "Victory," apptd. to H.M.S. "Victory," addl. for H.M. Signal School, 1/4/24.

PROMOTION.

Capt. H. E. Ravenshaw promoted to Major *vice* Arbuthnot, 1/3/24. The promotion of this officer is conditional on his passing in subject (*d*) for promotion in April, 1924.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. B. C. Gardiner, C.B., apptd. to H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth" (and as Fleet Royal Marine Officer), *vice* Lieut.-Col. W. Arbuthnot to disembark to Headquarters, 26/4/24.

Capt. A. Alcock, D.S.O., to H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth," *vice* Webb-Bowen, 1/5/24.

Capt. G. Grover to H.M.S. "Royal Sovereign," *vice* Franks.

Capt. C. Lucas to transfer from H.M.S. "Dartmouth" to H.M.S. "Thunderer" on recommissioning.

Major Gowney to transfer from H.M.S. "Calliope" to "Ajax" on recommissioning.

Lieut. F. London to H.M.S. "Colombo" on recommissioning.

Lieut. Clanchy to H.M.S. "Caledon," *vice* Day.

Lieut. Viner to H.M.S. "Egmont," *vice* Beazley.

The following appts. of commissioned R.M. Gunners and R.M. Gunners are notified :—

J. Murdoch to H.M.S. "Barham," *vice* Waters, 28/4/24.

T. Bobbey to H.M.S. "Valiant," *vice* Seyd, 28/4/24.

F. C. Waters to H.M.S. "Excellent" (addl.) for courses, 26/4/24.

G. Seyd to H.M.S. "Vivid" (addl.) for courses, 1/5/24.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieut.-Col. R. V. Ford, C.B.E., and Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. L. C. Lampen have been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course, Sheerness, commencing 23rd May, ending 16th Aug., 1924.

Major C. E. Hill has been selected to attend a Hygiene Course, which commences at the Army School of Hygiene on 3rd May and terminates 24th May, 1924.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to attend the Military Course at the Depot, R.M., Deal, from 19th May to 30th June, 1924.

Majors R. Sinclair, H. G. Grant and A. Grierson, Capts. C. Attwood, E. J. Hughes, O.B.E. and T. G. Hungerford, Capts. and Bt. Majors H. M. Franks and E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O., and Capts. E. Bishop and N. I. Eastman.

Majors C. H. Coode and L. D. Briscoe have been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course, S.A.S., Hythe, commencing 12th May, 1924 and 26th May, 1924 respectively.

The following officers qualified at the 3rd Vickers Machine-gun Section, Sergeants' Course, at the S.A. School, Browndown, on 11th April :—

Lieut. W. I. Nonweiler, 90% ; Capt. H. De Berry, 83% ; Lieut. A. P. Gumm, 79%.

Lieut. R. S. Lansdale qualified in Intelligence Course at R.N. College, Greenwich, on 28th March, 1924 (Order of Test, 1st), obtaining 91% of marks. The Adjutant-General, R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

The undermentioned officers passed for promotion in subjects (*a*) and (*c*) at the place and on the dates specified :—

Subject (*c*) at Dover on 22nd Feb., 1923—Capts. E. Heathcote, C. Brooke-Short (obtained ·8), A. Whitworth, G. Grover (obtained ·8), E. Harden (obtained ·8), F. Dewhurst, C. Parsons, E. Johnson (obtained ·8), E. Ellison, R. Spraggett (obtained ·8).

Subject (*a*) at Dover on 11th Feb., 1923—Lieuts. E. Woodington, J. Wills, R. Gordon, P. Burgess, H. Lumley, C. Scott, F. Richardson, R. Deane, F. Coucher, G. Dun, F. London.

RETIREMENTS.

The retirement of Capt. T. G. Hungerford, R.M., is cancelled.

Lieut. F. Brettell, Special Reserve of Officers, relinquishes his appointment, 7/3/24.

Lieut. F. J. Cooper is removed from the Special Reserve of Officers on account of age, 11th April, 1924.

Lieut. B. Baseby, D.S.C., is placed on the Retired List on account of Medical Unfitness, 5/6/24.

Lieut. J. T. Redding, is removed from Special Reserve of Officers on account of age, 16/4/24.

ORDER OF SENIORITY OF SERGEANTS AND CORPORALS.

PLYMOUTH.

Sergeants—14219 C. H. Spinner, 8/7/16; 15983 Jesse Mumford, 15/7/16; 14312 F. J. Oakes, 17/8/16; 14866 R. M. Yea, 17/8/16; 14519 George Peberdy, 4/12/16; 14568 S. J. March, 8/12/16.

Corporals—14867 N. V. Bishop, 14/5/15; 13231 Wm. Dickman, 21/10/15; 14955 Geo. Oliver, 21/10/15; 21887 H. J. Leese, 22/12/15; 13736 F. C. Gill, 1/6/16; 10321 W. J. C. Osborne, 17/6/16.

CHATHAM.

Sergeants—C/16283 C. Dixon, E/23670 H. J. Milton, E/23672 F. Bessant, A/14396 W. A. Lumley, C/15666 W. A. Morey, E/23674 W. P. Dawson.

Corporals—G/15845 R. H. Keir, E/23655 A. W. Putman, C/16775 C. Goodwin, E/23671 J. W. Kent, A/18000 G. Campbell, G/24095 S. D. Parker.

PORTSMOUTH.

Sergeants—Po./14605 W. B. A. Harbert, Po./13336 C. F. Fletcher, Po./14329 J. C. Viney, Po./16682 L. Coppin.

Corporals—Po./13174 S. Guttridge, Po./15525 B. Chaffey, Po./11792 E. Pomery, Po./210747 T. W. Hill.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC SENIORITY LIST.

Bandmasters, 2nd Class (for promotion to Bandmaster, 1st Class)—R.M.B./29 A. W. Sharpe, 436 John Whittaker, 789 John Allen, 665 H. E. Hardy, 1237 C. T. Ship, 38 R. W. Jenkins.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster, 2nd Class)—R.M.B./1129 David Pitthouse, 1475 Sidney Dennis, 1249 S. A. Howse, 848 E. W. Donne, 1510 George Winsor, 1342 G. C. Holloway.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporal)—R.M.B./820 T. H. Lawrence, 1742 W. H. Tibble, 334 Wm. Knight, 1350 G. J. Maulkin, 670 E. T. Evered, 2056 H. W. Ford.

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CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

Vulcan—Cpl. W. H. Wills, Mne. R. G. Baxter. **Vernon**—Mne. E. Edser. **Calliope**—Mne. M. C. A. Fuller. **Hecla**—Cpl. L. Cracknell. **Ceres**—Mnes. H. G. Honold, D. Prince. **Egmont**—Cpl. Lovelock. **Marlborough**—Mnes. Townsend, J. Wotton, L. C. F. Fleming. **President**—Mnes. H. G. Brown, H. Pawley. **Blenheim**—Mnes. J. W. Talbot, A. Hill. **Cyclops**—Clr.-Sergt. O. Perkins. **Royal Sovereign**—Clr.-Sergt. J. Gorrill, Sergt. C. Potter, Cpl. G. Campbell, Mnes. W. J. C. James, H. C. M. Pratt, E. A. Freemantle, W. A. Wood.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Blenheim—Cpl. A. E. Mills. **Hecla**—Cpls. J. H. Branson, G. V. Gray, Mne. A. J. Chiverton. **Marlborough**—Mne. A. Vale. **Calliope**—Cpl. J. Ashton, Mne. H. W. Rushen. **Egmont**—Sergt. A. C. Rutland, D.S.M. **Vulcan**—Cpl. H. F. Clyesdale. **Eagle**—Mne. W. Lawton. **Emperor of India**—Mne. A. G. Miller. **Benbow**—Mne. H. W. Mitchell. **Titania**—Clr.-Sergt. A. W. G. Young, Sergts. A. G. Tucker, R. Fisher, Cpls. J. Castle, C. J. Garrard, A. J. Monk, D. S. Johnson, L. C. S. Hawkes, Mnes. J. Cannon, R. Gilbey, R. A. Harris, B. G. Linge, R. Clarke, H. Hetterley, Bugler C. H. A. Gutteridge. **Hawkins**—Mne. S. G. Johnson. **Vivid**—Mne. J. R. Fallon. **Despatch**—Mnes. W. D. Ives, S. J. R. Baker. **President**—Mnes. G. Angel, G. Massee, F. W. Bignall. **Constance**—Mne. T. Millington. **Ramillies**—Mne. H. Roberts. **Ceres**—Mnes. T. A. Collins, T. S. Boon.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant.—Cpls. J. Rowe, S. J. Straw, E. F. T. Venables.

To be Corporal.—Mnes. H. J. Roberts, J. T. Collins, A. J. Lord.

To be Clr.-Sergt.—Sergts. J. Gorrill, G. A. Mead.

DISCHARGES.

Invalided.—Mnes. W. Lamm, F. G. Banks, F. E. A. Sherwood, W. Reynolds, E. E. Coningsby.

Termination of 2nd Period of Engagement.—Mnes. C. A. Rhodes, J. J. Bagust.

By Purchase.—Mne. F. Kingston.

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DEAL.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham—Ch. D/21218 Mne. Fred Hartill, Ch. C/23271 Mne. G. V. Coulson. To Portsmouth—Po. B/16692 Mne. C. G. Newman, Po. D/15490 Cpl. A. J. Howard for Small Arms School, Po. C/21507 Mne. G. T. Goadby, Ply. A/14220 Sergt. G. Finch, D.S.M., Ply. C/21974 Cpl. W. F. Mitchell, Ch. D/18107 Cpl. E. C. Fessey, for Small Arms School, Browndown (M.T.I.'s Course); Po. B/211369 Mne. W. S. Beer. To Plymouth—Ply. B/17203 Mne. H. V. Dudmen, Po. B/14858 Mne. W. G. Marett, Ply. D/21256 Mne. J. Gerrard, Ply. D/21248 Mne. S. T. Pascoe, Ply. B/15526 Mne. T. Blair.

The 80th Squad were transferred to their respective Headquarters on Wednesday, 2nd April.

The 81st Squad were transferred to their respective Headquarters on Wednesday, 16th April.

DISCHARGES.

Pension—Po. A/19557 Mne. A. Dacre. Invalided—Po. A/217136 Mne. A. J. Morgan.

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PORTSMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Agamemnon—Cpl. Crichton, Mnes. Moss, S. A. Bamford, J. H. Ruttle, Geo. Watt, J. Dorrington, J. Patey. **Canterbury**—Sergt. Frank Holman. **Dido**—Mne. G. Raynes. **Victory**—Mne. C. Walker. **Vernon**—Mne. W. H. Evans. **Impregnable**—Mne. J. R. Owers. **Diomede**—Mnes. A. W. Peck, J. W. Mackie. **Dublin**—Sergts. J. A. Barnett, G. A. Nurse, Cpls. Omrod, O. R. Dyett, Bugler C. W. Budd, Mnes. E. Lovett, E. V. Johnson, A. Le Serve, W. R. Smith, A. F. Harris, J. W. Howe, A. F. Atkinson, W. M. Bast, J. W. Bickeridge, J. C. Whitecros, J. C. Castle, A. Brown, A. W. Moore, F. A. Meadows, J. T. Thorniley, W. H. Wilkins, G. G. Robertson, W. E. Culley, F. J. Wigmore, S. A. Blackmore, Cpl. E. E. Davey.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

From **Marlborough** to **Cardiff**—Mne. W. P. Rose. To **Centurion**—Mne. F. W. Hatch. To **Egmont**—Cpl. A. T. Caddye.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Calcutta—Mne. H. W. Nash. **Marlborough**—Bugler A. J. Cook. **Malaya**—Mne. W. H. Ellis. **Vernon**—Clr.-Sergt. L. G. Gordon, Cpl. F. R. Betteridge, Mnes. A. P. Dauvin, D. Gregory, R. Sennett, S. Norris, E. Rouse, C. Wyeth, B. Hibberd, J. Martin, F. Cronin, A. T. Lavender, E. Procter, Harry Waters, J. L. Metcalfe, F. J. Hackman, F. A. Smith, A. Mansbridge, H. C. Foster, B. A. Peckham, F. W. I. Morgan. **Dido**—Mne. C. Abrahams. **President**—Mne. J. G. Cole. **Centurion**—Mne. W. G. A. Hardy.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension—Mne. F. W. Gosbee, Bugler R. B. Sinclair, Sergt. A. E. Grewcock, Mnes. A. Dacre, Garforth, Cpl. R. Bravery, Mnes. H. Forder, R. G. Burbidge, H. Dafter. Compassionate Grounds—Mne. C. A. G. Stephens. Dead—Mne. J. J. Spinner (serving **Tiger**).

PROMOTION.

To Corporal.—Mnes. F. V. Blakeley, William Bannister.

TRANSFER.

Mne. Marks to Plymouth Division.

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PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Depot, R.M., Deal—Mnes. Saunders, Wall, Ireland, Reynolds, Hucker, Cunliffe, Rissen, Bennett, Fox. **Colossus**—Cpl. Evans. **Concord**—Mne. Pudner. **Ajax**—Cpl. Nash. **Vivid**—Sergt. Boyle. **Dartmouth**—Clr.-Sergt. Dursley, Mne. Dowden. **Ganges**—Mne. Carpenter. **Eagle**—Mne. Kelson. **King George V.**—Mne. Shimmings. **Maidstone**—Mne. Bould.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Depot, R.M., Deal—Mnes. Gerrard, Blair, Dudman. **Egmont**—Sergt. Burnett, Mne. Robertson. **King George V.**—Mne. Tate. **Emperor of India**—Mnes. Evans, Bourton. **Maidstone**—Mne. Carpenter. **Cardiff**—Mne. Miller. **Cairo**—Clr.-Sergt. Brown, Sergt. Eveleigh, Cpls. Dickman, Williams, Perryman. Mnes. Clark, Wales, Stewart, Miller, Phillips, Hallam, Hopkins, Griffiths, Pitchford, Clark C. F., Allan, Hambley, Powell, Drew, Cleworth, Smith, Pollitt, Stapleton, Morey, Douglas, Lambert, Brydon, Cooper, Webb, Stone, Witty, Vicary, Thomas, Jones, Bugler McColgan. **Dartmouth**—Sergt. Boyle. **Southampton**—Mne. Findlay. **Ajax**—Cpl. Edwards. **Durban**—Sergts. Pughe, Symons, Cpls. Syms, Golesworthy, Mnes. Johns, Mansergh, Lashbrook, Maynard, Armes, Lowe, Perkins, Banthorpe, Thomas, Johns R. V., Govier, Cory, Walker, Kelly, Bangham, Stoneman, Barrett, Ford, Lloyd, Hunt, Hawkins, Buglers Boyce, Partridge. **Barham**—Mne. Noakes. **Colossus**—Cpl. Bunker.

PROMOTION.

To Corporal.—Mnes. J. Lapham, W. Lester.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKATIONS.

Victory (R.N.B.)—Musn. Frank Phipps. **Barham**—Musn. H. C. Allen.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Hawkins—Band-Cpl. F. J. Warne, Musn. H. E. Pickett. **Hood**—Musn. Fredk. Hill. **Barham**—Musn. Chas. Hoffman. **Victory**—**(R.N.B.)** Musn. R. J. Whittington.

ADVANCEMENT.

Band Boy H. C. Allen to Musn.

EXAMINATIONS.

R.M.B./420 Bandmaster (1st Class) Samuel Taylor and R.M.B./615 Bandmaster (1st Class) E. J. M. Watson have qualified for L.R.A.M. (Military Bandmastership).

Bandmaster (1st Class) Samuel Taylor, R.M.B., qualified for promotion to Bandmaster (W.O.), R.M. Band, and was awarded a " Special " Certificate.

CARTOON.

Capt. C. H. Congdon, who is cartooned this month, is one of the few officers who transferred to the Corps from the Royal Navy. He joined the R.N. College, Osborne, as a Cadet in 1903, and having reached the rank of Sub-Lieut. was granted a commission as Lieutenant, Royal Marines. Since 1921 he has been Superintendent of Signalling, and as such is well known at all the Divisions. Capt. Congdon has excelled at games since his early youth, at Dartmouth he played Rugby for the 1st XV, and cricket and hockey for the 1st XI's. He was in the R.N. and R.M. Cricket XI in 1921, 1922, and 1923; the R.N. and R.M. Hockey XI, from 1909 to 1914 and again from 1922 to 1924, and this year was selected to play for the Combined Services.

KINGSTONRIDGE.

We have received an interesting little brochure describing this self-contained colony of about 120 acres on the South Downs near Lewes. The estate is being developed by ex-Officers and retired officials, many of whom are actively engaged on their fruit, poultry or pig farms. In the list of producers we see the names of Lieuts. T. F. Connew and C. Halliwell, both ex-officers of the R.M. Artillery. We understand that the co-operation of a few more officers is still required, so that those who are thinking of settling in an ideal neighbourhood might like to apply for particulars as to bungalows, farms, etc., to one of the above-named officers or to the agent of the Kingstonridge estate.

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DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR SONGS.

Staff Office	...	" I've got something to tell you."
Pay Office	...	" I want some money."
1st Q.M.'s	...	" We can fit you fine."
2nd Q.M.'s	...	" Fire ! Fire ! Fire ! "
3rd Q.M.'s	...	" Yes, we have no bananas."
Barrack	...	" Coal-black mammy o'mine."
Orderly Room	...	" If you want the Sergt.-Major, I know where he is."
Musketry	...	" Where did that one go to, Herbert ? "
Gymnasium	...	" Just a little bit higher."
Swimming	...	" Swim, Sam, swim, Sam, swim."

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following :— " The Army Quarterly," " St. George's Gazette," " The R.A.O.C. Gazette," " The Tiger and Rose," " The Leatherneck " (Washington, U.S.A.), " The Sapper," " The Chronicle of the Duke of York's Royal Military School," " The Journal of the R.A.S.C.," " The Snapper," " The Hampshire Regt. Journal," " The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," " The Royal Tank Corps Journal," " The R.M.A. Magazine," " The Gunner," " The Red Hackle," " Hibernia," " The Queen's Own Gazette."

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GLOBE & LAUREL BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
By Balance brought forward	87	15	1
,, Subscriptions and Donations	378	8	11½
,, Advertisements	156	14	6
	£622	18	6½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
To Printing and Stationery	396	10	5
,, Wages and Commission	31	2	6
,, Postage and Carriage	47	4	7
,, Commission on Advertisements	5	18	3½
,, Cheque Book	0	5	0
,, Office Sundries	0	2	4½
,, Bank Charges	0	1	8
,, Copies of " Cornhill " Magazine	0	2	4
Balance, 31/3/24—	£	s.	d.			
In Bank	133	6	1			
In hands of Treasurer	8	5	3½			
				141	11	4½
				£622	18	6½

I certify that the above is a true account of the " Globe and Laurel " Accounts from 1st April, 1923, to 31st March, 1924, and that the Balance in the Bank is as shown. I further certify that there are no outstanding liabilities.

Audited and found correct.

F. V. Temple, *Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel, R.M.*
Geo. Burt, *Lieut., R.M., Hon. Treasurer.*

16th April, 1924.

No. 6 JUNE, 1924. Price Threepence.

The Globe & Laurel

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.

Summer weather seems to be starting at last and we hope for some real cricket weather. Our football teams are entitled to a well-earned rest after having given us many interesting and exciting games to watch during the last season.

As the members of the present Editorial Staff are only acting in a temporary capacity, we do not intend, during the next two or three months, to go into the questions of finance as far as this journal is concerned. The funds of the paper are, for the present, in a satisfactory condition—and so may they remain. It seems a pity to bully, each month in our Editorial, our readers who do buy the paper, in the rather vain hope of getting at those who don't, and who probably, for that very reason, don't read our Editorial and so escape our blows!

The financial question, of course, depends largely upon the circulation. The present circulation is just under 2,000 copies and, as far as we can see, no financial improvement could be produced unless we could circulate at least another 1,000 copies. Our present active service strength is known to all; many copies go to retired and other subscribers. Can we increase our circulation by 1,000 copies? It would appear to be unlikely at present.

We should very much like to have the opinion of our readers whether a monthly acrostic would be welcomed in the "Globe and Laurel," as has been recently suggested. It is not intended that we should set an acrostic, to solve which our readers would need the help of a small library of acrostic dictionaries and similar publications, but one for which ordinary general knowledge would be sufficient; nor do we suggest awarding prizes for solutions.

We are informed that there are still many copies of "Britain's Sea Soldiers" not sold. Many of our readers must know of institutions and libraries where this History would be welcomed.

We regret that we have been unable to produce a Cartoon in time for publication with this number. We hope to produce one with the next.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M., had the honour of being received by the King on Monday, 19th May, upon his appointment as Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.

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A Guard of Honour was provided by the Depot R.M. on the occasion of the arrival and departure from Dover of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Roumania during their recent visit to this country.

R.M.O.C.A. AND THE "ROYAL DAFFODIL."

ZEEBRUGGE ANNIVERSARY AT LIVERPOOL.

This year the Liverpool Branch of the R.M.O.C.A. again marked the anniversary of the attack on Zeebrugge, by organising a Memorial Service to those who fell in the historic action of St. George's Day, 1918.

Last year, it will be remembered, the memorial service was held in the "Royal Iris," and this was to have been repeated; but a collision with another ferry-steamer, a few days previously, disabled her, so the "Royal Daffodil," which also took part in the Zeebrugge raid, became the scene of the ceremony in her stead.

On Sunday morning, 27th April, a large congregation of Old Comrades and their relations assembled on the "Royal Daffodil's" upper deck, while a still larger crowd collected on the landing stage to witness the ceremony. The famous ship, dressed with flags, steamed slowly out into mid-river soon after the opening hymn had been sung, to make way for another ferry-steamer. During the remainder of the service the vessel steamed slowly about in the river.

The service, which was conducted by the Rev. B. Hayward Brown, hon. chaplain to the R.M.O.C.A. (Liverpool), was quiet and impressive. It included the hymns "For all the Saints" and "Eternal Father, strong to save," and an address in which the officiating chaplain pointed out how necessary was optimism to the nation. "All Christians should be optimists," he said, "ready to grasp every opportunity for doing good, in contrast to the pessimists, who see a difficulty in every opportunity."

The ceremony concluded with the sounding of the Last Post and placing of wreaths below the Bronze Tablet in the "Royal Daffodil," which commemorates the action, and upon which are inscribed the names of those who fell on board.

Wreaths were sent by each Division and the Depot, the London and Liverpool branches of the R.M.O.C.A., ex-Royal Marines of Manchester and Crewe, Mrs. Elliot (widow of Lt.-Col. Elliot, D.S.O.), Mrs. Eagles (widow of Major Eagles, D.S.O.), and Mrs. Inskip (mother of Capt. Inskip).

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Fourth Annual Dinner of the Liverpool Branch R.M.O.C.A., was held at the St. George's Restaurant on Saturday, 26th April, to celebrate the Zeebrugge anniversary.

Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C. (President) said that all were comrades in a common bond—that of the unit in which all had once served, and that all, having served together, became imbued with the spirit and traditions of the Corps and took pride in her achievements.

He went on to speak of Colonel Field's "Britain's Sea Soldiers," which had been recently completed after work lasting for thirty years. He considered that, as the work was written, printed and bound in Liverpool, it was fitting that the Liverpool branch of the Association should possess the first copy. He then presented them with the first volume.

Mr. E. Smith (Secretary) proposed the health of the Mayor and Corporation of Wallasey and spoke of the bond between Wallasey and the Association, formed through the part taken at Zeebrugge by the ferry-boats.

During dinner a message from H.M. The King was read, which had been received in reply to one sent by the Association. His Majesty wished all present at the Dinner a very enjoyable evening and thanked the Association for their loyal message.

A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING.

Scene: On board a man-of-war in the West Indies many years ago, the day particularly hot and clammy.

The Commander (distinctly irritable what with the heat and an impending Admiral's inspection, wishing to make sure that the Quarterly Demands for stores would be sent in before the day of the inspection, hails his messenger, a youth straight from the training-ship): "Messenger! Go and ask the Gunner if he will have his demands sent in to-day!"

Messenger: "Aye! Aye!! Sir!"

(Returns a few minutes later and reports to Commander).

"Please Sir, the Gunner says 'thank you, Sir,' he would like some."

Commander: "Would like some **what?**"

Messenger: "He would like some bananas sent him to-day, Sir!"

(Commander's reply is quite unprintable).

N.B.—The above is a true story, the Commander in question being now a distinguished Flag Officer.

P M.

DIFFICULTIES OF A BRITISH ADMINISTRATION.

When Great Britain assumed the administration of Wei-hai-Wei, North China, some 25 years ago, a number of British men-of-war were lying in the harbour to mark the occasion. Chinese traders soon discovered the men's weakness for a tot of rum, and in spite of every precaution boatmen managed to smuggle a quantity on board the ships.

As warnings posted in the town had no effect in checking this lucrative traffic, it was decided to deal severely with the next offender. In addition, therefore, to inflicting a fine, the British Commissioner—a Naval Officer — sentenced the Chinaman to lose his pigtail, which was duly carried out. The following day the Captain of a Chinese cruiser came on board the flagship and protested vehemently against such harsh treatment being meted out to his countrymen. He said it was evident we were not acquainted with Chinese customs. Had his advice been sought in the matter he would have recommended that the man's ears be cut off, and there would have been an end to the business.

P.M.

A BY-WAY OF WAR.

The elder of the two men said rather curtly " It is no question of might be, I know I'm right, and somewhere on this section of coast there is a low-power transmitting W/T station in German hands, it is your job to find it and get rid of it."

" Well, but . . . "

" Sorry, Old Man, I've no time for ' buts ' and I must be off. Good-bye."

Jack Edwards looked after his chief rather like a just whipped dog, but long ago he had found out that contradiction or argument had but an irritant effect on Major Donald and that, if he said he " knew," he did know. Edwards, in fact, had never forgotten allowing an itinerant artist to photograph a picnic party of his and receiving a wire from Donald, 800 miles away, twenty-four hours later, asking his reason for this folly. How the Chief knew, Edwards never found out, and it wasn't healthy to try—so whatever he may have thought, he said nothing. This, though, he reflected, is the pink culminating edge, and he looked round the ugly hotel sitting-room for inspiration, and, finding none, contented himself with ringing the bell, sending for the manager and cursing him, for Edwards' real business in life was as Managing Director of a big hotel-owning company. Perhaps the rest of the story is better told in Edwards' own words as I heard them a couple of years later over dinner at the Tour d'Argent in Paris (which is where good and rich gourmets go to when they die).

" Well," he said, " I was puzzled what to do, for quite a stretch of my district was wild coast line with sharply rising cliffs, and a small set W/T might be rigged practically anywhere for thirty miles without attracting attention. You must remember this was before the development of directional, then only in its infancy. I thought, however, that an intensified watch on the road running along the coast might be useful, and so it proved. One of my lads, got up as a donkey driver, spotted the same two cars meeting two days running near the same spot. A little scouting, and I'd got the installation fixed as existing on the top of a hill overlooking a broad river mouth and at two miles from a village which was on the opposite side of the river. The sea-side of the hill was a sheer cliff about two hundred feet. All this was interesting, but what was I going to *do* about it? I could denounce the matter to the authorities, but this had two disadvantages, (*a*) the authorities would probably do nothing (*b*) I should give myself away. I might try a raid myself, but supposing it unsuccessful or given away, that was again the end of me. At last I hit on an idea and I give you my word I nearly died of laughing. You remember that fat manager I had at our hotel? Well, I do not suppose you knew he was no less a personage than a consul! He was, though, and of a neutral country, and I decided to make him responsible for everything. There were two men on watch always, one inside the hut, the other outside. I set forth, therefore, one evening with George (you remember George?) in my car and invited Monsieur le Consul to come for a drive. (In parenthesis it may be said that ' George ' was an ex-P.T.I. and one of his most famous remarks was ' Well, I don't do nuthin to that P.T. now, *but* any blighter wot likes can stamp on my stummich.' Dear old George—one wonders whether he remembers how he broke the Pledge at Abbeville in April, '18). Well, of course, the greasy little blighter came, he had to, and on our way I explained his position in the matter. George and I had masks and each of us a sand bag of sorts, an empty sack and I had a revolver. Monsieur le Consul objected very strongly to our proposals and when I turned the car off the road—it was a wild black night—he began to call loudly on his Creator. George alleged afterwards that I hit him in the stomach with my revolver, saying at the same time, ' You pot-bellied pickle pincher, if you don't dry up I'll shoot you now and sack you to-morrow.' I can't remember, but, when we got back to the car with the apparatus there he was, all trussed up, with one shoe and sock off—the sock was in his mouth! I'm afraid we must have put it there. Oh! how did we get the apparatus? There was no trouble; the poor blighters never heard us coming and we sandbagged 'em first and put 'em in the sacks after and hove 'em over the cliff. I never shall forget the Consul coming to my room the next morning and saying ' I t'ink, Mr. Edwards, it is my duty to inform you that, should you commit such an outrage on me *again*, I shall have to resign.' Poor old bean, I think the sack hurt his dignity."

The writer had the joy of deciphering the telegram which dealt with this matter. It ran " W/T installation Hill X raided conformity your information and instructions. Apparatus waits your disposal cellars my public house. Guards appropriately dealt with."

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following:—" The Royal Tank Corps Journal," " The Snapper," " The Leatherneck " (Washington, U.S.A.), " St. George's Gazette," " The Gunner," " Cabar Feidh," " The Queen's Own Gazette," " The Sapper," " The Sprig of Shillelagh," " The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," " The R.A.O.C. Gazette," " The Journal of the R.A.S.C.," " The Wasp," and " On the March."

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FLEET NOTES.

CHINA STATION.

CANTON.

The situation at Canton, so far as the question of the disposal of the Customs Surplus is concerned, remains the same. American, French, Japanese and Portuguese Ships are still here. The reduced Royal Marine Platoon of H.M.S. "Tamar" is in H.M.S. "Foxglove"; H.M.S. "Magnolia" arrives on 11th April to take them over.

Nothing of interest has occurred at Canton. The football field which has proved of great value to us for drill and recreation is now entirely closed, so use is made of any flat piece of ground which happens to be unoccupied. The health of the Marines has been excellent. H.M.S. "Moth" is still in commission from H.M.S. "Despatch."

S.S. "HEUNG SHAN."

On 4th March, a R.M. Guard, consisting of one Captain, two Corporals and three Marines, with a Lewis Gun, proceeded to the wrecked "Heung Shan" from H.M.S. "Foxglove." She was beached on the bank of the Canton river, in the heart of the pirate district, and 200 yards from the walls of a Chinese village. Salvage operations were carried on for three weeks and then abandoned and the ship was sold for breaking up. The duty of guarding the ship proved very interesting, as a Chinese General was operating in the district in the suppression of pirates. A Chinese battle between two local fractions of villagers took place on the opposite bank of the river, 500 yards away, which added to a day's amusement. Apart from that and a few shots fired over the ship, nothing occurred.

W/T. Guard in the Salvage Tug was kept by the Marines, which proved excellent instruction and the efficiency of the Signalmen.

Incidentally, an Army Course of Field W/T takes place in Hong Kong this summer, and provided normal routine is restored by that time, several R.M. Signalmen will take part in the course.

Sikh Guards were also on board and the Marines trained them in Musketry during the month, improving their shooting tremendously. The Sikhs were very grateful; they are not soldiers and are imperfectly trained yet have a very stiff job to perform against any pirates who may attack their ship from within or without.

The R.M. Guard was withdrawn to H.M.S. "Foxglove" on 3rd April.

MUSKETRY.

Sergt. MacBrayd of H.M.S. "Despatch" won the All-Comers Competition at a Rifle Meeting held by the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at Stonecutters.

A shooting match was held at Malacca between the Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Carlisle" and the Malacca Volunteer Corps. Teams consisted of eight and practices were fired at 200 yards and 500 yards.

The Royal Marines won by 63 points.

In a match held at Singapore under similar conditions the Singapore Volunteers defeated the Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Carlisle" by 13 points.

The first details of H.M.S. "Tamar" have completed their annual course, obtaining an average of 135.2.

FOOTBALL.

The season is now completed, South China winning the League championship. H.M.S. "Tamar" was forced to scratch in January.

MOVEMENTS.

The Flagship, H.M.S. "Hawkins," returns to Hong Kong in the middle of April. H.M.S. "Carlisle" is South and "Diomede" North. H.M.S. "Despatch" is remaining at Hong Kong.

AFRICA STATION.

H.M.S. "Birmingham."

Gunnery exercises which usually take place at Simonstown during the month of March have come to a successful conclusion. The Governor-General came out with us to witness a full calibre firing and torpedo firing.

The "Dublin" has returned from a short East Coast cruise, during which she visited East London for the first time. This place was always regarded as the special prerogative of the "Lowestoft" and it is one of the places where the Squadron is always received with great enthusiasm.

The "Birmingham" is now in dock for a short spell and as many Marines as can be spared are up at the Sanatorium going through their annual Musketry course. The Band are up there too, as they are quite indispensable as markers. Weather conditions have been favourable to us, the only South Easter we have had very kindly blew during the Easter holidays. There was, however, an epidemic of "Classification Fever," especially on the first day. Out of 15 Marines who completed the course, Table R., there were 8 Marksmen, Corporal Allen heading the list with 163.

All ships are to be at Durban for the centenary celebrations at the end of June or in July, after which the "Dublin" with her new commission will be busy with the usual exercises common to all newly-commissioned ships. The "Birmingham" is to do another West Coast cruise, which will take us away from Simonstown during the rainy season, the most unpleasant part of the year.

The Hockey season is just beginning and it is hoped that a Royal Marine team will be forthcoming if the necessary number of sticks can be provided. In this respect we are unfortunate in not having a Gun Room.

MEDITERRANEAN AND ATLANTIC.

SHIP'S SPORTS OF H.M.S. "CLEOPATRA."

The ship's sports of H.M.S. "Cleopatra" took place at the Corrodino, Malta, on May 2nd.

As the detachment had been at Ghain Tuffieha, undergoing their Annual Course of Weapon Training, they were unable to take part in any of the team events, and so lost the opportunity of gaining several more points against the others parts of the ship. In individual events, however, the detachment gained some good places.

220 yards (2nd), Corpl. Barber; 440 yards (1st), Mne. Whithead; 1 mile (1st), Mne. Stephens; High Jump (1st), Mne. Brown; Hurdles (2nd), Mne. Brown; Long Jump (3rd), Mne. Major.

Our correspondent disembarked before the final result was announced, but he thinks that either the Communication Dpt., the 2nd part of the Port Watch or the Detachment gained the most points.

A CORRECTION.

Our attention has been drawn to an inaccuracy in our last issue. Our correspondent from H.M.S. "Caradoc" stated that H.M.S. "Curacoa" took the 3rd place in the Marines' two mile (cutter) race for light cruisers recently held at Gibraltar. We are now informed that the cutter of H.M.S. "Carysfort" took the 3rd place.

The following book has been received:—

"The Adventures of a Naval Paymaster," by Paymaster Rear-Admiral W. E. R. Martin, C.M.G. Herbert Jenkins, Ltd., 3 York Street, St. James', S.W.1. (16s. net.)

MARRIAGES.

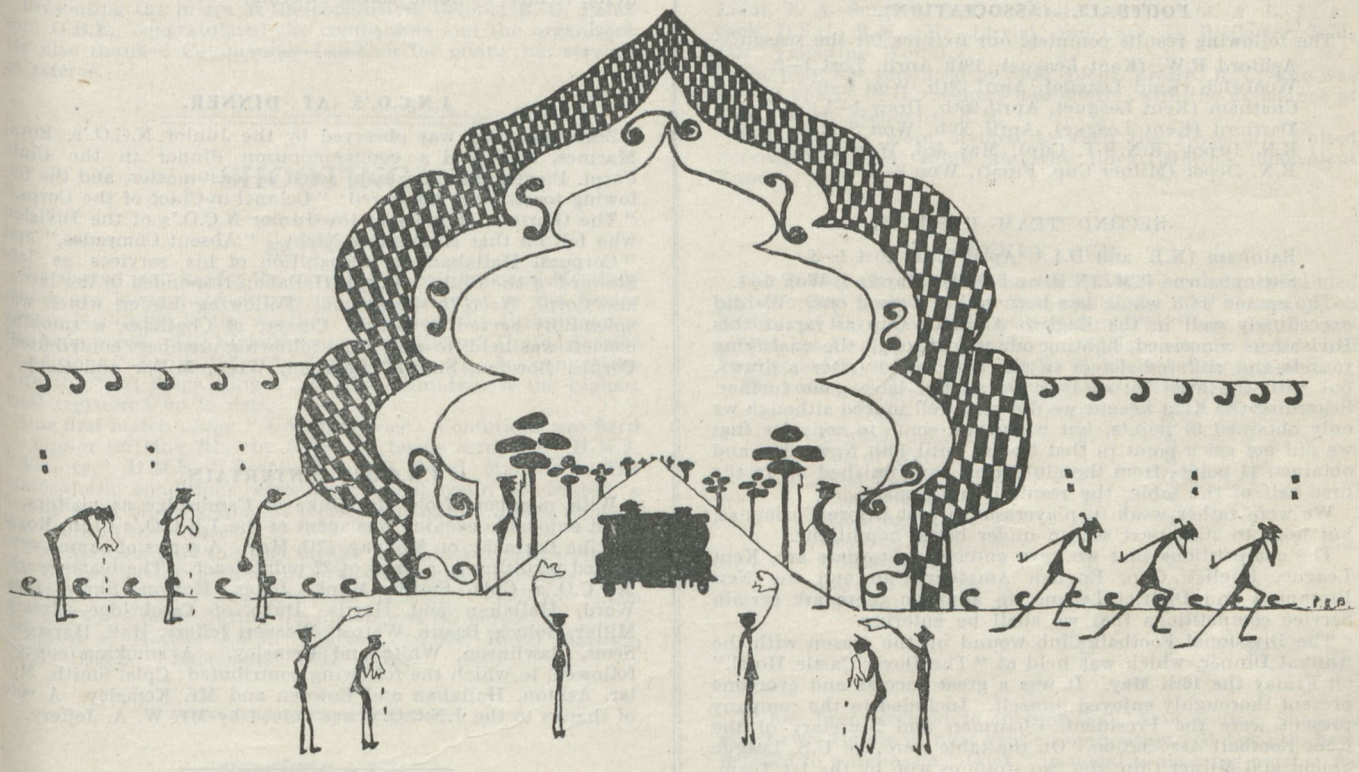
GUMM—GRICE.—On the 21st April, at St. Paul's, Herne Hill, Lieutenant Alfred P. Gumm, Royal Marines, to Marion, youngest daughter of Mrs. S. E. Grice, "Allendale," Sheringham.

TUKE—LEWIS.—On the 14th May, at St. Mark's, Hamilton Terrace, by the Rev. Chancellor Powell Price, uncle of the bride, Major J. M. Tuke, R.M., to Gwladys, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis, 74, Hamilton Terrace, N.W.

DEATHS.

PARKER.—May 11th, at her residence, 37, Sedlescombe-road, South, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, Priscilla Robinson Parker, widow of the late Major Edward Hastings Parker, R.M.L.I. No mourning to be worn, by her special request.

STUART.—At Queensferry, Royal Naval Hospital, on May 27th, 1924, Ch./23587, Mne. R. Stuart.



THE EDITOR LEAVES.

FROM OLD RECORDS.

23rd March, 1865.

65 Co., John Welch, Pte., alias Thomas Fitzgerald, was sentenced by a Divisional Court Martial on the 22nd inst. to 28 days' imprisonment with hard labour and stoppages.

"For being deficient of 1 pair of boots on the 18th inst. at Milton Barracks, Gravesend."

7th January, 1865.

29 Co., Henry Baker, Pte., was sentenced by a district Court Martial on the 3rd inst. to 84 days imprisonment with hard labour and stoppages.

"For having at the Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham, on the 28th December, 1864, attempted to load his rifle with powder and ball, thereby wantonly expending one round of the Service Ammunition, value one penny."

In pursuance with instructions from the R.M. Office, all damages to and deficiencies of arms attributable to neglect or ill usage amongst which are the following are to be charged against the men, viz.:

Firstly.—Barrel bulged and burst from the muzzle stoppers or other hard substance being in the muzzle at the time of firing.

Secondly.—Barrel bulged and burst at the breech from the ball not having been pressed home.

Thirdly.—Rifle struck by a ball fired by the rear rank men. (In this case the charge would be divided between the front and rear rank men unless the evidence went to prove that one or the other were solely to blame).

DIVISIONAL NOTES.

CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION).

The following results complete our fixtures for the season:—

Ashford R.W. (Kent League), 19th April, Lost 1—2.
Woolwich (Kent League), April 24th, Won 1—0.
Chatham (Kent League), April 26th, Draw 1—1.
Dartford (Kent League), April 30th, Won 5—2.
R.N. Depot (R.N.B.T. Cup), May 3rd, Won 2—0.
R.N. Depot (Milner Cup, Final), Won 2—1.

SECOND TEAM RESULTS.

Rainham (N.B. and D.L.), April 26th, Lost 1—3.
Sittingbourne P.M. (N.B. and D.L.), May 2nd, Won 6—1.

The season as a whole has been rather a good one. We did exceedingly well in the English Amateur Cup as far as this Division is concerned, fighting our way through the qualifying rounds and suffered defeat in the 2nd round (after a draw), but with the least bit of luck we should have gone further. Regarding the Kent League we did very well indeed although we only obtained 24 points, but when you come to consider that we did not get a point in that league until 10th November and obtained 14 points from the clubs that have finished up in the first half of the table, the result is quite good.

We were rather weak in players until just before Christmas, but hope to start next season under better conditions.

The competitions that we have entered up to date are, Kent League, English Cup, English Amateur Cup and the New Brompton and District League, in addition there are certain Service competitions that we shall be entering.

The Divisional Football Club wound up the season with the Annual Dinner, which was held at "The Dover Castle Hotel," on Friday the 16th May. It was a great success and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed himself. Included in the company present were the President, Chairman and Secretary of the Kent Football Association. On the table were the U.S. League Shield and Milner Cup, the two trophies won by the 1st Team.

END OF BOXING SEASON.

On Monday, 12th May, the Royal Marines Boxing Team were beaten by Short's Boxing Club, Short's winning four out of the seven contests.

In the first bout, B. Hodges (Short's), knocked out Bugler Kemp with three successive body blows.

Mne. Booth knocked out L. Summerly in the third round. Booth used his longer reach and excellent straight left with effect, and finally knocked out his opponent after a fierce rally in the centre of the ring.

Mne. Turner was disappointing considering the form he showed in the I.S.B.A. meeting last month. He was very slow in starting, and allowed Tyler to get in several hard punches to the jaw in quick succession, which eventually knocked him out.

Mne. Condon beat S. Sandy on points after a good bout. After losing the first two rounds, Condon took command of the situation and, by aid of good covering tactics and superior fitness, outboxed his opponent.

W. Neck beat Mne. Venables, who gave a good deal in weight. This was a closely contested bout, each man giving and taking many heavy punches.

Mne. Piddock beat Jack Farrell. Farrell was completely outboxed but nevertheless put up a very plucky fight against Piddock, who is the R.N. and R.M. and I.S.B.A. Middle Weight Champion.

Mne. Trinder, although obviously out of training, put up a fast and spirited contest with Leading-Seaman Evans. Trinder cut Evans's mouth with a stabbing blow in the second round, which Evans returned in the next.

The fight was a keen one throughout. The Referee was Mr. A. Craig, and the Judges, Captain Quill, R.M. and Commander Isaacson, R.N.

At the R.N. Barracks on the 13th May, Mne. Piddock outpointed a strong fighter, A. B. Duncan. Piddock's precise left hand hitting was again in evidence and he fought off Duncan's fierce rushes by some clever swaying.

J.N.C.O.'S AT DINNER.

Zeebrugge Day was observed by the Junior N.C.O.'s, Royal Marines, who held a commemoration dinner in the Club. Corpl. Player, the Chairman, acted as toast-master, and the following toasts were honoured: "Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps," "The Glorious Memory of the Junior N.C.O.'s of the Division who fell on that Memorable Night," "Absent Comrades," and "Corporal Hallahan, in recognition of his services as late Steward of the Club." Corpl. Hallahan responded to the latter, and Corpl. Wren to the second. Following dinner, which was splendidly served by Mr. J. Cossey, of Chatham, a smoking concert was held, to which the following members contributed: Corpls. Bowden, Smith, Hallahan, Wren, Millar and Cobb.

J.N.C.O.'S ENTERTAIN.

With members from the Duke of Cambridge as visitors, a most enjoyable evening was spent at the J.N.C.O.'s Club, Royal Marine Barracks, on Monday, 12th May. A series of games were played resulting in a draw of 22 points each. The teams were: J.N.C.O.'s—Cpls. Smith, Monk, Jones, Herron, Shaw, Ives, Ward, Hallahan and Harris. Duke of Cambridge—Messrs. Millar, Bolock, Bastin, Watson, Weaver, Jeffery, Halt, Harwood, Scott, Rawlinson, White and Kemsley. A smoking concert followed, to which the following contributed: Cpls. Smith, Millar, Ashton, Hallahan and Bowden and Mr. Kemsley. A vote of thanks to the J.N.C.O.'s was voiced by Mr. W. A. Jeffery.

BOYS' BOXING BOUTS.

R.M. CADETS v. UPNOR.

The Royal Marine Cadets and the boys of the Upnor Social Club met in a boxing tournament at the Globe Theatre, Chatham, on Thursday, 15th May. Upnor reversed a defeat sustained some weeks ago by winning by the narrow margin of 20 points to 19. The tournament was only decided by the last fight of the evening. A special feature was a three-round exhibition between Marine Piddock, I.S.B.A. champion, and Marine Clarke.

The boys themselves put up some splendid bouts and showed great pluck.

The officials were: Referees and judges, Commander Isaacson, R.N., Capt. R. H. Quill, R.M., Lieut. Bryan, R.M., and Surg.-Lieut. Newman, R.N.

Timekeeper: Capt. Bucknall, R.M., M.C., Q.M.S.I. W. Chalkley.

RESULTS.

Cadet J. C. Tilsley beat C. Rowan; T. Waghorn beat G. Franks; W. Rowan beat Cadet G. James; R. Ballard beat Cadet G. Morritt; Cadet W. Booth beat D. Bouldrey; Cadet H. Hubbard beat H. Lauton; R. Smith beat Cadet F. Mason; G. Reynolds beat Cadet S. Sergeant; Cadet J. Hubbard beat A. Sargison; W. Clout beat Cadet P. Parsons; Cadet A. Parfitt beat A. Hunt, junr.; Cadet S. Sutton, junr. beat E. Offord; A. J. Hunt, senr. beat Cadet A. Sutton, senr., who put up a remarkable fight and was awarded a good loser's prize. Sutton nearly won by the k.o. route in the last round but did not have the necessary strength to put into his final blows.

Cadet Sergeant, Cadet Parsons and D. Bouldrey were also awarded good losers' prizes. A portion of the Royal Marine Band, under Band-sergeant Riddle, gave selections during the evening. The Cadets were trained by Q.M.S.I. Chalkley and the Upnor Boys by Sergt. Flanagan, R.M.P. and Sergt. Pilcher. The seconds were Sergts. Groves and Dean and Sergt. Burnell was whip.

Presenting the prizes at the conclusion, Colonel R. O. Paterson, O.B.E., congratulated the combatants and the organisers. He also thanked Commander Isaacson for giving his services as referee.

SHOOTING.

EASTNEY.

We started training for the various Competitions and Meetings which are being held during the season, prior to the Easter Leave, but owing to the weather conditions very little progress has been made. The highest score made under "United Service Conditions" being 156 (Clr.-Sergt. Westcott). In connection with the "1st Stage King's," 93 (Cpl. Blundell) is the highest total registered up to date.

Our first match under "United Service" Conditions was fired at Tipnor on May 7th, the following teams competed: H.M.S. "Victory," H.M.S. "Excellent," and Royal Marines. The atmospheric conditions were not all that could be desired, a strong wind blowing from 10 o'clock during the match reduced the score in most cases.

The Marines took the lead on the first practice, but owing to the Sailors having fired their local meeting the previous week, finished up four points down on H.M.S. "Victory." The highest score made during the match was 149 points.

Result of Match—H.M.S. "Victory," 1,064; Royal Marines, 1,060; H.M.S. "Excellent," 1,017 points.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

EASTNEY.

These notes witness the close of Season 1923-24, and it has been a memorable one from more points than one, the first being the amalgamated "Teams," both of which, practically from the commencement of the season, have been equally divided between old R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. players.

Our most notable success was in the Amateur Cup, where, in the 3rd Round we were beaten by Clapton, who were the eventual winners.

The U.S. Charity Cup has found a resting place once more at Eastney, and we took part in two other Semi-Finals, that of the Victory Cup and the Gosport Hospital Cup.

In the U.S. League Div. 1 and 2, we finished second, the 1st team receiving "Runners Up" medals.

The programme for next year will be decided on at the next General meeting, the result of which, if held in time, will duly appear in these columns.

PLYMOUTH.

At the Globe Theatre, Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth, on 24th, 25th, February, the delightful play "Grumpy" (in which Mr. Cyril Maude made one of his great successes in the part of the retired criminal lawyer), was given a thoroughly sound and delightful performance by a company of local amateurs.

Much depends upon the way in which the title role is played, for Andrew Bullivant (nicknamed "Grumpy") dominates the piece, whether as the irritable old man or as the suddenly rejuvenated and astute lawyer. The work of the Rev. D. Mc Carthy, R.N., was splendid in all respects and such as need not fear comparison with professional actors.

The other parts were in keeping with Mr. McCarthy's excellent lead. The cast was as follows:

Mrs. McCarthy as Virginia Bullivant; Miss Thea Down as the maid Susan; Surg.-Lieut. J. C. Brown, R.N., as Ruddock, the Valet; Mrs. Ravenshaw (Mrs. Maclaren), Lieut. R. S. Lansdale, R.M. (Dr. Maclaren), Lieut. J. M. Fuller, R.M. (Keble), Paymaster-Commander Hughes, R.N. (Merridew), Lieut. T. A. Smythe, R.M. (Ernest Heron), Capt. A. B. F. Alcock, D.S.C., R.M. (Mr. Jarvis), and Capt. D. B. Carter, R.M. (Mr. Valentine Wolfe).

The play was produced by Surg.-Lieut. Brown, R.N., who was also in charge of the scenery and effects, with the assistance of Capt. G. H. Stephens, R.M.

The proceeds were divided between the Plymouth United Services Veterans' Fund and the Royal Marine Benevolent Fund.

TUCKEY CUP.

The Tuckey Cup Competition for 1923-1924 has been concluded and the Cup was presented to the winners, "C" Company, on Zeebrugge Day. Col. 2nd Commandant O'Sullivan, C.B.E., presented the Cup on the Parade at mid-day, after a fanfare had been sounded on the Silver Bugles to celebrate the occasion.

The result of the Competition was as follows:—

Game	"A"	"C"	"E"	"G"
Cricket	0	2	0	1
Tug of War	2	1	0	0
Boat Pulling ...	0	2	0	1
Cross Country ...	0	2	1	0
Shooting (Min.)	0	0	1	2
Bowling.....	0	2	0	1
Billiards.....	1	2	0	0
Bayonet Fghtng.	2	0	0	1
Football (Assn.)	0	0	1	2
	5	11	3	8

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It has been decided to include Ball Ammunition Shooting and Lawn Tennis in next year's Competition. It has also been decided to purchase a "Cock" in metal to be hung outside the Company holding Cup for the year.

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The Inter-Departmental Bowling Cup was won by the Barrack Department.

RESULTS—INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BOWLING LEAGUE.

Department	Games	Won	Lost	Points
Barrack Dept.	6	5	1	10
Pay Office	6	4	2	8
Brigade Office	6	3	3	6
Adjt. and Drafting...	6	3	3	6
1st Q.M.'s Dept.	6	3	3	6
2nd Q.M.'s Dept	7	3	4	6
3rd Q.M.'s Dept.	5	2	3	4

Musketry and Gunnery only played 2 matches. Highest score during Competition—Corpl. Osborne 119.

THE BUFFS.

PAST AND PRESENT ASSOCIATION.

An interesting hand-book has been received dealing with the Past and Present Association, The Buffs. The book lays out clearly the aims of the association, its history and various statistics, and contains a message from the Marquess of Camden to the county of Kent on its behalf.

The Association was founded in 1905, since when it has vastly grown. Its objects are to promote "esprit de corps," to help old Buffs to find employment, to give financial assistance to old Buffs and their dependants in distress, and to organise re-unions of those who have served in the Regiment.

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THE "COLQUHOUN" CUP.

The Colquhoun Cup, purchased by private subscriptions, arranged by Major C. H. Coode, R.M., in memory of the late Major R. C. Colquhoun, R.M.L.I., will be held for the year by the winner of the Individual S.R. (b) Competition, which will be known as the "Colquhoun Cup Competition."

CRICKET.

Depot Royal Marines v. Duke of York's R.M. School.

Saturday, 10th May. On the South Green.

1st Innings. Duke of York's R.M. School.

Lieut.-Col A. C. Johnston, c. O'Donnell, b. Hunton	56
C.S.M. Meehan, b. Hill	14
W.O. Instructor Cooke, b. O'Donnell	9
W.O. Instructor Smailes, b. O'Donnell	14
W.O. Instructor Cleland, b. Hunton	17
C.S.M. Connors, b. Hunton	1
C.S.M. Rayson, b. Hunton	14
W.O. Instructor Pirie, b. Hunton	0
W.O. Instructor Lee, c. O'Donnell, b. Hunton	10
W.O. Instructor Quarrell, not out	5
W.O. Instructor Conway, run out	5
Extras	17
Total	162

1st Innings Depot R.M.

Captain Yeo, b. Smailes	0
Musn. Mallard, b. Smailes	23
Lieut. O'Donnell, c. Rayson, b. Connors	2
Lieut. Gordon, c. Quarrell, b. Smailes	15
Major Hunton, b. Rayson	25
Colour-Sergeant Hill, b. Rayson	25
Captain Heathcote, c. Pirie, b. Rayson	0
Captain Spraggett, c. Johnson, b. Rayson	1
Corporal Henwood, b. Quarrell	3
Lieut.-Col. Shine, b. Quarrell	29
Captain Conybeare, not out	5
Extras	2
Total	130

Depot Royal Marines v. Dover College.

Wednesday, 14th May. On the South Green.

1st Innings Dover College.

C.M. Watson, b. O'Donnell	11
R.C.N. Jenney, lbw., b. O'Donnell	43
N.C. Fuente, c. Shine, b. Hunton	52
L.R. Mayall, c. O'Donnell, b. Hunton	6
W.M.A. Harris, lbw., b. Hunton	1
S.C. Smallman, c. Gordon, b. Hunton	17
P.R. Rodham, b. Hill	0
S.G. Tennant, c. Conybeare, b. O'Donnell	15
K.F. Gibbs, b. O'Donnell	9
J. de C. Beamish, not out	19
M.F. Bannerman, c. and b. O'Donnell	8
Byes 16, leg byes 8	24
Total	205

1st Innings Depot R.M.

Captain Brooke-Short, b. Beamish	1
Musn. Mallard, b. Harris	28
Captain Yeo, lbw., b. Harris	37
Lieut.-Col. Shine, b. Harris	36
Lieut.. O'Donnell, b. Tennant	54
Major Hunton, b. Harris	43
Lieut. Gordon, run out	2
Colour-Sergt. Hill, c. Rodham, b. Harris	8
Captain Heathcote, c. Fuente, b. Tennant	17
Captain Spraggett, not out	3
Captain Conybeare, b. Harris	2
Extras	9
Total	240

MARINE BLOGGS ON "YACHTING."

("Yus," said Marine Bloggs, with a wink, "I'm in the Corps of Royal Marines, an' I'm sorry for 'im wot's not in;
For one 'alf's play, an' one 'alf's pay, and the other two 'alves is yachtin'.")

Upon that memorable day
I joined the Corps, I 'eard chaps say
As all you did was draw your pay;—
I *th ught* as they were rottin'.—
But now I knows, it makes me laugh
To think I started, through their chaff,
A life where soldierin' was 'alf;—
The other 'alf was yachtin'.

I started off to learn me trade,
An' regularly I was paid
For movin' up an' down parade,
A-walkin' an' a-trottin'
I tells meself I'd made a start
To learn about the soldier part;
I'd yet to learn the other art,—
Of that 'alf known as yachtin'.

An' in a year or two, or more,
I left the dry an' solid shore
An' like one does in this 'ere Corps,
A battleship I got in.
At once we coaled the blinkin' ship,
An' started in to scrub an' chip
The paintwork, for an ocean trip;—
This 'alf was known as yachtin'.

I'd either be on sentry go
Or stowin' frozen meat below,
Or thinkin' as I'd like to know
Wot other work was plottin';
Or cleanin' out the Captain's flat,
Or gettin' out collision mat,
Or servin' out the rum,—an' that
Was all the 'alf called yachtin'.

At times I'd work around a gun
An' lift a proj wot weighed a ton,
Beneath a blinkin', blazin' sun
In places wot it's 'ot in.
An' times I thought, to put it blunt,
I don't go much on this 'ere stunt,
I'd sooner sail a blinkin' punt
Than this 'ere kind o' yachtin'.

But now old Bloggs 'as lately been
Appointed to the wet canteen
As steward, for to dry and clean
The mugs we drinks our tot in.
Now this 'ere 'alf 'll do for me,
A soldier I'm content to be;
I'll leave the 'alf of goin' to sea
To them wot's fond of yachtin.'

JACK COURTENAY.

STATE BALL.

The following officers and ladies had the honour of receiving Their Majesties' Command to attend the State Ball at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, 28th May, on the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties The King and Queen of Italy:—

General Sir Herbert and Lady Blumberg and Miss Lane, Major-General and Mrs. A. R. H. Hutchison, Colonel Commandant and Mrs. F. C. Edwards, Colonel 2nd Commandant and Mrs. R. H. Morgan, Colonel 2nd Commandant and Mrs. R. C. Temple, Colonel 2nd Commandant J. A. M. A. Clark, Colonel 2nd Commandant and Mrs. H. D. E. O'Sullivan, Lieut.-Colonel H. N. H. Houghton, Major and Mrs. P. Sandilands.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st March to 30th April, 1924.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death.*
Arnold, R.	Sergt.	Chat.	33 Co.	3/3/24
Batty, H.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	7350	23/3/24
Bennett, J. S.	Musn.	Ply.	1804	9/3/24
Bryce, G. L.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	5993	14/3/24
Castle, W.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	6572	15/3/24
Clark, W.	Pte.	Chat.	3093	3/3/24
Colwill, T.	Pte.	Chat.	106	25/1/24
Cummings, J. M.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	7976	10/4/24
Day, J.	Pte.	Ports.	1244	27/3/24
Driscoll, W.	Sergt.	R.M.A.	3699	13/3/24
Fisher, J. H.	Pte.	Ply.	3175	12/3/24
Finch, W.	Cpl.	Ply.	3183	4/4/24
Fitch, C.	Pte.	Chat.	3298	22/4/24
Fitzgerald, D.	Pte.	Ports.	554	3/3/24
Geary, G.	Pte.	Ports.	572	25/4/24
George, C.	Clr.-Sergt.	Ply.	12339	20/3/24
Gibson, A. S.	Pte.	Ports.	1341	9/3/24
Gillard, J.	Pte.	Ports.	44 Co.	7/3/24
Gimblett,	Pte.	Ply.	10015	15/3/24
Harding, S.	Pte.	Ports.	593	16/3/24
Higgott, A.	Cpl.	Ports.	12890	14/2/24
Hill, J.	Pte.	Ply.	B Co.	14/2/24
Hodinott, W.	Pte.	Ply.	776	29/3/24
Howley, T.	Pte.	Ports.	7329	12/4/24
Johns, C.	Pte.	Ply.	5873	3/4/24
Leist, C.	Pte.	Chat.	22295	24/3/24
Lucking, A.	Clr.-Sergt.	R.M.A.	425	22/2/24
Knott, T.	Pte.	Ply.	5085	25/2/24
Lambert, C. W.	Pte.	Chat.	4942	26/4/24
Maidment, J.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	969	7/3/24
Montgomery, A.	Pte.	Chat.	2318	29/2/24
Paget, F. A.	Pte.	Chat.	4527	14/4/24
Peck, H.	Clr.-Sergt.	Ports.	2704	3/3/24
Piercy, T. S.	Pte.	Ply.	3674	9/3/24
Robinson, F.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	1078	17/4/24
Setch, S.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	15 Co.	10/3/24
Smith, W.	Pte.	Ply.	676	1/4/24
Stowe, A. J.	Pte.	Ports.	10552	30/3/24
Tench, W.	Bugler	Ports.	320	8/3/24
Thompson, T.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	A Co.	18/3/24
Towner, T. J.	Pte.	Ports.	4103	27/3/24
Turner, H.	Clr.-Sergt.	Depot	360	19/4/24
Tweedale, F.	Musn.	R.M.B.	383	9/4/24
Wilson, S. T.	Pte.	Ply.	2345	12/3/24
Woodward, T. V.	Pte.	Ply.	11 Co.	4/4/24

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, ETC.

(Received when going to Press).

Captain G. E. Wildman-Lushington, Lieutenants J. M. Fuller and S. C. Woolley are being seconded for service with Fleet Air Arm. Dated 16th June, 1924.

Lieut. C. R. L. Scott is appointed to the Depot R. M., Deal, for duty, vice Burgess. Dated 15th June, 1924.

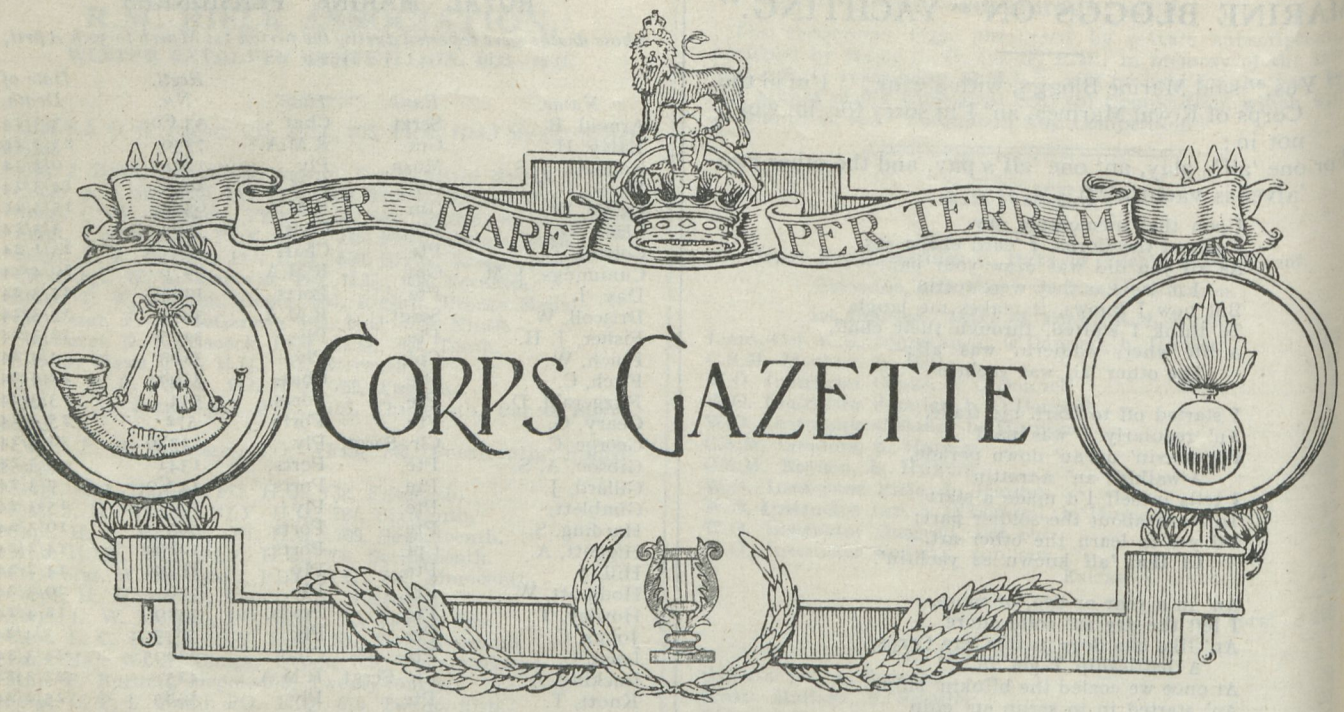
Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Peel, C.M.G. (supy.), is placed on the Supplementary Half-Pay List at his own request for a period of 18 months. Dated 5th June, 1924.

The following Proby. Lieuts. are confirmed in the rank of Lieutenant. Dated 1st October, 1923:—

Prob. Lieutenants Patrick W. O'H. Phibbs, Ply.; Oswald C. T. Dykes, Ply.; Richard F. Cornwall, Ply.; Robt. H. Donaldson, Po.; James H. Moxham, Ch.; Cosmo La R. Salter, Po.; Sydney C. Woolley, Ply.; Kenneth Hunt, Ch.; Godfrey Hill, Ch.

SERVICE R.M. COMMISSION, 1924.

The Service R.M. Commission for the year 1924 has been granted to Joseph P. Phillipps, son of Colonel Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., R.M., provided he qualifies at the examination which takes place on 10th June, 1924.



HONOURS AND AWARDS.

A " King George Prize Scholarship " for the year 1924 has been awarded to Captain V. C. Brown, D.S.C. The remaining " King George Prize Scholarship " for 1924 has been divided equally between Captain C. S. Goldingham and Captain and Bt.-Major H. McCausland.

APPOINTMENTS.

The appointment of Major P. W. Malcom, O.B.E. (Secd.), as D.I.O., Bermuda, is extended by one year.

The appointment of Major H. R. Brewer (Secd.) as D.I.O., Capetown, is extended by one year.

The appointment of Captain H. W. Wilby (Secd.), as D.I.O., Malta, is extended by one year.

Captain A. St. Clair-Morford is appointed Asst. Military Instructor, Depot R.M. Deal, vice Tuke, 11.5.24.

Captain J. Bath, D.S.C., to Supy. List and borne supy. whilst lent to New Zealand Government, 10.5.24.

Captain R. West, M.C., absorbed vice Bath and posted to Portsmouth, 10.5.24.

Captain R. Sturges appointed Instructor of Small Arms, Hong Kong vice Quianlan.

Lieutenant Bearcroft appointed Instructor of Signalling (unpaid), Plymouth, 13.5.24.

R.M. Gnr. W. F. Shaw to Chatham for " Advanced Instructional Duties " vice Ryman, 29.4.24.

R.M. Gnr. H. Edmunds to Plymouth vice Vickery to " Vivid " for requalifying course, 29.4.24.

PROMOTIONS.

Lieutenant A. S. Sanderson, Qr. Mr. General Staff, is promoted to Major, 30.4.24.

R.M. Gnr. H. Horne promoted to Commissioned R.M. Gunner and posted to Portsmouth, 12.5.24.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Captain R. MacDonnell has been selected to attend the Hygiene Course which commences at the Army School of Hygiene, Aldershot, on 7th June and terminates on 28th June, 1924.

Captain H. De Berry has been selected to attend the Qualifying Course which commences at the M.G. School, Netheravon on 12th May and terminates 5th July, 1924.

Captain Mackenzie and Lieutenant Bearcroft qualified as Instructors of Signalling at the School of Signals, Maresfield, on 10th April, 1924.

Captains F. Stock, G. Hayman, L. Mercer and A. Robertson, have been selected to attend a course of Controlled Mining which commences in H.M.S. " Vernon " on 10th June and ends 27th June, 1924.

Captain C. Congdon has been selected to attend the Military Course at Depot R.M., Deal, from 19th May to 30th June, 1924.

Lieutenants B. Reiss-Smith and P. Burgess have been selected to attend the Regimental Signalling Instructors' Course, which commences at the School of Signals, Maresfield, on 4th Sept. and terminates 11th December, 1924.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Lieutenant H. McC. Slater to " Calliope " from " Castor " on " Calliope " commissioning.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieuts. G. P. Hann, F. H. Wakeham, Ply., J. Bushell, Ch., Special Reserve of Officers R.M., relinquish their appointments, 31.12.23.

CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

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APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. J. A. Trott apptd. attdt. to Major Sandilands, D.S.O. Mne. F. Arnold apptd. attdt. to Lieut. Appleyard. Sergt. S. Powell apptd. Gunnery Instr. on Gun Battery Staff. Mne. A. H. Hayward apptd. Batman to R.M.Gnr. Shaw. Mne. S. O. Allen attchd. to Works Department as Carpenter. Mne. A. Clegge apptd. attdt. to Lieut. Bearcroft. Mne. A. Wood apptd. Billiard Marker, Officers' Mess. Mne. Easterbrook apptd. Boatman Boats Crew. Mne. S. Walker attchd. Works Dept. as Painter.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeants—Cpls. W. J. Atkins, H. J. Dagg.

To be Corporal—Mnes. G. R. White, G. Watts, C. W. Braybrook, G. Botley, F. R. Riddle.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of Second Period of Engagement—Mnes. C. E. Ketcher, H. Roberts, J. Alston, G. Horsnell.

Termination of First Period of Engagement—Mne. T. Millington.

By Purchase—Mne. F. Hogburn.

Invalided—Mne. C. E. Ashman.

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PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Eagle—Mne. Thompson, Buglr. Todd. **Victory**—Mnes. Mears, Spiller, Smith, Mewhort, McCarthy, McCracken. **Depot R.M.**—Mnes. Ireland, Reynolds, Hucker, Cunliffe, Rissen, Bennett, Fox. **Queen Elizabeth**—Mne. Taylor. **Comus**—Corpl. Reed. **Philomel**—Corpls. Breckon, Fry, Davies; Mnes. Burgess, Connor, Stables, Mealing; Buglr. Coles. **Carysfort**—Mnes. Cook, Robbins, Clark, Allen Vicary, Hucker, Weaver, Mann, Goodhall. **Woolwich**—Mne. Morey. **Alecto**—Mne. Williams. **Valiant**—Sergts. Illingworth, Harris, Smith, Eveleigh; Mnes. Howe, Martin, Easter, Vallance, Thyer, Robertson. **Resolution**—Sergts. Bittles, Dickenson; Corpl. Lapham; Mnes. Antell, Fairhall, Ashley, James, Snoddy, Hunt, Hogg, Hallam, Tait, Lewis. **Revenge**—Sergts. Wilkins, Southall, Shimmings; Corpls. Leese, Edwards, Nicholas, Stubley, Kilvington, Quaintance, Branton; Mnes. Brimilow, Allnut, Ellis, Rampton, Longwell, Lang, Willows, Attwood, Conyers, Pointer, Leadbitter, Farrant, Graves, Crook, Haynes, Mallows, Pope, Rawsthorne, Richards, Brooks, Whitfield, Mann, Lyndon, Whiddon, Pinwell, Watkins, Ryan, Baines, Dumbleton, Whiting, Harris, Fleck. **Warspite**—Corpls. Tanner, Crane, Stokes, Fagents, Ritchie, Cann; Mnes. Riches, Marshall, Scott, Putt, Mitchell, Field, Beer, Pollitt, Brydon, Thomas, Lloyd, Wellington, Thomas, L.V., Kimber, Buckley, Jones, Smith, Paul, Welsman, Mound, Jago, Drew, Dudman, Lightfoot, Noakes, Johns, Cobley, Mahoney, Watson. **Ramillies**—Sergt. Mumford; Corpls Haytor, Margerrison; Mnes. Stapleton, Taylor, Stabler, Duffield, Gerrard, Hennessey, Westcott, Kington, Garbutt, Underhill, Gray, Hadley, Johnstone, O'Mara, Broome, Hinton, Cooper, Agutter, Higgs, Pyke.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Depot R.M.—Sergt. Lawrence; Mnes. Mann, Agutter, Hucker, Gerrard, Blair. **Vivid**—Clr.-Sergt. Emerson. **Comus**—Sergt. Ross; Mne. Morrow. **Centurion**—Mnes. Gournell, Venables, Derrett, Shaw, Davies, Blyth, White, Smith, Capener, French. **Revenge**—Corpls. Moreton, Wiltshire; Mne. Carey. **Warspite**—Corpls. Docker, Young; Mnes. Long, Hammond, Hellier, Baber, Archard, Swallow, Campbell, Endacott, Durdon. **Valiant**—Sergts. Loader, Carn; Mnes. Hill, Glue, Shepherd, Davidson, Bretton, Batchelor. **Resolution**—Clr.-Sergt. Curthoys; Sergt. Birkett; Corpls. Haigh, Wallbutton, Connell; Mnes. Garrod, Allen, Nadin, Comstock, Jones, Manuel. **Carysfort**—Mnes. Patterson, Yendle, Winterbottom, Cowler, Barker, Chaffe, Charlton, Golder, Smith. **Flora**—Clr.-Sergt. Graham; Mne. Smith. **Alecto**—Corpl. Gwilliam. **Woolwich**—Mne. Wheater. **Blenheim**—Mne. Westcott. **Queen Elizabeth**—Mne. Mundell. **Dolphin**—Buglr. Sturmey. **Ajax**—Clr.-Sergt. Sumner; Corpls. Maclaine, Nash, Feeney; Mnes. Warrilow, Bailey, Gray, Thompson, Macey, Moxon, Gilbert, Goddard, Williams, McCartney, Bluett, Whiting, Tombs, Barron, Gagg, Yates, Barnett, Mc Loughlin, Jones, Williams, Batchelor, Kent, Wilkinson; Buglrs. Parrott, McColgan.

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TRANSFERS.

To Chatham—Ch. D/20273 Mne. G. J. Parrett, Ch. A/16343 Clr.-Sergt. F. Sheffield, Ch. B/17817 Sergt. T. C. Franks, Ch. C/17659 Cpl. W. E. Fielding, Ch. B/19729 Mne. W. A. Turner, Ch. B/16917 Mne. F. W. Searles, Ch. B/20769 Mne. W. A. Bryans, Po. B/216158 Mne. E. B. Bargent, Po. B/215304 Mne. G. R. C. Hardy.

To Portsmouth—Po. A/211868 Mne. H. Outen, Po. B/213401 Mne. P. Dobson, Po. B/216236 Mne. C. F. Jago, Po. B/213712 Mne. R. J. Jurd, Po. B/18643 Mne. A. H. Steele, Po. B/21021 Mne. F. Whimhurst.

To Plymouth—Ply. B/22092 Sergt. C. P. Lawrence, Ply. D/19467 Mne. T. W. Agutter, Ply.D/21465 Mne. A. E. Hucker, Ply. D/20762 Mne. A. K. Mann, Ply. C/13483 Clr.-Sergt. C. H. Cross, Depot A/591 Q.M.S.I. G. R. Twist, Ply. B/17499 Mne. F. C. Tucker, Po. B/15034 Mne. H. E. W. Wright, Po. B/15909 Mne. W. Higgins, Ch. B/19503 Mne. W. T. S. Thomas, Ply. C/13750 Sergt. W. Southall.

DISCHARGES.

Ply. D/21246 Mne. S. Bramall. Not likely to become efficient.
Ch. D/23726 Mne. H. Perriam. Not likely to become efficient.
Ply. A/22017 Mne. D. J. Woodward. Not likely to become efficient.

SQUAD FOR TRANSFER.

The 82nd (King's Squad) were transferred to their respective Headquarters on completion of their Recruits' training on Wednesday, 14th May.

KING'S BADGE — AWARD OF.

The King's Badge for the best all-round Recruit of the 82nd Squad was awarded to Po. D/216963 Mne. W. E. H. Yates.

ADJUTANT'S SILVER WHISTLE.

The Adjutant's Silver Whistle for the best Section Commander in the 87th and 88th Squads has been awarded to Ply. D/22000 Mne. T. W. Armstrong.

APPOINTMENTS.

Po. B/14663 Sergt. C. Barnes as M.T.I's 2nd Class.
Ch. A/19805 Cpl. G. Calverley as M.T.I.'s 2nd Class.
Po. D/213773 Cpl. A. G. G. Laker, Clerk, 3rd Q.M. Dept.
Ch. B/22997 Mne. F. Rolls, Infirmary Cook.
Ch. B/19861 Mne. A. S. Richards, Infirmary Labourer.
Ply. D/15826 Mne. W. J. Hucker, Range Carpenter.
Ch. C/23314 Mne C. Evans, Range Marker.
Ply. D/21833 Sergt. F. Phillips, M.T.I. 1st Class.
Po. B/16871 Mne. F. Holmes, attd. to Capt. Spraggett, M.C.
Po. B/213923 Mne. J. T. Murphy, Boat's Crew.
Po. C/15663 Sergt. F. C. Walker, M.T.I. (P) 2nd Class.

PROMOTIONS.

To Corporal—Ch D/18989 Mne. G. E. Botley, dated 10.5.24.
Ply. C/21850 Mne. R. A. Breckon, dated 1.5.24.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKATIONS.

H.M.S. "Barham," Bandmaster 1st Class Fredk. Skidmore, Musn. H. C. Allen, **Shotley,** T. E. Bandmaster 2nd Class S. A. Jones, Band Corporal Lawrence Forbes, Musns. P. W. H. Robbins, Thomas Knapp, R. L. Bishop, Fredk. Constance, W. H. Boult, L. S. L. Roper, W. T. S. Latter, H. G. Smith, A. A. Martin, John Jones, W. C. Foster, T. J. Roberts, **H.M.S. "Royal Oak,"** Bandmaster 2nd Class R. P. Rosewell, Band Corporal J. F. Leeks, Musns. J. H. Sholl, R. H. Stoner, E. N. Williams, W. V. Bridger, P. J. Garton, F. T Howell, Charles Smith, E. G. Boxall, Fredk. Ede, S. G. Firth, R. S. L. Hambling, E. M. Vockings, H. A. Leach, **H.M.S. "Royal Sovereign,"** Band Corporal Wm. Plumridge, Musns. W. J. Mogridge, David Hope, Harry Hassall, **H.M.S. "Tiger,"** Musn. Walter Spriggs, **H.M.S. "Emperor of India,"** Musn. Leonard Knight.

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DISEMBARKATIONS.

H.M.S. "Barham," Bandmaster 1st Class A. M. Knight, Musn. Chas. Hoffman, **H.M.S. "Centurion,"** Bandmaster 2nd Class T. J. Cope, Band Corporal W. E. Parkins, Musns. A. E. Crosby, R. H. Mortimer, W. E. Kohlar, V. C. Hardy, W. J. Roberts, H. M. Lacey, James Kemp, G. W. Potter, H. H. Frisby, Patrick Costello, Henry Allen, James Jenkinson, A. C. P. D. Norris, **H.M.T.E. "Shotley,"** Bandmaster Walter Burrans, Band-Corporal F. C. Frost, Musns. J. F. Weller, Tom Dawson, S. J. Bark, W. A. Power, F. C. Harding, A. J. Frost, F. C. Rawling, Fredk. Tidy, Alfred Phillips, **H.M.S. "Ramillies,"** John Whittaker (Bandmaster 2nd Class), J. W. Sanders, C. L. Lawrence, Bertie Barnes, E. T. Chivers, D. Z. Colls, T. J. Massey, E. J. Nicholls, W. A. J. Perry, Reginald Smith, R. J. Holt, E. H. T. Anstis, R. G. Perratt, A. A. Power, **H.M.S. "Thunderer,"** Bandmaster 2nd Class C. J. L. Hamilton, Band Corporal E. W. Donne, Musn. G. B. Brown, S. G. Allington, W. G. Woodnutt, S. E. McCourt, R. M. Pullen, Harry Collier, E. E. Buckle, A. E. Collier, A. J. Curd, W. H. Cooper, S. G. Carter, G. E. Tyler, S. H. Stevens, **H.M.S. "Royal Sovereign,"** Band Corporal Sidney Selby, G. J. Maulkin, **H.M.T.E. "Shotley,"** Musns. John Wilson, Leonard Brown, W. G. Walker.

DISCHARGES.

Musn. Fredk. Hill "Invalided," Band Corporal F. J. Warne. "Having completed his first period of Limited Engagement."

RE-ENLISTED.

Musn. Edward Laughton.

ADVANCEMENT.

Band Boy W. E. Grimes advanced to Musician.

APPOINTMENT.

Bandmaster 1st Class A. M. Knight has been nominated for the appointment Q.M.S. i/c Stores, on the vacancy occurring.

BOXING.

IMPERIAL SERVICE BOXING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING.

The above-named Boxing Meeting was held in the Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, on 30th April, 1st and 2nd May.
Result:—Equal 1st Royal Navy. Army. 36 points.

3rd Royal Air Force. 28 points.
4th Royal Marines. 21 points.

The Royal Marines were represented by the following team: Officers.—Heavy Weight (no entry). Light Heavy Weight, Lieut. T. L. Bryan. Middle Weight, Capt. D. A. C. Shephard (winner 1923 and 1924). Welter Weight, Lieut. W. Nonweiler (runner-up 1924). Light Weight (no entry). Feather Weight, 2nd-Lieut. A. Westcott (winner 1923 and 1924).

Other Ranks.—Heavy Weight (no entry). Light Heavy Weight, Mne. W. Trinder. Middle Weight, Mne. G. Goadby. Welter Weight, Mne. H. Piddock (winner 1924). Light Weight, Mne. W. Turner. Feather Weight, Mne. W. Davis. Bantam Weight, Mne. J. Booth. Ely Weight, Band Boy E. Goadby.

Two points were awarded to the winner of a fight and one point to the Loser, Byes and Walk-overs received two points.

We had more than our share of bad luck, Sergt. Ring, Corpl. Downton, Corpl. Cawthraw, Mne. Hornsey, and Lieut. Richardson, all selected for the team originally, were unable to fight, through injury or sickness, and in two cases, their weights could not be filled.

One point of interest—our other ranks average age must have been considerably lower than any of the other Service Teams.

FIGHTS.

Lieut. Bryan was knocked out in the 2nd round of his fight with Mid. Furze (R.N.).

Capt. Shephard (holder) had a close fight with F/Officer Macgregor (R.A.F.) winning on points, and in the final had a very hard fight with Lieut. Schoales (Army)—his last year's opponent. Capt. Shephard eventually retained his title after an extra round.

Lieut. Nonweiler won his fight against Mid. Winch (R.N.), but in the final was beaten on points by F/Officer Mason (R.A.F.), after taking a lot of punishment.

Lieut. Westcott (holder) won both his fights very quickly with knock-outs. He has a very hard punch in both hands.

Mne. Trinder was beaten on points by Stoker Miller (holder 1922, 1923, and 1924). This was a very close fight and many thought Trinder unlucky to lose.

Mne. Goadby was beaten by Stoker Mann (R.N.).

Mne. Piddock won the title for 1924 after two very clever exhibitions of Boxing. His first fight was against L. A. C. Bills (R.A.F.), a very experienced fighter of the "rushing" type. Piddock made him miss time after time and countered without reply, gaining the decision easily. In the final he fought Sergt.-Instr. Bradley (another well-known Service Boxer). Piddock was on the defensive to start with, but in the last round, lasting better, he chased Sergt. Bradley round the ring and gained the decision.

Mne. Turner was beaten by Tel. J. Underwood (R.N.). He took a great deal of punishment and was deservedly applauded loudly by the audience.

Mne. Davis knocked his opponent, A.B. Chadwick (R.N.), down with a very hard right hand punch, but on trying to go in and finish the fight caught a right hand swing himself, which put him out.

Mne. Booth was disqualified for holding his opponent L. S. Patten (R.N.), the eventual winner.

Band Boy Goadby was knocked out by A. C. Williamson (R.A.F.).

ROYAL TOURNAMENT, 1924.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.M., is attending the Royal Tournament as Corps Representative, from 21st to 26th May and from 3rd to 7th June, 1924.

COLONEL-COMMANDANT PICTON PHILLIPPS,
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Admiral Lord St Vincent.

Private, 1664.

Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL.

We notice that many of our officers are being seconded for service with the Fleet Air Arm. We wish them every success in their new work, which should be most interesting.

It will be of interest to our Chatham readers to know that Major C. H. Malden (late Royal Marines), has kindly presented a Cup for pistol shooting. This Cup is to be competed for by Commissioned Officers of the Chatham Division. In addition to officers who are at Headquarters, those embarked, whose ships are in port, or who can otherwise be present on the date of the competition, are invited to shoot for it.

We hear that the competition this year will be held some time after the Bisley meeting, and we shall endeavour to announce the date, when it is fixed, in this journal. It might be possible to arrange the date to coincide with the Atlantic Fleet leave.

The Cup will be competed for under Whitehead conditions.

We have to thank our contributors for their generous support lately. By this we are not intending to imply that we receive too many contributions; the more the better; may those who now supply us with anecdotes and notes kindly continue to do so, and may others please follow their good example.

We should also like to remind our readers generally that certain personal events in their lives are of great interest to their comrades, and that we should like to have them for publication. It has been noticed lately, for instance, that Royal Marines of all ranks have actually got married without informing us.

The matches arranged for the Corps Cricket Week take place at Chatham this year, commencing on the 14th July. The fixtures for the week are as follows:—

July 14th, Monday, Royal Engineers; 15th, Tuesday, Royal Engineers; 16th, Wednesday, Harrow Wanderers; 17th, Thursday, Harrow Wanderers; 18th, Friday, Harlequins; 19th, Saturday, Harlequins.

Play commences each day at 11.30 a.m.

We congratulate the Portsmouth Division on winning the 130-stone Inter-Services Tug-of-War, at the Royal Tournament.

OUR CARTOON.

Colonel Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., the subject of our cartoon, received his first commission on 1st September, 1886, and reached his present rank on 11th December, 1922 He at present commands the Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines, at Eastney.

Among his appointments in pre-war days were those of Adjutant, Suffolk and Harwich R.G.A. (Vols.), and service as a member of the Ordnance Board at the Admiralty.

During the first part of the late war, he commanded the Royal Marine Brigade in East Africa, and returned later to the Ordnance Board, Admiralty.

Since the war, and before taking up his present command, he served as Director of Naval Recruiting.

ROYAL MARINES DINNER CLUB.

The annual dinner was held on the 23rd May, at the Hotel Victoria. Major-General Sir Archibald Paris presided and 70 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 after dinner:—

> "To Major-General Sir Archibald Paris—
> Please convey to the Officers of the Royal Marines, assembled at their annual dinner, my cordial thanks for the loyal terms of their message which, as Colonel-in-Chief, I have received with much satisfaction.
> GEORGE R.I., Colonel-in-Chief."

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was presiding at another dinner in the hotel, also sent a kind message to the Officers, Royal Marines.

The Colonel- Commandant and Officers of the Chatham Division once more kindly allowed a part of their band to play during dinner.

Officers who dined 23rd May, 1924.

General Sir W. T. Adair, K.C.B.; Maj.-Gen. St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G.; Lieut.-Col. W. P. Arbuthnot; General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B.; Major H. C. Benett, C.M.G.; Major A. I. Bell, O.B.E.; Lieut.-Col. G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C.; Colonel J. A. M. A. Clark, C.M.G.; Colonel H. L. A. T. Darley; Capt. E. S. Dashwood; Lieut.-Col. W. B. Dauntesey, C.B., C.B.E.; Major A. Kelly Evans, O.B.E., M.C.; Lieut.-Col. A. H. French, D.S.O.; Maj.-General H. D. Farquharson, C.M.G.; Colonel H. Gritton; Lieut.-Col. F. H. Griffiths, Lieut.-Col. W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G.; Major R. S. Gibson; Major C. F. O. Graham, O.B.E.; Maj.-Gen. A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Colonel G. N. A. Harris, C.B.E.; Colonel E. W. Harding; Major J. G. Horne; Major G. S. Hobson; Capt. E. W. Husey; Lieut.-Col. H. A. H. Jones; Major H. L. Jones, O.B.E.; Lieut.-Col. W. J. Langford; Lieut.-Col. A. G. Little, C.M.G.; Major H. M. Leaf, D.S.O.; Colonel G. J. H. Mullins, C.B., A.D.C.; Colonel R. H. Morgan, C.B.E.; Lieut.-Col. C. L. Mayhew; Major A. McRae; Capt. M. Morris; General Sir W. C. Nicholls, K.C.B.; Maj.-Gen. J. R. H. Oldfield, C.B.; Lieut.-Col. R. D. Ormsby; Lieut.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O.; Rev. O. E. Owen; Maj.-Gen. Sir A. Paris, K.C.B.; Surg.-Vice-Admiral Sir J. Porter, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.H.P.; Lieut.-Col. Sir W. Hutcheson Poë, Bart., C.B.; Colonel R. O. Paterson, O.B.E.; Colonel Pryce Peacock, C.M.G.; Lieut.-Colonel A. Peel, C.M.G.; Colonel J. Markham Rose, D.S.O.; Colonel G. V. Robinson; Lieut. W. S. Ronaldson; Lieut. H. S. Rider; Lieut.-Gen. E. J. Stroud, C.B., C.M.G.; Brig.-Gen. G. B. Stevens; Major H. K. Stephens; Major A. E. Syson, O.B.E.; Major H. H. F. Stockley, M.V.O., O.B.E.; General Sir C. N. Trotman, K.C.B.; Colonel R. C. Temple, C.B., O.B.E.; Colonel J. A. Tupman, O.B.E.; Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Trotman; Lieut. C. G. Tufton; General E. A. Wylde; Maj.-Gen. H. S. Neville White, C.B., M.V.O., Colonel C. Hope Willis, C.B.; Colonel E. Wray; Colonel R. ff. Willis, C.B.; Capt. L. S. Wilkinson; Capt. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E.; Capt. R. H. P. West, M.C.; Capt. H. D. Weir; Lieut. R. Mc D. Winder.

Major-General Sir A. Paris 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 1923 was passed.

The following were unanimously elected members of the General Committee:—General Sir H. E. Blumberg, vice Sir Charles Trotman; Major General H. S. Neville White, vice Sir Leslie Wilson; Lieut.-Col. F. H. Griffiths, vice Lieut.-Col. Peel.

The Honorary Secretary reported that some 193 officers subscribe to the Club; regret was expressed that the number of officers who belong to the Club and attend the annual dinner is so small in comparison with the strength of the active and retired lists of the Corps.

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APPOINTMENTS.

(Received when going to Press).

Col.-Commandant L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., is appointed A.D.C. to His Majesty the King, vice Mullins, 21.6.24.

Col.-Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., is awarded a Good Service Pension of £150 per annum, vice Mullins, 21.6.24.

Capts. C. H. Congdon, H. R. Lambert, D.S.C., and S. J. Bassett, are appointed to H.M.S. "President" for War Staff Course, at R.N. College, Greenwich, commencing 24th September, 1924.

Capt. R. H. Campbell, M.C., has been selected to attend the Junior Division of the course at the Staff College, Camberley, commencing on the 21st January, 1925.

Capt. R. H. Campbell, M.C., is appointed Assistant Instructor of Small Arms, Plymouth (tempy.), vice Hollis, 30.7.24.

R.M. Gunner A. H. Watton placed on retired at his own request, 25.6.24.

A SOUTHERN CRUISE IN H.M.S. " HAWKINS."

H.M.S. " Hawkins," leaving Hong Kong on the 2nd February, arrived at Singapore in good time to greet the Special Service Squadron, which entered the Roads in a squall of rain. In spite of the assurances of the Singaporeans that the rainy season should have ceased over a week before, the weather in which they arrived was typical of that during the rest of their stay; the rain was almost incessant. This increased the enthusiasm for the " Squadron Club," which would have been popular in any case. Concerts were held there nightly, and were exceptionally well attended.

In addition to " Hawkins," other ships of the China Squadron present were " Carlisle," " Petersfield," " Bluebell," and the tug " St. Breock," and ship's companies were included in all the entertainments provided, primarily, for the Special Service Squadron.

" Petersfield " and " Bluebell " left Singapore for Batavia on the 19th February, and " Hawkins " followed the next day. She visited the following places during the cruise, which included two re-visits to Singapore for mails:—Batavia, Soerabaya, Saigon, Bangkok, Port Swettenham, Miri, Labuan, Hong Kong.

On the night that " Hawkins " left Singapore she crossed the line. It was sighted by the Bos'n's Mate, who hailed the bridge and reported " Line right ahead, Sir." As the ship crossed, the Herald of His Majesty King Neptune came on board with a small sea nymph, and announced that Neptune would come on board the following day and hold his court. His Majesty was subsequently received with great ceremony, and about 500 people were initiated into the mystic rites of His Kingdom. A book to commemorate the event is now in the press at Hong Kong. The ceremony was well organized, and though there were many novices, they were all initiated in the forenoon.

King Neptune had held his court in " Petersfield " the previous day, the novices from " Bluebell " being sent over in a whaler. Lady Leveson, the wife of the Commander-in-Chief, was on board " Petersfield," and was invested, with " éclat," as a Grand Dame of the Line.

We found Saigon very hot. " Carlisle " and " Petersfield " were in company there, the former having joined the flag at Singapore.

The first difficulty encountered ashore was that the residents apparently spoke less English than we spoke French, and that was little enough. A week's stay, however, had miraculous results, and old men " who hadn't spoken French since the nineties " were heard at receptions and " at homes " conversing with animation; in one case the phrase "Je veux les petites serpents avec leurs maisons sur les dos " was successful in procuring toasted snails!

It was interesting to note the European troops with a metal anchor worn as their badge on the white helmet. They were the Colonial infantry, and, before being employed as such, were Marines.

Strictly speaking, " Hawkins " was "**off** Bangkok" rather than "**at** Bangkok." To get to the city necessitated a 15-mile trip in a shallow-draught lighter, lent by the Siamese Naval Authorities, and subsequently a two hours' journey in a very hot train. On one or two occasions these lighters ran aground in attempting to cross the bar at dead low water, and the " excursion parties " were given another hour or so to ponder over the joys of visiting foreign parts, until the tide rose.

Great was the enthusiasm in " Hawkins " when it was known that His Majesty the King of Siam would put to sea in the Royal Yacht, on 27th March, and pay a visit of inspection.

On the " day," the Royal Yacht " Maha Chakri " was sighted at 1030. At 1100 ship was manned and a Guard of Honour paraded.

When His Majesty appeared on board at 1130 he inspected the Guard of Honour, and all officers were then presented by the Commander-in-Chief.

After a March Past, the bugle sounded " General Quarters," and His Majesty watched the guns' crews at drill, fired tubes, walked aft and pressed a button which exploded a mine veered astern of the ship, saw a torpedo run from an above-water tube, and finally a salvo of three 7.5-inch shell fired.

In the evening His Majesty honoured the Commander-in-Chief by dining on board " Hawkins," bringing with him Her Majesty the Queen of Siam, Maids of Honour and a large party of Princes and Siamese gentlemen. It was late when Their Majesties returned to the Royal Yacht.

From Port Swettenham to Kuala Lumpur (the capital of the Federated Malay States) is a matter of some 25 miles by rail. There is also a good motor road, and nearly all the officers visited Kuala Lumpur for several days and were right royally entertained. The ship's company's entertainment committee organized some very good expeditions by car to Kuala Lumpur, parties visiting the wonderful Batu caves, a tin mine, and rubber estates.

Those who were guarding the ship at Port Swettenham were able to get some fun out of crocodile shooting, and two or three large bags were obtained, with the assistance of a local planter who knew the ropes.

An English community of 200 at Miri is entirely " in oil," which is the " raison d'être " of the place. The ship only stopped there half a day to take in fuel, so we did not see as much of the place or the people as we could have wished.

At Labuan we all quite expected a rest from junketing, as it has only a dozen European inhabitants. But not at all; here, as at every place we had visited, we were enthusiastically received and entertained. We did, however, get some picnics and a little bathing, which is not common in the tropics owing to sharks and crocodiles.

And now the ship is back at Hong Kong, completing an interrupted refit, but in about a fortnight, to the great content of most of us, it is north to Wei-hai-wei, for a cooler China and plenty of gunnery.

FLEET NOTES.

AFRICA STATION.

H.M.S. "Birmingham."

We have had an unusually long stay at Simonstown. Except for Gunnery exercises and a trip round to Cape Town to coal, the "Birmingham" has been at her base since February 15th. This is rather a drain on one's private exchequer; the attractions up the line and ashore at Simonstown leave pockets somewhat empty, long before pay day arrives.

Saturday afternoons are devoted to practice shoots or spoon shoots on the rifle range, and, although it means a climb of 800 feet up very unpleasant steps, there are always at least 25 men from the "Birmingham" keen enough to go up there. Mne. Cusick won the spoon last month with the creditable score of 95.

There is great competition for places in the display field gun's crew, which is to perform at the Durban Centenary and also at Pietermaritzburg. At present there are two R.M. representatives, Mnes. Kellard and Cusick.

The "Weymouth" has just arrived with relief crews for the "Dublin" and "Verbena." She is due to sail for England on May 26th.

21st May, 1924.

CHINA STATION.

H.M.S. "**Hawkins**" has returned to Hong Kong, and will proceed to Wei-hai-wei about the second week in May.

H.M.S. "**Despatch**" has gone North, having been at Hong Kong nearly all the winter.

H.M.S. "**Carlisle**" is refitting at Hong Kong until June.

H.M.S. "**Diomede**" is North.

H.M.S. "**Durban**" is South, and has been to Ceylon.

CANTON.

The Naval demonstration at Canton is finished. On the 11th April, Lieutenant Hoar and twelve Marines from "Carlisle" in H.M.S. "Magnolia" relieved those from "Tamar" who returned to Hong Kong in H.M.S. "Foxglove."

The "Magnolia" remained about a fortnight, returning to Hong Kong on 23rd April.

H.M.S. "Moth" paid off her crew from H.M.S. "Despatch" and has been recommissioned by a crew taken from several ships, and including Sergt. Palmer and 10 Royal Marines from H.M.S. "Tamar," forming a six-inch gun's crew. She has been recommissioned in connection with the increased activity of pirates.

Armed launches are also being placed in commission for duty in the Delta.

CRICKET.

The cricket season in Hong Kong is finished. The Navy 1st and 2nd XI's have both had a successful season.

Mne. Leech, playing for the Navy 2nd XI against Hong Kong 2nd XI performed the hat-trick with the first three balls he bowled, and has been presented with the ball bearing a silver inscription of the feat.

BOXING.

Marine Betts of H.M.S. "Hawkins" is showing excellent form at present.

POLO.

Captain R. Neville's team won the Navy Cup.

EAST INDIES.

H.M.S. "Southampton."

It is with great pleasure that we read of the attainments of the various Detachments serving abroad and no doubt it will interest your readers to know that we are endeavouring to uphold the sporting efficiency of the Corps on this Station.

We enclose the photograph of the Royal Marines and Band Football Team, winners of the Cup presented for Inter-Part Football Competition.

It was a well-deserved win, for they showed great determination and a steady improvement of form from the beginning. The Detachment and Band are well represented in the Ship's Company Cricket Team, Musn. Boyce being captain of the team. Musn. Boyce also was the winner of a Cup presented for tennis at the R.N. Camp, at Diyatalawa, last year. In the Ship's Shooting Team, Sergt. Gray, Sergt. Cross, Musn. Lightfoot, Mnes. Babbage, Bennett, and Palmer, added greatly to the score that defeated H.M.S. "Durban" in a match at Trincomalie.

In the two half-yearly Loader Competitions, the Marines' 6-inch Guns' Crew have won both times.

At the Squadron Pulling Regatta, the Marines' Whalers' Race ended with our crews securing 1st and 3rd places. The winning Crew were the recipients of a small handsome Silver Cup each, presented by the R.M. Officers of the Squadron.

We are all looking forward to going to camp at Diyatalawa soon, where we hope to enjoy the pleasant change of surroundings.

In January last we had an interesting cruise to Rangoon and Calcutta where our long stay in those ports enabled us to enjoy the wonders and curious sights of Burma and India, as well as to enjoy the kind hospitality of the British settlers.

In July the crew of H.M.S. "Southampton" transfer to H.M.S. "Chatham" and the "Chatham's" crew take the "Southampton" home.

Below are the fixtures that the Marines and Band Football team played:—

		For	Agnst.
R.M.	v. Stokers' "White Watch"	0	0
,,	v. Fore Division	0	0
,,	v. After Division	1	1
,,	v. Stokers' "Red Watch"	3	3
,,	v. Stokers' "Blue Watch"	1	0
,,	v. Combined Division	4	1
,,	v. Communication Division	3	0

H.M.S. "Southampton."

THE R.M. FOOTBALL TEAM (Back row l. to r.).—Musician Toms, Mne. Blore, Mne. Burrage. Second row.—Mne. Pearce, Mne. Tutton (capt.), Mne. Butcher. Front row.—Mne. Fowler, Musn. Briggs, Musn. Chambers, Musn. Boyce, Musn. Gattey.

BIRTHS

KITCHIN.—On the 5th June, at Nevill House, New Road, Chatham, to Helen Dorothy and Courtenay Harcourt Kitchin (Lieut., Royal Marines)—a daughter.

TAYLOR.—On the 4th June, at Delta, Groot Drakenstein, S. Africa, to Nora, wife of I. M. Taylor—a son. (By cable).

DEATHS.

FOSBROKE.—On the 23rd May, at Bristol, Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel John D. Fosbroke, R.M. (retired).

HOSKYNS-ABRAHALL.—On Whit-Sunday, 8th June, 1924, at the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, Major John Hoskyns-Abrahall (Royal Marines, retired), aged 59.

TROTMAN.—On the 13th June, at 8, Bourne Avenue, Salisbury, Anne Symes, widow of the Rev. Canon E. Fiennes Trotman, aged 88 years. Funeral was held at Marshfield, Glos., at 2 p.m., 16th June.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

RESULTS.

Team Events. R.M. Championship.

Bayonet team.—Portsmouth beat Chatham, 16—2.

110-stone Tug-of-War.—Portsmouth beat Chatham, 2 pulls to nil. **130-stone Tug-of-War.**—Portsmouth beat Deal, 2 pulls to nil.

Inter-Services Championship.

Bayonet Team—(Semi-final).—R.M., Portsmouth (Holders) beat R.N. Barracks (Portsmouth), 10—8. (Final).—Army (Scots Guards), beat R.M., Portsmouth, 10—8.

110-stone Tug-of-War — (Semi-final). — R.M. Portsmouth (Holders) beat R.N. Barracks, Devonport, 2 pulls to nil. (Final).—Army (R.E.) beat R.M. (Portsmouth), 2 pulls to 1. (R.M. won 1st pull; Army next two; time of pulls, 1st 14min. 18sec.; 2nd, 5min. 50sec.; 3rd, 2min. 31sec.)

130-stone Tug-of-War — (Semi-final). — R.M., Portsmouth (Holders) beat Army (R.E., Chatham), 2 pulls to nil. (1st pull, 8min. 41sec.) (Final).—R.M. (Portsmouth), beat R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, 2 pulls to nil.

R.M. Pools (Winners Silver Medal).

1.—**Foil.**—Officers—Sergt.-Major Board, Chatham. Other Ranks—Corpl. Jerred, Deal.

2.—**Epée.**—Officers—Capt. Thomas, Portsmouth. Other Ranks —Corpl. Clarke, Deal.

3. **Sabre.**—Officers—Sergt.-Major Board, Chatham. Other Ranks—Corpl. Clarke, Deal.

4.—**Bayonet.**—Officers—Captain Leech Porter, Portsmouth. Other Ranks—Corpl. Richardson, Portsmouth.

These winners then "fought off" with the winners of the R.M. Staff Instructors' Tournament, in one of the Preliminary Inter-Services' Championship Pool, to decide the Championship of the Royal Marines (winners Silver Cups).

ROYAL MARINES.

Foil Champion — Q.M.S.I. Peasnell, Portsmouth.
Epée Champion — Corpl. Clarke, Deal.
Sabre Champion — Corpl. Clarke, Deal.
Bayonet Champion — Q.M.S.I. Peasnell, Portsmouth.

Places gained by Royal Marines in the Final Inter-Services' Championship:—

Pool, i.e., the last six left in, in each weapon.
Foil.—Q.M.S.I. Peasnell, 4th; Corpl. Jerred, 6th.
Epée.—Corpl. Clarke, 4th.
Sabre.—Corpl. Clarke, 3rd, and Medal for best style.
Bayonet.—Q.M.S.I. Peasnell, 3rd; Corpl. Richardson, 4th.

We congratulate H.M.S. "**Pembroke**" on winning all three cups in the recent Inter-Port Field Gun Competition.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of Major John Hoskyns-Abrahall, R.M. (Retired), which occurred on the 8th June, in his 60th year.

Major Hoskyns-Abrahall entered the Royal Marines on the 1st September, 1882, and attained the rank of Captain on the 8th July, 1893, and of Major on the 19th October, 1900.

He took part in the operations against Vitu in 1890, being present at the capture and burning of Vitu and at the action on the night before. He held the General African Medal, with Vitu clasp, 1890.

Major Hoskyns-Abrahall retired, through ill-health, on the 20th August, 1906.

The funeral took place at Burnham-on-Sea on the 12th June.

We regret to hear of the death of the Rev. R. V. Wilson, late R.N., which occurred towards the end of May, at the age of 67 years.

He was closely connected with the Royal Marines, having been chaplain both to the Chatham and Portsmouth Divisions, R.M.L.I. He joined the Royal Navy in 1883.

ANNIVERSARIES.

BATTLE OF JUTLAND.

In the Battle of Jutland, on the 31st May, 1916, the Royal Marines were represented by 93 Commissioned and 39 Warrant Officers, and approximately 5,700 N.C.O.s, Gunners, Privates, Buglers and Band Ranks. They manned from a quarter to a fifth of the guns in the Fleet.

Casualties.—Killed, 538 (3 Majors, 2 Captains, 3 Lieutenants, 4 R.M. Gunners, and 526 N.C.O.s and Men). Wounded, 51 (1 Captain and 50 N.C.O.s and Men).

The Victoria Cross was awarded (posthumously) to Major F. J. W. Harvey, R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. "Lion," for having "Whilst mortally wounded, and almost the only survivor after the explosion of an enemy shell in 'Q' gun-house, with great presence of mind and devotion to duty, ordered the magazine to be flooded, thereby saving the ship." He died shortly afterwards.

"THE GLORIOUS 1st JUNE," 1794.

Admiral Lord Howe's victory over the French off Ushant. It was in this action that the red coat of a dead Marine served as a ship's colours. The "Marlborough," dismasted and with her colours shot away, was being fired into by other English ships which mistook her, in the confusion, for one of the enemy. To prevent this, and to show that she had not struck to the French, a seaman stripped the coat from a dead Marine and displayed it stuck on a boarding pike and lashed to the stump of the mizzen mast.

THE "LAUREL."

The "Laurel" was authorised to be borne as a testimony to the gallantry of the Marines at the Siege of Belle-Isle, 7th June, 1761, and now encircles the Globe emblazoned on the Colours.

At this period the Marines wore caps similar to those of the Fusilier regiments, and it was thus that the French, in describing the troops whose valour had been conspicuous, designated the Battalions of Marines "les petits grenadiers."

BUNKER'S HILL.

Bunker's Hill was fought on the 17th June, 1775, during the American War of Independence. The 1st and 2nd Marine Battalions took part.

DIVISIONAL NOTES.

CHATHAM.

Capt. J. Pearson, M.C., and Lieut. T. W. Dean, Special Reserve of Officers, R.M., have recently reported for 14 days' training.

PORTSMOUTH.

KING'S BIRTHDAY REVIEW.

On June 3rd the Royal Marines, Portsmouth, furnished a Battalion to take part in a Review at Whale Island with a Naval Brigade. One Company of this Battalion was supplied by the Reserve Fleet, the Officers, however, being detailed from Headquarters. The Bands of Portsmouth Division Royal Marines,

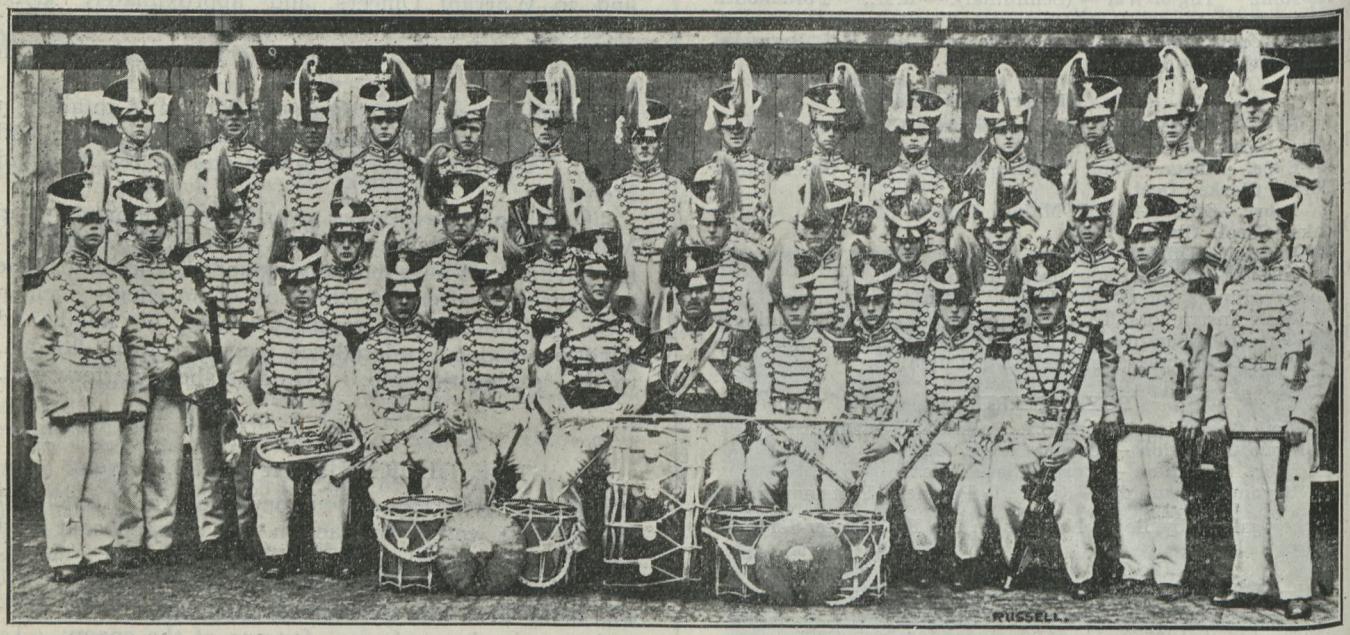
SERJEANTS' MESS ROLL OF HONOUR.

On the anniversary of the Battle of Jutland an impressive ceremony was held in the Sergeants' Mess, at Eastney, when the "Roll of Honour" to the Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Naval School of Music late members of the Mess, was unveiled by Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Trotman.

A large number of relatives and friends of those who lost their lives attended, and also many officers.

The service was conducted by the Chaplain, the Rev. A. Shell, M.A. After an impressive address by Lieut.-Colonel Trotman, the hymns, "O valiant hearts," "For all the Saints," and "Fight the good fight," were sung, and in conclusion the "Last Post" and "Reveillé" were sounded.

The "Roll of Honour" is in the form of a scroll, mounted in an oak frame, and resting upon an oak shelf, and the particulars of each individual who lost his life are given.



THE R.M. BAND from the R.N. School of Music who represented the R.M. Band of 1825 in the Naval Pageant at the recent Royal Tournament held at the Olympia.

R.N. Barracks, H.M.S. "Excellent," and R. N. School of Music, were massed under Lieut. R. P. O'Donnell, M.V.O., R.M.

Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Frederick Doveton Sturdee, Bt., G.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., LL.D., was the Reviewing Officer. After being inspected, the Brigade fired a Feu-de-Joie, and gave three cheers for His Majesty the King. The Brigade then marched past in column of Platoons. Whilst the Brigade was forming up for the March Past, aeroplanes flew past and bouquets of rockets were fired.

The Officers of the Royal Marine Battalion were as follows:—Battalion Commander, Lieut.-Col. W. P. Arbuthnot; 2nd in Command, Major Washington; Adjutant, Captain R. S. Burgess; No. 1 Company, Captain Wildman Lushington; No. 2 Company, Captain G. Campbell; No. 3 Company, Captain Unwin; No. 4 Company (Reserve Fleet), Lieut. S. G. B. Paine; King's Colour, Lieut. A. G. Warren; Regimental Colour, 2nd-Lieut. Hayter; Platoon Officers: Lieuts. P. R. Smith-Hill, H. T. Tollemache, L. O. Jones, R. H. S. Teek, W. I. Nonweiler; Proby. 2nd-Lieuts., R. Garrett, W. S. North, J. M. Phillips, F. A. Milliken, A. H. R. Buckley, M. Marchant, J. L. R. Pym, G. W. Ross, T. K. Walker.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

SPORTS (CRICKET).

Since the commencement of the season some very good matches have been played off by the School's First Team, who, by the way, have not yet suffered defeat, and should they be fortunate enough in having the same players available throughout the season, their chances of avoiding defeat are very promising.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

The Band from the School of Music, with Bandmaster 1st-Class A. C. Green, L.R.A.M. i/c, which proved such an outstanding feature at the Royal Tournament, did a great service to the School by the way in which they performed their duties during the Tournament.

That they brought great credit to the School is testified by the following letter which was received by the Superintendent from the Admiralty Representative:—

"I have much pleasure in informing you that the Band supplied to the Royal Tournament by the R.N. School of Music carried out their duties in an exceptionally smart and efficient way. I heard nothing but praise from all services as regards the way the men were turned out, played, marched, etc. There were many who had never heard of the R.N. School of Music and no one could have better brought to the notice of all services and the general public the existence and high standard of the School than those ratings chosen by you. Bandmasters 1st-Class A. C. Green and F. G. Stagg showed great zeal and were always ready to assist in every way. I should also like to mention Corporal A. G. Foskett, who proved a wonderful actor in the Press Gang Scene. I have been asked by the Committee to forward the enclosed cigarette case as a mark of their appreciation, and request you will present it to Bandmaster 1st-Class A. C. Green.

(Signed) E. WIGRAM, Captain, R.N."

The presentation to Bandmaster A. C. Green was made by the Superintendent (Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel Harold Ozanne, D.S.O., R.M.), at a special parade at which all ranks attended. Before making the presentation the Superintendent remarked on the advantages obtained from willingness and determination to do one's best in any duty which one may be asked to perform, and he hoped that this present example would inspire all ranks, especially the younger members.

NOTICES TO CONTRIBUTORS.

J.M.S. (Special Service Squadron).—Very many thanks for your verses and anecdotes. They have certainly enlivened dull moments as far as the Editorial Staff is concerned. We do not yet, however, feel brave enough to publish them, but may be able to work ourselves up to the necessary pitch during the next few weeks. You shelter yourself behind us!

H. J. Reynolds (late Corpl. R.M.A.).—We were very interested to read your poem "Old Bill," and we thank you for having given us the opportunity of doing so, but we regret that it is rather too long for the "Globe and Laurel" at present. Our space is necessarily limited.

T. Morton (Manchester).—Many thanks for the newspaper cutting. It is good to see an anecdote like that in the press, but we feel barred from publishing it in our own columns. There is a certain proverb which begins: "Self-praise——"

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5 ROUNDS "BEHIND COVER".

CRICKET.

R.M., CHATHAM v. R.M. DEPOT, DEAL.

Played at Deal on 21st May, 1924.

R.M. DEPOT, DEAL.

1st Innings.

Lieutenant Gordon, b Captain Mercer	4
Musn. Mallard, c Lt.-Colonel Little, b Mne. Watts	33
Captain Yeo, b Lt.-Colonel Little	6
Lt.-Colonel Shine, c Major Barnby, b Capt. Mercer	2
Captain Brooke-Short, c Major Barnby, b Capt. Mercer	0
Major Hunton, b Captain Mercer	4
Colour-Sergeant Hill, lbw, b Mne. Watts	21
Captain Eastman, lbw, b Mne. Watts	1
Captain Heathcote, run out	0
Corporal Henwood, not out	11
Captain Conybeare, c Major Barnby, b Captain Weir	0
Extras	24
Total	106

2nd Innings.

Lieutenant Gordon, c and b Captain Weir	19
Corporal Henwood, b Captain Weir	5
Captain Yeo, run out	2
Captain Brooke-Short, b Marine Watts	14
Captain Heathcote, b Marine Watts	7
Lieut.-Colonel Shine, not out	16
Extras	3
Total ... 5 wickets for	66

Major Hunton, Capt. Eastman, Clr.-Sergt. Hill, Capt. Conybeare, Musn. Mallard, did not bat.

R.M., CHATHAM.

1st Innings.

Lieut.-Colonel Little, c Capt. Yeo, b Maj. Hunton	13
Captain Weir, c Capt. Brooke-Short, b Maj. Hunton	4
Lieutenant Scott, b Maj. Hunton	10
Major Pope, c Corporal Henwood, b Maj. Hunton	2
Captain Mercer, run out	3
Marine Watts, c Capt. Eastman, b Maj. Hunton	13
Captain Quill, hit wicket, b Maj. Hunton	6
Major Barnby, c Maj. Hunton, b Capt. Eastman	24
Sergeant Watts, c Corporal Henwood	24
Lieutenant Appleyard, not out	8
Captain Spragett, c Capt. Heathcote, b Maj.Hunton	14
Extras	6
Total	127

2nd Innings.

Major Barnby, c Capt. Heathcote, b Clr.-Sergt. Hill	14
Marine Watts, not out	53
Captain Quill, not out	34
Extras	8
Total ... 1 wicket for	109

Capt. Mercer, Capt. Weir, Lt.-Col. Little, Lt. Scott, Sergt. Watts, did not bat.

R.M., CHATHAM v. R.E.

Played on R.N. and R.M. Ground, on 14th June, 1924.

R.E.

Lieut. E. S. De Brett, b Sandall	11
Lieut. H. L. Lendrum, b Rushworth	23
Capt. C. A. Vyvyan, b Watts	16
Lieut. Douglas, c and b Watts	6
Capt. Rait Kerr, b Rushworth	14
Capt. H. E. Moore, not out	39
Corporal Gibson, c Watts, b Sandall	2
Sergt. Gorme, c Watts, b Rushworth	19
Mr. Carter, not out	5
Extras	6
Total	141

Mr. Beach and Mr. Elkington did not bat.

R.M., CHATHAM.

Maj. Barnby, b Rait Kerr	14
Sapt. Weir, b Rait Kerr	0
Mne. Watts, c Douglas, b Rait Kerr	1
Lieut. Scott, c Vyvyan, b Moore	26
Maj. Tuke, not out	72
Sergt. Watts, c Rait Kerr, b Lendrum	11
Lieut. Priestly, c and b De Brett	11
Lieut. Cordeaux, not out	6
Extras	7
Total ... 6 wickets for	148

Capt. Sandall, Mr. Parfitt, Sergt. Rushworth, did not bat.

R.M., CHATHAM v. U.S.C.C., SHEERNESS.

Played at Sheerness on 17th May, 1924.

R.M. CHATHAM.

Major Barnby, c Sumner, b Bedale	47
Marine Watts, b Bedale	7
Maj. Pope, not out	9
Lieut.-Colonel Little, c and b Bedale	97
Capt. Weir, not out	88
Extras	9
Total ... 3 wickets for	257

Lieut. Scott, Corpl. Hallahan, Mr. Parfitt, Capt. Morton, Lieut. Appleyard, Buglr. Swift, did not bat.

Innings declared closed.

U.S.C.C., SHEERNESS.

Comdr. Nicholson, b Weir	26
Pay.-Lieutenant Bradshaw, c Little, b Watts	0
Surg.-Lieutenant Sheppard, c Barnby, b Weir	12
Lieutenant-Commander Parker, c Weir, b Watts	1
Engineer-Commander Smith, c Watts, b Weir	54
Lieutenant-Comdr. Hollings, c Appleyard, b Morton	30
Captain Kerr, b Watts	8
Lieut.-Comdr. Bedale, not out	1
Marine Larkin, c Barnby, b Weir	2
O.S. Keen, not out	1
P.O. Jeffries	
Extras	10
Total	145

Match left Drawn.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

PLYMOUTH.

The Medal for New Zealand, 1845-'47, awarded to J. Edwards, Fifer, R.M., H.M.S. "Racehorse," has been purchased for the Collection.

This medal was not authorized until 1869, and was then issued to the officers and men of the Navy and Army for services against the Maoris during the years 1845-'47 and 1860-'66 inclusive. No clasps were given. Of the ten varieties, as regards dates, there are now four in the Collection, viz.: 1845-'46, 1845-'47, 1860-'61 and 1863-'64.

It is interesting to note that this was the first medal issued after the death of H.R.H. the Prince Consort and the portrait on the obverse depicts H.M. Queen Victoria wearing a veil which covers the back of her head and falls down the back of her neck.

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A medal for the Boxer campaign in China in 1900, awarded without clasp, to Ply. No. 117 Pte. J. Stewart, R.M., H.M.S. "Aurora," has also been added to the Collection until claimed by the recipient or his next of kin. Pte. Stewart was discharged invalided and the medal has, up to the present, remained in the custody of the Divisional Paymaster. H.C.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Globe and Laurel."

Sir,—I notice that the very interesting extract from a letter written by the late Col. G. E. Matthews, which appears in the April number of the "Globe and Laurel," is headed "Upper Egypt in 1891." I have no desire to offer criticism for criticism's sake, but it may be of general interest to point out that the country usually known as "Upper Egypt" extends from Cairo only as far south as parallel 22 N. The place from which the letter was written, and the places named in it, are, in fact, some 1,400 miles south of Cairo, and 600 miles south of the Egyptian frontier in a little-known country then called the Egyptian Sudan, and now called the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

This country does not form a part of Egypt. Its area is more than a million square miles, or rather more than half the size of the whole Indian Empire. It shares with the Royal Marines the distinction of being one of the big things in the British Empire, about which the British public know very little. If the heading of the late Col. Matthews' letter is proof of this, the fact is daily emphasized by the number of letters received by officers serving in the Sudan, which have been addressed to Egypt.

The future of this vast country is shortly to be decided by the British Government in conjunction with the Egyptian Ministry: as its name will therefore be before the public, it is possible that a few brief details of the country, and its administration since its reconquest in 1898 by the Anglo-Egyptian Army, commanded by Lord Kitchener, may also be of interest.

The Sudan is in every way a very different country from Egypt. Its Northern boundaries consist of great rolling sandy deserts, waterless and devoid of any sign of vegetation, in fact, exactly what one always imagines a desert to be like; the central provinces, ranging from Kassala and the Red Sea on the East to Darfur on the West, are, however, very different, being for the most part covered with thick scrub, thorn bush over 10 feet high, and in some places long grass and large trees; the greater part of this country is in no way less a desert than the North, as water is found only in small quantities, and wells are often as much as 100 miles apart. The South largely consists of swamps, forests, and elephant grass, from 10 to 12 feet high, in fact an African jungle. As those Marines who took part in the operations from Suakin in 1885 may, perhaps, remember, the country is also not without mountains. The Northern and Central Provinces are inhabited chiefly by Arabs, who are said to have migrated from Arabia some 2,000 years ago and to have driven the original population South and West. The population of the South consists of "Blacks" (African natives), or, as they are called in this country, Sudanese.

Since its reconquest from the Dervishes, the Sudan has been administered in accordance with "The Sudan Agreement of the 19th January, 1899," which provides that the sovereign rights of the country shall be shared by the British Sovereign and the Ruler of Egypt; that the British and Egyptian Flags shall be flown side by side; and that the supreme military and civil command shall be vested in one officer, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the British Government. This officer is also the Sirdar of the Egyptian Army.

The administration is carried out by a small number of British Army Officers and British Sudan Government Officials, under whom work Egyptian, Arab, and Sudanese Officers. The British Army Officers are seconded for service with the Egyptian Army, from which they are lent for service under the Sudan Government. A very noticeable feature about the country is that, with the exception of two or three small areas, it has in no way been exploited by Europeans, and so, except for the very sparse sprinkling of British and Egyptian Officers in the Army and Civil Administration, its only inhabitants are its native population. The country is administered almost entirely in the interests of the natives. The size of the country can be realized from the fact that it takes as long as 6 weeks to travel from Khartoum, the capital, to some of the more distant stations.

The military garrison of Khartoum consists of a detachment of Royal Garrison Artillery at the Fort, and a British battalion; 2 Egyptian batteries and 2 Egyptian battalions. Across the Nile, Omdurman is garrisoned by 2 Sudanese battalions and a Sudanese Machine-Gun Company. The remainder of the army may be divided into the mounted units—camel, horse and mule—which form the striking force and are stationed at various tactical points; and the infantry, which is divided up into small detachments of 1 and 2 companies and garrisons the numerous Government Posts and Stations throughout the country.

The army in the Sudan, with the exception of the British units, is called the Egyptian Army. All the units outside Khartoum are Arab or Sudanese, each Company of which has a single British Officer, in command, the remainder of the Officers being Egyptian and Native in approximately equal proportion. The primary object of the army is to maintain peace within the country; but in a country of this size, populated by tribes, which differ greatly, whose religion is nominally Moslem, but a large proportion of whom are in actual fact Pagan, a year seldom passes without at least a part of the army seeing some kind of active service.

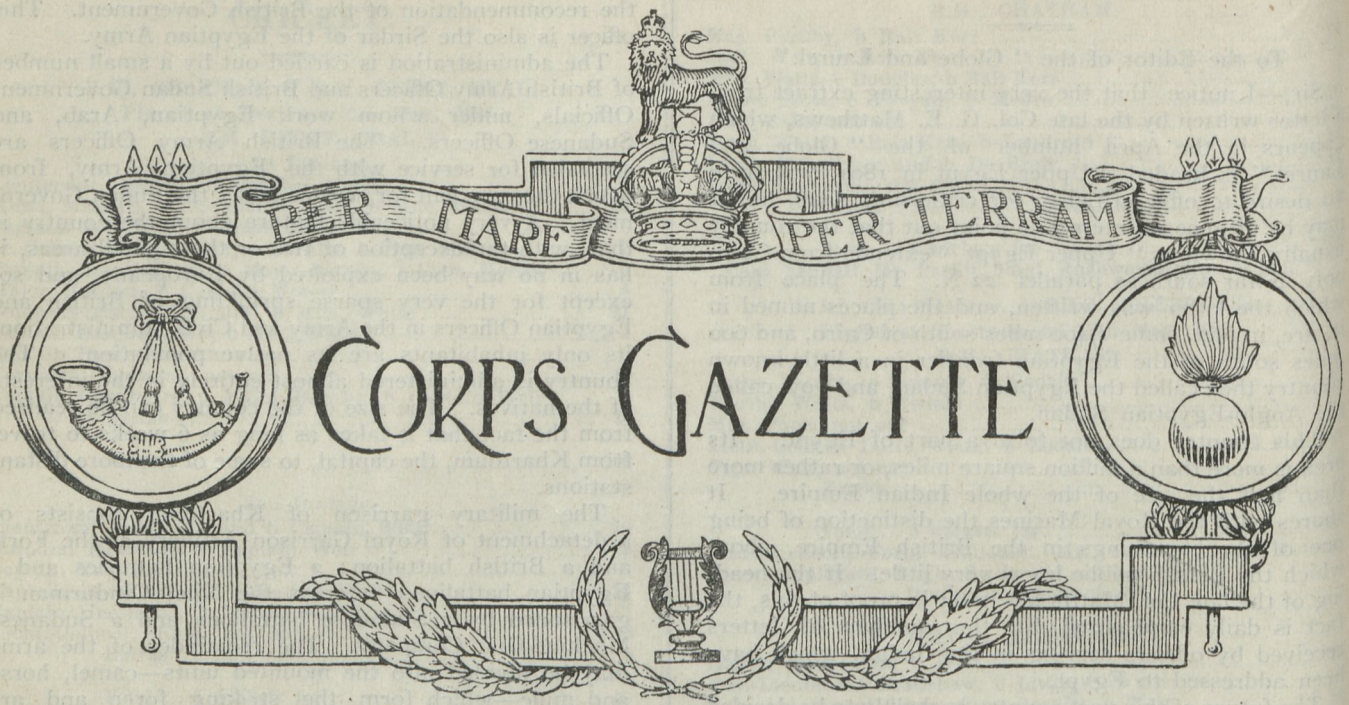
In my endeavour to give a very brief outline of this little-known country, I hope that I have not encroached unduly on your valuable space.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. CHATER.

No. 4 Company, Camel Corps,
Bara, Sudan.
1st May, 1924.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following:—"The Royal Engineers Journal," "Faugh-a-Ballagh," "The Hampshire Regimental Journal," "The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette," "The Leatherneck" (Washington, U.S.A.), "The Sapper," "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "The Snapper," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "St. George's Gazette," "The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The Star" (U.S. Marines, Dominican Republic).



HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The following extract from the Supplement (dated 3rd June, 1924), to the "London Gazette," of 30th May, 1924, is notified:—

Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
Buckingham Palace.
3rd June, 1924.

The King has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, to make the following promotions in, and appointments, to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Members of the Fifth Class.

Lieutenant Rudolf Peter O'Donnell, Director of Music, Royal Marines.

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Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood,
St. James's Palace, S.W. 1.
3rd June, 1924.

The King has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, to give orders for the following promotion in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

To be Commanders of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Daly Ormsby, R.M.

APPOINTMENTS

Colonel-Commandant G. J. H. Mullins, C.B., A.D.C., is placed on the Reserve List of Colonels, on completion of period of command, 21.6.24.

Colonel 2nd Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B.E. (Supy.), is absorbed in Establishment, vice Mullins, and promoted to Col.-Commandant, Plymouth Division, 21.6.24.

An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between Col.-Commandant F. C. Edwards, R.M., from Chatham to Plymouth and Col.-Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., R.M., from Plymouth to Chatham, 21.6.24.

Consequent on the return of Lieut.-Col. George L. Raikes, D.S.C., R.M., from Half Pay in the near future, there will be no promotion to Lieut.-Colonel in the vacancy created by Lieut.-Col. Arthur G. Little, C.M.G., R.M., being borne supy. to establishment.

Lieut.-Col. A. G. Little, C.M.G., appointed Director of Naval Recruiting, vice Morgan and borne supy. to establishment, 21.6.24.

Major L. Norcock is appointed Paymaster, vice Garrett, and posted to Plymouth, 7.6.24.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. C. Harrison, D.S.O. (Secd.), appointed G.S.O. 2nd Grade, Singapore (Previous orders cancelled), 29.4.24.

Capt. R. C. Mackenzie appointed Superintendent School of Signalling, R.M., vice Congdon, 18.5.24.

Capt. E. J. O. Ellison to seconded list for service with the Fleet Air Arm, 16.6.24.

Capt. Cecil Brooke-Short is appointed Adjutant, Portsmouth Division (temp.), during sickness of Capt. J. G. Johnstone, 17.6.24.

Lieut. J. H. G. Wills appointed Instructor of Signalling (unpaid), 10.6.24.

Lieuts. H. M. A. Day, A.M., J. Rees and R. M. Giddy, Lieut. B. W. Knowles to seconded list for service with Fleet Air Arm, 16.6.24.

Majors C. E. S. Wright, O.B.E., and P. W. Malcolm, O.B.E., H.M.S. "Malabar," on staff of C.-in-C., N.A. and W.I. are transferred to H.M.S. "Calcutta" in continuation of present appointment, 1.7.24.

Capt. R. C. A. Glunicke, H.M.S. "Bee" (addl.), is appointed to H.M.S. "Hawkins," on staff of C.-in-C., China, as D.I.O., Shanghai, in continuation of present appointment, 1.7.24.

Capt. and Bt.-Major G. H. Seath, D.S.O., H.M.S. "Cormorant," is appointed to H.M.S. "Iron Duke," on staff of C.-in-C., Mediterranean, as D.I.O., Gibraltar, in continuation of present appointment, 1.7.24.

PROMOTIONS.

Capt. M. R. Yeo, O.B.E., promoted to Major, vice Ravenshaw.

Capt. Claude Attwood, promoted to Major, vice Norcock.

Capts. J. E. Cornish and E. H. M. Unwin are absorbed, vice Attwood and Wildman-Lushington.

R.M. Gunner A. V. C. Kemp has been promoted to Commissioned R.M. Gunner, 19.6.24.

Ply. 21856 Corporal W. F. Edds, has been promoted to Proby. 2nd-Lieut. (Corps Commission, 1924).

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The following officers have been selected to attend a Junior Captains' and Senior Lieutenants' Military Class, at the Depot, R.M., Deal, from 5th August, 1924, to 20th January, 1925:

Captains C. H. Congdon, A. M. Craig, O.B.E., H. T. Newman, S. A. Field, J. H. Haddon, J. E. Leech-Porter, G. F. Haszard, O.B.E., D.S.C., L. C. Hollis; Lieutenants C. N. S. Smith, G. W. Beazley.

The following Proby. 2nd-Lieuts. will undergo a Theoretical Military Course at the Depot, R.M., Deal, from the 5th August, 1924, to 30th April, 1925:

Proby. 2nd-Lieutenants B. G. Ralfs, H. R. D. Woods, C. F. Phillips, J. S. Martin, M. F. H. Rogers, Hugh S. Baker.

Capt. M. H. W. Webb-Bowen is qualified in Land Service Gunnery.

Major C. Hill qualified "Distinguished" at the Army School of Hygiene, on 26.5.24.

The Adjutant-General notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

Lieut. L. Jones has been selected to attend the Field Survey Long Course, which commences at the School of Artillery on 21st July and terminates 18th October, 1924.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Lieut. P. Burgess appointed to H.M.S. "**Champion,**" vice Reiss-Smith to disembark direct to Chatham Division for Signalling Course, 27.6.24.

Lieut. Priestly appointed to H.M.S. "**Revenge**" on recommissioning.

Lieut. Dun appointed to H.M.S. "**Warspite,**" vice Wooley to disembark to Headquarters.

Lieut. Lansdale appointed to H.M.S. "**Marlborough,**" vice Giddy to disembark to Headquarters.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut.-Col. J. R. Garrett, O.B.E., placed on the retired list on account of age and promoted to Colonel (Retired), 7.6.24.

Lieut. R. E. Owen (Special Reserve of Officers), relinquishes appointment, 9.5.24.

Proby. Lieut. R. Godley resigned commission at own request, 16.5.24.

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CHATHAM.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Eagle—Buglr. W. E. Williams, Mnes. A. E. Watts, G. Mac Quillan, S. Crowson, S. W. Barrett, J. S. Brooks. **Vulcan**—Mne. A. J. L'Amie. **Caledon**—Clr.-Sergt. T. G. Kemp, Sergt. J. Dunk, Mnes. J. Stevens, A. E. Trigwell. **Columbine**—Mnes. G. L. Beaumont, G. L. Montague. **Cyclops**—Mne. A. W. Tongs. **Resolution**—Sergt. T. J. May. **Royal Sovereign**—Corpl. D. B. Duncan, Mne. C. G. Matthews. **Ajax**—Corpl. Tickner, Mnes. W. S. R. B. Callighan, J. J. Packer, G. A. Williams, C. L. Allen, E. Graham, S. W. Holman, V. L. Rappe, A. F. Benham, W. H. Pinwell C. C. Sayers. **Castor**—Corpl. A. J. Scovell, Buglr. D. C. Sullivan, Mnes. S. R. Halloran, W. R. Tedhunter, H. A. Macklin, R. D. Smith, N. J. Jermy, A. E. O'Dyer, R. J. Condon, S. Pyatt, E. F. Jones. **Warspite**—Mnes. H. Grinrod, A. G. Prince, J. A. Wilerton, J. Sellers, T. Hunt, C. Jones, J. Polley, W. Newman, A. Jones, W. H. Corbett, A. J. Cornes, W. E. Crane, F. Harris, G. E. Green, R. A. Moreton, J. V. Smith, P. E. Stern, S. A. Harris, R. J. Bowie, A. V. Brown. **Revenge**—Mnes H. A. Blackman, C. A. Crisp, S. G. Glass, L. W. Briggs, C. B. Walker, J. E. Jones, H. F. Willetts, H. J. Varney, J. W. Carter, C. W. Piper, H. Carter, E. G. Brown, R. W. Dredge, D. B. Jupp, F. Annetts, J. Cook, A. G. Linton, T. Bassett, J. Clark, H. P. Romans, A. P. Ferris, C. M. Lally, W. J. Goss, F. C. Shaw, H. Cooksey, W. A. Taylor, C. Peacock, A. Browning. **Valiant**—Sergt. C. E. Price. **Calliope**—Mnes. E. Barnes, C. E. Fullager, R. W. Abbs, W. V. Herbert, R. R. Clark, H. A. Hayden, R. A. Harvey, W. C. Fuller, C. A. Chatterton, H. B. Stevenson. **Hecla**—Mnes. E. V. Goldsmith, W. R. Uden. **Ceres**—W. W. Perfitt. **Blenheim**—Clr.-Sergt. Brooker, Mne. J. Smith. **Thunderer**—Mne. B. L. Russell. **Marlborough**—Mne. S. J. Russell. **Shotley**—Corpl. A. J. Kirkham, Mne. H. E. Sheldrake.

EMBARKATIONS.

Blenheim—Clr.-Sergt. W. G. Young, Mne. F. Baker. **Hecla**—Mne. W. E. Bates, L. A. Vellenoweth. **Comus**—Clr.-Sergt. J. Rose, Corpl. H. Mosier, Mnes. C. T. Marley, H. A. Watson, J. A. Salmon, R. S. Demaine, H. A. Pennie, T. S. Boon, W. J. Green, S. G. Glass, R. L. Smithers, A. J. Smith, R. L. Clark, W. G. Wilbey, G. Fisher. **Calliope**—Mne. F. C. Annetts, H. A. Blackman. **Shotley**—Corpl. C. E. Gerrard, Mne. H. J. Bourne. **Castor**—Corpl. A. T. Monk, Mnes. W. R. Dent, P. Bell, H. A. Dawson, A. T. Hopkins, A. E. Hughes, J. Shaw, C. G. Clark, H. Cockbill. **Vulcan**—Mnes. H. Haynes, T. V. Hedges, W. J. Kemp.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. Beaumont appointed Dining Hall Attendant, Mne. E. Freemantle appointed Pioneer, Mnes. A. Willerton and C. Jones attached Works Department as Labourers, Mne. J. E. E. Jones attached to Sergeants' Mess as permanent fatigueman, Mne. W. H. Austen attached 3rd Q.M's Department with a view to his subsequent appointment as Divisional Gardener, Mne. S. A. Harris appointed attendant to Captain Bashall, Mne. S. Hodgson appointed Cook, Mne. A. Joyce appointed Cook, Corpl. H. Clydesdale employed in Cook House (in lieu of Sergt. authorized by G.S.O. appen. iv.), Mne. H. F. Willats appointed Dining Hall Attendant, Mne. T. A. Hunt attached Works Department as Labourer, Mne. W. R. Uden appointed Barber, Mne. S. Pyatt attached Works Department as Labourer, Mnes. A. Carlisle and A. Gale attached Works Department as Caulkers, Mne. S. E. Baker nominated for appointment as infirmary Cook, Mne. B. Bole, aptd. Cook, Sergts.' Mess (temp.), Corpl. W. E. Fielding attached to Parade for duty, Mne. W. C. Emery attached Officers' Mess for duty, Corpl. G. Shaw appointed Pioneer Corporal, Mne. A. G. Prince appointed attendant to Proby. 2nd-Lieut. Godwin, Corpl. S. H. Thorpe attached Printing Office for duty, Mne. T. Boyle appointed attendant to Proby. 2nd-Lieut. Sims, Sergt. T. C. Franks appointed Coxswain, Boat's Crew, Mne. W. Skells appointed Boatman, Boat's Crew.

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DEAL.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.

Ch. D/16443 Clr.-Sgt. C. J. Buddell, Ch. D/24019 Sgt. T. H. Davis, Ch. B/17393 C. T. Heal (Rejoining); Ch. B/24179 Mne. W. J. Hardy (Casualty 82nd Squad); Ch. C/24219 Mne. H. Bullen, Ch. D/24171 Mne. F. Hammond, Ch. D/24232 Mne. L. C. Wallis (Casualty 84th Squad); Ply. A/19557 Mne. T. V. D. Carter, Po. C/15535 Mne. H. J. Oram (Cookery Course).

To Portsmouth.

Po. B/16992 Cpl. E. J. Baldwin, Po. A/21355 Buglr. L. J. W. Jeffery, Ch. B/20918 Mne. R. E. W. Robinson (Rejoining).

The King's Squad (84th) were transferred to their respective Headquarters on Wednesday 11th June, 1924.

DISCHARGES.

Po. B/12993 Mne. G. Ogan (To Pension); Ply. B/21496 Mne. P. E. Jeffery (Invalided); Ply. C/21670 Mne. R. Herbert (Invalided).

APPOINTMENTS.

Ch. C/15142 Sergt. A. C. Rutland, D.S.M., as M.T.I., 2nd Class; Ch. A/20058 Mne. R. J. Beatty, Engineman (Temp.); Po. B/19383 Mne. L. S. Price (Clerk, Barrackmaster's Office); Ply. B/13035 Mne. W. Johnson, Garrison Military Police.

MEDALS.

L.S. and G.C. to Ply. A/21828 Clr.-Sergt. H. W. Caudrey.

PROMOTIONS.

To Sergts.—Ply. D/15173 Corpl. F. H. Jordon; Ply. D/21842 Corpl. H. Henwood.

PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Emperor of India,**" Mne. Morrow; "**Osprey,**" Mne. Ford; **On Command, Eastney,** Sergt. Hopkins; "**Ramillies,**" Corpl. Nash; **On Command, Deal,** Mnes. Manuel, Mansergh, Saunders; "**Impregnable,**" Sergt. Burnett, Mnes. Kelly, Derritt, White, Smith, French; "**Defiance,**" Mne. Hambley; "**Resolution,**" Sergt. Stapleton; "**Valiant,**" Mne. Walker; "**King George V.,**" Mnes. Charlton, Dempster, Britton, Cleworth, Graham, Boote; "**Revenge,**" Buglr. Rogers, Mnes. Bourton, Watson, Westcott, Carnock; "**Thunderer,**" Corpls. Dickman, Clark, Mnes. Drewitt, Cory, Lambert, Lashbrook, Maynard, Govier, Jones, Porter, Riddle, Shaw, Beeby, Griffiths, Douglas, Stone, Perkins, Johns, Batchelor, Mills, Whiting, Warrilow; "**Dartmouth,**" Corpl. Syms; "**Eagle,**" Mnes. Roden, Williams, Mc Cartney, Lewis, Wolstenholme, Ford, Chadwick; "**Concord,**" Sergt. Lawrence, Corpls. Hoit, Bishop, Mnes. Myers, Large, White, Tuck, Pinnock, Cotter, Clark, Kingham, Pickston, Mahon, Chubbock, Biss, Keevil, Meeks, Pierce, Bould, Reddington, Ridyard, Harris, Reed, Page, Smith.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Dartmouth,**" Mnes. Evans, Babb, Hole; "**Revenge,**" Buglr. Mullholland, Mnes. Weaver, Lewington, Daulby, Wannell, Perry; "**Impregnable,**" Sergt. Stapleton, Mne. Hanson; "**Comus,**" Sergt. Norgrove, Corpl. Humphries, Mnes. Lewis, Watson, Burgess, Buck, Jones, Nicholl, Sutton, Williams, Cameron, Sillifant, Horsfall, Morse, Leaworthy; "**Eagle,**" Mnes. Thompson, Kelson; "**Osprey,**" Mne. Dolling; "**Vivid,**" Mne. Mullarky; "**Iron Duke,**" Mne. Ingle; **Depot R.M.,** Mnes. Hill, Denby, Grear, Rimmer, Griffiths, Cooper, Rowe, Hill, Holsworth, Moran, Hollobon, Russell, Ryder, Burfoot, Harriman, A. A. Cooper, Rickard, Whatmore, Dowse, Dashwood, Williams, Hobson, Hall, Mallett, Simkins, Padwick, Mitchell, Abbott, Kille, Caiels.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS.

Depot R.M., Deal.
15.6.24.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I should be glad if you would publish the following short explanation of our funds, etc., with reference to the total of £2,075 subscribed. This represents £650 lent by Divisions to guarantee the publication.

£300 subscribed for bindings, and £1,125 paid by 575 subscribers (£2 each, still about £25 owing). We estimated the publication of 1,000 copies would cost £2,000, which is over the actual cost, how much I cannot say till the work is done, but it will be clear that when the remaining 425 copies are sold at £2 each, we shall have obtained approximately £2,000, which will enable loans to be refunded.

The binding is quite a separate business.

Any surplus funds will be devoted to reduction of cost of binding vol. ii.; if this has already been paid for, a refund will be made. No money is being made out of this publication by anyone, not even the author, and the accounts are open to the scrutiny of anyone who likes to see them. The work was intended for the Corps, including the Rank and File, and the Committee have spared no pains to keep expenses down, also much of the work usually done by the publishers has been done by Colonel Field himself.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. TUPMAN,
Hon. Treasurer, B.S.S.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

H.M.S. "**Malaya,**" Musns. Frank Bloxham, Harold March, **H.M.S.** "**Tiger,**" Musn. H. F. D. Broughton.

EMBARKATIONS.

H.M.S. "**Emperor of India,**" Bandmaster 2nd-Class T. A. Murray, **H.M.S.** "**Curacoa,**" Bandmaster, 2nd Class Herbert Wright, Band Corpl. P. F. Grace, Musns. Edward Laughton, Fredk. Tidy, A. W. Cleeton, C. H. Diprose, A. G. Price, Jack Downer, S. F. Treend, W. E. C. Podger, C. G. Knight, E. C. Blaney, W. F. Owen, L. J. Lee, D. A. Jarman.

PROMOTIONS.

Bandmaster 2nd-Class F. G. Stagg, A. W. Sharpe, John Whittaker, John Allen, C. T. Ship, H. E. Hardy, R. W. Jenkins, Walter Fleming, and Henry Hoyte, to Bandmasters 1st-Class.

Band Corporals David Pitthouse, Sidney Dennis, S. A. Howse, E. W. Donne, Sydney Selby, Walter Pryce, M. H. Lane, A. A. Mansfield, George Winsor, G. C. Holloway, Arthur Eames, Samuel Ellick, Henry Smith, C. F. Cambridge, E. C. Aldridge, to Bandmasters, 2nd-Class.

Musns. W. H. Tibble, Wm. Knight, G. J. Maulkin, H. W. Ford, W. N. Davis, R. E. Compton, J. W. H. Ferry, A. E. Mc Cormick, W. W. Turner, T. A. Webb, W. A. Firminger, W. F. Overbury, G. H. Lightfoot, to Band Corporals.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boy W. H. W. Ruel to Musician.

DISCHARGES.

Musns. H. J. Bailey and Charles Hoffman, to pension.

Musn. Walter Buck, "Having completed his first period of engagement."

SHOOTING.

KENT COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting took place on the Naval Range, at Sheerness, on the 7th June. The weather conditions were favourable and the meeting was well attended by all the county "shots," including those from the Small Arms School, Hythe, H.M.S. "Pembroke" Rifle Club and that of the Royal Marines, Chatham.

There was no "Astor Cup" for Service Members this year, as that trophy was reserved for civilian rifle clubs. The Association, however, very kindly provided a Club Challenge Cup, to take the place of the "Astor Cup," and to be open to all members. The result of the competition for this cup was: 1, H.M.S. "Pembroke"; 2, S.A.S., Hythe; 3, R.M., Chatham. Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon and Sergt. G. W. Sharpe made "possibles" in the sweepstakes at 500 yards and 200 yards respectively.

Corporal J. Walker obtained 3rd place in the "Brewers' Cup," also in the K.C.R.A. Silver Cross.

NORE COMMAND AND CHATHAM AREA RIFLE MEETING.

This meeting took place on the Milton Ranges, near Gravesend, on the 10th, 11th and 12th June.

The weather was bad. The last day was especially trying, as it rained continuously, making the ground like a marsh.

The competition for the "Warde Challenge Shield" (won by the Royal Marines in 1923), took place on this last day. The competition entails a march of 8 miles in Battle Order, followed by a run-down from 600 yards to 100 yards. While the Marines were doing the run-down, it was raining very heavily, otherwise one might, perhaps, have expected better results.

The "Diamond Jubilee Cup," for the highest individual aggregate at 200, 500 and 600 yards, was won by Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon, with a score of 100 points. Capt. S. A. Field was third.

The "Young Soldiers' Cup" was won by Mne. Gisby.

The principal other results were:—

200 yards Snapshooting, Q.M.S.I. Bacon and Sergt. Wooley, tied 2nd; 500 yards Slow, Marine Alltimes, 1st; "South Eastern Railway Challenge Cup," Sergeants' Mess, R.M., Chatham, 2nd; 600 yards (W.O.s and Sergeants), Q.M.S.I. Bacon, 1st; Sergt. Wooley, 3rd; 600 yards (Corporals), Corpl. Walker, 2nd; 600 yards (Young Soldiers), Mne. Gisby, 1st; "Challenge Cup," Unit Team, 2nd; "Carbine Cup," Unit Team, Runners-up.

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The Globe & Laurel

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.

We have said before that we do not want our Editorial to consist of a mass of complaints about lack of subscriptions and contributions, but we feel that it is necessary, for the welfare of the journal, to point out that there is still a tendency among Divisions to forget to send us their routine news. The Editorial Staff cannot travel all over the country collecting news, and must necessarily rely upon the various Divisions to provide it. Two correspondents from H.M. ships, whose detachments are furnished by the same Division, have written to point out that we have not been publishing one of the main pieces of information which they look for in the "Globe and Laurel,"—the embarkations, disembarkations, appointments, etc., of their comrades. These items of news have not been provided by the Division in question for two or three months to our certain knowledge.

Could not Divisions manage to organise correspondents for current events and arrange to let us have their final collection by about the 18th of the month?

We offer many apologies for this complaint, but we really cannot help it. Possibly people who have not served on distant stations several times do not realise how such news is looked forward to by those whose fortune it is to do so. Those who are serving abroad and in H.M. ships do not have the advantage of getting their news daily in orders. We sympathise with our correspondents who are good enough to send us these complaints. We welcome suggestions, and even complaints, from all, as we hope that the "Globe and Laurel" is looked upon as a publication for the use and convenience of all.

The cricket experts had a strenuous fortnight last month at Deal and Chatham, and provided some very interesting cricket, both for the Mead Cup and during Corps Week. The scores are given elsewhere in this issue and we publish a photograph of the Corps team. It is a pity that the weather during the latter part of Corps Week was not quite so good as it might have been, and that the matches against the Harrow Wanderers and the Harlequins had to be left drawn. We congratulate Portsmouth on winning the Mead Cup.

The R.M.R.A. have been busy lately. We are publishing in detail, this month, the result of their matches. We congratulate Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon on his many successes at Bisley.

We have received a copy of the "Army Quarterly," a most interesting and instructive publication, which we strongly recommend others to get and read. It contains articles and lectures on various subjects, well written by officers who know what they are talking about and are well qualified to talk.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

General Sir William T. Adair, K.C.B., has been appointed Chairman of the Committee of the Royal Humane Society, and Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has been appointed a member of the Committee, of which General E. A. Wylde is already a member.

The President of the Royal Humane Society is His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

The First Lord of the Admiralty visited the Chatham Division on 17th July.

THE ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION
(London).

132, Rosebery Square,
Rosebery Avenue, E.C.1.
July 13th, 1924.

The Editor " Globe and Laurel."

Sir.—Will you be good enough to publish the enclosed list of events to come in your next issue. Hitherto the doings of the Old Comrades have only been published spasmodically, so that, in spite of the fact that we are now in the seventeenth year of our existence, not a great deal is known of our activities amongst those still serving.

Our funds are derived solely from the contributions of Officers and men serving and retired, and our power for good is determined by the amount of support we get, and this is not nearly so great as we might, and should receive.

I hope to be able to write further concerning the Association in the near future, and meanwhile, on behalf of our members, I extend to all ranks who may be in London during the holding of any of our functions a very hearty invitation to visit us at the Veterans' Club; they may be assured of a hearty welcome.

I am also enclosing a letter recently received from Canada which should prove of interest to the Corps generally.

Mr. G. J. Holdstock, mentioned in the letter, is a member and staunch supporter of the Old Comrades' Association; he served in the Corps from 1879 to 1891, and belonged to Portsmouth Division where he was well known for his ability as a Boxer. He is now Caretaker of the Public Library of Saskatoon.

Trusting you may be able to find space for the foregoing,

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
C. E. MARSHALL.
Hon. Sec.

PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENTS FOR LAST HALF-YEAR OF 1924.

Monthly Meetings.	Entertainment.
August 11th	10 up Billiard Handicap.
September 1st	Minstrel Troupe.
October 6th	Dance.
November 3rd	Dance.
December 1st	Dance.

September 21st (Sunday)	Church Parade.
October 18th (Saturday)	Annual Dinner.
November 21st (Friday)	Leg of Mutton Supper.

These events are liable to alteration, notice of which will be given in the Sunday Newspapers, " Comrades Column."

THE IMPERIAL ORDER, DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE AND CHILDREN OF THE EMPIRE.

701, 20th St., W. Saskatoon,
Sask.
3rd June, 1924.

C. E. Marshall, Esq.

Dear Sir,—Last year the Military Chapter, I.O.D.E., of this city, made possible the planting of an avenue to be called " The Next of Kin Memorial Avenue." Each tree is planted by the next of kin (or by the Society) of the dead soldier. This year a tree has been planted by G. J. Holdstock of this city; he belongs to the Old Comrades' Association of the Royal Marines.

The tree has been planted " In memory of Zeebrugge and Jutland; where glorious traditions, handed down to us by generations of gallant seamen, were worthily upheld."

HONORED BY A ROYAL MARINE.

Mr. Holdstock wished me to write to you, saying he had named your Society " Custodians of the tree."

The trees are elms. We planted 266 last year; this year we have 71 to dedicate.

Each tree is surrounded by a guard, which bears a bronze plate carrying—1914-1918—the rank and name and honor (if any) of the soldier—his battalion—where killed—age—by whom honored.

The trees are under the care of the city and will be cared for " for all time " by them. As a tree dies, it will be replaced at their expense.

These trees have been most appropriately spoken of as the " Westminster " of Saskatoon; it needs many years of residence on the prairies to realise just how much a tree means.

I hope you will excuse the length of what I have written, but I seemed unable to explain it else. After the Service of Dedication, a certificate (bearing the number of the tree) will be sent you by the city.

Yours sincerely,
JEAN JARVIS,
Secretary, Treas., Mem. Ave. Fund.

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THE SNAG.

I met to-day the saddest-looking man I've ever seen,—
A very doleful gentleman,—a former Royal Marine.
I asked him gently what he thought of life outside the Corps,
And if he did not wish he were an officer once more.
He shook his head. "I've found the job that suits me," he began,
"For now I have become a really expert wireless man.
I've worked upon a special set for close upon a year."
He said: "I'm doing splendidly," and shed a bitter tear!

"I work at wireless on my own,
And seldom go to sea;
I've found the perfect telephone,
As perfect as can be.
But many hundreds I shall sell
I have no slightest fear.—
Oh yes, I'm doing very well."
He shed another tear.

He said: "I've found a wireless set I'm sure will never fail,
If fitted in our life-boats, in however great a gale;
Its radius is fifty miles, and when it's passed the test,
I'm going to get the contract,—and the makers do the rest,
But never was an ointment yet without the spoiling fly!"
And, saying this, he let escape a very long-drawn sigh.
"But why," I asked, "such sadness, when the future's bright and clear?"
He sobbed away in silent thought, and answered, with a tear:

"By life-boat to the Scilly Isles
To-morrow I must go,
And out from there some fifty miles
I wait for it to blow.
No gale is worthy of the test
Except the worst for years!—
It is, indeed, a merry jest."
He left in floods of tears!

JACK COURTENAY.

HANNAH SNELL, THE FEMALE MARINE.

The popular old ballad of "Billy Taylor" celebrates the courage and adventurous spirit of a young lady who had suffered great injury to her feelings by the neglect of the rogue to whom she had been foolish enough to give her heart. The date of the origin of this song is uncertain, but, unless its paternity is established, it might not be unsafe to assume that it was the brief metrical version of the life of one Hannah Snell, who flourished in the eighteenth century. Only, instead of pursuing her Billy Taylor for the purpose of killing him, Hannah chased him with the intention, if she could find him, of binding him very securely to her apron-strings. Indeed, Hannah had much higher principles than Billy Taylor's sweetheart, and, although she occupied but a humble station in this life and died in the odour of Jamaica rum, she may yet be said to be an eminent and shining example of a plucky woman, as soldier, sailor and publican. She came from Worcester to live in Ship Street, Wapping, with her sister, and, after a little, she married at the Fleet one James Lumms, a sailor, whom all British Mariners who knew Hannah's story were pleased to understand was a Dutchman. Dutch Jim squandered her little property, and then, as they used to say, discharged all further obligations to her as a husband with the fore-topsail. In other words, he ran away and left her.

She waited two months, after which she put on a suit of clothes belonging to a brother-in-law, assumed his name, which was James Gray, and set off to find her husband. How she enlisted, how young ladies fell in love with her, how she marched like any man with a musket on her shoulder, how she deserted, and how she re-enlisted as a Marine in Fraser's Regiment, need not be related here.

She was sent on board a ship of the fleet sailing to the East Indies under Admiral Boscawen, and, at the siege of Pondicherry, behaved, it is stated, in so distinguished a manner that she gained the admiration of all her officers. She worked in the trenches, did soldier's duty in a hundred directions, fired, during one engagement, no fewer than 37 rounds, received 11 shots in her legs, and was carried off very dangerously wounded.

After a long time she recovered, was sent on board a kind of vessel styled a "pink," and worked as a sailor, going aloft, manning the pumps, and so forth. After a little while the crew began to laugh at her for showing no signs of a beard, and christened her "Miss Molly Gray." This to Hannah was an insupportable taunt. She waited till the vessel reached Lisbon, where she planned cruises for the lively hearties ashore, and by taking the lead in all the horse-play, skylarking and caper-cutting, in which the Jacks of those days indulged, she won the name of Hearty Jimmy, and so regained her former cheerfulness of mind.

She had not, however, been in Lisbon long before she learnt that her husband, for murdering a gentleman living at Geneva, had been stitched up in a bag with a quantity of stones and thrown headlong into the sea. So here was not only an end of Dutch Jim, but of the motives which had induced Hannah to become a sailorman and darken her hands with tar. She quitted the sea, returned to Wapping, disclosed her sex, petitioned for and obtained through the Duke of Cumberland an annuity of £30, and opened a public-house, the sign of which bore on one side the figure of a tar, and on the other that of a soldier, whilst underneath was written, "The Widow in Masquerade; or The Female Warrior." These signs, backed by her reputation and the noise she made at a theatre in the character of a sailor, brought all the mariners in the neighbourhood to her house, "and she lived," says the author of her life, "many years in adding to their conviviality and cheer."

There may be exaggerations to this story, but substantially it is true; moreover, it is delightfully English and exceedingly characteristic.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE.

The marriage arranged between Clifford, only son of the late Rev. H. S. Cronin and Mrs. Cronin, Willowbank, Cambridge, and Margaret, only daughter of the late Colonel Richard Nelson Bendyshe, Royal Marines, and Mrs. Bendyshe, Barrington Hall, Cambridge, will take place at All Saints, Barrington, on Sept. 6th, at 2.15 p.m.

ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced between Captain D. A. C. Shephard, Royal Marines, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shephard, of 46, Edwardes Square, Kensington, and Mary Olivia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Easton Thomas, of 4, Onslow Avenue Mansions, Richmond, Surrey.

FLEET NOTES.

CHINA STATION.

MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. "**Hawkins,**" "**Despatch,**" **Diomede,**" and "**Titania,**" are at Wei-hai- wei; H.M.S. "**Carlisle**" and "**Ambrose**" at Hong Kong; H.M.S. "**Durban**" is returning to Hong Kong from Ceylon.

RIVER GUNBOATS.

Within the last year Royal Marines have been employed in both Yang-Tsi and West River gunboats. Sergt. Palmer and ten Marines from "**Tamar**" paid off H.M.S. "**Moth**" on 30th May, after a six weeks' temporary commission. Owing to the increase of piracy, H.M.S. "**Moth**" is being placed in full commission, and the crews for four armed launches are at present on their way out from England.

H.M.S. "**Robin**" was engaged by Yunnanese soldiers a few days ago, and her Captain, Lieutenant Tudway, R.N., was wounded.

H.M. THE KING'S BIRTHDAY REVIEW.

A Review was held on the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty, on the cricket ground at Hong Kong. There were seven hundred and fifty officers and men on parade, representing the following units:—R.N., R.M., R.A., R.E., 1st Battalion the East Surrey Regiment, the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Hong Kong and Singapore R.G.A., and the Bombay Grenadiers. On the conclusion of the Feu-de-joie, Units marched past in column, the salute being taken by the Governor of Hong Kong.

Fifty-six Royal Marines from H.M.S. "**Tamar,**" "**Carlisle**" and "**Ambrose**" took part under Captain A. N. Williams and Lieutenant Hoar.

MUSKETRY.

The Annual Rifle Meeting takes place at Wei-hai-wei during the first part of July.

Royal Marines of H.M.S. "**Ambrose**" have completed their annual course of musketry, obtaining an average of 128.2, the two highest scores being Corpl. J. Green, 160, and Mne. C. A. Cook, 159.

WATER POLO.

During May, the Royal Marines of H.M.S. "**Tamar**" played the following matches:—

v. "Carlisle" Marines .....Draw (1—1).
v. Rest of "Tamar".....Won (3—0)
v. Rest of Tamar" .....Won (3—1).
v. Team from "Ambrose" and "Foxglove".....Won (5—1).

Marines L. Handford and E. Brown played for the Navy against the Victoria Recreation Club.

7th June, 1924.

AFRICA STATION.

H.M.S. "Birmingham."

The African Squadron is now cruising up the East Coast and all ships are to be at Durban for the Centenary Celebrations at the end of this month. These are to include a review by Princess Alice, wife of the Governor General, and a March Past by all units. The U.S.S. "**Trenton**" is to arrive shortly to take part in this review.

A cup for the Natal Centenary Shooting Competition has been presented by the Durban Municipality, to be competed for by rifle teams of eight, from any ship, naval or military unit. The shoot took place on June 21st. Out of seven teams competing, the scores were:—

	Possible 560.
Durban Light Infantry	503
Natal Mounted Rifles	412
H.M.S. "Birmingham"	402
R.N.V.R.	393
2nd Inf. Battalion Railways and Harbours	368
2nd Field Ambulance	359
H.M.S. "Verbena"	331

The "Birmingham's" display Field Gun's Crew has gone to Maritzburg for a week. The crew includes two Marines, Kellard and Cusick.

After the Centenary Celebrations are over the "Dublin" returns to Simonstown for gunnery exercises and the "Birmingham" proceeds north to Laurenço Marques for a week before returning to her base for a short period before sailing for a West Coast cruise.

24th June, 1924.

BIRTHS

SERGEANT.—On the 4th July, at Plymouth, to Katherine Ina (née Anderson), wife of Captain Clive M. Sergeant, Royal Marines—a son.

MARRIAGES.

NEWMAN—CORBETT.—On the 14th July, at the Cathedral, Plymouth, Captain H. T. Newman, Royal Marines, youngest son of the late Thomas Newman, Esq., and Mrs. Newman, of Pine Hall, Ore, Sussex, to Kathleen Mary, second daughter of Dr. Henry Corbett, of 2, Argyle Terrace, Houndiscombe Road, Plymouth.

NOYES—COLVILE.—On the 26th June, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Malta, Captain E. J. B. Noyes, Royal Marines, to Evelyn, daughter of the late Rev. G. H. Colvile and Mrs. Colvile, of Barton House, Leamington.

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R.M. RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at Bisley, on 1st July, 1924.

Present:

Colonel J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G. .....Chairman.
Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O., Captain of Revolver VIII.
Major L. D. Briscoe .....Portsmouth Division.
Major C. Williams .....Captain of Rifle VIII.
Captain L. C. Hollis .....Plymouth Division.
Captain J. E. Leech-Porter .....Plymouth R.M. Afloat.
Lieutenant C. Power .....Chatham Division
Lieut.-Col. M. Filmer-Bennett .....Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

1. **"First R.M. Memorial" Trophy.**

(a) Captain Hollis suggested that the marks allotted for the "First Reserve" Challenge Trophy should not count towards the "First R.M. Memorial" Trophy this year. This was proposed but, not being seconded, was not put to the vote.

(b) Captain Hollis proposed, and Captain Leech-Porter seconded that, in future, the "First Reserve" Challenge Trophy shall not count towards the "First R.M. Memorial" Trophy. Carried unanimously.

2. **"First Reserve" Challenge Trophy.**

It was decided that the Bronze Medals for 2nd place shall be awarded for this year, but that in future years, shall only be awarded if four teams compete.

3. **"Methuen" Cup.**

Major Williams proposed that, in future, the Entrance Fees for this Cup shall be paid by the R.M.R.A., and the arrangements for R.M. Teams be made by the R.M.R.A. This proposal, not being seconded, was not put to the vote.

4. **Rules.**

Captain Hollis drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that one unit did not comply with R.M.R.A. Rule 28 of 1924. The Chairman, after discussion, asked the Committee to decide whether action should be taken. It was decided by 6 votes to 1 that no action should be taken, as the matter was out of the power of the Unit Representative. The Representative of the Unit concerned expressed regret that inconvenience had been caused.

5. **Company and Detachment Matches.**

The Committee decided that, in future, the "Mercer," "Aegean," and "Victory" Cups, and "First Reserve" Challenge Trophy shall not count towards the "First R.M. Memorial" Trophy.

6. **Officers' Revolver Match.**

It was decided that the "Gatliff" Cup, originally presented by General A. F. Gatliff, to the Portsmouth Division R.M.L.I., shall be awarded for the Officers' Revolver Match, which will, in future, be known as "The Gatliff Cup" Match.

7. **R.M.R.A. Trophies.**

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the Insurance Companies whether these trophies may be placed in H.M. Ships.

8. **Committee Meeting.**

The Chairman pointed out that the system of Central and Non-Central Matches was an experiment this year. As it is desired to continue this system, units are requested to discuss proposals for the October Committee Meeting (which will, it is hoped, with the approval of the Colonel Commandant, Portsmouth Division, be held at Eastney), and inform the Hon. Secretary by the end of the first week in September, so that such proposals can be passed round and criticised. The Hon. Secretary undertook to inform units of any difficulties contained in their suggestions, which might not be foreseen.

M. FILMER-BENNETT,
Lieut.-Colonel,
2nd July, 1924. Hon. Secretary, R.M.R.A.

REPORT OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BISLEY, 2nd July, 1924.

Colonel J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., Chairman R.M.R.A., in the Chair.

38 members present.

Discussion was invited on:—(a) Central Matches; (b) Non-Central Matches; (c) General Matters.

(a) (i) Drum-Major W. A. Gouge (Depot), considered that two U.S. shoots and one "Collard" Cup shoot were too much for one day. After several members had expressed their views, the Meeting agreed that, in future, it was desirable that "Collard" Cup Cards should be fired early in the day, and that there was no objection to two U.S. shoots daily, provided that there was a longer luncheon interval.

(ii) Details concerning Victualling, etc., would be considered by the Committee.

(iii) It was generally considered desirable that "spotting" should be allowed in the "Collard" Cup match.

At a special Meeting of the Committee, called immediately after this Meeting, it was decided:—

1. That Spotting shall be allowed in the 5th and 6th shoots.
2. That, at the October Meeting of the Committee, the question of what Matches it is desirable that Spotting shall be permitted in should be determined. Notifications to this effect to be made in the conditions of each match.

(b) (i) It was considered that the question of firing the "Prince of Wales" and "Colquhoun" Cup Matches in two stages, the final stage at Bisley, should be considered at the October Meeting of the Committee.

(ii) It was decided that the qualifying number of teams for second prizes should be discussed at the October Committee Meeting. The Chairman pointed out that Rules for 1924 could not be altered for this year.

(iii) Captain Jones and Sergt.-Major Bach (Depot), asked that the question of waiving a claim to a silver medal in the Winter Revolver Competition might be considered. The Chairman promised that the matter would receive the attention of the Committee.

(c) Corporal A. J. Howard (Portsmouth) suggested that the marks allocated to the "First Reserve" Challenge Trophy (Cadet's Match) towards the "First R.M. Memorial" Trophy should be reconsidered, and the "First R.M. Memorial" Trophy awarded to Plymouth Division. The Chairman pointed out that the matter had been brought before the Committee on the 1st July, and directed the Hon. Secretary to read the decision, which was that no change could be made for this year, but that the question would be decided by the Committee as regards next year.

M. FILMER-BENNETT,
Lieut.-Colonel,
3rd July, 1924. Hon. Secretary R.M.R.A.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' CUP.

Presented by His Majesty The King, when Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps.

1. The Challenge Cup, Replica, Silver Badge, and N.R.A. Silver Medal.—Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Dodds (Po. Afl.) ... 266
2. Prize in Kind, value £2.—Corpl. F. Walker (Ch.) 261
3. Prize in Kind, value £1.—Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard (Ply. H.Q.) 261

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S CUP.

Presented by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, K.G., &c.

1. The Challenge Cup and Silver Medals (Portsmouth Div.)

Mne. Golbourne	75
Corpl. Blundell	88
Mne. Strong	97
Mne. Ashby	92
Clr.-Sergt. Westcott	87
Mne. Tyler	83
Corpl. Howard	89
Mne. Baxter	72
Mne. Rice	85
Mne. Wood	83
Sergt. Lamacraft	82
Mne. Prangle	78
Total ...	1,011

2. Bronze Medals (Portsmouth R.M. Afloat) 1,002.
3. Plymouth Division.
4. Depot, R.M., Deal.
5. Chatham Division.
6. Plymouth R.M. Afloat.

YOUNG SOLDIERS' PRIZES.

1. £1 Mne. Ashby (Portsmouth H.Q.) 92
2. 15s. Mne. R. Burnett (Plymouth H.Q.) 92
3. 7s. 6d. Mne. F. J. Hyland (Depot, Deal) 90

THE "OFFICERS'" CUP.

Presented by the Officers of the Corps, Past and Present, in 1898.

1. The Cup and Silver Medals. Plymouth Division.
   Team:—S.M. J. H. Wilson, Clr.-Sergts. C. H. Cross, W. Meatyard, N. J. Hiscock, Sergts. R. L. Stapleton, J. J. Manfield, E. Abbott, Corpl. A. Ward.
   Mnes. W. Clowes, H. Hill.....87 Hits.
2. Depot, R.M., Deal .....84 Hits.
3. Portsmouth Division .....83 Hits.
4. Portsmouth R.M. Afloat .....71 Hits.
5. Plymouth R.M. Afloat .....67 Hits.
6. Chatham Division .....63 Hits.

THE "AEGEAN" CUP.

Presented in 1919 by the Officers, Royal Marines, who served in the Aegean Islands (3rd R.M. Battalion).

1. The Cup and Silver Medals. Ply. Div. "G" Coy. 9 Tiles.
2. Bronze Medals, Po. R.M. Afloat, H.M.S. "Dryad" 7 Tiles.
   Ply. Afloat, H.M.S. "Resolution" 7 Tiles.
   (29 Teams Competed).

THE "McCARTHY" CUP.

Presented by Lieut.-Colonel E. McCarthy, in 1924.

1. The Cup and Silver Medals. Portsmouth Division.
   Corporal Blundell 313
   Sergeant Hadley 338
   Sergeant Crosby 338
   Sergeant Lamacraft 321
   Sergeant T. F. Barrett 332
   Colour-Sergeant Cooper 340
   Colour-Sergeant Westcott 375
   Corporal A. J. Howard 360
   Total ... 2,717
2. Bronze Medals—Depot, R.M., Deal 2528
3. Plymouth Division 2505
4. Chatham Division 2312
5. Portsmouth R.M. Afloat 2240
6. Plymouth R.M. Afloat 2028

THE ROYAL MARINES XX.

1. Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott, Po. Division 375
2. Corpl. A. J. Howard, Po. Division 360
3. Clr.-Sergt. G. Graby, Depot 345
4. Clr.-Sergt. J. Cooper, Po. Division 340
4. Corpl. A. Ward, Ply. Division 340
6. Sergt. S. J. Hadley, Po. Division 338
6. Sergt. T. Crosby, Po. Division 338
8. Sergt. W. A. Owens, Depot 334
8. Sergt. T. W. Paddon, Depot 334
10. Captain S. A. Field, Ch. Division 332
10. Sergt. T. F. Barrett, Po. Division 332
12. Mne. F. Burnett, Depot 328
13. Captain J. E. Leech-Porter, Ply. Afloat 324
14. Sergt. R. L. Stapleton, Ply. Division 323
15. Sergt. E. J. Lamacraft, Po. Division 321
16. Sergt. E. Abbott, Ply. Division 318
17. Sergt.-Major J. H. Wilson, Ply. Division 315
17. Sergt. C. W. Sharpe, Ch. Division 315
17. Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon, Ch. Division 315
20. Corpl. W. N. Blundell, Po. Division 313

THE "RAPID."

1. The Cup and Silver Medals. Portsmouth Division.
   Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott 84
   Clr.-Sergt. Cooper 75
   Sergt. E. J. Lamacraft 83
   Sergt. T. Crosby 74
   Sergt. T. F. Barrett 85
   Sergt. S. J. Hadley 65
   Corpl. A. J. Howard 63
   Corpl. W. N. Blundell.....72
   Total 601
2. Bronze Medals—Depot, R.M., Deal 571
3. Plymouth Division 542
4. Portsmouth R.M. Afloat 516
5. Plymouth R.M. Afloat 502
6. Chatham Division 471

THE "GRAHAM" CUP.

Presented by Lieut.-General H. M. C. W. Graham, C.M.G., for the best individual score in the "Rapid."

1. The Cup and Prize in Kind, value £1, Sergt. T. F. Barrett (Portsmouth) 85

THE "MERCER" CUP.

Presented in 1920 by Lady Mercer, in memory of her husband, Major-General Sir David Mercer, K.C.B., Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.

1. The Cup and Silver Medals, Ply. Div. "G" Coy. 24 4/5 secs.
2. Bronze Medals .....Ply. Div. "E" Coy., 29 4/5 secs.
3. Po. Div. "I" Coy., 31 secs.
   (29 teams competed).

Winning Team—Sergts. R. L. Stapleton, J. J. Manfield, Clr.-Sergt. Cross, Mnes. Beer and Clowes.

THE OFFICERS' INTER-DIVISIONAL SHIELD.

1. The Shield and Silver Medals (Portsmouth Division).
   Lieut. H. T. Tollemache 64
   Lieut. R. S. Teek 81
   Lieut. A. G. Warren 58
   Lieut P. Smith-Hill 80
   Total ... 283
2. Plymouth R.M. Afloat 274
3. Plymouth Division 272
4. Chatham Division 257
5. Depot, R.M., Deal 251

THE OFFICERS' REVOLVER MATCH.

1. Silver Medals. Plymouth R.M. Afloat.
   Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E.....110
   Captain J. E. Leech-Porter 84
   Captain C. A. C. Lucas, O.B.E. ... 91
   Captain C. T. Brown, O.B.E. 82
   Total ... 367
2. Portsmouth Division 366
3. Plymouth Division 336
4. Depot, R.M. Deal 324
5. Chatham Division 340

YOUNG OFFICERS' RIFLE MATCH.

1. Silver Medal—Lieut. J. H. Cawley-Way (Depot, Deal)...103
2. Bronze Medal—Sec.-Lieut. F. A. Milliken (Ply. Div.)..... 90
3. Sec.-Lieut. J. G. Godwin (Ch. Div.) 89
   (Eight Competitors).

YOUNG OFFICERS' REVOLVER MATCH.

1. Silver Medal—Sec.-Lieut. Milliken (Ply. Div.) 22
2. Sec.-Lieut. North (Ply Div.) 22
   (After a Tie). (Four Competitors).

THE "VICTORY" CUP.

Purchased by the R.M.R.A. in 1919.

1. The Cup and Silver Medals, Chatham Div. "A" Coy....380
2. Bronze Medals .....Depot, R.M. Deal, "A" Coy....377
3. Chatham Div. "C" Coy....362

Winning Team—Corpl. T. J. Walker, Mnes. W. H. Fidler (L.Gr.), Towndrow, Humphry.
(29 Teams Competed).

THE "COLQUHOUN" CUP.

(Late S.R. (b) Competition).

Purchased by subscription arranged by Major C. H. Coode, R.M.

1. The Cup and Prize in Kind, value £3, Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott (Portsmouth) 257
2. Prize in Kind, value £2, Sergt. W. A. Owens (Depot).....254
3. Prize in Kind, value £1, Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply. Div.).....250
3. Young Soldiers' Prize value 10s., Mne. T. W. Clowes (Plymouth Division) 238

THE REVOLVER BOWL.

Presented by the Officers of the Corps, in 1898.

1. Bowl and Silver Medals (Depot, R.M. Deal).
   - Marine F. Burnett 336
   - Sergeant T. W. Paddon 331
   - Sergeant A. C. Rutland 340
   - Sergeant W. A. Owens 306
   - Marine H. Henwood 298
   - Sergeant-Major J. Bach 364
   - Colonel J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G.... 307
   - Drum-Major W. A. Gouge 303

   Total ... 2,585

2. Plymouth Division 2460
3. Portsmouth Division 2311
4. Plymouth R.M. Afloat 2037
5. Chatham Division 1979

ROYAL MARINES REVOLVER XX.

1. Sergeant-Major J. Bach, Depot 364
2. Sergeant R. L. Stapleton, Plymouth Division 352
3. Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon, Chatham Division 350
4. Sergeant A. C. Rutland, Depot 340
5. Sergeant C. W. Tugwell, Plymouth Division 337
6. Marine F. Burnett, Depot 336
7. Corporal A. J. Howard, Portsmouth Division 333
8. Sergeant T. W. Paddon, Depot 331
9. Major H. E. Gillespie, Plymouth Afloat 322
10. Sergeant-Major J. H. Wilson, Plymouth Division 311
11. Sergeant-Major J. Watts, Portsmouth Division 309
12. Colonel J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G. Depot 307
13. Sergeant W. A. Owens, Depot 306
14. Drum-Major W. A. Gouge, Depot 303
15. Colour-Sergeant W. A. Westcott, Portsmouth Division... 299
16. Marine H. Hill, Plymouth Division 298
16. Colour-Sergeant N. J. Hiscock, Plymouth Division 298
16. Colour-Sergeant W. Meatyard, Plymouth Division 298
16. Sergeant H. Henwood, Depot 298
16. Sergeant S. J. Hadley, Portsmouth Division 298

(Nos. 298 counted out).

THE "FIRST RESERVE" CHALLENGE TROPHY.

Presented by Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., and the Officers of the First Reserve Battalion, in 1919, for R.M. Cadet Corps.

1. The Challenge Cup and Silver Medals. Chatham R.M. Cadet Corps.
   - Cadet-Corporal G. O. Smithson 59
   - Cadet-Sergeant R. B. Ackhurst..... 62
   - Cadet-C.Q.M.S. C. J. Alltimes 59
   - Cadet-Sergeant A. Parfitt 57
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ROYAL MARINES' CRICKET TEAM, 1924.

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Capt. and Bt.-Major R. A. D. Brooks, D.S.O. Capt. C. H. Congdon. Lieut. B. W. O'Donnell, A.R.A.M. Capt. L. Mercer.
Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G. Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. A. S. Cantrell. Lt.-Col. J. P. Shine. (Capt.) Major J. M. Tuke. Major M. R. Yeo, O.B.E
Mne. R. Watts. Capt. C. Brooke-Short.

CRICKET.

CORPS CRICKET WEEK.

ROYAL MARINES v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Played on July 14th and 15th, 1924, at Chatham.

Royal Marines won by 7 wickets.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

1st Innings.

Captain Rait-Kerr, c Shine, b O'Donnell	77
Lieutenant Thompson, lbw, b Cantrell	18
Captain Baker, b Cantrell	0
Captain Hasted, c O'Donnell, b Mercer	72
Captain Graham, c Tuke, b Cantrell	2
Major Kirke, b O'Donnell	100
Lieutenant Aitken, b Mercer	57
Captain Vyvyan, c Whitmarsh, b Mercer	3
Sapper Holland, b O'Donnell	2
Lieutenant Minnis, c and b O'Donnell	0
Lieutenant Stratton, not out	6
Extras	25
Total	362

2nd Innings.

Major Kirke, c Mallard, b Cantrell	4
Captain Graham, c O'Donnell, b Mercer	36
Captain Hasted, b Cantrell	0
Lieutenant Aitken, c Cantrell, b Mercer	8
Lieutenant Stratton, lbw, b Watts	20
Lieutenant Thompson, lbw, b Watts	18
Captain Rait-Kerr, c Shine, b Cantrell	15
Captain Baker, b Watts	8
Sapper Hollond, b Cantrell	5
Lieutenant Minnis, not out	1
Captain Vyvyan, b Cantrell	0
Extras	12
Total	127

ROYAL MARINES.

1st Innings.

Major Tuke, b Holland	70
Musician Mallard, b Holland	59
Captain Congdon, b Minnis	42
Lieutenant-Colonel Little, c Hasted, b Minnis	13
Lieutenant O'Donnell, b Holland	67
Captain Brooke-Short, b Minnis	0
Captain Mercer, b Holland	38
Lieutenant-Colonel Shine, c Rait-Kerr, b Kirke	7
Lieutenant-Colonel Cantrell, c Hasted, b Minnis	18
Second-Lieutenant Whitmarsh, run out	3
Marine Watts, not out	3
Extras	22
Total	342

2nd Innings.

Major Tuke, c and b Minnis	39
Musician Mallard, c Kirke, b Aitken	44
Captain Congdon, c Rait-Kerr, b Thompson	35
Captain Brooke-Short, not out	16
Second-Lieutenant Whitmarsh, not out	6
Lieut.-Col. Little, Capt. Mercer, Lieut.-Col. Shine, Lieut.-Col. Cantrell, Marine Watts, Lieut. O'Donnell, did not bat.	
Extras	11
Total ... (3 wkts.)	151

ROYAL MARINES v. HARROW WANDERERS.

Played 16th and 17th July, 1924.

HARROW WANDERERS.

1st Innings.

Colonel W. J. Parsons, c Cantrell, b Mercer	7
P. H. Stewart-Brown, b Brooks	64
E. H. Crake, c Godfrey, b Brooks	61
Hon. R. Anson, c Brooke-Short, b O'Donnell	14
C. V. Baker, c Godfrey, b Brooks	3
C. P. Goodden, c Watts, b Brooks	2
S. M. Delius, not out	16
S. F. Emanuel, b O'Donnell	2
E. W. Paterson, b Brooks	3
W. E. Anderson, c Shine, b O'Donnell	10
P. V. Upton, c and b Brooks	4
Extras	23
Total	209

2nd Innings.

Colonel W. J. Parsons, b Brooks	0
C. P. Goodden, c O'Donnell, b Cantrell	0
E. H. Crake, lbw, b Mercer	49
S. M. Delius, c and b Cantrell	0
Hon. R. Anson, b Cantrell	126
P. H. Stewart-Brown, c Brooks, b Watts	3
C. V. Baker, c Yeo, b Cantrell	55
E. W. Paterson, run out	3
S. F. Emanuel, b Cantrell	3
W. E. Anderson, not out	23
P. V. Upton, c Cantrell, b Mercer	1
Extras	45
Total	308

ROYAL MARINES.

1st Innings.

Major R. A. D. Brooks, lbw, b Upton	18
Captain C. Brooke-Short, b Anderson	1
Captain C. H. Congdon, run out	12
Major J. M. Tuke, c Stewart-Brown, b Upton	48
Major M. Yeo, c Stewart-Brown, b Anderson	0
Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Godfrey, b Upton	43
Lieutenant B. W. O'Donnell, c Anderson, b Anson	46
Captain L. Mercer, b Anson	4
Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Cantrell, b Upton	12
Marine R. Watts, not out	14
Lieutenant.-Colonel J. Shine, b Upton	8
Extras	12
Total	218

2nd Innings.

Major Tuke, b Upton	82
Major Brooks, st Stewart-Brown, b Anson	59
Captain Congdon, not out	65
Major Yeo, b Upton	5
Lieutenant O'Donnell, not out	28
Extras	12
Total	251

Capt. Brooke-Short, Lieut.-Col. Godfrey, Lieut.-Col. Shine, Capt. Mercer, Lieut.-Col. Cantrell, Marine Watts, did not bat. Rain interfered with play on second day. Match left drawn.

ROYAL MARINES v. OXFORD HARLEQUINS.

Played July 18th and 19th, 1924.

OXFORD HARLEQUINS.

1st Innings.

F. H. Hollins, b Mercer	28
J. L. Guise, c Cantrell, b Brooks	6
K. Nicholl, lbw, b Cantrell	9
C. S. Crawley, b Mercer	2
K. O. Hunter, c Shine, b Mercer	0
Lieut.-Colonel K. G. Campbell, c Brooks, b Mercer	0
Marine R. Watts, b Mercer	2
E. Hewetson, b Brooks	55
J. C. Masterman, b O'Donnell	18
T. Hunt, b O'Donnell	11
A. Sealey, not out	1
Extras	10
Total	152

2nd Innings.

F. H. Hollins, c Cantrell, b Brooks	44
J. L. Guise, c Yeo, b Cantrell	82
K. Nicholl, b Brooks	3
C. S. Crawley, b Mercer	29
K. O. Hunter, b Mercer	8
Lieutenant-Colonel K. G. Campbell, run out	11
Marine R. Watts, not out	29
E. Hewetson, st Godfrey, b Mercer	0
J. C. Masterman, c Congdon, b Mercer	16
T. Hunt, c Congdon, b Cantrell	3
A. Sealey, not out	57
Extras	37
Total ... 9 wickets, declared,	319

ROYAL MARINES.

1st Innings.

Major R. A. D. Brooks, lbw, b Hewetson	16
Major J. M. Tuke, b Hewetson	1
Captain C. H. Congdon, c Sealey, b Hunter	27
Musician Mallard, b Sealey	21
Lieutenant B. W. O'Donnell, b Sealey	10
Major M. Yeo, b Hewetson	70
Captain L. Mercer, b Guise	23
Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Godfrey, b Hewetson	5
Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Cantrell, not out	14
Lieutenant-Colonel, J. Shine, b Masterman	9
Major T. L. Hunton, b Hewetson	0
Extras	19
Total ...	215

2nd Innings.

Major R. A. D. Brooks, lbw, b Sealey	37
Major J. M. Tuke, b Hewetson	0
Captain C. H. Congdon, not out	82
Musician Mallard, st Hunt, b Hunter	7
Lieutenant B. W. O'Donnell, run out	11
Major M. Yeo, c Hollins, b Hunter	0
Captain L. Mercer, b Guise	7
Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Godfrey, retired hurt	12
Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Cantrell, not out	0
Lieutenant Colonel J. Shine, c Crawley, b Guise	11
Extras	8
Total ... (8 wkts.)	175

Major T. L. Hunton did not bat. Match left drawn.

MEAD CUP.

At Deal, July 7th to 12th, 1924.

DEPOT R.M. v. CHATHAM DIVISION.

CHATHAM.

1st Innings. Monday, 7th July.

Lieutenant-Colonel Little, lbw, b Marine Williams	30
Captain Weir, b Major Hunter	0
Captain Congdon, b Lieutenant O'Donnell	103
Lieutenant Cordeaux, b Lieutenant O'Donnell	6
Major Tuke, b Lieutenant O'Donnell	23
Captain Mercer, run out	9
Marine Watts, not out	57
Major Barnby, c Major Hunter, b Lieutenant O'Donnell	0
Captain Quill, c Colonel Shine, b Lieutenant O'Donnell	2
Sergeant Watts, c Lieutenant Gordon, b Musician Mallard	7
Lieutenant Whitmarsh, c and b Major Hunton	22
Extras	23
Total ...	282

DEPOT, R.M.

1st Innings.

Major Hunton, c and b Captain Mercer	4
Musician Mallard, b Marine Watts	18
Lieutenant O'Donnell, b Marine Watts	14
Lieutenant-Colonel Shine, c Major Barnby, b Marine Watts	7
Lieutenant Gordon, b Marine Watts	20
Colour-Sergeant Hill, b Marine Watts	25
Captain Heathcote, not out	64
Captain Spraggett, c Lieutenant-Colonel Little, b Mne. Watts	6
Marine Williams, b Captain Weir	7
Lieutenant Way, b Captain Weir	0
Captain Conybeare, b Captain Weir	11
Extras	10
Total ...	186

CHATHAM.

Tuesday, July 8th.

2nd Innings.

Major Barnby, b Lieutenant O'Donnell	30
Captain Congdon, not out	113
Lieutenant-Colonel Little, c Shine, b Lieutenant O'Donnell	7
Lieutenant Cordeaux, run out	2
Lieutenant Whitmarsh, b Marine Williams	28
Marine Watts, c Williams, b Major Hunton	20
Major Tuke, b Lieutenant O'Donnell	26
Captain Mercer, b Lieutenant O'Donnell	5
Captain Weir, c and b Major Hunton	6
Captain Quill, c Way, b Major Hunton	9
Sergeant Watts, lbw b Major Hunton	4
Extras	11
Total ...	261

DEPOT, R.M.

2nd Innings.

Lieutenant-Colonel Shine, c Watts, b Lieut. Whitmarsh	21
Musician Mallard, run out	9
Captain Heathcote, c Weir, b Marine Watts	0
Lieutenant O'Donnell, c Tuke, b Captain Mercer	19
Colour-Sergeant Hill, b Marine Watts	15
Captain Conybeare, b Marine Watts	21
Lieutenant Gordon, c Barnby, b Captain Mercer	0
Major Hunton, not out	61
Marine Williams, b Captain Mercer	0
Captain Spraggett, b Colonel Little	3
Lieutenant Way, c Watts, b Captain Mercer	1
Extras	9
Total ...	159

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION v. PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

Played July 9th and 10th, at Deal.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

1st Innings.

Captain Cornish, b Cantrell	3
Second-Lieutenant Buckley, lbw, b Cantrell	4
Lieutenant Cutler, b Brooks	4
Rev. Peshall, b Eastman	22
Lieutenant O'Donnell, b Eastman	96
Musician Traske, b Brooks	20
Captain Robertson, c Webb-Bowen, b Eastman	13
Mne. Marston, c Phillips, b Eastman	0
Lieutenant Penfold, run out	3
Marine Kirby, not out	5
Marine Henwood, b Cantrell	2
Extras: Leg-byes 5, no-balls 2, byes 5	12
Total ...	183

2nd Innings.

Captain Cornish, b Cantrell	3
Second-Lieutenant Buckley, b Cantrell	19
Lieutenant Cutler, lbw, b Cantrell	37
Rev. Peshall, b Cantrell	4
Lieutenant O'Donnell, b Eastman	2
Musician Traske, c Phillips, b Brooks	0
Captain Robertson, b Brooks	3
Marine Marston, c Bennett, b Cantrell	24
Lieutenant Penfold, b Cantrell	0
Marine Kirby, not out	1
Marine Henwood, c Yates, b Cantrell	2
Extras: No-balls 1, Byes 6	7
Total ...	108

Plymouth Division batted first.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

1st Innings.

Major Brooks, c Buckley, b Traske	102
Captain Brooke-Short, b O'Donnell	16
Second-Lieutenant Cooper, st Kirby, b Cornish	6
Musician Hillier, b O'Donnell	1
Lieutenant-Colonel Cantrell, c Robertson, b Traske	0
Second-Lieutenant Phillips, c Cornish, b Peshall	5
Lieutenant Wills, c Buckley, b O'Donnell	1
Captain Bebb-Bowen, c Henwood, b O'Donnell	0
Marine Yates, b O'Donnell	13
Captain Eastman, not out	17
Marine Bennett, c Kirby, b O'Donnell	6
Extras: Byes	14
Total ...	181

2nd Innings.

Major Brooks, not out	56
Captain Brooke-Short, not out	49
Extras: Byes 5, wide balls 1	6
Total ... for no wickets	111

Sec.-Lt. Cooper, Musn. Hillier, Lt.-Col. Cantrell, Sec.-Lt. Phillips, Lieut. Wills, Capt. Webb-Bowen, Mne. Yates, Capt. Eastman, Mne. Bennett, did not bat.

Result.—Portsmouth Division won by 10 wickets.

CHATHAM DIVISION v. PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

Played at Deal, July 11th and 12th.

1st Innings.

PORTSMOUTH.

Major Brooks, run out	13
Captain Brooke-Short, c Captain Congdon, b Major Tuke	58
Second-Lieutenant Cooper, c Capt. Quill, b Sec.-Lieut. Whitmarsh	30
Sec.-Lieut. Phillips, c Lieut. Cordeaux, b Sec.-Lieut. Whitmarsh	0
Musician Hillier, c Major Barnby, b Marine Watts	0
Captain Eastman, c and b Second-Lieutenant Whitmarsh	0
Lieutenant-Colonel Cantrell, b Marine Watts	6
Lieutenant Wills, b Marine Watts	33
Captain Webb-Bowen, c Col. Little, b Capt. Mercer	29
Marine Yates, c Lieutenant Cordeaux, b Captain Mercer	13
Marine Bennett, not out	5
Extras	36
Total ...	223

CHATHAM.

1st Innings.

Captain Congdon, b Major Brooks	22
Major Tuke, b Major Brooks	0
Captain Mercer, c Lieut. Phillips, b Lt.-Col. Cantrell	13
Lieutenant-Colonel Little, c and b Captain Eastman	28
Marine Watts, c Captain Webb-Bowen, b Major Brooks	48
Major Barnby, c Lieutenant Cooper, b Captain Eastman	1
Sec.-Lieutenant Whitmarsh, c Major Brooks, b Lt.-Colonel Cantrell	2
Lieutenant Cordeaux, b Major Brooks	17
Captain Weir, c and b Captain Eastman	17
Captain Quill, b Captain Eastman	23
Sergeant Watts, not out	1
Extras	11
Total ...	183

PORTSMOUTH.

2nd Innings.

Lieutenant Wills, c Captain Weir, b Sec.-Lieut. Whitmarsh	14
Second Lieut Cooper, c Captain Weir, b Marine Watts	3
Major Brooks, b Captain Mercer	80
Captain Brooke-Short, c and b Lieutenant-Colonel Little	31
Musician Hillier, b Marine Watts	41
Lieutenant-Colonel Cantrell, c Major Tuke, b Marine Watts	14
Second-Lieutenant Phillips, b Captain Mercer	0
Captain Webb-Bowen, c Major Tuke, b Captain Mercer	3
Captain Eastman, b Lieutenant-Colonel Little	25
Marine Yates, b Marine Watts	0
Marine Bennett, not out	7
Extras	22
Total ...	240

CHATHAM.

2nd Innings.

Captain Congdon, c Lieut. Wills, b Lieut.-Col. Cantrell	28
Major Tuke, c Lieutenant Wills, b Lieut.-Col. Cantrell	12
Captain Mercer, c Major Brooks, b Lieut.-Col. Cantrell	24
Lieut.-Col. Little, c Captain Brooke-Short, b Lieut.-Col. Cantrell	0
Marine Watts, run out	17
Captain Weir, c Major Brooks, b Lieut.-Col. Cantrell	69
Sec.-Lieutenant Whitmarsh, c Captain Webb-Bowen, b Lieutenant-Colonel Cantrell	38
Captain Quill, b Lieutenant-Colonel Cantrell	7
Sergeant Watts, not out	39
Major Barnby, not out	15
Extras	10
Total ... for 8 wickets	259

Lieutenant Cordeaux did not bat.

Match decided on first innings.

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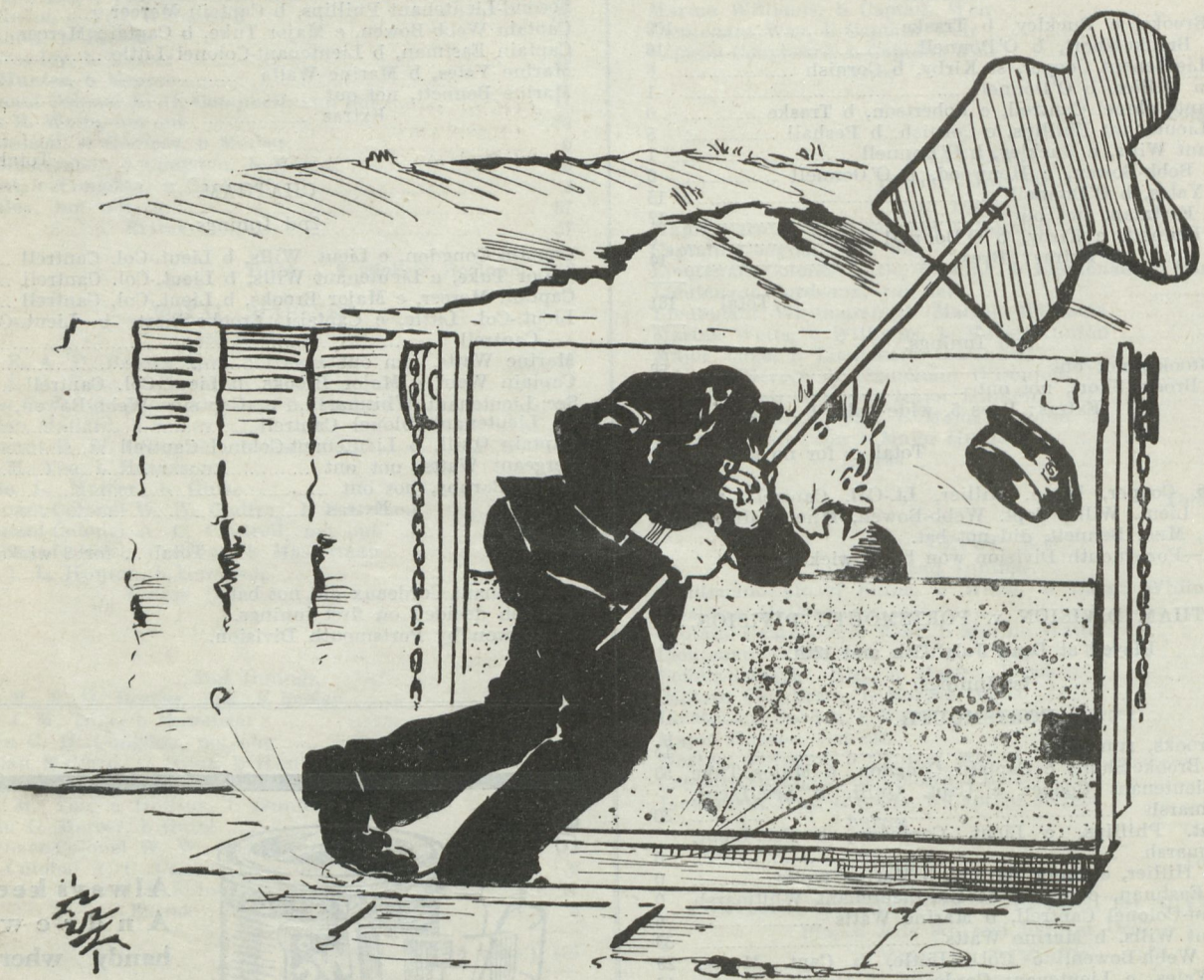

A DISAPPEARING TARGET

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

(From the *Globe and Laurel*, August, 1894.)

From the time the Marines of the Portsmouth Division were transferred from their old Barracks on the Portsmouth side of the water, in 1848 or 1849, to their present quarters at Forton, they have been addressed by several titles, such as the Portsmouth Division, Gosport Division, and Forton Division. The Deputy-Adjutant-General has, however, taken the matter in hand, and issued a circular to the effect that the true style and title is still the Portsmouth Division, and no other is to be used.

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An Order in Council has been promulgated granting the brevet rank of Colonel to Lieut.-Colonels of the Royal Marines of four years' full-pay service as such, and the honorary rank of Lieutenant to Quartermasters on appointment. The same Order grants the brevet rank of Colonel to a Lieut.-Colonel appointed Assistant Adjutant-General of the Corps, provided he has three years' service as a Lieut.-Colonel, and further provides for a Staff appointment, as Superintendent of Swimming Instruction, to be held for a term of three years only, unless renewed at the discretion of the Admiralty for a further period of two years.

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The National Rifle Meeting, at Bisley, was going on at the date of our last issue. On the whole, the Corps has been fairly successful, taking into consideration the disadvantages from which we suffer so far as rifle-shooting is concerned, viz., that owing to many unavoidable causes it is impossible to make certain of sending all our best men to represent the Corps at Bisley; also, with three exceptions, the Chatham and Plymouth men were all using Martini-Henry. In all, forty-nine representatives of the Corps took part in the competition for the Imperial Prize, which this year, for the first time, has taken the place of the old Army and Navy Prize.

DIVISIONAL NOTES.

DEPOT.

CRICKET,

DEPOT, R.M., v. WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.
Played at Dover, Saturday, July 5th.

WORCESTER REGIMENT.

Major Davies, c and b Lieutenant O'Donnell	2
Lieutenant Burlton, c Colonel Shine, b Lieut. O'Donnell	8
Private Long, b Marine Williams	27
Captain Knight, c O'Donnell, b Major Hunton	60
Captain Pelly, c and b Marine Williams	16
Lieutenant-Colonel Davidge, b Major Hunton	34
Captain Sheppard, not out	30
Lance-Corporal Hamilton, c O'Donnell, b Major Hunton	3
Sergeant P. Johnson, not out	6
Extras	17
Total ... for 7 wickets declared	203

DEPOT, R.M.

Major Hunton, c Knight, b Lieutenant Burlton	29
Musician Mallard, c Knight, b Captain Pelly,	31
Lieutenant Gordon, c Burlton, b Captain Pelly	7
Lieutenant O'Donnell, c Long, b Captain Pelly	0
Lieutenant-Colonel Shine, b Lieutenant Burlton	46
Captain Heathcote, b Lieutenant Burlton	18
Captain Spraggett, run out	1
Marine Williams, c Burlton, b Corporal Cartwright	0
Marine Harvey, b Lieutenant Burlton	5
Marine Rouse, b Corporal Cartwright	6
Captain Conybeare, not out,	1
Extras	3
Total ...	147

SERGEANTS' MESS, DEPOT, R.M., DEAL,
v.
DOVER RAMBLERS.
Played at Crabble Ground, Dover, Saturday, 12.7.24.

DOVER RAMBLERS.

Mr. Jenner, c Viggers, b R. Hill	0
Mr. Paddock, lbw, b W. Beard	13
Mr. Rolfe, b W. Beard	23
Mr. Smith, b H. Hann	10
Mr. Buzan, c Hawke, b H. Hill	8
Mr. Bates, b H. Hill	0
Mr. Husk, c Barks, b H. Hill	24
Mr. Sayle, c Dawkins, b Hawke	13
Mr. Boothrough, run out	6
Mr. Daysh, run out	0
Mr. Finley, not out	10
Extras	5
Total ...	112

SERGEANTS' MESS.

Colour-Sergeant R. Hill, c Smith, b Jenner	24
Sergeant Williams, b Jenner	4
Sergeant Beard, b Smith	19
Sergeant Hawke, c and b Smith	30
Mr. H. Hill, lbw, b Smith	5
Q.M.S. G. Beard, b Smith	0
Colour-Sergeant Caudrey, c Sayle, b Smith	0
Sergeant Dawkins, b Smith	6
Q.M.S. Hann, not out	19
Sergeant Viggers, not out	8
Extras	11
Total ... 8 wickets	126

Sergeant Barks did not bat.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

SPORTS.

TENNIS.

Tournaments for "Single" and "Doubles" have been arranged on the same lines as last year, and will be played off as soon as possible. These tournaments should provide some very keen games if those who have entered are fortunate enough to remain at the School for a few weeks.

CRICKET.

Great interest is being shown in the School's Cricket team this season, some exceptionally good matches have been played, and up to date they still remain undefeated. We wish them every success in maintaining this record to the end of the season.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The N.C.O.'s Social Club, arranged a day's outing to the British Empire Exhibition, on the 21st June, for members of the Club and their friends, and as a result of the splendid way in which the Committee had arranged the programme and the weather being everything that could be desired, all who took advantage of the splendid opportunity returned highly satisfied.

On Wednesday, the 9th July, a trip to Wembley was arranged for the Band Boys, and about 90 took advantage and spent a most interesting and enjoyable day.

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HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Major F. O. Johnson (Retd.), being granted a Greenwich Hospital Pension of £65 per annum in the vacancy created by the death of Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel J. D. Fosbroke (Retd). 25. 5. 24.

PROMOTIONS.

Capt. and Bt. Major E. F. Ward, Supy. List, R.M. (W.T.), promoted to Major, 7.6.24.

2nd-Lieut. (Acting Lieut.) D. J. Grey, promoted to Lieutenant and posted to Portsmouth, 31.12.23.

Ply./14866 Sergt. R. Yea, promoted to Acting R.M. Gunner vice Watton and posted to Chatham, 25.6.24.

APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Arbuthnot is posted to Chatham Division vice Little, 28.6.24.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. L. M. McCausland is posted to Portsmouth Division, 10.8.24.

Capt. A. B. F. Alcock, D.S.C., to seconded list for service with Fleet Air Arm, 21.7.24.

Lieuts. E. C. L. Bearcroft, J. H. G. Wills, and R. D. Hale, D.S.M., are appointed Instructors of Signalling at Plymouth, Portsmouth and Chatham Divisions respectively, 17.7.24.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major T. de S. Washington to H. M. S. "Barham," 25.8.24.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel A. S. Cantrell to H.M.S. "Hawkins," October, 1924.

Major R. Sinclair to H.M.S. "Hood," October, 1924.

Major A. C. Barnby to Flagship of C.-in-C., Mediterranean, October, 1924.

Major H. C. Pope to H.M.S. "Frobisher," on commissioning.

Major J. M. Tuke to H.M.S. "Cardiff," October, 1924.

Capt. C. S. Goldingham to H.M.S. "Ganges" vice Haddon, 2.8.24.

Capt. E. Parker to H.M.S. "Impregnable" vice Leech-Porter, 2.8.24.

Capt. E. Harden to H.M.S. "Resolution" vice Lieut. Dean, 15.8.24.

Capt. A. Whitworth to H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth" vice Alcock, 16.7.24.

Capt. R. West, M.C. to H.M.S. "Tamar" vice Williams.

Capt. L. Mercer to H.M.S. "Despatch" on re-commissioning.

Lieut. J. Cawley Way to H.M.S. "Ceres" vice Bassett.

R.M. Gunner H. Pearcey from "Queen Elizabeth" to "Revenge," 25.7.24.

R.M. Gunner J. Dean from "Revenge" to "Queen Elizabeth," 25.7.24.

Acting R.M. Gunner S. Parry to H.M.S. "Resolution" vice Harvey, 25.7.24.

R.M. Gunner Hoile to H.M.S. "Pembroke" for requalifying course, 7.8.24.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieut.-Colonel N. Houghton has been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course, which commences at the Machine Gun School, Netheravon, on 21st July, ending 25th July.

The undermentioned Officers have been selected to attend the course for Officers, before promotion to Major, which commences at the Small Arms School, Browndown, on 22nd July, and ends 22nd August, 1924:—

Capts. L. S. Wilkinson, E. Heathcote, F. Law, D.S.C., R. S. Burgess, T. Sandall, L. Mercer and J. Cornish.

Capt. G. Hayman qualified in controlled mining, H.M.S. "Excellent" on 27th June, obtaining 90 per cent. of marks. (The Adjutant-General R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer).

The undermentioned Officers have been selected to attend the course for Instructor of Gunnery, which commences in H.M.S. "Excellent" on 1st September, 1924, and ends 29th January, 1925:—

Capt. F. Law, D.S.C., Lieuts. J. Wills, H. Lumley and A. P. Gumm.

The undermentioned officers will undergo a course of seamanship and chart work from August to end of September:—

Batch A.—2nd-Lieut. Westcott, Proby. 2nd-Lieuts. J. Hayter, R. Garrett, R. Cooper, J. Phillips, H. Tracey, J. Godwin, P. Penfold and M. Marchant.

Batch B.—2nd Lieut. V. Deane, Proby. 2nd-Lieuts. J. Moulton, W. S. North, G. Farrington, F. Milliken, A. Buckley, R. Sims, P. Phillipps and J. Pym.

Major and Bt. Lt.-Colonel H. Ozanne, D.S.O., and Major P. Sandilands, D.S.O., have been selected to attend the 16th course at the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, from 23rd Sept. to 20th Dec., 1924.

Lieut. T. E. N. Knox passed a preliminary examination in French, held by the Civil Service Commissioners in June, 1924.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut.-General L. Conway Gordon, C.B., placed on the Retired List at own request, 8.7.24.

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EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION.

The following officers passed for promotion in April, 1924:—

Subject (d).

Capt. (now Major) M. R. Yeo, Capt. (now Major) C. Attwood, Capts. E. C. Heathcote, C. Brooke-Short, G. W. M. Grover (obtained .8), E. T. Harden, E. E. Johnson, R. H. P. West, M.C.

Subject (b).

Lieuts. E. J. Woodington, J. H. G. Wills, R. W. Gordon, H. Lumley, C. R. L. Scott, F. R. Richardson, F. H. Coucher, E. B. Dun, F. P. C. Lordon.

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CHATHAM.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Impregnable,**" Sergt. J. Burnell; "**Ajax,**" Mne. B. J. Cook; "**Constance,**" Mnes. E. C. Chapman, C. J. Powell; "**Dwarf,**" Mne. G. F. Lewis; "**Endeavour,**" Sergt. J. Beard, Mnes. G. J. Rickwood, A. W. Tongs, H. Dadson, R. R. Clark, G. E. J. Fullager, J. Cuncliffe, W. J. Green, H. P. Romans, W. J. Goss; "**Blenheim,**" Mnes. H. W. Perfitt, W. G. Hillier, G. E. L. Prescott, E. R. Arthur, J. A. Loudwell, W. J. Birchett, G. C. Everett, A. E. Dyer, H. N. Hammond; "**Colombo,**" Sergts. A. Wilson, J. Brown, Corpls. F. G. Flinton, W. E. Fielding, S. C. Voller, J. Short, Buglr. E. W. Parker, Mnes. W. A. Taylor, H. J. Varney, A. Chatterton, C. F. Crisp, H. F. A. Clark, F. V. Press, G. M. Cromack, C. B. Walker, J. W. Carter, T. E. Cogger, C. M. Lally, S. G. Clare, J. W. C. Ing, F. J. Chandler, C. E. Brown, A. E. Williams, H. W. Mitchell, G. J. Harmer, W. J. Trewick, W. E. Upton, A. G. Harman, W. C. A. Fuller, C. Hemmett, G. Angel, S. G. Kiberd, H. B. P. Stephenson, J. Stevens, A. B. Cunnington, W. V. Herbert, W. S. Jermy, L. Robey.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Cambrian,**" Clr.-Sergt. S. A. Tapsell, Sergts. H. Firth, R. F. Miller, Corpl. P. R. Parker, Mnes. A. E. Kimber, J. Cooper, R. G. Setter, W. J. Smith, F. J. Burns, W. Cobbitt, W. J. Bassett, T. C. Fletcher, H. Briggs, E. Brisley, A. E. A. Harvey, G. A. Walker, J. Scott, J. White, J. M. Culloden, H. P. Richardson, W. E. Wood, A. E. Chapman, F. E. Lines, F. S. Parr; "**Royal Sovereign,**" Sergt. G. A. Chennery; "**Vulcan,**" Corpl. G. Watts, Mnes. F. H. Hider, F. Lewis; "**Endeavour,**" Corpl. C. E. Owers, Mnes. L. Jones, G. Rickwood, G. A. Browning, H. C. Howard, H. Rogers, F. Plunkett, L. W. Tidall, F. Rogers, C. F. Kennedy; "**Champion,**" Mne. G. Cornock; "**Blenheim,**" Mne. B. Powell; "**Curacoa,**" Sergt. F. W. Jordan; "**Ajax;**" Sergt. E. R. H. H. Hall, Mne. W. E. Waind; "**Weymouth,**" Mne. H. W. Duffin, F. W. Terry, S. Armstrong, J. Newton, Sergt. W. J. Emery, Corpl. H. Newton, Buglr. L. A. Mann; "**Constance,**" Mne. J. Hedges.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. W. Skells, apptd. Boatman Boats Crew; Mne, C. Hemmett, attdt. to Lt. Lordon; Mne. W. Salt, apptd. Billiard Marker, Main Recreatn. Room; Mne. S. R. Baker, apptd attdt. to Maj. Pope; Mne. W. Newman, apptd. School Orderly; Mne. S. McKee, apptd. Groom to Colonel-Commandant Morgan; Mne. E. R. Ward, apptd. Groom to Lt.-Col. Arbuthnot; Mne. J. O'Rourke, apptd. attdt. to Proby. 2nd-Lt. Farrington; Sergt. R. M. Johnson, apptd. Gunnery Instructor on Gun Battery Staff; Mne. J. Ridell, apptd. Storeman 2nd Qr.-Mr.'s Dept.; Corpl S. H. Thorpe, apptd. Asst. Printer; Mne. S. E. Baker, apptd. Infirmary Cook; Mne. C. V. Farthing, apptd. attdt. to 2nd-Lt. Westcott.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of Second Period of Engagement, Mne. G. H. Cole. By Purchase, Mne. S. Russell, Mne. S. J. Russell. Invalided, Mnes. S. Walker, A. E. Watts, T. Bassett, J. D. McLain, S. G. Matthews, F. Hill, W. Kent.

PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

From 15th June, 1924, to 14th July, 1924.

H.M.S. "**Revenge,**" Mne. Bickell; H.M.S. "**Resolution,**" Corpls. Mitchell, Kent, Mnes. Yates, Thompson, Dean, Moxon, Cartledge, Williams, Gagg; H.M.S. "**Valiant,**" Mnes. Powlesland, Winzer, Bonning, Mitchem, Fitzowen, Mollgrew, Jarvis, Lowe; H.M.S. "**Marlborough,**" Mne. Clydesdale; H.M.S. "**Carysfort,**" Mnes. Barker, Collins; H.M.S. "**Curlew,**" Mne. Howse; H.M.S. "**Cleopatra,**" Corpl. Humphries, Mne. Brennan; H.M.S. "**Woolwich,**" Clr.-Sergt. Sumner, Corpls. Gwillian, Maclaine, Buglr. Bickham; H.M.S. "**Diligence,**" Mne. Barnett; H.M.S. "**Flora,**" Mnes. Cobley, Hodgkins; H.M.S. "**Impregnable,**" Sergt. Waddling, Corpls. Smith, Bunker, Mnes. Shepherd, Macey, Evans; **Depot, R.M. Deal,** Mnes. Farrier, Parrott, Coles, Partridge, Soper, McColgan, Tucker, Sturmey, Buglr. Royce; H.M.S. "**Vivid,**" Mne. Biss.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

From 15th June, 1924 to 14th July, 1924.

H.M.S. "**Revenge,**" Mnes. Gale, Holley; H.M.S. "**Resolution,**" Corpls. Huggins, Snell, Mnes. Weir, Fletcher, Spencer, Burrows, Coles, Tucker; H.M.S. "**Valiant,**" Mnes. Murphy, Jones, Hughes, Matthews, Hill, Martin, Howe, Norrington; H.M.S. "**Warspite,**" Mne. Barratt; H.M.S. "**Thunderer,**" Mne. Ponsford; H.M.S. "**Cleopatra,**" Sergts. Elliott, Coombes, Corpls. Jenkins, Barber, Mnes. Stevens, Tyler, Thomas, Brown, Dyble, Woodley, Dyer, Bevis, Whitehead, Atkins, Naylor, Major, Stonehouse, Rand, Chedzey; H.M.S. "**Carysfort,**" Mnes. Goodhall, Weaver; H.M.S. "**Woolwich,**" Clr.-Sergt. Murden, Sergt. Tavener, Mnes. Woodruff, Kears, Woodgates, Bell, Purdy, Harvey, Harrison; H.M.S. "**Diligence,**" Mne. Walker; H.M.S. "**Dublin,**" Corpl. Greenwood, Mnes. Smith, Drennan, Davenport; H.M.S. "**Flora,**" Mne. Morrison; H.M.S. "**Impregnable,**" Corpls. Gale, Graham, Mnes. Lawrence, Dominy, Burrows; H.M.S. "**Defiance,**" Mne. Bowyer; **R.N. College, Dartmouth,** Clr.-Sergt. Dash; **Depot, R.M., Deal,** Corpl. Clark, Mne. Dean.

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DEPOT R.M., DEAL.

DISCHARGES.

Ch. D/13832 Mne. G. H. Cole (To Pension), Ch. B/24350 Mne. S. Russell (By Purchase), Ch. D/12036 Mne. H. Clindinning (To Pension), Po. C/12997 Mne. J. Jones (Pension), Po. D/21995 Mne. W. A. Stone (Invalided).

APPOINTMENTS.

Ch. D/23337 Mne. H. Allen as Company Cook; Ch. D/20905 Mne. J. Heath, G.M. Policeman; Ply. A/13904 Mne. W. E. Leigh, Storeman, 3rd Q.M.'s Dept.; Ply. D/15054 Sergt. C. C. Mills, Recruits P. and R.T. Staff; Po. B/16545 Mne. C. Porter, attd. to Capt. Heathcote.

L.S. AND G.C. MEDALS.

Po. A/14092 Sergt. J. G. W. Anderson; Ch. A/16434 Mne. W. A. Bailey.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.

Ch. 24219 Mne. R. J. Bullen (Casualty from 84th Squad); Ch. 17424 Mne. G. Witham, Ch. 21854 Mne. H. W. A. Harris, Ch. 22987 Mne. H. J. Parsley, Po. 212385 Mne. A. J. S. Martin, Ply. 15041 Mne. W. A. J. Rogers, Ch. 16001 Sergt. F. W. Jordan (Rejoining); Ch. 23449 Mne. J. H. Gosling (for Anti-gas Course); Ch. 14149 Mne. G. W. Lowers (for Anti-gas Course); Ch. 24390 Mne. W. R. Smith (Rejoining).

To Portsmouth.

Po. 14829 Mne. P. F. Pepper (Rejoining); Ch. 23920 Mne. H. Grindrod (Instructional Course); Ch. 17361 Mne. A. H. Line (Instructional Course); Po. 212005 Mne. H. Spearing (Rejoining); Po. 212301 Mne. J. C. Wyeth (Rejoining); Ch. 24254 Mne. F. Thorn (for embarkation); Po. 212612 Sergt. H. H. Howard (for Instructional Course); Po. 15016 Mne. J. C. Hobbs (Rejoining).

To Plymouth.

Ply. 21846 Mne. G. S. Dean (Rejoining); Ply. 15781 Corpl. L. V. Clarke (Rejoining); Ply. 16233 Mne. W. H. J. Jackson (Rejoining); Ply. 13828 Mne. F. R. Warren (Rejoining); Ply. 21878 Mne. F. H. Willis (Rejoining).

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

H.M.S. "**Vivid**" (**R.N.B.**), Bandmaster 2nd-Class S. A. Howse, Band Corpls. Wm. Knight, A. E. McCormick and Musn. V. R. Hales; H.M.S. "**Southampton,**" Musn. B. C. T. Bunting; H.M.S. "**Tiger,**" Band Corpl. J. W. H. Ferry; H.M.S. "**Curacoa,**" Bandmaster 2nd-Class Herbert Wright, Band Corpl. P. F. Grace, Musns. A. W. Cleeton, C. H. Diprose, A. G. Price, Jack Downer, S. F. Treend, W. E. C. Podger, C. G. Knight, E. C. Blayney, W. F. Owen, L. J. Lee, D. A. Jarman, Fredk. Tidy, Edward Laughton; H.M.S. "**Valiant,**" Bandmaster 2nd-Class C. F. Cambridge, Musn. George Woodhams; H.M.S. "**Pembroke,**" (**R.N.B.**), Musn. J. F. Lane; H.M.S. "**Malaya,**" Musn. A. I. H. Smith.

EMBARKATIONS.

H.M.S. "**Pembroke,**" Musn. James Jenkinson; H.M.S. "**Vivid,**" Band Corpl. G. J. Swain, Musns. George Webb, Edwin Yarnold, R. G. Perratt; H.M.S. "**Southampton,**" Alexander Feinson (Musn); H. M. S. "**Tiger,**" Musn. John Wilson; H.M.S. "**Warspite,**" Band Corpl. Wm. Knight, Musn. A. F. J. Martin; H.M.S. "**Valiant,**" Band Corpl. J. W. H. Ferry, Musn. H. E. Pickett; H.M.S. "**Hermes,**" Bandmaster 2nd-Class J. W. Relph, Band Corpl. G. J. Maulkin, Musns. C. H. Collar, S. C. Harris, H. D. Swaine, G. C. Pegrum, L. A. Hamblin, J. F. Weller, Tom Dawson, S. J. Bark, W. A. Power, F. C. Rawling, Alfred Phillips, E. T. Chivers, S. G. Carter; H.M.S. "**Centurion,**" Bandmaster 2nd-Class Walter Burrans, Band Corpl. A. C. Black, Musns. C. Ralph, W. A. Carter, M. A. Kirk, H. I. Dine, S. A. Sutherland, W. E. Kohlar, V. C. Hardy, H. M. Lacey, G. W. Potter, Patrick Costello, A. C. P. Norris, H. F. D. Broughton, Edward Laughton; H.M.S. "**Resolution,**" Band Corpl. A. E. McCormick, Musn. Fredk. Summers; H.M.S. "**Excellent,**" Band Corpl. P. F. Grace.

PROMOTIONS.

Musn C. R. M. Robinson (H.M.S. "**Victory,**" **C.-in-C.**), to Band Corporal, vice C. W. A. Noel.

DISCHARGES.

Musns. W. B. Smith and R. J. Whittington, "Completion of first period of Engagement," Musn. Andrew Barr, "Termination of second period of Engagement."

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys G. T. Golding, S. F. Howden, and W. F. J. Milsom, to Musicians.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six seniors of each rank on the respective Promotion Rosters:—

Bandmasters 2nd-Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st-Class):—C. R. L. Hamilton, J. N. Messer, G. W. Hooper, T. J. Cope, Edgar Robertson, G. C. Keen.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd-Class):—A. F. Bartlett, Sydney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler, V. C. Joyce.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporal):—A. A. Davies, R. O. Mullis, S. G. Walkiden, J. H. Matthews, R. H. Mortimore.

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BISLEY.

N.R.A. MEETING, 1924.—RESULTS.

BRINSMEAD SHIELD.

First.—Portsmouth Division.
Second.—Plymouth Division.

"DAILY TELEGRAPH" CUP.

Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Chatham), (after tie shoot).

PRINCE OF WALES PRIZE.

Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Chatham)—Score, 99 out of 100.

GRAND AGGREGATE.

First.—Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Chatham)—634.

CONSOLATION CUP.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th June, 1924.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death.*
Barry, W.	Cpl.	Ply.	7432	27/6/24
Burns, A.	Sergt.	Chat.	1265	5/6/24
Clark, G.	Pte.	Ply.	2255	23/6/24
Davies, G. S.	Pte.	Ports.	504	14/6/24
Davies, W. H.	Clr.-Sergt.	R.M.A.	3498	7/5/24
Doherty, T.	Clr.-Sergt.	Chat.	933	15/6/24
Douglas, W.	Sergt.	Ply.	7392	12/6/24
Feaver, C.	Clr.-Sergt.	Chat.	209	19/6/24
Fickett, G.	Pte.	Chat.	37 Co.	27/6/24
Forsey, E.	Pte.	Ports.	559	21/6/24
Goad, A.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	3205	15/6/24
Griffiths, T.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	355	23/6/24
Hill, F.	Musn.	R.M.B.	592	20/6/24
Hunter, S. P.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	2602	1/6/24
Jeffery, B.	Pte.	Ply.	543	29/6/24
Lambert, E. W.	Q.M.S.	Ports.	2507	21/6/24
Matthews, R.	Pte.	Ports.	6817	15/6/24
Norman, H. E.	Pte.	Chat.	4578	6/6/24
Parker, W.	Pte.	Ply.	11971	13/6/24
Peat, R.	Pte.	Chat.	313	11/6/24
Pinder, A.	Pte.	Ports.	3268	13/6/24
Priscott, T.	C.M.S.	W.O.2 Ports.	8938	27/6/24
Rimes, J.	Musn.	Ply.	11710	22/6/24
Rolf, W. G.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	160	27/5/24
Smith, T.	Clr.-Sergt.	R.M.A.	6313	27/5/24
Smithers, H. E.	Musn.	Chat.	6424	12/6/24
Speed, A.	Pte.	Ply.	B Co.	22/6/24
Strong, W.	Sergt.	R.M.A.	1137	5/6/24

BUONAPARTE IN H.M.S. "BELLEROPHON."

The following incident has been culled from a work entitled, "Narrative of the Surrender of Buonaparte, and of his Residence on board H.M.S. 'Bellerophon,' with a detail of the principal events that occurred in that ship between the 24th May and the 8th of August, 1815, by Captain F. L. Maitland, C.B."

"About 10 a.m. the barge was manned, and a Captain's guard turned out. When Buonaparte came on board he looked at the Marines, who were generally fine-looking young men, with much satisfaction, went through their ranks, inspected their arms, and admired their appearance, saying to Bertrand, 'How much might be done with a hundred thousand such soldiers as these!' He asked which had been longest in the Corps, and went up and spoke to him. His questions were put in French, which I interpreted, as well as the man's answers. He enquired how many years he had served; on being told upwards of ten, he turned to me and said, 'Is it not customary in your service to give a man who has been in it so long, some mark of distinction?' He was informed that the person in question had been a Sergeant, but was reduced to the ranks for some misconduct. He then put the guard through part of their exercise, whilst I interpreted to the Captain of Marines, who did not understand French, the manœuvres he wished to have performed. He made some remarks upon the difference of the charge with the bayonet between our troops and the French, and found fault with our method of fixing the bayonet to the musket, as being more easy to twist if seized by an enemy when in the act of charging."

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No. 9. SEPTEMBER, 1924. Price Threepence

The Globe & Laurel

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.

NOTES AND NEWS.

We have to announce that, owing to pressure of work, Lieut.-Colonel H. A. H. Jones has been reluctantly compelled to relinquish the post of Editor of the *Globe and Laurel*. He is succeeded by Lieut.-Colonel G. P. Orde. Editors may come and editors may go—need we say more?

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Brevity in an editorial raises its standard; we make this statement with all humility. Brevity, however, in the reports of our local correspondents, may easily be overdone. Indeed, presumably, in the endeavour to attain a high standard of wit, some of our correspondents have been so brief that we haven't heard from them at all. We ask these strong silent men to let themselves go a little, and to co-operate with us in our efforts to make the Corps Journal a real medium for liaison between those who serve Per Mare and those who merely stand and wait Per Terram.

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In this latter connection it may be of interest to know that the illustration at the head of page 124 is from a photo taken at Anzac Bay, and shows the sinister outline of Achi Baba in the distance.

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F.R.M.O.'s could assist us greatly by nominating a "Fleet Correspondent" in their own ship, and by instructing O.C.'s of other detachments to detail Local Correspondents in their ships. When in company, Fleet Correspondents could collate all the news of the station; when ships were away from the Flag, the Local Correspondents could communicate their news direct to us.

We must point out to O.C.'s Detachments afloat, and to all who assume responsibility for the receipt of the Corps Journal abroad, that it is essential to inform the Secretary of the *Globe and Laurel* when subscribers leave their ship (ships paying off, etc.), and where they go to. When this is not done, subscribers get their copies months after publication, postage is wasted, and supporters of the Journal get "fed up." We confidently ask for co-operation in this really important matter.

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The R.M. Officers' Central Fund will not commence till 1st April, 1925, so that subscriptions to the *Globe and Laurel* should not be held back, as appears to have been done in several cases. So far, replies have been received from 267 officers; there are 87 replies yet to come. Bankers' orders will be circulated shortly.

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On the 6th August, Major-General Picton Phillipps bade farewell to his old Division, after 38 years' service. The following notice was published in Divisional Orders:—"Major-General P. Phillipps, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., on relinquishing Command of the Division wishes to express to all ranks his high appreciation of the loyalty and support which he has received from them at all times and especially during last year. He wishes them the best of luck in the future."

PER MARE

MEDITERRANEAN.

H.M.S. "Caradoc."

The Fleet left Malta on May 21st for the 1st part of the summer cruise. Manœuvres were carried out and after 4 days at sea the "Emperor of India," accompanied by the Light Cruisers, arrived at Port Said. We left again on June 2nd for further manœuvres. We then dispersed, the Battleships and H.M.S. "Ceres" proceeding to Jaffa and the remainder of the Light Cruisers and Destroyers going to Haifa. Whilst there, the Light Cruisers formed a concert party which proved a great success and was appreciated by the people of Haifa. The ships were open to visitors. On leaving Haifa we proceeded to Beirut where we were joined by the Flagship "Iron Duke" and the "Ceres." At this place the people gave various parties of which our men gladly took advantage. Limasol, Cyprus was the next port of call and the inhabitants arranged a race meeting and cinema shows for our benefit. Leaving Limasol on the 17th, the whole Fleet met and proceeded to Madras for a stay of 6 days. The "Concord," which has relieved the "Comus", on the station, joined us here. On June 27th we entered Phalerum Bay at 8.30 a.m., and the Guards and Bands were kept busy the whole day. We had 6 days of good sport and parties were given by the Mayors of Piraeus and Athens. In the Sailing and Boat-Pulling races we did very well, but lost at Water Polo. In the sports that were held at the big stadium at Athens, we were easy winners at everything, including the Tug-of-War, which was won by the Royal Marines team from H.M.S. "Benbow." The Marines were well represented in all the other events. Massed bands played during the afternoon's sport. Our Fleet football team were victors in the matches they played. On the last two nights ships were illuminated in honour of the President and searchlight displays were given.

The whole Fleet left on July 3rd en route for Malta, where after a stay of ten days we commence the 2nd part of the cruise round the Italian coast.

UNITED SERVICES RIFLE MEETING, 1924.

The United Services Rifle Meeting was held on the Pembroke Ranges on the 15th and 16th May, 1924. As the Army Command Rifle Meeting had not yet been held it was decided to have only a small U.S. Meeting, which consisted of the competitions for the challenge cups with the addition of a few individual events.

The competition for the U.S. Cup resolved itself into a close match between the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, but the former, with a very good aggregate at 600 yards deliberate, eventually proved the winners by 10 points.

The results as far as they concern Royal Marines were as follows:—

Officers' Snapshooting.—10 rounds at 300 yards. Service scoring, 4, 3, 2.

3.—Captain Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha 29

All-Comers Snapshooting. Conditions as for Match I.

2.—Sergt. Fuller, "Iron Duke" 34
4.—Q.M.S. Sloman, Ghain Tuffieha 34
10.—Mne. White, "Calypso" 29

Rapid 5-Rounds at 300 yards. Service scoring.

1.—Sergt. Fuller, "Iron Duke" 19
4.—Q.M.S. Sloman, Ghain Tuffieha 17
5.—Capt. Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha 16
9.—Sergt. Macaulay, Ghain Tuffieha 16
10.—Mne Mills, "Iron Duke" 16

Pembroke Camp Challenge Cup. Teams of 8 from each unit. 10-Rounds deliberate at 300 and 600 yards. Cup and Medals.

1.—H.M.S. "Iron Duke" 637
2.—H.M.S. "Egmont" 625
3.—Gordon Highlanders 607

Grand Aggregate.

4.—Sergt. Fuller, "Iron Duke" 76
9.—Sergt. Geater, "Benbow" 74
14.—Sergt. Macaulay, Ghain Tuffieha 69

Running Man....5-Rounds at 300 yards in 2 runs.

1.—Corpl. Brewer, "Iron Duke" 9
3.—Mne. Rumary, "Marlborough" 6

United Services Cup. Conditions—Methuen Cup, 1924.

	Practice I.	II.	III.	IV.	Total
1.—Royal Navy	240	204	330	299	1073
Cup and Medals.					
2.—Royal Marines.					
Sergt. Fuller	35	34	46	44	159
Q.M.S. Sloman	32	34	43	39	148
Sergt. Macaulay	36	30	37	37	140
Sergt. Reeland	34	20	37	37	128
Sergt. Buckley	27	21	38	39	125
Captain Dawson	27	27	36	35	125
Sergt. Geater	23	25	38	36	122
Sergt. Bowie	27	19	33	37	116
Total ...	241	210	308	304	1063
Reserves.—Mne. Chinnery; Corpl. Arnold.					
3.—Army	245	174	233	273	975
4.—R.A.F.	137	68	201	247	653

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ATLANTIC.

We have received no news from the Atlantic Fleet.

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CHINA

MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. **"Hawkins," "Diomede," "Despatch," "Durban," "Carlisle,"** and **"Titania,"** are at Wei-hai-wei; H.M.S. **"Ambrose"** is at Hong Kong.

COMBINED OPERATIONS.

A combined operation took place at Hong Kong on the night of the 25th-26th June.

H.M.S. "Carlisle," with the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regt., proceeded from the Dockyard after dark to the south shore of Hong Kong in order to land the Battalion on open beaches at dawn on the 26th June.

A Royal Marine Company from H.M.S. "Tamar," "Carlisle," and "Ambrose," under Captain A. N. Williams, formed the defence force.

The R.M. Company left the Dockyard at 1400 on the 25th June, landed at 0100 on 26th June and took up their defensive positions which were occupied by 0300 hours.

A moon which rose at 0300 favoured the defence and it was possible to see H.M.S. "Carlisle" for some little time before she commenced to disembark the troops.

The exercise was interesting and proved very instructive to all concerned. The landing and re-embarkation of the Battalion took place without any hitch.

MILITARY LANDS.

It may interest members of the Corps who have been in Hong Kong to know that the Military Lands, including Murray Barracks and Parade Ground, on the south side of the Dockyard, have been sold to the Hong Kong Government for the civil development of the City of Victoria. The new Barracks are to be built somewhere in the New Territories.

AVIATION.

Hong Kong has been a centre of aerial activity during the last few months. Captain D'Oisy passed close to Hong Kong on his way to Shanghai, actually landing at Canton, where there is an aerodrome. The American flyers landed just north of the Rifle Range at Stonecutters. Squadron-Leader McLaren also landed there.

The Portuguese flyers who attempted to reach Macao, crashed near the British frontier of the Leased Territory.

Captain D'Oisy passed through Hong Kong during the two

days that Squadron-Leader McLaren was here and they met each other at a reception at the club. There is also a local aeroplane belonging to an American known as "Dare Devil Abbot." Flying during the summer along the China Coast is made dangerous by typhoons and low-lying clouds. The typhoon which struck Hong Kong in August, 1923, moved 1,000 miles in two days.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

On the occasion of the King's Birthday Ceremonial Parade at Peking, the Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. Hawkins assisted at the parade. The following letter of appreciation was sent to Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Darwell, the Fleet Royal Marine Officer, China Station.

Commandant's House,
Peking.
14th June, 1924.

Dear Colonel Darwell,

I am afraid I have been a long time before writing to tell you how delighted we were with the Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins," and how kind it was of the Admiral to give the British Legation Guard the use of the Band for the King's Birthday Ceremonial Parade.

It was a unique occasion, inasmuch as I do not think that a Royal Marine Band has ever marched the British Legation Guard past His Majesty's Representative on any previous occasion of the King's Birthday Parade in Peking, and we all feel rather pleased about it here.

The Band made the Parade go with a swing, which it is almost impossible to get without music.

I should be so glad if you would convey my thanks to Mr. Mansfield and all the Bandsmen for their untiring efforts.

Yours sincerely,
C. W. SANDES,
Commandant.

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AFRICA

H.M.S. "Birmingham."

The "Birmingham" returned to Simonstown for one week on the completion of the East Coast cruise, and on July 28th, proceeds up the West Coast, calling at Walfis Bay, Elephant Bay, Boma, and St. Paul de Loanda. The "Dublin" sailed for the East Coast on July 23rd, and both ships are to be back at Simsonstown on September 13th.

Naval and Military Sports organised by the Durban Centenary Celebrations Committee were held at Durban on June 28. The most interesting event was the tug-of-war, in which teams from the "Birmingham," "Dublin" and the U.S.S. "Trenton" competed. In the final the Royal Marines of the "Birmingham" defeated the Royal Marines of the "Dublin" in two straight pulls. The winning team were each presented with a silver cup, they included:—Clr.-Sergt. Lee, Corpl. Reader, Mnes. Barker, Rogers, Fallace, V. H. Ellis, Norris, Bond and Williams.

One week was spent at Lorenço Marques where it was hot enough to get into khaki drill. A concert was given by the ship's concert party in the Seamen's Institute. Marine Dougal was in great demand. He was described in the local press as one of the finest singers ever heard in Lorenço Marques. He also assisted the local talent at a return concert in honour of the crew of the "Birmingham" and was recalled again and again, appreciation of his efforts being shown by the award to him of the cake of merit "from mother, by kind permission of father."

23rd July, 1924. B. F. TRENCH.

A spirited attempt was made by our Sergeants' Mess to enliven things at the local R.N. Recreation rooms. With only one ship in harbour, things are apt to become dull, so a billiards challenge from our mess to our E.R.A.'s led to some good games and the spending of a very pleasant evening. The following were the results:—Clr. Sergt. E. H. Lee, 150; E.R.A. Walters, 90. Sergt. W. J. Small, 150; E.R.A. Cook, 84. Marine F. Cusack, 129; E.R.A. Keleway, 150. Bandmaster E. Clayton, 150; C.E.R.A. Cawthorne, 124.

Further challenges have been given and on our return from a West Coast cruise we hope to again uphold the credit of the Royal Marines.

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N.A. AND W.I.

We have received no news from the North American and West Indies Station.

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EAST INDIES.

We have received no news from the East Indies Station.

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RESERVE FLEET.

We have received no news from the Reserve Fleet.

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SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

H.M.S. "Repulse,"
Special Service Squadron,
Jamaica.

The Light Cruiser Squadron left San Francisco with battle cruisers and "Adelaide," on the 11th July, 1924. At 1600 the L.C.S., which had gone ahead early in the day, passed us on our starboard hand. Ship cheered ship as they passed each other, and the squadrons proceeded as a separate command to complete the final stage of the world's cruise.

My communications deal from now on with the tour so far only as "Hood," "Repulse" and "Adelaide" are concerned.

We shaped course for the Panama Canal, and after an uneventful trip, arrived there on 23rd July, 1924.

For the benefit of those of your readers who may not have seen the Canal, the following particulars are appended.

The Panama Canal connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans through the narrow isthmus of Panama. In ancient times there was a natural channel here, but later the land rose, and left the isthmus as a barrier between the oceans. After centuries of erosion the distance between shores at the place selected for the Canal was 34 miles; and the low point through which Gaillard or Culebra Cut has been driven was 305 feet above the sea level when the French began excavations. The highest point on the centre line of the Canal was 312 feet above sea level.

The line of the Canal goes up the valley of the Chagres River on the Atlantic slope, passes through the ridge of the Continental Divide in the Gaillard Cut, and descends to the Pacific down the valley of the Rio Grande. The Canal channel is 42 miles in length between shore lines, or 34 miles "as the crow flies." From deep water in one ocean to deep water in another is 50 miles.

The Canal was constructed in the following manner. By building Gatun Dam across the valley of the Chagres, Gatun Lake was formed; this floods a great part of the valley and backs up against the Continental Divide. The surface of Gatun Lake being 85 feet above sea level, the depth of cutting necessary to make the channel between Gatun and Pedro Miguel was reduced by this amount.

The passage between the Atlantic Ocean and Gatun Lake is made by three steps of Gatun Locks. On the Pacific side the passage between the summit level and the Pacific is made by means of Pedro Miguel Lock, Miraflores Lake and Miraflores Locks.

Each lock has twin chambers, each of which has a usable length of 1,000 feet, a width of 110 feet, and is about 70 feet deep The Miraflores Locks have extra depth on account of the tidal variations of the Pacific. Each flight of locks are "double-barrelled," so that ships may be passed in opposite directions simultaneously.

To control the rise of the lake, Gatun Dam is provided with a spillway, through which excess water in the lake is wasted, flowing into the Atlantic through the old channel of the Chagres. A hydro-electric station of 13,140 kilowatt capacity has been erected at Gatun on the spillway, and uses water from Gatun Lake for the generation of electricity. A high-voltage transmission line runs parallel to the Panama Railway across the isthmus and distributes electric power to the various towns for general and industrial uses on the Canal zone. A steam electric generating station, at Miraflores, is held in reserve.

Both entrances are protected by breakwaters, and a thorough system of lights and buoys makes the Canal as safe by night as by day.

THOMAS LEE,
Sergt., R.M.

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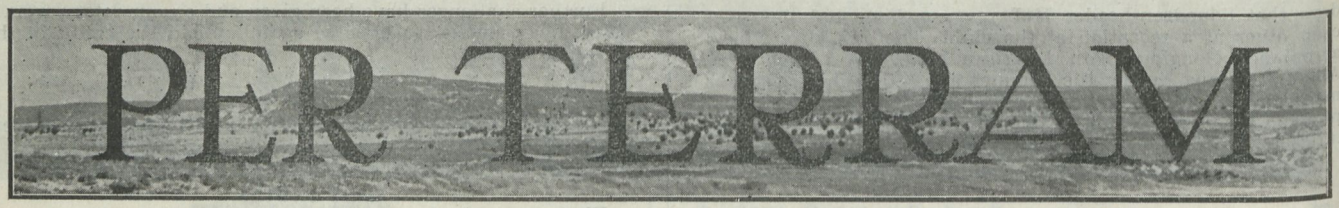

R.M. CADET CORPS.

1st CHATHAM COMPANY.

The 1st Company went to camp from the 12th to the 22nd August in conjunction with the Depot Cadet Coy. There were 46 boys present. They were organized into one platoon of four sections, each section being of equal strength, so as to facilitate the organization of competitions. Northbourne, where the camp is pitched, is an ideal training ground. Lord Northbourne has always taken a very keen interest in anything connected with the Corps and makes the boys feel thoroughly at home.

Corpls. Lynham and Mettam and four Marines attended to assist in taking charge. Full details of the camp will be given in our next issue.

PORTSMOUTH.

On Tuesday, 22nd July, the Division was inspected by Major-General Sir Archibald Paris, K.C.B. (Honorary Colonel-Commandant of the Division). The General, who was accompanied by Colonel-Commandant Picton Phillipps, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., was received by a Battalion on parade with the Colours under the command of Lieut.-Colonel G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C. The General afterwards made an inspection of the Division, which included visits to the Sergeants' Mess, R.N. School of Music, Fort Cumberland and a demonstration by the Land Artillery School. He dined with the Officers in the mess in the evening.

On Thursday, 24th July, the First Lord of the Admiralty (Lord Chelmsford), accompanied by the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sea Lords and Mr. T. Fry, Private Secretary to the First Lord, visited the Division and R.N. School of Music. The Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, was also present.

The First Lord was received on Parade by a Guard of Honour, under the command of Captain Unwin, with the Regimental Colour carried by Lieut. Warren. The inspection included visits to the Sea Service Battery, and a demonstration by the Land Artillery School.

DEPOT.

RIFLE MEETING.

The Depot Rifle Meeting was held at Kingsdown on 7th, 8th, and 9th August. The weather was very good and the entries showed an increase on last year, 160 Ranks taking part in the various matches. The Classes were as follows:—

Class A—Marksmen and well-known good shots.

Class B—The remainder, not including Recruits.

Class C—Recruits passed Table "A."

A Miniature Meeting was held in the Shooting Gallery the previous week for Recruits not passed Table "A." This was very largely attended and the results were very satisfactory.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, Mrs. Halliday very kindly presented the Prizes and also the Revolver Bowl, which was won at the R.M.R.A. Meeting this year, after a lapse of 22 years.

Matches were as follows:—

Miniature.—Match I—Application—1 s.s. and 7 rds.—1st, Rct. Hobbs; 2nd, Rct. Robinson; 3rd, Rct. Tompkins and Wootten.

Match II—Snapshooting—1 s.s. and 5 rds.—1st, Rct. Dale; 2nd, Rct. Potter; 3rd, Rct. Holton.

Match III—Rapid—1 s.s. and 7 rds. in 1 minute.—1st, Rct. Dale; 2nd, Rct. Tompkin; 4 men tied for 3rd.

Aggregate.—1st, Rct. Dale; 2nd, Rct. Tompkin; 3rd, Rct. Robinson. A prize in kind was presented by Parade Staff to winner of Aggregate.

At Kingsdown.—Match I—300 yds. and 600 yds. 1 s.s. and 7 rds. slow:—

Class A—1st, Clr.-Sergt. Graby; 2nd, Mne Burnett; 3rd, Sergt. Harding.

Class B—1st, Mne. Dowling; 2nd C.S.M. Garrett; 3rd, Corpl. Brown.

Class C—1st, Rct. Akhurst; 2nd, Rct. Carter; 3rd, Rct. Hunt.

A cup presented by 2nd Q.M. Dept. went to winner Class B.

A cup presented by Military Instr. Dept. went to winner Class C.

Match II—200 yds. and 500 yds. rapid, 1 s.s. and 10 rds. in 40 seconds.

Class A—1st, Sergt. Harrold; 2nd, Clr.-Sergt. Porter; 3rd, Mne. Burnett.

Class B—1st, Mne. Dowling; 2nd, C.S.M. Garrett; 3rd, Cpl. Turnall.

Class C—1st, Rct. Carter; 2nd, Rct. Akhurst; 3rd, Rct. Milham.

A cup presented by Infirmary Staff went to winner Class A.

A cup presented by Barrackmaster Dept. went to winner Class B.

A cup presented by 3rd Q.M. Dept. went to winner Class C.

Match III—200 yds., 500 yds. and 600 yds. slow, 1 s.s., 7 rds.

Class A—1st, Clr.-Sergt. Graby; 2nd, Sergt. Owens; 3rd, Mne. Applin.

Class B—1st, Cpl. Brown; 2nd, C.S.M. Garrett; 3rd, Mne. Carter.

Class C—1st, Rct. Akhurst; 2nd, Rct. Hills; 3rd, Rct. Thompson.

A cup presented by Brigade-Major went to winner Class A.

A cup presented by P. and R.T. Dept. went to winner Class C.

Match IV—Revolver Whitehead.

Class A—1st, Sergt. Rutland; 2nd, S.M. Bach; 3rd, Sergt. Paddon.

Class B—1st, Corpl. Calvinley; 2nd, Capt. F. R. Jones.

Match V—200 yds. Snapshooting, 1 s.s., 5 rds., 4 sec. exposure; 500 yds. rapid, 1 s.s., 5 rds. in 30 secs.; 600 yds. slow, 1 s.s., 5 rds.

Class A—1st, Mne. Burnett; 2nd, Sergt. Owens; 3rd, Sergt. Deane.

Class B—1st, C.S.M. Garrett; 2nd, Corpl. Breckon; 3rd, Corpl. Leary.

Class C—1st, Rct. Akhurst; 2nd, Rct. Williams; 3rd, Rct. Carter.

A cup presented by Small Arms Staff went to winner Class A.

A cup presented by Paymaster Dept. went to winner Class B.

A cup presented by 1st Q.M. Dept. went to winner Class C.

Match VII—200 yds., 500 yds. and 600 yds., 1 s.s., 7 rds., slow. For Band and Markers, Past Members' Band.

1st, Musn. Manning; 2nd, Corpl. Gilchrist; 3rd, Musn. Kennings; 4th, Musn. Hankinson.

Markers—1st, Corpl. Ogden; 2nd, Mne. Evans; 3rd, Mne. Hacket; 4th, Mne. Manuel.

Past Members—1st, Mr. Skeet.

Aggregate.—Class A—1st, Clr.-Sergt. Graby; 2nd, Mne. Burnett; 3rd, Sergt. Owens. Clr.-Sergt. Graby was awarded the cup presented by Col.-Comdt. L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C., for the Championship of the Meeting.

Class B—1st, C.S.M. Garrett; 2nd, Corpl. Brown; 3rd, Mne. Dowling. C.S.M. Garrett was awarded cup presented by Instr. of Small Arms for agg. of Class B.

Class C—1st, Rct. Akhurst; 2nd, Rct. Carter; 3rd, Rct. Williams. Rct. Akhurst was awarded cup presented by Officers of the Depot for agg. of Class C.

Officers' Match.—Snap and Rapid at 200 yds.; slow at 600 yds. 1st, Capt. J. E. Leech-Porter; 2nd, Capt. S. A. Field.

Ladies' Miniature Match.—Class A—1st, Miss Farquharson; 2nd, Mrs. Shine. Class B—1st, Mrs. Owen; 2nd, Mrs. Yeo.

There were 4 Company Team Competitions, each Company entering 2 Teams (2 Army Rank, 1 T.S., and 3 Recruits), in each Competition. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places counting 3, 2, 1 points respectively for the Company Challenge Shield.

Match 1—Nominated Teams in Match 5. A Coy. 3 Pts., C Coy. 2 Pts., D Coy. 1 Pt.

Match 2—As for "Aegean" in R.M.R.A. A Coy. 3 Pts., C Coy. 2 Pts., B Coy. 1 Pt.

Match 3—As for "Mercer" in R.M.R.A. A Coy. 3 Pts., B Coy. 2 Pts., C Coy. 1 Pt.

Match 4—Similar to "Officers' Cup" in R.M.R.A. A Coy. 3 Pts., C Coy. 2 Pts., B Coy. 1 Pt.

"A" Company therefore won the Company Challenge Shield with 12 points.

BISLEY, 1924.

After a lapse of some years, the R.M.R.A. held part of its Annual Meeting at Bisley. The second stage of the Competition for the VIII, and the "Collard" Cup Competition were decided. These events took place concurrently with the Central Meetings of the Royal Navy Rifle Association, the Army Rifle Association and the Royal Air Force Rifle Association, during the week prior to the Annual Prize Meeting of the National Rifle Association.

On 8th July, Major-General A. R. H. Hutchinson, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjutant-General Royal Marines, President R.M.R.A., and a Vice-President of the N.R.A., witnessed the "Cheylesmore" and "Hamilton Leigh" Competitions, and presented prizes won at the R.M.R.A. Meeting.

The Adjutant-General and the Chairman R.M.R.A., remarked on the value of holding the Central part of the Meeting at Bisley.

During the Meeting, Colonel Clark, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. Houghton, Major Coode, and other Officers visited Bisley.

The R.M.R.A. Camp consisted of the hut and tents. Excellent arrangements for our comfort were made by the N.R.A., and we are very grateful to the Secretary, Major C. E. Etches, O.B.E., for the trouble he took. Captain L. S. Wilkinson and the R.M. Working Party rendered considerable assistance. The Register-keeping and marking of the Working Party were excellent. The weather was generally favourable, but the Bisley winds were, as usual, tricky.

The shooting in both Meetings was very good, and the positions gained by R.M. Teams and Individuals were very satisfactory. It is well worth noting that in the U.S. Cup Match two members of the Royal Marines, Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott (Portsmouth Division), 177, and Sergt. E. Abbott (Plymouth Division), 169, made the two top scores of all the Teams. Clr.-Sergt. Westcott accordingly received the gilt bar to his VIII Badge. In the "Whitehead" Cup (Revolver), Sergt. C. W. Tugwell (Plymouth Division), made 127, the highest score made in this match this year, and received the gilt bar to his Revolver VIII Badge.

In the U.S. Cup, the Royal Marines gained second place, being less than 30 points behind the winners, the Army. In the "Whitehead" Cup they took 3rd place, with 893, the winners, the Army, scoring 922, the Royal Navy 911, and the R.A.F. 840.

The Royal Marines, Portsmouth Division, won the "Brinsmead" Shield, were second in the "Cheylesmore" and "Aldershot" Cups, and fourth in the "Roberts." The Depot, Royal Marines, were second in the "Bargrave Deane" and "Roberts." The Royal Marines, Plymouth Division, were fourth in the "Hamilton Leigh," and sixth in the "Roberts," third in the "Aldershot," and second in the "Brinsmead," being one point behind Portsmouth.

The Royal Marine Officers in Camp presented a Cup to the Competitor who was considered to have most valuably assisted teams, of which he was a member, by his scores, and a medal to the best "Tyro" shot.

The cup was awarded to Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott (Po.), and the medal to Marine R. Burnett (Ply.).

As regards Individual Competitions, Q.M.S.I. Bacon (Chatham Division) made a record, winning the Prince of Wales' Prize, the "Daily Telegraph" Cup, and the Grand Aggregate, to which is attached the "Dominion of Canada" Challenge Trophy.

Previous winners of first prizes in the principle events are Major (then Captain) Colquhoun, R.M.L.I., who won the All-Comers Aggregate in 1908, Sergt.-Major J. Bach, who won the "Daily Graphic" Cup in 1920, and Q.M.S. A. W. Staughton, who won the Revolver Gold Medal in 1914. The Revolver Silver Medal was won this year by Corpl. A. J. Howard (Portsmouth Division), who last year secured the Revolver Bronze Medal after a tie with Sergt.Major Bach, who won the Silver.

TEAM MATCHES.

THE UNITED SERVICES CUP. H.P.S. 1600.

(Open to teams from the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Regular Army, Royal Air Force, and Territorial Army).

1.	The Regular Army	1250
2.	The Royal Marines	1229
3.	The Royal Navy	1219
4.	The Territorial Army	1180
5.	The Royal Air Force	1080

The Regular Army Team made the best score in Practice II (Snapshooting), only registering one miss; the Territorials made the best "Run down the Range" (Practice IV); the Royal Marines made the top scores in Practices I (Rapid) and III (600 yds. Deliberate). The scores of Clr.-Sergt. Westcott and Sergt. Abbott were higher than any others made in this match.

THE ROYAL MARINES.

Captain of Team—Major C. Williams.

Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott (Po.)	45	40	48	44	—	177
Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply.)	40	39	45	45	—	169
Mne. (now Corpl.) F. Burnett (Deal)	44	35	44	42	—	165
Capt. S. A. Field (Ch.)	39	42	39	42	—	162
Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock (Ply.)	38	39	42	42	—	161
Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.)	28	32	42	36	—	138
Sergt.-Major J. H. Wilson (Ply.)	39	24	33	36	—	132
Sergt. T. W. Paddon (Deal)	38	14	34	39	—	125

THE WHITEHEAD CUP. H.P.S. 1200.

(Team Revolver Match open to teams from the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Regular Army, Royal Air Force, Territorial Army and All-Comers).

1.	The Regular Army	922
2.	The Royal Navy	911
3.	The Royal Marines	893
4.	The Royal Air Force	840

THE ROYAL MARINES.

Captain of Team—Bt. Lt.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O.

Sergt. C. W. Tugwell (Ply.)	127
Sergt. A. C. Rutland (Deal)	118
Sergt.-Major J. Bach (Deal)	117
Corpl. A. J. Howard (Po.)	117
Sergt. R. L. Stapleton (Ply.)	109
Sergt. T. W. Barrett (Po.)	103
Clr.-Sergt W. A. Westcott (Po.)	103
Dm.-Major W. A. Gouge (Deal)	99

Sergt. Tugwell's score was the highest made in this match.

THE CHEYLESMORE CUP.

(Tile Competition, open to teams from Units).

1st. Bttn. Scots Guards beat Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines in the final heat.

THE ALDERSHOT CUP.

(Open to teams from Units of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Fired under the same conditions as the "United Service" Cup).

1.	H.M.S. "Pembroke"	1208
2.	Portsmouth Division R.M.	1196
3.	Plymouth Division R.M.	1183

Eight Teams competed.

THE HAMILTON-LEIGH CUP.

(Open to teams from Units. Conditions—Rapid advance, crossing obstacles, and fire at snapshooting targets).

1 H.M.S. "Excellent," 2 1st Bttn. Scots Guards, 3 H.M.S. "Vivid," 4 Plymouth Division R.M.

THE BRINSMEAD SHIELD.

(Team Match concurrent with 1st Stage of the "St. George's" Vase).

1.	Portsmouth Division R.M.	403
2.	Plymouth Division R.M.	402
3.	S.A.S., Hythe	400

THE ROBERTS CUP.

(Team Snapshooting Match).

1 S.A.S., Hythe, 2 Depot, R.M., Deal, 3 H.M.S. "Victory," 4 Portsmouth Division R.M., 5 2nd Battn. Grenadier Guards, 6 Plymouth Division R.M.

THE BARGRAVE DEANE CUP.

(Revolver Team Match at breakable targets. "Knock-out" principle).

H.M.S. "Pembroke" beat the Depot, R.M., Deal, in the final Heat. Both Teams broke 5 tiles, and "Pembroke" won on number of rounds unfired. Eighteen Teams competed.

The following competitors figured in prize lists:—

H.M. QUEEN MARY'S PRIZE (S.R.a.).

8, Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott (Po.); 9, Sergt. T. W. Paddon (Deal); 12, Marine F. Burnett (Deal); 15, A. Ward (Ply); 16, Captain S. A. Field (Ch.); 20, Marine H. W. Hill (Ply.); 24, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.); 25, Sergt. A. C. Rutland (Deal); 45, Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Dodds (Po. Afl.); 46, Sergt.-Major J. H. Wilson (Ply.); 50, Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply.); 56, Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Meatyard (Ply.); 57, Marine T. W. Clowes (Ply.); 67, Sergt. W. A. Owens (Deal); 68, Sergt.-Major E. C. Jarvis (Po. Afl.); 76, Marine J. Paxford (Ply. Afl.); 85, Sergt. T. E. Barrett (Po.); 86, Corpl. A. J. Howard (Po.); 89, Marine C. F. Tull (Po. Afl.); 93, Lieut. R. H. S. Teek (Po.); 95, Sergt. J. Burnett (Ply. Afl.); 97, Sergt. F. T. Crosby (Po.); 107, Corpl. T. J. Walker (Ch.); 109, Sergt. E. J. Lamacraft (Po.).

SOUTHERN RAILWAY (S.R.a.). 200 Yards.

5, Mne. T. W. Clowes (Ply.); 7, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.); 22, Sergt. R. L. Stapleton (Ply.); 24, Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper (Po.); 27, Sergt.-Major E. C. Jarvis (Po. Afl.); 43, Sergt. C. P. C. Budd (Po.); 53, Captain S. A. Field (Ch.); 59, Sergt. C. W. Morgan (Po.).

"KINNAIRD" (S.R.a.). 500 Yards.

4, Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard (Ply.); 20, Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply.); 41, Lieut. R. H. S. Teek (Po.); 51, Captain S. A. Field (Ch.).

"B.S.A." (S.R. a.). 600 Yards.

5, Sergt.-Major J. H. Wilson (Ply.); 6, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.); 60, Sergt.-Major E. C. Jarvis (Po. Afl.).

"GRAPHIC" (S.R. a, b.). 300 and 500 Yards. Class B.

4, Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Dodds (Po. Afl.); 27, Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply.); 30, Sergt.-Major N. Hamilton (late R.M.A.); 52, Lieut. R. H. S. Teek (Po.). Class C—9, Sergt. N. G. Stacy (Ply.); 24, Mne. R. Burnett (Ply.); 30, Mne. W. W. Brand (Po. Afl.).

"WIMBLEDON" CUP. (S.R. a, b). 600 Yards. Class A.

64, Corpl. T. J. Walker (Ch.). Class B—9, Sergt.-Major N. Hamilton (late R.M.A.); 18, Mne. W. E. Willis (Po.); 27, Sergt. H. Gane (Ply.).

"THE STOCK EXCHANGE."

(Aggregate of "Graphic" and "Wimbledon"). Class A.
85, Sergt. S. H. Hadley (Po.); 98, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.). Class B—14, Sgt.-Major N. Hamilton (late R.M.A.); 25, Sgt. E. Abbott (Ply.); 26, Sergt. W. A. Owens (Deal); 46, Lieut. R. H. S. Teek (Po.). Class C—24, Corpl. T. J. Walker (Ch.); 29, Marine R. Burnett (Ply.).

"DAILY GRAPHIC" (S.R. a, b.). 200 and 300 Yards. Class A.

2, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.). Class B—13, Sergt. H. Gane (Ply.); 15, Sergt. F. T. Crosby (Po.); 22, Drum-Major W. A. Gouge (Deal); 33, Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply). Class C—18, Mne. W. A. Knight (Po.); 25, Corpl. T. J. Walker (Ch.); 31, Sergt. N. G. Stacy (Ply.).

"DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE" (S.R. a, b.). 900 Yards. Class A.

14, Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper. Class B—15, Corpl. T. J. Walker (Ch.); 21, Sergt. C. W. Sharp (Ch.).

"CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON" (S.R. a, b.). 1,000 Yards. Class A.

9, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.); 35, Captain S. A. Field (Ch.).

"ELKINGTON" AGGREGATE.

(Aggregate of the Duke of Cambridge and Corporation of the City of London). 1,000 Yards.
7, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.)—89.

"DAILY TELEGRAPH" (S.R. a, b.). 500 and 600 Yards. Class A.

Winner of the Cup, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.), after a tie. 53, Mne. W. G. Purdy (Ply. Afl.); Captain S A. Field (Ch.). Class B—10, Mne. W. E. Willis (Po.). Class C—14, Mne. R. Burnett (Ply.); 29, Corpl. S. Kay (Po.).

"CLEMENTI SMITH" (S.R. a, b.).

(Aggregate of "Conan Doyle," 200 and 500 yards, and "Donegall" 200 yards).
33, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.).

THE PRINCE OF WALES' PRIZE. H.P.S. 100.

Winner of the Badge and £100, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.)—99.

THE GRAND AGGREGATE.

Winner of the Gold Cross and the Dominion of Canada Challenge Trophy, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.)—1st.

Result of Shooting Competition for the Schomberg Cup, 1924, open to R.M. Cadet Corps:—

Name of Unit	200 yds.	500 yds.	Total Agregt. Score	
R.M. Cadet Corps, Depot, Deal	137	144	281	Winners 1st plc.
R.M. Cadet Corps, Chatham	126	127	253	2nd "
R.M. Cadet Corps, Portsmouth	112	124	236	3rd
R.M. Cadet Corps, Plymouth	114	118	232	4th

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OBITUARY.

We regret to notify the death of Major E. H. Barr, D.S.O., R.M. (retired), which occurred on 9th August, 1924, at Nelson, New Zealand. Major Barr joined the Corps in 1897. During the War he served with the R.M.A. Battalion at Ostend, and with the R.M.A. 12-pdr. Brigade at Dunkirk. With the R.M.A. Anti-Aircraft Brigade in 1915 and 1916, he was attached to the French and Belgian Armies in the Nieuport and Dixmude areas. He served with the B.E.F. in the region of Ypres and Vermelles from May to June, 1915. Mentioned in Despatches in the *London Gazette* dated 1st January, 1916. He was in possession of the following medals and decorations:—D.S.O., 1914 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.

PAGES FROM A DIARY.*

Thud, thud, step by step, down it came, bumping, wriggling, and slithering like the galvanized trunk of some obscene legless corpse, helpless yet irresistible.

April 5th.

Saw Jack off to-day. He will be back in a week, just in time for the anniversary of our wedding day. While he is away I mean to have a really good spring clean. The dust of these Indian villages penetrates everywhere.

April 6th.

Came across the hair carpet Aunt Jane gave us for a wedding present. Had it stowed away in the lumber room upstairs. We shall never use it, but I daren't throw it away in case Aunt ever comes and stays with us. She's a mean old thing and might at any rate have given us something less ugly, and less like a collection of "combings" from my own luxuriant tresses—at least that's how Jack describes it!

April 7th.

Went down to the village on a shopping expedition, and on the way back passed a weird fakir type of man. His uncanny eyes seemed to look me through and through. I could feel them long after I had passed him.

April 8th.

That man I met yesterday is a Jogi, I'm told. Some kind of a Hindu medicine man. Anyway, he's squatted himself down in the roadway at the end of our drive. Had a letter from Jack, but he's a bad correspondent, and, as usual, "no news" is the burden of his epistle.

April 9th.

Cannot get that wretched Jogi out of my mind. He's still outside the drive; sits there all day long and gazes into nothingness. Almost looks as if he were in a trance. Gets on my nerves rather. Shall avoid him as much as possible by using the other gate.

April 10th.

Startled out of my life to-day. Was reading on the verandah when suddenly the tall lean figure of the Jogi seemed to rise up out of the ground. Suppose he must have been concealed in the bushes. With a deep obeisance, he asked me in a harsh voice to give him a hair of my head—of all things in the world! I was, as I say, very startled, and was about to call for the servants to send the man away, when he repeated "just one single hair from the memsahib's head." I felt an impulse to do what he asked, but at the same time his personality seemed to have something vaguely repulsive about it. Thinking I had better humour him, I mumbled something and went into the house, wondering in a kind of panic what I should do. Suddenly I thought of the old hair carpet; Jack always had said it was like my own hair. I rushed upstairs to the lumber room and breathlessly tore some of the strands from the carpet. Selecting the longest of these, as I came down the stairs I thrust it into the talon-like hand of the Jogi, who without a word turned on his heels and strode off down the drive and out at the gate.

April 11th.

That awful man is still outside, but now, instead of gazing into space, he sits huddled up, with his hand in front of him as if he were asking for alms. Jack will be back soon. Feeling very homesick, and the house seems so empty. I'm tired of India.

April 12th.

Had to walk past the Jogi to-day. Since the other day he seems to have been gazing at his hand, on the palm of which was the hair I gave him from Aunt Jane's carpet. His unblinking eyes and tireless concentration gave me shivers down my spine. Thank goodness, Jack comes back to-night.

April 13th.

I can hardly bring myself to write about it—I mean what happened this morning. Jack and I had just finished breakfast when we heard a curious noise overhead, as if some heavy body were being dragged about. I don't know why, but a feeling of cold horror crept over me. Jack, too, must have felt something was wrong, because he asked in rather a funny sort of husky voice what the noise was. The dragging noise went on and then we heard a crash as if a door had been burst open. We both rushed into the hall. Although the day had been stiflingly hot, a cold wind now blew through the house and moaned round the corners. A feeling of clammy terror paralysed me; half fainting I clung to Jack and forced myself to look. There on the landing above was the hair carpet, rolled up and tied just as I had left it in the lumber room. But, God help me! it was moving like a living thing! I wanted to shriek, but no sound came from my throat. Towards the stairs the carpet moved and began to descend. Thud, thud, step by step, down it came, bumping, wriggling, and slithering like the galvanized trunk of some obscene legless corpse; helpless, yet irresistible. When it reached the hall, as if controlled by some relentless force, it rolled and dragged its unclean way out of the house, down the steps, along the drive, and through the gate right up to where the Jogi was still sitting with his dreadful glazed eyes fixed on that strand of hair. When the thing reached him he sprang to his feet, and looked at it for a moment, during which his face became convulsed with a demoniacal expression of mingled anguish and bestial rage. Then, with a shrill blood-curdling scream like that of an animal in agony, he fled madly down the road and away into the country. After him, in the dust, flopped and squirmed that ghastly bundle.

April 14th.

We spent to-day, the anniversary of our wedding day, very quietly. Jack has applied to be relieved. We've had enough of India in general, and of this place in particular. We both thanked God that Aunt Jane gave us that carpet.

* It is so long ago since we came across this story that we forget its origin. We re-tell it as accurately as a failing memory can bridge a gap of some twenty years.—Ed.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the following publications:—"The Hampshire Regimental Journal," "The Leatherneck," "The Sapper," "The Gunner," "The London Scottish," "The Snapper," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "On the March," "Hibernia," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "St. George's Gazette," "Faugh-a-Ballagh," and the "Cabar Feidh."

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The tin roof of a store was torn off and rolled into a compact bundle by a cyclone. Having a sense of humour, the owner wrapped a few strands of bailing wire around the ruin and shipped it to Henry Ford. In due time came a communication saying:—

"It will cost you $48.50 to have your car repaired. For heaven's sake, tell us what hit you?"—The "Crescent."

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Following is a reply to an advertisement for a native clerk, by a Chinaman:—

Sir,

I am Wang. It is for my personal benefit that I write for a position in your honourable office.

I have a flexible brain that will adapt itself to your business and in consequence bring good efforts to your honourable selves. My education was impressed upon me in the Peking University in which I graduated as Number One. I can drive a typewriter with good noise and my English is great.

My references are of the good, and should you hope to see me they will be read by you with great pleasure. My last job has left itself from me for the good reason that the large man has dead. It was on account of no fault of mine. So, honourable, sir, what about it? If I can be of big use to you, I will arrive on some date that you should guess.—The Journal of the R.A.S.C.

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Isn't it funny? A ruse is a blind, a blind is a shade, a shade is a shadow, a shadow is a ghost, a ghost is a shade, a shade is a colour, a colour is paint, and paint is rouge. Therefore, by Euclid, axiom one, rouge must be a ruse. And curiously enough it is true.—"Yale Record."

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The following extract from the "Daily Express" is of interest, although at the time of going to press, there is no contradiction of the rumour that Marine Officers will be expected to use their discretion in carrying out the instructions laid down in A.B. 99.

"Mr. George Lansbury's amendment to the Army Bill seeks to include in a recruit's contract a clause on the question of taking duty with the civil power in a "trade dispute." Unless the recruit signs this in the affirmative his point-blank refusal to undertake such duty will not get him into any trouble with the Army authorities.

It is understood that even more sweeping Army reforms are in contemplation, and a little book called "Kiss me Colonel!" (A.B. 99) is in active preparation. This is a little manual of conduct for Commanding Officers, and its scope may be briefly indicated by a few extracts. Brightly written in the form of dialogues, it is expected to be very popular in the orderly-room.

Here is a specimen dialogue between a Company Officer and a Colonel:—

"Good morning, Colonel! I wish to speak to you about Alfred Snooper, a private in my company."

"Oh, yes. I remember Alfred. A thoroughly nice lad! What can I do for him?"

"Colonel, Alfred tells me that you spoke harshly to him yesterday when inspecting the guard. He is a sensitive lad, and takes it to heart very much."

"Dear, dear! No doubt I was hasty! I am so sorry! Is Alfred very much hurt?"

"I am afraid so! He has a sick headache, and cannot, therefore, be on parade for a day or two. I have ordered him to lie down."

"That is excellent! I will send him a little Eau de Cologne, and later in the day I will come round and stroke his head for an hour or two."

"Thank you, Colonel! I will run back and tell Alfred at once. He will be greatly relieved."

"I am so glad! It grieves me to think that a gentlemanly young soldier like Alfred should think ill of his Colonel! Good morning, Wilfred!"

"Good morning, dear Colonel!"

There is a lot more like that. The object of it is to make Commanding Officers nicer toward the rank and file, and to make the Army generally a home from home. Colonels who smack their men, it is said, will be dealt with seriously once the new regulations are firmly established."

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THE COLONEL TOLD THE ADJUTANT.

American visitor (as bus passes St. Paul's Cathedral): Say, what's that?

Conductor (proudly): St. Paul's Cathedral.

A.V. Warl, I guess we could run up a better shack than that in 48 hours.

A.V. (as bus passes Houses of Parliament): Say, what's that?

Conductor (thoughtfully): Can't say—it weren't there when we passed yesterday.

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A certain Mac — of Aberdeen (we discreetly withhold his full name), desirous of visiting the Wembley Exhibition, was disgusted at the high cost of the railway fare. Having made careful calculation as to the price of shoe leather, he decided to walk. Footsore and weary he arrived at the Exhibition only to find that the walls round it were too high to climb. So he never saw the Exhibition after all.

CARTOON.

Our cartoon this month is of Tom Harding, the groundsman at the Depot. He enlisted in 1882, and from 1887 until discharged to pension in 1903 was employed at Deal. He was called up on 2nd August, 1914, and served until 31st March, 1920. A special Admiralty letter was written in February, 1919, approving of the retention of Harding's services at Deal as a special case.

Tom will long be remembered for his influence on recruits who worked under him, and he probably gave them better "social" advice than any of the instructors, as he gave it very much "in loco parentis."

He is in possession of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and five badges.

BLOGG'S ENGAGEMENT.

I can forgive a pal most things, and I'm always prepared to help one out of a scrape if I can, but there are some things which exceed all reasonable limits. One of them is to be awakened in the cold, grey dawn of a Sunday morning, an hour before reveillé, by a bloke with eyes like puff-balls and a face which suggests that the wearer hasn't been to bed for a week.

That was what happened to me last Sunday, and the culprit, of course, was Marine Harris J. Bloggs.

If it hadn't been for his expression of utter misery, I might have been distinctly rude to him, but, feeling a certain pity in my heart, I merely turned my back on him and said, "Run away, old chappie; run away, and come back in two hours' time."

But he didn't run away. He put his miserable face down to mine and choked fumes of stale beer at me.

Now no normal man can sleep under such conditions, even at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning, so, with a mighty effort, I sat up in bed and let forth my very best flow of language.

The effect of this on Bloggs was merely to add an expression of surprise to his thoroughly downcast features. With great difficulty he managed to blurt something about being in "the devil of a 'ole."

"Well, you great slab of misery," I said, "since you've totally wrecked my beauty sleep, perhaps you'd better tell me all about your latest disgusting episode."

Bloggs cleared his throat, exhaling enough beer fumes to gas an army corps, and began, "You knows Poppy at the 'Pink Crow'——"

"I've never been inside that haunt of vice, and I've never heard of Poppy, and I don't want to," I told him.

"Well, any'ow, she's the barmaid at the 'Pink Crow,'" he choked. "And—and now she's my fiongcy."

"But, Good Heavens!" I exclaimed. "You were engaged to Mabel, yesterday!"

Tears started to his bleary eyes. "Yus, I was, yesterday, but lots can 'appen in twenty-four hours."

"It's no use telling me the story in bits. Let's have the whole thing."

"'Ere y'are then, this is as near as wot I can remember it. I told you yesterday as I'd 'eard from Mabel as 'ow everythink in the garden was lovely, an' as 'ow she'd marry me whenever I liked. Well, I goes down the town in the evenin' and get's her the best ring wot money can buy—all red an' blue an' green it was—it cost me thirty bob without discount. I puts the ring in me pocket, an' then I pops into the 'Pink Crow' to celebrate me engagement in a pint o' the best. After I've 'ad a couple, I tells Poppy about me engagement an' shows 'er the ring, an' she 'as a couple with me to drink Mabel's 'ealth.

"Perhaps I might 'ave 'ad one too many, 'cos I didn't rightly remember wot 'appened till this mornin', when I finds the ring's gone. Then it all comes back to me. I was always rather fond o' Poppy, an' last night, when she's so cheery an' sympathetic, I proposes to 'er."

"You worst form of blithering idiot," I groaned.

"Yus, an' she accepts me an' I puts the ring on 'er finger." Bloggs flopped on to my bed and openly wept.

"And what do you propose to do about it now, you solid mass of tactlessness?" I demanded.

"That's where I want your 'elp. I can't marry the old 'ag. Couldn't possibly do it."

"How old is this precious Poppy of yours?"

"Nearer fifty than forty, I should say."

"Well, we can't do anything till the 'Purple Rook,' or whatever you call the place, opens to-day," I said. "In the meantime, you can remove your vile body and let me finish my night's rest; and I'll think it over."

As soon as the doors of the "Pink Crow" were open to the public, I led the embarrassed Bloggs into the bar presided over by Poppy, a buxom, cynical-looking woman whose age, I fear, Bloggs had decidedly underestimated. It was a filthy room, covered with dust and smelling of stale smoke and alcohol. The bar was at the far end from the door and was still stacked with dirty glasses from the night before. Everywhere were cheap china ornaments, and the walls were adorned by ill-proportioned portraits of Royalties. Near the door stood an appalling perpetration of a wax-work model of a girl dancer in tights. She was caked in filth and her nose and right ear were missing.

Poppy gave Bloggs one withering stare as we entered. Then she dived down behind the bar and brought up a flashy brass and glass ring, which she tossed at my miserable companion.

"Take the thing," she shrieked, "and consider yerself damn lucky to get it back."

"B—b—but—" stuttered Bloggs.

"No buts about it," bellowed Poppy. "If yer thinks my bar is a pawn-shop for rotten imitation joolery, you've come to the wrong shop. Put it in yer pocket an' 'op it."

I turned the gaping Bloggs about and indicated the door. "Take her advice and shove off," I urged. "You seem to have had a lucky escape. Make the most of it. I'll do the rest."

I forced him towards the door, then turned and ordered a stiff brandy and soda.

"Then you didn't accept him after all?" I asked of Poppy, as soon as Bloggs had removed his aching and ashamed carcass.

Poppy let forth a piercing screech of mirth. "Wot, *me* accep' *'im*!" was her derisive retort. "Not if 'e was a millionaire, an' the only one in the world! An' 'e knows it too well to arst me."

I was frankly puzzled. "If he didn't propose to you last night, then what did happen?" I asked. "Let's have the whole miserable story."

"There ain't no more story than wot I 'spects as he can tell yer if yer arsts 'im, but 'e's mighty lucky to see the colour of that there tuppeny ring again." Poppy pointed to the dreadful wax-work by the door. "'E was 'anging rather morbid-like about that there statue most o' the evenin', when 'e wasn't callin' for drinks. I 'ad better things to do than be watchin' 'is antics all the time. The boy wot swep' up this mornin' found the ring on *'er* finger.

"That young man wants lookin' after, 'e do!"

JACK COURTENAY.

PERHAPS some of the old "Benbows" and "Iron Dukes" of 1922 will recognize their respective teams in the foreground of the illustration at the head of this page!

CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The management of the Royal Marines Football Club are confidently anticipating a successful season for the club. The following last season's players will again be with us: Watts, Herron, Wheatley, Briscoe, Robottom, Walker, Barlow, Forrester, Killian, Green and Cobb. In addition, Emery, a clever inside forward, who assisted the club three seasons ago, will be available, and Hibben will most probably return to the centre-forward position. Franks, who can play either at back or half, has also returned to the Division, and Lt. Cordeaux will be available as an understudy to goalkeeper Wheatley. It is a matter of regret that Stares will not be here this season, and the club will undoubtedly miss this speedy right winger, whose centres have resulted in many goals accruing.

On Wednesday a trial game was played on the R.M. Ground, the Colours defeating the Whites by a goal to *nil*. The teams were :—

Whites: Wheatley; Harvey, Hamblin; Stonehouse, Walters, Pettinger; Barlow, Forrester, Hibben, Killian, Rumbold.

Colours: Cordeaux; Briscoe, Franks; Watts, Robottom, Walker; Durrant, Birch, Casey, Rose, Anderson.

Several of the younger players revealed great promise of big things to come. The only goal of the match was credited to Anderson.

We commence the season on 30th August, *versus* Gillingham Reserves, away, details of which will appear in our next issue.

SERVICE SAILING RACES.

It has been decided to hold races for Service boats in the Nore Command on similar lines to those held at Plymouth. During the remainder of this season they will be held once a fortnight, but next year it is hoped to arrange a weekly race.

The first race of the season took place on Wednesday, 13th August, from the Royal Engineer Yacht Club premises at Gillingham Pier. Heavy rain squalls, interspersed with periods of flat calm, combined with a strong ebb tide, made racing conditions rather unsatisfactory. There were 12 starters and the race resulted in a win for a Dockyard 25ft. whaler, manned by Royal Marines and sailed by Lieut.-Col. W. P. Arbuthnot, R.M., with H.M.S. "Redgauntlet" in the second place.

"Redgauntlet's" whaler gained second place out of 55 starters in a race for the Atlantic Fleet in Torbay quite recently, so the Royal Marines' manned whaler may be considered to have made a satisfactory start for the season.

The second service boat race for this season took place on Wednesday, 20th, the date having been suddenly advanced one week in order to give the Reserve Destroyers an opportunity to compete.

Ideal sailing weather prevailed, the stiff breeze helping to get the twelve starters through the strong flood tide.

Eleven of the boats crossed the line within half a minute of the gun and a really good race resulted in a win for H.M.S. "Sarpedon's" whaler, very ably handled by Lieut. Orr-Ewing.

The alteration of date prevented the R.M. from getting a suitable boat; however, one was obtained shortly before the race, and, thanks to the efforts of the Boat's Crew Sergeant, she was able to start, although owing to lack of gear such as cleats, blocks and boathooks (for booming out) she was badly handicapped, and it was more by good luck than anything else that she just scraped into 5th place.

CRICKET.

R.N. AND R.M. (CHATHAM) v. FREE FORESTERS.

Played on August 18th and 19th, 1924, at Chatham.

R.N. AND R.M. (CHATHAM).

Lieutenant A. G. Webb, b Holloway	6
Lieutenant-Commander Boyd, b Marshall	0
Sergeant Keeley, b Marshall	1
Lieutenant-Commander Garnier, c Phillips, b McDonell	128
Paymaster-Lieutenant Reed, c Rait Kerr, b Holloway	0
Captain Weir, b Holloway	40
Major Hunton, b McDonell	20
Marine Watts, lbw, b McDonell	0
Lieutenant-Commander Stanley, c Walkenshaw, b Holloway	6
Captain Quill, b Holloway	0
Commander Fawcett, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	208

FREE FORESTERS.

B. O. Snowden, c Boyd, b Hunton	34
R. N. Cholmeley, b Hunton	10
R. N. Phillips, c Whitmarsh, b Hunton	12
H. C. McDonell, b Whitmarsh	9
Captain W. M. Leggett, b Reed	34
G. D. Hough, b Weir	72
N. J. Holloway, c Quill, b Weir	23
Captain Rait Kerr, b Whitmarsh	4
I. G. Mayhew, b Whitmarsh	1
D. Walkenshaw, not out	11
Captain C. I. Marshall, run out	7
Extras	2
Total	219

Match abandoned (rain).

R.N. AND R.M. (CHATHAM) v. GORE COURT.

Played on R.N. and R.M. Ground, Chatham, on 23rd August.

Won by Gore Court.

GORE COURT.

G. S. Watson, c Whitmarsh, b Weir	36
J. Whibley, c Stanley, b Weir	30
L. Seager, b Stanley	12
L. S. Watson, st Hall, b Weir	6
P. Baxter, c Keeley, b Weir	2
I. Sheffield, not out	39
S. Measday, c Whitmarsh, b Quill	15
P. W. Cook, c Hungerford, b Morgan	4
H. Sheffield, V. C. Atkins and Hook did not bat.	
Extras	31
Total (7 wickets, declared)	175

R.N. AND R.M. (CHATHAM).

Lieutenant-Commander Garnier, c Cook, b Measday	40
Sergeant Keeley, c Whibley, b G. Watson	1
Captain Weir, c G. Watson, b Cook	50
Lieutenant-Commander Stanley, c Cook, b Measday	9
Captain Quill, c Whibley, b Cook	7
Second-Lieutenant Whitmarsh, b Cook	14
Colonel Morgan, b Whibley	0

Sergeant Hall, st Hook, b Whibley	6
Captain Hungerford, b Cook	2
Corporal Kirkham, not out	2
Second-Lieutenant Carless, run out	5
Extras	13
Total	149

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PORTSMOUTH.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

At a meeting held at Eastney on the 1st July, it was decided to enter the following Cups and Leagues:—

1st Team—Hants League, U.S. League, Div. I., Hants Senior Cup, Victory Cup, U.S. Charity Cup, Amateur Cup, Gosport Hospital Cup, Portsmouth, Trafalgar and Navy Cup, English Cup. 2nd Team—Gosport League, U.S. League, Div. II., Hants Intermediate Cup.

WATER POLO.

Results—1st Division Team.

v. H.M.S. "Vernon"	lost 6—1
v. H.M.S. "Excellent"	won 4—2
v. R.N. Barracks	lost 5—0
v. H.M.S. "Dolphin"	won 3—1

2nd Division Team.

v. H.M.S. "Vernon"	won 6—1
v. H.M.S. "Fisgard"	lost 2—1
v. H.M.S. "Excellent"	won 7—3
v. Electrical Engineers	lost 3—2
v. R.N. Barracks	lost 5—1
v. H.M.S. "Champion"	won 6—0

SWIMMING.

Corporal A. H. Dockerty, R.M., won the Portsmouth Garrison Swimming Championship for 1924.

CRICKET.

Major R. A. D. Brooks, D.S.O., was selected to play for the combined Services against the South Africans, at Portsmouth, on the 9th, 11th and 12th August.

ROYAL MARINES v. OLD CLIFTONIANS.

Played at Eastney, August 11th, 1924.

ROYAL MARINES.

First Innings.

Major Coode, c Holloway, b Meakin	23
Marine James, c Kiegwin, b Cook	1
Captain Cornish, c and b Meakin	22
Lieut. Wills, lbw, b Meakin	0
Captain Mercer, b Kiegwin	56
Colonel Cantrell, not out	73
Captain Heathcote, run out	9
Sergeant Smith, b Kent	4
Captain Bishop, b Meakin	10
Captain Eastman, b Kiegwin	24
Marine Bennett, b Cook	0
Extras	18
Total	240

OLD CLIFTONIANS.

First Innings.

R. F. Holloway, b Mercer	33
A. D. Linley, b Eastman	30
W. M. Hampton, b Cantrell	21
T. Miller, b Mercer	20
R. P. Kiegwin, c Mercer, b Eastman	21
G. W. Holloway, c Bennett, b Eastman	21
H. N. Kent, c Bishop, b Mercer	5
Lt.-Com. E. W. Sinclair, c Wills, b Mercer	0
W. W. Twyne, not out	6
L. C. Cook, b Eastman	6
C. Meakin, b Eastman	6
Extras	27
Total	196

ROYAL MARINES.

Second Innings.

Major Coode, b Keigwin	18
Marine James, st Meakin	35
Captain Cornish, b Keigwin	2
Captain Mercer, c Lindley, b Meakin	7
Captain Heathcote, run out	1
Lieut. Wills, c Lindley, b Meakin	0
Colonel Cantrell, c Lindley, b Meakin	23
Captain Eastman, b Keigwin	5
Captain Bishop, b Keigwin	12
Sergt. Smith, not out	1
Marine Bennett, c Twyne, b Keigwin	1
Extras	8
Total	113

OLD CLIFTONIANS.

Second Innings.

A. D. Lindley, c Heathcote, b Mercer	65
R. F. Holloway, lbw, b Cantrell	1
W. M. Hampton, not out	68
T. Miller, c Cantrell, b Mercer	12
Extras	13
Total 3 wickets	159

On July 23rd the W.O.'s, Royal Marines, played the W.O.'s, R.N. Barracks. Our Warrant Officers won by 5 runs.

The following matches were played at Eastney on July 9th, 16th and 26th, respectively:—Sergeants' Mess *v.* Borough Police; Royal Marines *v.* Southsea C.C.; Royal Marines *v.* Commercial Travellers. Our opponents won in each case.

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PLYMOUTH.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Association Football at this Division seems to have a much brighter outlook for this season. Fortunately, Corpls. Pollitt and Stratton, Mnes. Shewbrook and Broad, are again available, and with the new men we ought to have a fairly good first eleven.

We have entered the Plymouth and District League Div. I, the United Service League Div. I, and the Devon Senior Cup Competition.

Our Reserves will participate in the Devon Wednesday Football League Div. I, and the Devon Wednesday Cup Competition.

Any players joining this Division are requested to give their names in to the Secretary (Corpl. R. P. Wheeler) or to any of the Association Football Committee on arrival.

Corpl. W. Pollitt has been selected as Captain of the First Eleven for the season 1924-25.

The First Eleven will play in the new Regimental colours, the Reserve Team taking their old colours.

DEPOT.

CRICKET.

DEPOT R.M. v. EAST KENT RAMBLERS.

Played at Deal on 5th August.

EAST KENT RAMBLERS.

Colonel Gray, b Hunton	8
H. G. Dereham, b Hunton	7
R. C. Joy, c Henwood, b Hunton	21
C. A. Bridgland, c Shine, b O'Donnell	14
A. V. Marum, lbw, b Hunton	6
J. A. Head, b Hunton	19
Major Callander, b Hunton	0
J. Gardener, b O'Donnell	4
G. R. Hunt, run out	11
D. F. Coburn, c and b Hunton	12
H. Cramer Roberts, not out	5
Extras	5
Total ...	112

DEPOT R.M.

Musician Mallard, b Marum	22
Lieutenant-Colonel Shine, c Gray, b Callander	9
Captain Congdon, st Dereham, b Marum	96
Lieutenant Smith, c Coburn, b Callander	8
Major Yeo, c Coburn, b Callander	3
Lieutenant O'Donnell, st Dereham, b Roberts	99
Lieutenant Gordon, b Callander	0
Major Hunton, b Callander	8
Lieutenant Cutler, b Hunt	1
Lieutenant Scott, b Callander	9
Sergeant Henwood, not out	6
Extras	9
Total ...	270

Depot won by 158 runs.

DEPOT R.M. v. FREE FORESTERS XI.

Played at Deal on 11th and 12th August, 1924.

DEPOT R.M.

1st Innings.

Lieutenant-Colonel Shine, c Holloway, b Stanley	8
Captain Congdon, b Holloway	22
Major Hunton, b Holloway	0
Musician Mallard, b Stanley	3
Lieutenant O'Donnell, b Holloway	9
Major Yeo, st Cholmeley, b Stanley	2
Lieutenant Gordon, b Holloway	8
Lieutenant Smith, c Norris, b Holloway	0
Sergeant Henwood, b Holloway	27
Marine Williams, b Holloway	6
Captain Spraggett, not out	2
Extras	13
Total ...	100

2nd Innings.

Musician Mallard, b Stanley	11
Lieutenant Smith, b Holloway	2
Captain Congdon, c and b Holloway	0
Lieutenant O'Donnell, b Holloway	4
Major Yeo, b Holloway	57
Captain Spraggett, b Holloway	0
Lieutenant-Colonel Shine, c Joy, b Holloway	25
Lieutenant Gordon, c Joy, b Stanley	1
Sergeant Henwood, b Holloway	0
Major Hunton, not out	38
Marine Williams, c Cholmeley, b Norris	0
Extras	13
Total ...	151

FREE FORESTERS.

1st Innings.

Captain Wilkins, c Yeo, b Hunton	61
R. Cholmeley, c Mallard, b Henwood	22
R. C. Joy, b Hunton	32
C. Phillips-Cole, b Henwood	15
Major Master, b Hunton	6
K. B. Stanley, b Hunton	8
L. B. Wimble, b Henwood	0
Lieutenant J. Holloway, not out	14
A. O. Snowdon, c Congdon, b Hunton	3
Colonel Gray, b Henwood	1
T. P. Norris, b Henwood	5
Extras	6
Total ...	173

2nd Innings.

Captain Wilkins, c Spraggett, b Henwood	104
R. Cholmeley, st Smith, b O'Donnell	67
R. C. Joy, b O'Donnell	24
C. Phillips-Cole, c Shine, b Spraggett	17
Major Master, c Yeo, b Spraggett	5
K. B. Stanley, b Spraggett	0
A. O. Snowdon, c Yeo, b Williams	22
Colonel Gray, not out	10
T. P. Norris, not out	67
Extras	23
Total ...	339

L. B. Wimble, Lieut. J. Holloway, did not bat.

Free Foresters won by 10 wickets. The game was continued till 5.30 p.m.

DEPOT R.M. v. THE BAND OF BROTHERS.

Played at Deal on 13th and 14th August.

DEPOT R.M.

1st Innings.

Lieutenant-Colonel Shine, c Hardinge, b Cremer	5
Major Tuke, st Hardinge, b Weigall	6
Captain Congdon, lbw, b Green	83
Musician Mallard, b Beeching	15
Lieutenant O'Donnell, run out	6
Major Yeo, c Hardinge, b Green	18
Major Hunton, c Hardinge, b Green	15
Lieutenant Gordon, lbw, b Norman	0
Lieutenant Smith, not out	3
Sergeant Henwood, b Norman	1
Captain Spraggett, c Tylden, b Green	2
Extras	2
Total ...	156

2nd Innings.

Lieutenant-Colonel Shine, c Cremer, b Green	0
Major Tuke, c Hardinge, b Norman	0
Captain Congdon, c Turner, b Norman	46
Musician Mallard, b Garnier	41
Lieutenant O'Donnell, c Turner, b Beeching	109
Major Yeo, st Hardinge, b Garnier	16
Major Hunton, c Hardinge, b Beeching	4
Lieutenant Gordon, not out	9
Lieutenant Smith, not out	14
Extras	16
Total ...	255

Innings declared.

Sergt. Henwood, Capt. Spraggett did not bat.

BAND OF BROTHERS.

1st Innings.

F. G. Turner, c Yeo, b Hunton	0
T. H. P. Beeching, c Hunton, b O'Donnell	7
H. L. Cremer, c Tuke, b Henwood	44
Capt. Hon. A. Hardinge, c Congdon, b Hunton	18
R. L. Marriot, c Smith, b Henwood	16
C. L. Norman, c Henwood, b Hunton	1
L. Weigall, b Henwood	55
I. R. T. Tylden, b Hunton	61
R. B. Bannon, run out	14
Major W. K. Garnier, not out	7
G. H. W. Green, lbw, b O'Donnell	7
Etxras	14
Total	244

2nd Innings.

F. G. Turner, c Yeo, b Henwood	13
T. H. P. Beeching, b Henwood	3
H. L. Cremer, c Spraggett, b Henwood	28
Captain Hon. A. Hardinge, b O'Donnell	16
R. L. Marriot, c Yeo, b Hunton	18
C. L. Norman, not out	39
L. Weigall, c Smith, b Hunton	4
R. B. Bannon, c Tuke, b Hunton	0
Major W. K. Garnier, not out	2
Extras	13
Total	136

I. R. T. Tylden, G. H. W. Green did not bat.

Match drawn. Depot declared in 2nd innings, leaving B.B. one hour and 35 minutes to get 188 runs.

The following matches were played at Deal:—

26th July.—Depot R.M. v. St. Lawrence College. Match drawn. Depot declared for 7 wickets. Col. Shine made 83, Major Yeo 63.

30th July.—Depot R.M. v. Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Depot won by 235 runs. Declared for 7 wickets. Musn. Mallard made 78, Capt. Brooke-Short 77, Lieut. Gordon 51.

10th August.—Depot R.M. v. St. Lawrence XI. Depot won by 177 runs. Col. Shine made 116, Musn. Mallard 59.

23rd July.—Depot R.M. v. Cavalry Depot, Canterbury. Played at Canterbury. Cavalry Depot won by 37 runs. Musn. Mallard made 56.

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WATER POLO.

The following matches have been played:—Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Tamar," 5; Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Carlisle," 1. Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Tamar," 3; H.M.S. "Foxglove," 0. Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Tamar," 4; "D" Coy. E. Surreys, 1.

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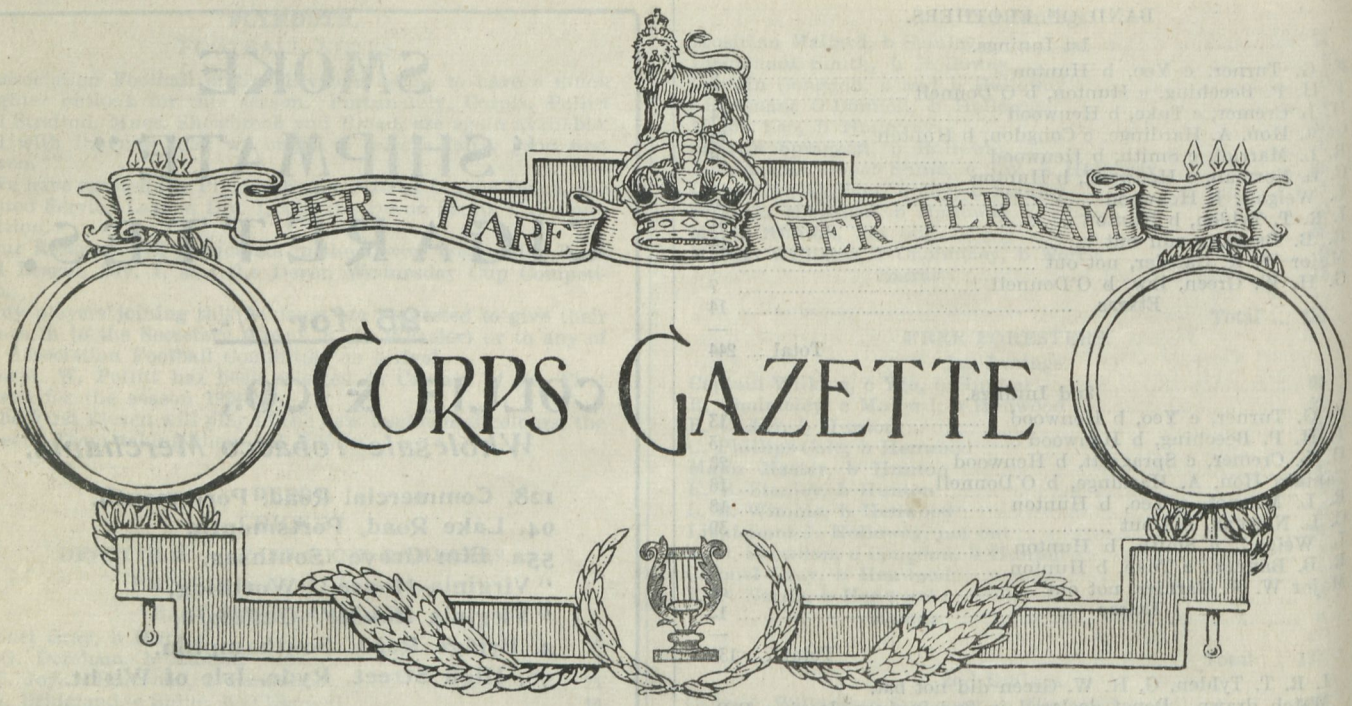

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The decoration of the Order of Aviz, 5th class (Cavalheiro), has been conferred on Lieut. C. Luxmoor by the President of the Portuguese Republic. His Majesty the King has granted restricted permission to Lieut. Luxmoor to wear the decoration.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Maj.-Gen. Gerald R. Poole, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., to Lt.-Gen., vice Conway Gordon, 8.7.24.

Col.-Comdt. Picton Phillips, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., to Major-General, vice Poole, 8.7.24.

Col. 2nd Comdt. John B. Finlaison, C.M.G., Po., to Col.-Comdt., vice Phillipps, 8.7.24.

Lt.-Col. Percy Molloy, Deal, to Col. 2nd Comdt., vice Finlaison, 8.7.24.

Col.-Comdt. John B. Finlaison, C.M.G., R.M., is awarded a Good Service Pension of £150 (one hundred and fifty pounds) per annum, vice Phillipps.

Major D. L. Forster, D.S.O., apptd. Drafting Officer, Portsmouth, vice Cantrell, 8.9.24.

Capt. W. Bashall, apptd. to the Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty, 28.7.24.

Lieut. S. Cutler, apptd. to the Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty.

The following are appointed Proby. 2nd Lieuts. and posted to R.M. Divisions as stated against their names:—Campbell R. Hardy, Po.; Mervyn Archdall, Ply.; Gerald K. Martyn, Po.; Halford D. Fellowes, Po.; James L. Moulton, Ply.; Adolphus J. Harvey, Ch.; Robert W. B. Simonds, Ch.; Joseph P. Phillipps (Service R.M. Commission for 1924), Ch.; Geoffrey F. Burnett, Ply. All posted 1.9.24.

An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between the undermentioned officers:—From Plymouth to Chatham, Acting R.M. Gunner S. Parry. From Chatham to Plymouth, Acting R.M. Gunner R. Yea.

The Rev. William H. Maundrell, M.A., Chaplain, R.N., is appointed to H.M.S. "Victory," addl., for Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines. Dated 5th Sept., 1924.

Capt. Evan J. Hughes, O.B.E., Ply., A.I. of Gunnery (tempy.) vice Lambert. 8.9.24.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

In consequence of re-organisation of Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets the following appointments are notified:—

H.M.S. "**Revenge**" (Flag of C.-in-C. Atlantic Fleet).—Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. B. C. Gardiner, C.B., to transfer from H.M.S. "**Queen Elizabeth**"; Capt. C. Brown, Lieut. L. Priestley, R.M. Gunner H. Pearcey to remain in ship, Bandmr. (W.O.) F. Radcliffe to embark.

H.M.S. "**Queen Elizabeth**" (Flag of C.-in-C. Mediterranean).—Major H. Blaint, D.S.O., to transfer from H.M.S. "**Iron Duke**"; Capt. C. Sparrow to transfer from H.M.S. "**Iron Duke**"; Lieut. R. Giles, R.M. Gunner J. Dean to remain in ship.

H.M.S. "**Iron Duke**" (Flag of V.A. 3rd B.S. Mediterranean).—Major G. Kendle to transfer from H.M.S. "**Benbow**"; Capt. V. Thomas to embark.

H.M.S. "**Barham**" (Flag of R.A. 1st B.S. Mediterranean).—Major J. Washington, vice Jolly, 29.8.24; Capt. E. Unwin, vice Edwards, 29.8.24.

H.M.S. "**Benbow.**"—Capt. A. Whitworth to transfer from H.M.S. "**Queen Elizabeth.**"

Capt. A. M. Robertson to H.M.S. "**Delhi,**" vice Macnair-Smith on becoming a private ship.

The Officers for H.M.S. "**Ramillies**" on re-commissioning will be Capt. R. MacDonnell to embark, Lieuts. E. Dunn and D. Grey to transfer from H.M.S. "**Warspite,**" Actg. R.M. Gunner R. Yea to embark.

The Officers for H.M.S. "**Marlborough**" on recommissioning will be Capt. A. Harris, Lieuts. R. Lansdale and H. Blandford now in ship to remain, Actg. R.M. Gunner G. Parry to embark.

Lieut. Wrangham to H.M.S. "**Cape Town**" on recommissioning, 6.10.24.

Capt. H. de Berry to H.M.S. "**Hawkins,**" vice Bagot.

Lieut. T. A. Smythe to H.M.S. "**Carlisle,**" vice Hoar.

Lieut. A. Warren to H.M.S. "**Vindictive,**" vice Smythe.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The undermentioned Officers have been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course at the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth, commencing 5th September, ending 11th September, 1924:—Major G. Matthew, Major W. Jolly and Major (Bt. Lt.-Col.) G. Orde.

The undermentioned Officers have been selected to attend the course in Rifle and Light Automatics, which commences at the S.A.S., Hythe, on 1st September, ending 14th November:—Capts. F. W. Dewhurst, J. Cornish and E. J. Brockman, Lieuts. C. Kitchen, W. Nonweiler and C. Edwards.

Capts. T. Sandall and S. Hayman have been selected to attend the Battery Commander's Course commencing 30th August, ending 11th October, 1924.

The undermentioned Officers have been selected to attend the Vicker's Machine Gun Instructor's Course (officers), commencing at the S.A.S., Browndown, 16th September, ending 17th October, 1924:—Capts. W. Bashall, G. Campbell, J. Tuppen, R. Spraggett, M.C., Lieuts. T. Smythe and A. Warren.

The undermentioned Officers completed the Senior Officers' Course, Sheerness, on 16th August, 1924:—Lieut.-Col. Richard V. T. Ford, C.B.E., R.M., Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. Lewis C. Lampen, R.M.

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EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

The undermentioned Officers passed for promotion in subject (a) at Malta, on 7th March, 1924:—Lieut. John L. L. Rees, R.M., Lieut. Reginald C. Bullock, R.M., Lieut. Cecil L. Barcroft, R.M., Lieut. John C. Westall, R.M., Lieut. Harold E. Balls, R.M., Lieut. Robert M. Giddy, R.M., Lieut. Robert H. Donaldson, R.M.

Captain William R. P. Boultbee, R.M., passed subject (c) for promotion to the rank of Major at an examination held at Portsmouth, 24-26 July, 1924.

The undermentioned Officers passed in subject (c) for promotion at the examination held at Dover on 30-31 July, 1924:—Captain Frederick A. Hamer, R.M., Captain Charles H. Congdon, R.M.

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CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Clerk, Paymaster's Office, Deal, Sergt. E. Venables; Mess Butler, Officers' Mess, Chatham, Mne. H. Chilton; Mess Attendant, Officers' Mess, Mne. W. C. Emery; Groom to Lt.-Col. Ford, Mne. W. J. Webb; R.M. Infirmary, Corpl. G. Watts; Attendant to Major Pope, Mne. S. R. Baker; Boat's Crew, Mne. W. Skells; Corpl. Cook, Corpl. J. N. Castle; Training as Shoemaker, Mne. C. W. Ellis; Training as Electricians, Mnes. J. Cooper, L. K. Kelly, J. V. Rossiter and A. E. Lines; Painter, Works Dept., Mne. S. H. Fuller; Engineman at Depot, R.M., Mne. E. G. Brown; Attendant to Capt. Parker, Mne. B. Franks; Motor Driver, Mne. E. G. Riddiford; Plumber, Works Dept., Mne. A. Ferris; Storeman, 1st Qr. Mr., Mne. A. G. Blackburn; Storeman, 2nd Qr. Mr., Mne. J. Riddle; G.I. on Gun Battery Staff, Clr.-Sergt. T. G. Kemp, *vice* Corpl. Voller, embarked; Senior Printer, Corpl. C. L. Williamson, and apptd. Act.-Sergt.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Pembroke,**" H. J. Milton, J. C. Redford, P. A. Bundock, H. J. Hillsdon, F. Plunkett; "**Colombo,**" A. Wilson, J. Brown, W. E. Feilding, S. C. Voller, J. Short, E. W. Parker, W. A. Taylor, H. J. Varney, A. Chatterton, C. F. Crisp, H. F. A. Clark, F. V. Press, G. W. Cromack, C. B. Walker, J. W. Carter, T. E. Cogger, C. M. Fally, S. G. Clare, J. W. C. Ing, F. C. Chandler, C. E. Brown, A. E. Williams, H. W. Mitchell, G. J. Harmer, W. J. Trewick, W. E. Upton, A. G. Harman, W. C. A. Fuller, C. Hemmett; "**Hawkins,**" A. G. Jones; "**Vulcan,**" H. J. Dagg; "**Ajax,**" J. S. Hughes, G. W. Sharpe; "**Royal Sovereign,**" S. Roberts, E.R. H. H. Hall, W. Cardwell, W. N. Milson, R. R. N. Goatley; "**Caledon,**" A. E. C. Fordham, W. Callingham; "**Revenge,**" B. L. Russell; "**President,**" H. W. Palmer; "**Impregnable,**" Benjamin Frank; "**Tiger,**" C. V. Farthing, C. H. Walker, A. G. Prince; "**Blenheim,**" C. W. Braybrook, J. H. E. Hewlett; "**Calypso,**" A. S. Carn; **Shotley T.E.,** A. Gale.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Centurion,**" C. L. Williamson; "**Despatch,**" H. A. Cook; "**Weymouth,**" F. Rumbold; "**President,**" A. Taylor; "**Ramillies,**" M. G. Hayter; "**Columbine,**" A. G. Blackburn; "**Royal Sovereign,**" H. Tarbottom, C. Potter, G. W. Brown, L. Kerley; "**Vulcan,**" G. Keeley; "**Ajax,**" W. Pettinger, E. G. Riddiford; "**Blenheim,**" G. H. Dennis, H. W. Perfitt; "**Caledon,**" L. P. Staunton; "**Royal Oak,**" A. J. Jones.

DISCHARGES.

Invalided, J. A. C. Bowles, F. W. Kempton, A. Smith, J. J. White, J. Heliwell, W. J. Rushbrook, T. W. A. Haynes, A. Vale, A. C. Sandell, J. D. McLain, S. G. Matthews, F. Hill, W. Kent. To Pension, R. Smith. Time Expired, F. C. Jefferies, J. Hedges. By Purchase, G. Smith.

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PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

Clr.-Sergt. A. C. H. Hewitt to Q.M.S., 3rd Q.M.'s Department.

EMBARKATIONS.

To—"**Victory,**" Sergt. A. C. Bishop, Buglr. W. F. White, Mnes. W. J. Pottinger, S. A. Plummer, I. H. Betsworth, F. E. Eatwell, R. A. Curtis, W. G. Ong, J. H. Hatfield, C. Elsey, A. Telford, L. C. Sage, T. E. Rees, J. E. Draper, W. Eatherden, J. Morris, K. Bishop; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Mne. P. C. Dobson; "**Fisgard,**" Corpl. J. P. L. Press, Mne. C. G. Barnett; "**Dolphin,**" Mnes. J. A. Strong, Geo. Frankham; "**Greenwich,**" Mne. H. R. Dear; "**Malaya,**" Mne. L. E. Rappe; "**Hermes,**" Mnes. F. Stubbington, A. Armitt, E. Smith; "**Dolphin,**" W. E. Marshall, F. James; "**Tiger,**" Mnes. A. E. Passell, J. F. Margan, J. R. Whitfield; "**Fisgard,**" Clr.-Sergt. H. J. Kinch.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

From—"**Dublin,**" Mnes. G. Horam, B. F. Hillier; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Mne. D. R. White; "**Fisgard,**" Corpl. J. Gardner, Mne. A. A. May; "**Conquest,**" Mne. W. M. Checketts; "**Benbow,**" Mne. E. V. Newport; "**Curacoa,**" Mne. Felix Kelly; "**Cardiff,**" Mne. W. P. Rose; "**Revenge,**" Mnes. Pepper, A. Early, W. Watkins; "**Hermes,**" Corpl. H. R. Stenning; "**Greenwich,**" Mne. J. W. Pranklin; "**Dolphin,**" Mnes. W. H. Roberts, Jack Grayer; "**Victory,**" Sergt. A. C. Bishop, Mnes. K. C. E. Bishop, W. T. Heathman, L. B. Hibberd, W. J. Pottinger, S. A. Plummer, I. H. Betsworth, F. E. Eatwell, R. A. Curtis, W. G. Ong, J. H. Hatfield, A. Telford, C. Elsey, L. C. Sage, T. E. Rees, W. A. Eatherden, J. Draper, J. Morris, Buglr. W. F. White; "**Dolphin,**" Mnes. J. H. Avey, H. Piggott; "**Impregnable,**" Mne. W. P. Inggs; "**Fisgard,**" Clr.-Sergt. B. H. Barrett, "**President,**" Mne. F. E. V. Gale.

TRANSFERS.

From Chatham to Portsmouth.

Corpl. F. A. Kenyon, Sergt. Culley.

DISCHARGES.

Mnes. John Carter, J. W. Franklin, Stone, Sergt. A. J. Warwick, Mnes. Southwell, A. J. White, Mark Underhill, Checketts.

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PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

From 16.7.24 to 15.8.24.

"**Resolution,**" Mnes W. Satchell, A. J. Parsons, E. C. Attwood, G. C. I. Lewis; "**Osprey,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. M. Beck, Corpl. R. Greenwood, Mne. H. Parsons; "**Thunderer,**" Corpl. L. J. Dyble, Mnes. W. Sillifant, A. A. Jones, W. Atkins; "**King George V,**" Mnes. W. C. Jones, T. Young, E. Phillips, G. A. Evans, R. Hole; "**Dartmouth,**" Mne. F. Nix; "**Colossus,**" Mnes. H. Barron, W. T. Wilkinson, R. Jacobs; "**Durban,**" Mne. J. Irving; "**Tamar,**" Sergts. W. J. Jarvis, C. J. Conway, Mnes. S. G. Mason, P. Whalin, R. P. R. Elliott; "**Cleopatra,**" Corpl. S. W. Wallbutton; "**Egmont,**" Sergt. C. R. Walsh; "**Impregnable,**" Mnes. F. Lawrence, A. E. Dominy, J. J. Gray, S. A. Gilbert.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

From 16.7.24 to 15.8.24.

H.M.S. "**Resolution,**" Mnes. W. H. Jeffery, H. G. Chambers, S. Youngson, W. E. Packwood; H.M.S. "**Valiant,**" Mne. C. H. Thyer; H.M.S. "**Osprey,**" Mne. S. J. Rorke; H.M.S. "**Cleopatra,**" Corpl. E. J. Humphries; H.M.S. "**Tamar,**" Mne. A. M. Moody; H. M. S. "**Impregnable,**" Mnes. F. Brailey, H. Hewitt; H.M.S. "**Thunderer,**" Mnes. E. J. Griffiths, F. T. Cory; H.M.S. "**King George,**" Mne. S. W. Berriman; **Depot, R. M. Deal,** Mnes. H. F. Brass, T. S. Liddington, R. J. Davies, J. H. Elliott, S. J. Veale, R. L. Williams, V. E. J. West, J. R. Robinson, J. Kealey, W. Harnwell, C. R. Hobbins, C. J. B. Young, W. F. Osborne, F. S. Sutherland, W. T. Cole, A. J. Garlick, G. Taylor; H.M.S. "**Revenge,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. W. Smith, Sergts. A. W. Race, H. J. Staunton, E. S. Jervis, J. Kilvington, A. E. Shimmings, A. C. Wilkins, Corpls. S. Stewart, H. H. Giles, H. J. Leese, B. Stubley, A. J. Quaintance, A. Branton, J. H. Clements, W. C. Nicholas, R. W. Edward, H. H. Tull, Mnes. E. Sutcliffe, J. Yeomans, R. P. Mashford, T. Docker, G. Sharp, J. H. Densham, J. Codd, H. M. Brown, H. J. Berryman, W. F. Campbell, C. J. Bray, E. J. Ward, M. Didcock, J. C. Hobbs, A. E. Chorchouse, E. E. Woon, A. E. Near, G. W. Soper, F. Horwell, J. C. Dormer, E. G. Camp, L. T. Discombe, M. A. Lockett, E. L. Beard, J. Mc Cullan, F. Stansbury, W. C. Bart, R. Moore, C. Wheeldon, E. G. Gibbons, T. R. Baker, P. M. Henderson, W. Colman, G.

Carslake, F. A. Freestone, R. J. Riching, J. W. Barton, A. Luke, H. Bollard, L. Martin, J. P. McDowell, W. J. Robinson, T. Price, A. Dean, H. Allen, H. McDonald, G. F. Roberts, J. R. Fry, C. H. Fisher, J. T. Old, T. H. Grinham, J. Swan, G. Stevens, R. S. Collett, C. Rampton, F. Conyears, W. J. Crook, L. W. Mallows, J. Rawsthorne, R. J. Brookes, G. W. Whitfield, F. Whiddon, J. M. Ryan, A. E. Baines, A. E. Whiting, A. E. Harris, J. Fleck, A. H. Burton, A. J. Westcott, L. Carmock, F. J. Grove, W. Leacock, H. Kelly, W. F. Williams, G. H. Hamer, T. Still, H. Ashcroft, F. E. Mullings, M. B. Sawyer, T. J. V. Finnis, J. J. Higham, P. H. Cray, H. O. Gardner, J. J. Longwell, R. Attwood, C. J. Pointer, W. J. Leadbitter, S. A. Farrant, H. F. Richards, M. P. Lyndon, F. A. Mewhort, S. Harrington, D. Gwynne, F. Chilcott, T. E. Lang, G. L. Watson, G. T. Dumbleton, J. Bicknell, F. J. F. Pinwell, E. Major, F. J. Gill, F. Hobbs, A. J. Haines, G. W. Pope, G. L. Graves, A. Brimilow, A. Garbett, T. C. Pope, R. C. Lamprell, A. E. Allnutt, J. W. Ellis, T. Murch, F. T. Hogarth, L. C. Lake, J. E. Hannan, R. J. Seelley, F. Partridge, W. Willetts, J. Baines, H. A. Chown, B. Davis, Buglrs. H. A. Rogers, W. H. Baker; H.M.S. "**Resolution,**" Mnes. W. Satchell, A. J. Parsons, E. C Attwood, G C. I. Lewis; "**Osprey,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. M. Beck, Corpl. R. Greenwood, Mne. H. Parsons; H.M.S. "**Thunderer,**" Corpl. L. J. Dyble, Mnes. W. Sillifant, A. A. Jones, W. Atkins; H.M.S. "**King George V.,**" Mnes. W. C. Jones, T. Young, E. Phillips, G. A. Evans, R. Hole; H.M.S. "**Dartmouth,**" Mne. F. Nix; H.M.S. "**Colossus,**" Mnes. H. Barron, W. T. Wilkinson, R. Jacobs; H.M.S. "**Durban,**" Mne. J. Irving; H.M.S. "**Tamar,**" Sergts. W. J. Jarvis, C. J. Conway, Mnes. S. G. Mason, P. Whalin, R. P. R. Elliott; H.M.S. "**Cleopatra,**" Corpl. S. W. Wallbutton; H.M.S. "**Egmont,**" Sergt. C. R. Walsh; H.M.S. "**Impregnable,**" Mnes. F. Lawrence, A. E. Dominy, J. J. Gray, S. A. Gilbert.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

Bandmaster 2nd Class C. J. L. Hamilton and J. N. Messer to Bandmasters 1st Class; Musicians A. A. Davies and R. O. Mullis to Band Corporals; Bandmaster 1st Class A. M. Knight to Q.M.S. i/c Stores.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boy S. C. Low to Musician on Embarkation.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior of each rank on the respective promotion Rosters:—

Bandmaster 2nd Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class).—G. W. Hooper, T. J. Cope, Edgar Robertson, G. C. Keen, F. T. Rose, Sydney Rendell.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—A. F. Bartlett, Sydney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler, V. C. Joyce.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporals).—S. G. Walkiden, J. H. Matthews, R. H. Mortimer, D. W. Green, P. D. Evans, W. C. Owens.

PROMOTION CLASS.

The following N.C. Officers commenced a Course of Instruction for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class on the 11th August, 1924:—Bandmaster 2nd Class (conditional) Cecil Cambridge, E. C. Aldridge, and Band Corporals A. F. Bartlett, Sydney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler, V. C. Joyce.

EMBARKATIONS.

H.M.S. "**Revenge,**" Musn. W. A. F. Pilton; H.M.S. "**Barham,**" Bandmaster 1st Class F. G. Stagg, Band Corporal R. E. Compton, Musns. T. W. Parnell, Harold Ward, E. W. Thomas, Eric Summers, H. H. Frisby, C. J. Lawrence, D. Z. Colls, T. J. Massey, W. G. Woodnutt, Harry Collier, A. E. Collier, A. J. Curd, S. H. Stevens, Frank Bloxham, S. C. Low; H.M.S. "**Victory**" (R.N.B.), Musn. Harold March; H.M.S. "**Revenge,**" F. M. Radcliffe, Bandmaster (W.O.), Musns. Joseph Livesey, S. F. Treend; H.M.S. "**Malaya,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class E. W. Donne, Band Corporal J. A. McCarthy, Musns. Wm. Sturtivant, Robert Morton, R. F. Lucas, John Ladyman, W. H. Baker, Wm. Howard, H. W. Powell, D. W. Green, James Kemp, Reginald Smith, Leonard Brown, V. R. Hales; H.M.S. "**Valiant,**" Musns. W. T. Cooper, G. J. Steele, C. E. Brand, H. W. Burley, J. H. Warnes, Fredk. Doy, S. A. Bushell, A. J. Frost, J. W. Sanders, W. A. J. Perry, W. G. Walker, W. E. Grimes.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

H.M.S. "**Malaya,**" Bandmaster 1st Class Henry Hoyte, Band Corpl. E. J. Hills, J. E. Scowen, C. W. T. Roffey, C. A. Watkins, A. L. Perratt, G. L. Herod, Percy Rooksby, A. H. Bennett, Albert Selway, T. C. Palfreman, J. J. Kiddle; H.M.S. "**Revenge,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class Harry Holwill, Band Corporals A. A. Davies, W. F. Overbury, Musns. W. A. F. Pilton, E. T. Evered, F. W. Grainger, C. J. Osman, J. C. Noyce, A. A. Boyes, George Winsor, George Naylor, L. C. Hill, C. H. Maisey, H. A. Ford, E. V. Mann; H.M.S. "**Barham,**" Bandmaster 1st Class Fredk. Skidmore, Band Corpl. W. R. Moore, Musns. Thomas Colbourn, A. J. Savins, Arthur Critchell, Peter Fitzpatrick, L. S. Bloxham, A. E. Booker, R. G. Page, Arthur Winepress, Stephen Douglas, J. W. Fairs, A. W. Smith, James Watts, A. J. Westaway, William Jones, J. T. Nash, A. G. Rogers; H.M.S. "**Revenge,**" Band Corporal V. C. Joyce; H.M.S. "**Royal Sovereign,**" Musn. Frank Wilkinson; H.M.S. "**Excellent,**" Band Corporal H. A. Butler.

DISCHARGES.

Bandmasters 1st Class R. W. Jenkins and Percy Hammond to Pension; Musn. B. C. T. Bunting "Having completed 1st Term of L.E."; Band Boy H. S. Green "Invalided."

R.M.O.C.A.

CHURCH PARADE.

The Annual Church Parade will take place on Sunday, September 21st. Parade in the Guildhall Yard at 10 a.m. and after inspection march to St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct for Divine Service. After Service proceed via Holborn Viaduct and Holborn to the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn and dismiss.

The band of Greenwich Royal Hospital School will attend and play. The offertory will be in aid of the Royal Seamen and Marines Orphan Homes, and a cordial invitation is extended to all officers and men.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual Dinner is fixed for Saturday, October 18th, at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square. Tickets 9s. 6d. each. Many distinguished guests will be present, and it is hoped to have representatives from all the Divisions in attendance. Applications for tickets can now be made to the Entertainment Secretary, R. G. Mullan, Supts. Office, Brady Street Dwellings, London, E.1.

DEATH.

BARR.—On the 9th August, 1924, at Nelson, New Zealand, Major E. H. Barr, D.S.O., R.M. (retired).

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st July, 1924.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death.*
Andrews, H.	Q.M.S.	Chat.	1174	16/7/24
Bird, J.	Pte.	Chat.	751	18/7/24
Corney, J.	Clr.-Sgt.	Ply.	5539	25/7/24
Davies, J.	Pte.	Ports.	505	16/7/24
Deex, W.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	10 Co.	25/7/24
Fergusson, J. J.	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	254	27/7/24
Harris, J.	Pte.	Ply.	1088	5/7/24
Hefferman, J.	Pte.	Chat.	284	16/7/24
Land, J.	Pte.	Ply.	3297	14/7/24
Lawrence, W.	Pte.	Ply.	291	8/7/24
Lee, J.	Pte.	Chat.	281	9/7/24
Moon, W.	Pte.	Ports.	3746	22/7/24
Rayfield, H. J.	Pte.	Chat.	7286	21/7/24
Toomer, J.	Pte.	Ports.	30 Co.	13/7/24

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The Globe & Laurel

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.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Summer was on Wednesday, last year. Those of our readers who are anxious not to miss it this year, should remember that, 1924 being a Leap year, summer will be on the 32nd of the month.

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Weather, or rather climate—because we don't have weather nowadays—was not, however, the burden of our monthly song; let us pass, therefore, to something more in keeping with our reputation for respectability.

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Prejudice dies hard, but it is dying. Advertisements were once a mere by-product of the newspapers, inserted, if there was room, in some odd corner. To-day, the newspaper may be said to be a by-product of advertising, since hardly any newspaper could exist without the advertisements which earn the greatest part of its revenue. On the other hand, numerous desirable products would not be produced at all if advertising did not exist to provide a sufficient market for them; and many new inventions would never be introduced did not advertising create the new want.

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Generally speaking, there is not one of us who would not be poorer and more ignorant if there were no advertising. Speaking from (under) the editorial hat—surrounded by pins, paste, paper, pencils, and other paraphernalia of our office—though we realise that man cannot live by bread alone, we feel we ought not to bite the hand that feeds us.

We commend these reflections to those who may think we should have preserved our pages from the intrusion of the advertiser. At the same time, we assure them that no effort will be spared to maintain the highest possible æsthetic standard in the general production of the Corps Journal.

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Our versatile artist, "Col," has surpassed himself in the production this month of a very fine heading for the Corps Gazette. We take this opportunity of thanking him for all the work he has done for the "Globe and Laurel" in the past—and for all we hope he will do for it in the future!

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We congratulate Sergt. J. Booth on the creditable manner in which he acquitted himself in attempting to save from drowning a 3-year-old child. An extract from Divisional Orders dealing with this matter appears on page 141.

CARTOONS.

The following coloured cartoons have been issued recently in the "Globe and Laurel."—(1923), December—Gen. Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., R.M.; (1924), January—Sergt. E. H. Wood, R.M.; February—Maj.-Gen. A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., R.M.; March—Clr.-Sergt. J. Ponsford, R.M.; May—Capt. C. H. Congdon, R.M.; July—Maj.-Gen. Picton Phillips, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., R.M.; September—Pte. Tom Harding, R.M. Copies of the "Globe and Laurel," with cartoons, may be had on application, price 4d. each, post free.

PER MARE

MEDITERRANEAN.

H.M.S. "Caradoc."

The Mediterranean Fleet left Malta on the 17th of June for the second part of their summer cruise. Their departure was witnessed by a large number of people who lined the Barraca and the breakwater.

Manœuvres were carried out until Naples was reached two days later.

During our stay there, many officers and men visited Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. The Roman Catholics had the opportunity of going to Rome for a 3-day trip, and they all returned very pleased at having had an interview with the Pope and at having been able to see Saint Peter's, the largest church in the world. They also had a quick trip round the big places of Rome.

On the 4th day of our stay we illuminated ship, and on the following night gave a searchlight display.

On the 25th, the Light Cruisers left for Leghorn and arrived there on the following day. Here one had a good chance to visit Pisa, with its big Cathedral and its leaning tower (one of the seven wonders of the world).

Our next stop was a very pretty place called Rapallo. It is a holiday resort of Italy, and whilst we were there we had the opportunity of witnessing the "Battle of Flowers." The Squadron Water Polo Team won 5—2 against a club from shore, but our Football Team was less fortunate, losing 3—2 in a very exciting match. After 4 days at Rapallo we sailed for Genoa, where we stayed 5 days and held sports and swimming contests.

During this cruise, pulling boats went away at all times of the day. When we got to Aranci Bay, however, it was far more comfortable for the crews, as there was less traffic.

Our next stop was at Palermo, where we stopped 6 days. We then left for manœuvres with the Fleet.

On the 21st August, the Fleet, less "Marlborough," arrived at Corfu, where we spent two days on the Fleet Regatta, in ideal weather conditions.

Some splendid pulling was witnessed, especially in the Marines' Cutters race of 2 miles, for the Ramillies Cup, in which the "E of I". Marines were easy winners; "Calypso," 2nd; "Ceres," 3rd. In the Whalers race for the Light Cruisers, "Concord" took 1st place, with "Caradoc" 2nd, and "Cardiff" 3rd.

H.M.S. "E of I" took the Battleships Aggregate Cup, and H.M.S. "Caradoc" took the Light Cruisers Aggregate Cup.

On the 28th, the Fleet left for Malta, and arrived there on August 30th. The "E of I" and "Calypso" went on to Egypt to relieve the "Marlborough," which is paying off.

T. W. A. STANFORD,
Corporal, R.M.

8/9/24.

H.M.S. "Cardiff."

Below is a photo of a Football Challenge Cup which has recently been added to the Official List of Cups for Annual Competition on the Mediterranean Station. The following is a short description of how it came into existence, and the conditions governing the Competition.

At the end of the Season 1922-23, the Detachment of H.M.S. "Centaur" approached me, through Captain C. Q. Parsons, with the suggestion that an Annual Football competition should be held among the R.M. Detachments of the 3rd Light Cruiser Squadron, and volunteered to subscribe £2 towards a cup if all the other Detachments in the Squadron would agree to subscribe not less than £1 10s. each. A meeting was called and all Ships agreed to the proposal.

The Competition was held for the first time in the late part of the 1923-24 season, and was won by the Detachment of H.M.S. "Calypso." Medals were presented at the end of the Final, but the Cup itself did not materialise until after the season was over.

The far side of the cup in the photograph is inscribed "Presented by Royal Marines, 3rd Light Cruiser Squadron, 1922-23." It will be noticed, however, that the Cup is inscribed "Mediterranean Light Cruisers" and **not** "3rd Light Cruiser Squadron," and the Rules governing the competition allow of its being competed for by any Cruiser on the Mediterranean Station. The rules for the forthcoming season allow for the possibility of the 1st Cruiser Squadron being out here in time for them to take part in the Competition, which, owing to the limited number of grounds available, has to be on the "knock-out" system.

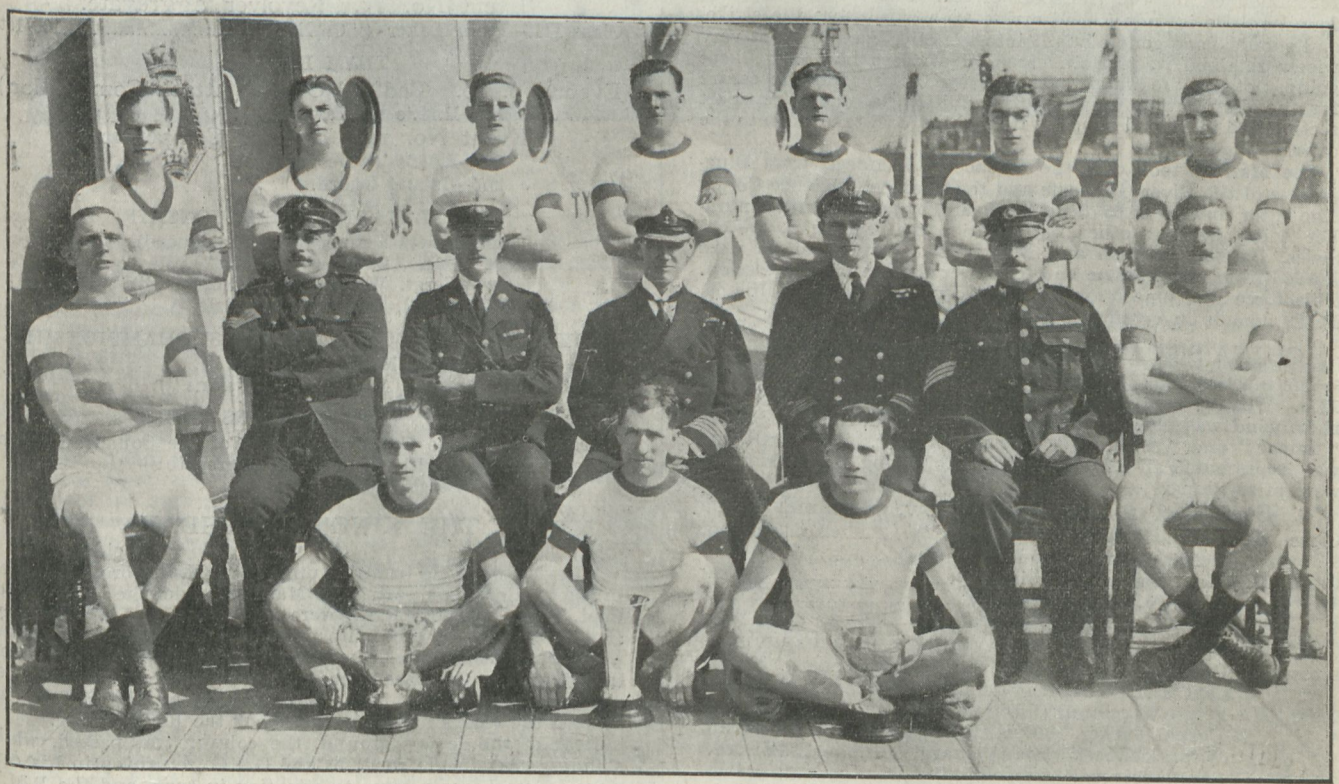
At present each Detachment is represented on the Committee by its own elected Member, and the Chairman of the Committee is an R.M. Officer from a Cruiser elected by a majority of votes from all the Detachments.

The Annual Expenses (e.g. medals) are met by a small subscription from each Detachment voted by the Committee. As far as this coming season is concerned the 3rd Cruiser Squadron have voted the necessary sum to give Medals to Winners and runners-up, so if any more ships join, their subscription can be used either to reduce the amount required from each Detachment, or to build up a small reserve for future seasons.

11/9/24. C. B. MULLINS.

ATLANTIC.

H.M.S. CARYSFORT.—ROYAL MARINES CUTTER'S CREW.



Willis, Photographer, Chatham.

Back Row:—Mnes. A. W. Edwards, H. Hillier, F. G. Rickard, Cpl. Hallett, Mnes. C. F. Clark, W. J. Hall, S. C. Trippick.
Middle Row:—Cpl. W. C. Brown, Sgt. W. Southall, Lt. C. M. G. Luxmoore, R.M., Capt. E. C. Boyle, V.C., R.N., Lt.-Comdr. R. J. Rivett-Carnac, D.S.O., R.N., Sgt. J. Fitch (Cox.), Mne. E. G. Smith (Stroke).
Front Row :—Mnes. W. Aspin, W. Paisley, R. O. Allen.
Cups :—King's Cup, 1924. Squadron Cup, 1923 and 1924. All Comers Cup.

AFRICA.

H.M.S. "Birmingham."

The "Birmingham" left Simonstown on July 28th for a cruise up the West Coast. A considerable time was spent at Elephant Bay, and during our stay there the Inter-part Regatta was held. A cup is in the ship, presented by the Royal Warwickshire Regiment for this competition. It was won by the R. Marines, most deservedly, for they have been most assiduous and keen in practising for this event. They won the final in the whaler after having pulled in two previous races on the same day. The R. Marines also won the gig and galley race, one and a half miles, being about a quarter of a mile ahead across the finishing line. The names of the winning crew are:—Sergt. Small, Mnes. Rogers, Bond, Kellard, A. Ellis, Barker, and Stonham.

On our return to Simonstown about September 15th, we shall have a busy time before we go into Dockyard hands on November 15th. Gunnery and torpedo exercises have to be carried out, sports and cross-country races held, and the annual regatta.

Fortunately, we are not going further north than Boma during this West Coast cruise. At this time of the year the heat there is quite bearable. The pilot arrived on board off Banana at the entrance to the Congo River this morning, and as he came up the gangway he was reported by the R. Marine bugler to have said, "Oui, nous n'avons pas de bananes."

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

21st August, 1924.

CHINA.

Canton,
July.

Royal Marines are again at Canton. During June the Governor-General of Indo-China paid a visit to Canton and during a dinner given in his honour by the French community of Shameen, a bomb was thrown through the window of the hotel. It missed assassinating the Governor, but killed 5 Frenchmen and one lady, and seriously wounded several more.

Drastic regulations were drawn up by the French and British Councils regarding the movements of Chinese in Shameen, which resulted in a general strike taking place on July 15th. All Chinese employees of foreigners, including the police, left Shameen, and a boycott commenced. This naturally led to a serious state of affairs in Shameen, where people rely on Chinese for all practical domestic work.

Royal Marines from H.M.S. Tamar were ordered to Canton at once. On arrival, an extraordinary but somewhat humorous state of affairs presented itself. Business had almost ceased, communal kitchens were being organised, and many kinds of transport were being pressed into service. Shameen is a small island connected to the city of Canton by two bridges, and is rather like a private park. There are no roads, only sidewalks, and the only mechanical transport allowed is the bicycle. In south China all land transport is by coolie carriers, and in a large city such as Canton the only wheeled vehicles to be seen are rickshaws, a few bicycles, and fewer motor cars. Consequently, the 600 residents of Shameen found themselves forced

to transport all their own supplies, without adequate means of doing so. Nearly all residents produced perambulators, some of which looked as if they might have been used in the days of the later Mings; a less efficient vehicle was the scooter, not recommended for the transport of ice. One motor lorry was found on the island; it had arrived the day before the strike, and should have gone straight into the city, but the agent very wisely retained it. Certain essential services had to be kept going, notably the waterworks, the ice factory and the centre for the distribution of food. In addition, a water transport section had to unload supplies from ships, and take them to the distributing centre.

The Marines took over the defence of Shameen from Bluejackets of the River Gunboats and the Shameen Defence Corps. The latter consists of 65 of the residents, by far the largest number being British; other nationalities are American, Dutch, Swiss, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian. French sailors were landed from the Craonne and took over the French Concession. This force was placed under the orders of Captain Williams, R.M., who is in command ashore.

CHINA SQUADRON RIFLE MEETING, 1924.

The meeting took place at Wei-hai-wei between July 7th and 12th. Weather conditions were favourable except that a strong right wind was blowing all the week. The Marines of H.M.S. "Tamar" and "Ambrose" were not present. The Corps was well represented in all events. The following Royal Marines were prize-winners:—

Event No. 1. 200 Yards Slow, 7 Rounds.

Class II.—Corpl. Burgess ("Despatch") .....30 2nd.
Sergt. Kennedy (Island Guard) .....30 4th.
Class III.—Mne. Baker ("Carlisle") .....33 1st.
Mne. Miles ("Carlisle") .....33 2nd.
Mne. Stone ("Diomede") .....31 4th.

Event No. 2. Rapid and Wantage. 10 Rounds.

Class I.—Capt. Quinlan, R.M. (Island Guard) .....32 1st.
Capt. Puckle, R.M. ("Diomede") .....31 2nd.
Class II.—Sergt. Wigginton ("Diomede") .....38 1st.
Corpl. Tucker ("Carlisle") .....33 2nd.
Sergt. Kennedy (Island Guard) .....31 3rd.
Sergt. Calver ("Despatch") .....31 4th.
Class III.—Mne. Clark ("Hawkins") .....35 3rd.
Mne. Carrington (Island Guard .....32 4th.
Class IV.—Mne. A. B. Clark ("Hawkins") .....25 1st.
Mne. Beasley ("Hawkins") .....25 2nd.

Event No. 3. 500 Yards. 7 Rounds.

Class II.—Sergt. Kennedy (Island Guard) .....33 1st.
Sergt. West (Island Guard) .....32 2nd.
Sergt. Lewthwaite (Island Guard) .....31 4th.
Class III.—Mne. Hosketh ("Diomede") .....32 1st.
Mne. Stone ("Diomede") .....31 2nd.
Mne. Coleman ("Diomede") .....31 3rd.
Mne. Baker ("Carlisle") .....31 4th.
Class IV.—Mne. A. B. Clark ("Hawkins") .....25 2nd.
Mne. Spender ("Hawkins") .....25 3rd.

Event No. 4. Fire with Movement. 10 Rounds.

Class II.—Corpl. Keir ("Despatch") .....41 2nd.
Sergt. Kennedy (Island Guard) .....40 3rd.
Sergt. McBrayne ("Despatch") .....40 4th.
Class III.—Mne. Baker ("Carlisle") .....42 2nd.
Class IV.—Mne. Blackah ("Diomede") .....36 1st.
Buglr. Snelling ("Despatch") .....32 3rd.

Event No. 5. 600 Yards Slow, 7 Rounds.

Class II.—Corpl. Burgess ("Despatch") .....29 4th.
Class III.—Mne. Fith ("Titania") .....32 1st.
Mne. Carrington (Island Guard) .....31 2nd.
Strugnell ("Carlisle") .....30 3rd.

Event 7. Highest Aggregate. Commander-in-Chief's Cup.

Sig. Harper ("Titania") 164
Class I.—Capt. Puckle, R.M. ("Diomede") .....140 2nd.
Class II.—Sergt. Kennedy (Island Guard) .....156 1st.
Sergt. Wigginton ("Diomede") .....151 2nd.
Class III.—Mne. Baker ("Carlisle") .....162 1st.
Mne. Carrington (Island Guard) .....149 2nd.
Mne. Hosketh ("Diomede") .....144 3rd.
Mne. Coleman ("Diomede") .....144 4th.
Class IV.—Mne. Clark ("Hawkins") .....118 2nd.

Event No. 13. Revolver.

Class III.—Mne. Baker ("Carlisle") .....56 1st.

Event No. 14. Revolver.

Class III.—Mne. Baker ("Carlisle") .....50 1st.

Event No. 15. Revolver Aggregate.

Class III.—Mne. Baker ("Carlisle") .....106 1st.

TEAM EVENTS.

Event No. 10. Bedford Cup. (Attack Competition).
1st—R.M.'s ("Hawkins").

Event No. 11. Defence Competition.
1st—R.M.'s ("Despatch").
2nd—Island Guard.

ROYAL MARINE CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st—Sergt. Kennedy (Island Guard).
2nd—Mne. Baker ("Carlisle").
3rd—Sergt. Wigginton ("Diomede").
4th—Corpl. Tucker ("Carlisle").

ROYAL MARINE YOUNG SOLDIERS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st—Mne. Miles ("Carlisle").
2nd—Mne. A. Clark ("Hawkins").

GUNNERY OFFICERS' CUP.

Presented by the Gunnery Officers of the Squadron to the Range Instructor with the highest aggregate:—
1st—Sergt. Kennedy.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

Wei-hai-wei.

A Review was held in which units of all H.M. Forces stationed in the territory took part. The Marines, under the command of Capt. D. Broadwood, R.M., were represented by a Company (less one platoon), each ship providing one platoon. Had the weather been boisterous, the naval contingent was to have been transported to the parade ground in submarines. The Officer Administering Government, accompanied by the S.N.O., inspected the troops and afterwards took the Royal Salute.

Clear of the review ground, the column was passed, while standing easy in the road, by the O.A.G. returning in his carriage. Detachments came to attention in turn, and the R.M.'s turn very nearly produced disastrous results, as the horse did a right-angled bolt over the ditch, and dislodged the occupants of the carriage with some violence.

FIELD DAY AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

On July 30th, the Royal Marines from the Fleet landed en masse and carried out an interesting scheme devised by the F.R.M.O.

An advanced guard consisting of Marines of Hawkins, Carlisle, Diomede and Despatch, under Lt.-Col. Darwall, had to dislodge or drive in a rear guard to a force retiring. The rear guard was composed of a platoon from Durban and a mixed platoon of Titania and Hawkins.

The sun shone brightly, and the troops taking part entered fully into the spirit of the scheme. We, the troops, had to climb up Mandarin Hill, and old China Marines know what that means on July 30th.

After a small spirited local counter-attack at 1100 hours, the stand-fast was sounded, and everyone, hot, wet through with honest sweat, and thirsty, marched back to their ships.

They do say that our Commander-in-Chief, standing in his garden and watching the general activity all along the front, met and easily repulsed (alone, and without assistance) a section of Royal Marines who gallantly leapt over his garden wall into the cabbage patch to try to "make good an important piece of ground."

The China Squadron, with the exception of H.M.S. Ambrose, is at Wei-hai-wei.

We have received no news from the following stations:—

N.A. and W.I.,
EAST INDIES,
AND
RESERVE FLEET.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

On 25th September, the Hon. Colonel-Commandant of the Chatham Division, General Sir W. T. Adair, K.C.B., paid his second visit to these Headquarters.

After inspecting the various classes under instruction at the Gun Battery Gymnasium, and Signal School, he was received with a general salute by the Detachment under orders for H.M.S. "Marlborough," and the Divisional Band. He then completed his inspection of the Division, and laid a wreath on the Memorial tablet to the Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Chatham Division who lost their lives in the Great War. General Adair was subsequently entertained to lunch in the Officers' Mess, and before leaving issued the following special order of the day:—

"My second visit to the Chatham Division to-day has been of a less formal nature than the last. But in visiting the Gun Battery, the Gymnasium and Signal School, and in seeing a detachment ready for embarkation I have had an insight into the practical working of an R.M. Headquarters which convinces me that the efficiency of the Corps fully keeps pace with the demands of the times."

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The following extract is from Chatham Divisional Orders of 18th September:—

"At an inquest recently held at Chatham the Jury highly commended the action and bravery of E/16255 Sergt. J. R. Booth, who swam out into the River Medway in an endeavour to save a child who had fallen in." They added that, "Sergt. Booth did everything that foresight and bravery could do to save the life of the child."

PORTSMOUTH.

SOUTHSEA CASTLE FETE.

A very successful fete was held at Southsea Castle in aid of the Crippled Children's Hospital in Portsmouth, from the 11th to the 23rd August. The Mayor having asked the Portsmouth Division Royal Marines to assist, the following sideshows were arranged, and proved most attractive:—

Captive Aeroplane on Wire.—By School of Land Artillery, under Q.M.S.I. Attwood, patronised by the C.-in-C. Admrl. Sir Sydney Freemantle and his father Admiral Freemantle, who, although 90 years of age, thoroughly enjoyed his trip.

Fish Ponds.—By Q.M.S. Woodhouse.

String Pulling.—Q.M.S.I. Peasnell and P. and R.T. Staff.

Miniature Rifle Shooting.—Q.M.S.I. Foster and S.A. Staff.

Hoop-la and Blade Spinning.—Clr-Sergt. Norton and 2nd Q.M.'s Dept.

Steeplechasing.—Clr.-Sergt. Hales and Company.

Helter-Skelter.—Sergt. Matthews.

Swing Boats.—Sergt. Woods and 1st Q.M.'s Dept. and Staff Office.

Cricket.—Drum-Major Wilson and Buglers.

Coco-nut Shies.—C.S.M.'s Baines and Fowler (R.N.S. of M.).

The Bands of the Division and Royal Naval School of Music played during the fete.

The R.M. Cadet Corps, under Q.M.S.I. Eden and Cadet Staff, gave an excellent display of a miniature battle.

The total amount raised by the Portsmouth Division, R.M., and R.M. School of Music was £517, the highest figure obtained among all stall-holders. The Committee wish to convey their appreciation to all ranks who so ably and energetically assisted them.

PLYMOUTH.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

Lieutenants P. W. O'H. Phibbs, O. C. Dykes and R. F. Cornwall, have very kindly presented a group of medals in commemoration of their first appointment to the Plymouth Division, Royal Marines. The group which was purchased by the Medal Fund for the Collection two years ago comprises the following, viz., "The Military Medal" (For Bravery in the Field); the "1914-15 Star"; the "General Service Medal" and the "Victory Medal." All of these were awarded to Ch./19345 Lce.-Corporal G. W. Williams, R.M.L.I.

The "Distinguished Service Medal," awarded to Ply./191 S. Pte. G. Smith, R.M., Deal Battalion, for gallantry in Gallipoli, on the 3rd December, 1915, has been purchased for the Collection.

A very fine addition of the following medals has been made. They were all awarded to Ply./11379 Pte. J. A. Short, R.M.L.I. The "Distinguished Service Medal," granted for services at Athens, on the 1st December, 1916; the "1914-15 Star"; "General Service" and "Victory Medals," the "Médaille Militaire" and "Croix de Guerre" (with palm).

The Médaille Militaire was established in 1852 and is only awarded by the French to General Officers in command of Armies and to Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Navy or Army who specially distinguish themselves in action. To the French "poilu" the decoration is the equivalent of our Victoria Cross—the supreme reward of valour. Its possession carries certain enviable privileges. For example, its owner is entitled to a pension of about £4 a year for life. Every sentry he passes must present arms to him, and men of his own rank must salute him; he has special privileges as to hours of returning to barracks. On his death he has the right to burial with military honours.

H.C.

DEPOT.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AT THE DEPOT.

How to "shave" a waterbottle.

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Who lost the key of the clock?

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Who is the "Horrible Bob?"

ROYAL MARINE CADET CORPS.

This year the Deal and Chatham Royal Marine Cadet Corps combined forces and went into their Annual Camp at Northbourne, near Deal. The spot chosen, kindly lent by Lord Northbourne, is an ideal one for the purpose.

The camp extended from 12th to the 22nd August, and judging by the remarks of the boys and their regret at its termination, it was a great success. This was particularly gratifying to the Camp Staff, as it was the first year that anything in the way of a combined camp of Royal Marine Cadet Corps had been attempted. The Deal and Chatham Cadets chummed up exceedingly well and there was always a feeling of friendly rivalry; this was most noticeable on sports day, when the honours were fairly evenly divided.

The Cadets' time in camp was fully occupied, a definite amount of instruction was carried out each day. It was re-

freshing to note with what whole-hearted spirit they entered into everything, whether drill, games or fatigues. The way the tents were cleared up for inspection each morning would have been a revelation to many of our pukka Marines.

Quite a large number of Cadets' parents visited the camp at different times, many coming from Chatham. Sports day was a great event, and Col.-Comdt. Halliday, V.C., A.D.C., and Capt. Webber, O.B.E. (R.M. Depot), were present. The latter afterwards gave away the prizes to the successful competitors.

Deal beat Chatham at Cricket by an innings and some odd runs. Chatham beat Deal at Football by 4 goals to 1.

Q.M.S.I. of I. Cmas. S. Jole, Adjt. of the Deal Cadet Corps, was the O.C. Corpls. Lynham, Hallahan and Mettam came with the Chatham Cadets, and Clr.-Sergt. Porter, Sergt. Hunt with the Depot Cadets. There were also 5 Marines in Camp as Cooks, etc. The whole of the Staff worked hard at their respective duties, and our best thanks are due to them for the way they adapted themselves to the needs of the boys, in an atmosphere so essentially different to that of a regular Marine camp. Perhaps the reward they appreciate most is the knowledge that the boys had a thoroughly good time in a camp which they will remember for many years to come.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

The following extracts are taken from a letter from the Department of Overseas Trade to the Secretary of the Admiralty, dated 19th September, 1924:—

"The Admiralty are no doubt aware of the remarkable success which has attended the performances of the Torchlight and Searchlight Tattoo in the Stadium at Wembley. The very important part played by the Bands of the Royal Marines and Royal Naval School of Music, which participated, has contributed materially to its great success."

"The Torchlight Tattoo has been aptly described as a reminder of our history, our institutions and our inheritance, and the memories and emotions aroused in the huge audiences cannot fail to be a source of pride to every man taking part in it as well as of inestimable value to the several Services concerned."

"Mr. Lunn desires me to express his warm appreciation of the excellent work done by the Bands of the Royal Marines and Royal Naval School of Music."

H. W. F. COLE,
For the Comptroller-Gen.

BISLEY.

The following complete the list of Prize-winners at the N.R.A. Meeting, Bisley, 1924.

THE "ALEXANDRA" S.R. (ab.) 600 yds. H.P.S. 50.

Class A—Arm. Q.M.S. King (late R.M.A.), 48.

Class B—Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply.), 44; S.M. N. Hamilton (late R.M.A.), 43; Sergt. T. W. Paddon (Deal), 43; Sergt. Gane (Ply.), 42.

Class C—Mne. H. Evans, 44.

ALL-COMERS AGGREGATE.

6th, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.), 366.

S.R. ASSOCIATION CUP. H.P.S. 50.

Lieut. W. T. Hawkins (late R.M.A.), 47.

THE CONSOLATION CUP. 600 YDS. H.P.S. 50.

2nd, Mne. J. E. Denham (late R.M.L.I.), 48.

"EXTRA PRIZES." 600 YDS. H.P.S. 35.

Mne. J. E. Denham (late R.M.L.I.), 32.

GRAND AGGREGATE.

Won by Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.); Arm. Q.M.S. G. R. King (late R.M.A.), 619; Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper (Po.).

H.M. THE KING'S PRIZE.

II. Stage. H.P.S. 100.

S.M. J. Bach (Deal), 88.

I. Stage. H.P.S. 105.

The name of Sergt. C. W. Tugwell (Ply.), should be added. Score 93.

THE "MCQUEEN" (SNIPING). H.P.S. 40.

Lieut.-Colonel M. Filmer Bennett (Ply.), 35.

REVOLVER MEDALS. H.P.S. 150.

2nd (Silver Medal), Corpl. A. J. Howard (Po.), 126.

5th Sergt. C. W. Tugwell (Ply.), 120.

REVOLVER PRIZES. H.P.S. 30 in Each Series.

Series IV.—Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., 28 (1st week); 30 (2nd week).

Series V.—Sergt. C. W. Tugwell (Ply.), 28.

ST. GEORGE'S CHALLENGE VASE.

II. Stage. H.P.S. 75.

Arm. Q.M.S. G. R. King (late R.M.A.), 66; S.M. N. Hamilton (late R.M.A.), 63.

I. Stage. H.P.S. 75.

Corpl. A. J. Howard (Po.), Sergt. W. A. Owens (Deal), Sergt. C. W. Sharpe (Ch.), Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.), Lt. W. T. Hawkins (late R.M.A.), 70; Mne. F. Burnett (Deal), Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper (Po.), Mne. W. E. M. Barratt (Ply. Afl.), Corpl. A. Ward (Ply.), Sergt. R. L. Stapleton (Ply.), Mne. J. E. Denham (late R.M.L.I.), 69.

SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following were awarded Bronze Badges:—Q.M.S.I. Bacon, 382; Sergt. E. Abbott, 367; Corpl. A. Ward, 366; S.M. E. C. Jarvis, 364; Capt. S. A. Field, 358; Sergt. R. L. Stapleton, 352; Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard, 350.

THE "STEPHENS." RAPID. 200 YDS. H.P.S. 50.

Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott (Po.), 43; Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply.), 42; Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.), 42; Corpl. A. J. Howard (Po.), Sergt. E. J. Lamacraft (Po.), 42; Sergt. R. L. Stapleton (Ply.), 42; Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper (Po.), 42; Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard (Ply.), 41.

REVOLVER BADGES.

Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E. (Ply. Afl.), 327, was awarded a Revolver Bronze Badge.

"WANTAGE." SNAPSHOOTING. 200 YDS. H.P.S. 50.

Capt. J. E. Leech-Porter (Ply. Afl.), 46; Sergt. R. L. Stapleton (Ply.), 46; Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply.), 44; S.M. E. C. Jarvis (Po. Afl.), 44; Corpl. A. J. Howard (Po.), 43; Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.), 42.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR. RAPID. 500 YDS. H.P.S. 50.

S.M. E. C. Jarvis (Po. Afl.), 45; Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply.), 44; Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper (Po.), 43; Sergt. R. L. Stapleton (Ply.), 43; Corpl. A. J. Howard (Po.), 43; Arm. Q.M.S. G. R. King (late R.M.A.), 42; Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Ch.), 42; Corpl. A. Ward (Ply.), 41.

WEBLEY AND SCOTT. REVOLVER. H.P.S. 30.

Sergt. E. Abbott (Ply.), 28; Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E. (Ply. Afl.), 28.

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"ONE TOUCH OF HUMOUR—".

Some of the following extracts from letters from soldiers' wives are of recent origin—all of them are true.

Dear Honoured Sir,

I have a large family and should like more.

Dear Sir, Respected Sir,

Though I take this liberty as it leaves me at present, I beg to ask you if you will kindly be good enough to let me know where my husbin is, though he is not my legible husbin, as he has a wife, though he says she is dead, but I don't think he knows for sure, but we are not married though I am getting my allotments regular, which is no fault of Mr. Lloyd George, who would stop it if he could, but if you know where he is as he belongs to the Navy R.F. Corpse, for ever since he joined in Jan., when he was sacked from his work for talking back at his boss which was a woman at the laundry, I have not had no money from him since he joined, though he told Mrs. Harris what lives on the ground floor that he was a " Pitty ossifer " for 6s. a week and lots of underclosing for the cold weather. I have 3 children what being the father of them, though he says it was *my* fault.

Hoping you will write to me soon and you are quite well as it leaves me at present.—I must now close.

Yours faithfully and respectably,

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly tell me what to do, as I am newly married and have no children.—Yours faithfully,

Dear Sir,—You have changed my little boy into a little girl. Will it make any difference?

Dear Sir,—I shall be glad to hear if my husband is killed, as the young man I am living with does not know if his wife is dead, which is awkward. What shall I do about it?

Dear Sir,—My Bill tells me he has been given charge of a spittoon. Do I get more pay?—Yours truly,

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to tell you that my husband has now been *reported* dead. When can I get my pension?

Dear Sir,—I have been co-habiting with several of the War Office with no result, and am now going to try you.—Yours truly,

Dear Sir,—I am expecting to be confined next week. Will you write and tell me what I am to do about it?

Sir,—According to instructions on red paper I have given birth to a daughter.

Sir,—With reference to my marriage lines and birth ditto of my children, I sent them up to London to prove that I was married to Frank Jones, late Skipper, R.N.R., who was blown up on last day of Dec., 1915, by request of the Admiralty.—Yours truly, Mrs. Jones.

Dear Sir,—According to instructions I have given birth to twins, enclosed in this envelope.—Yours truly,

Dear Sir,—Since my husband has been put in a constipation camp in Germany, I have got none of his money.

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

" You must find that impediment in your speech rather inconvenient at times, don't you, Mr. Briggs? "

" Oh, no. Everyone has his p-p-pecularity. Stammering is m-m-m-mine. What is yours? "

" Well, really, I am not aware that I have any."

" Do you s-s-s-stir your c-c-c-coffee with your right hand? "

" Why, yes, of course."

" Well, that's your p-p-p-pecularity. Most p-p-p-people use a teaspoon."

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" So you want to join the army—fer how long? "

" Duration."

" But there ain't any war on."

" I know—I mean duration of peace."—" California Pelican."

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The Duffer—" Here, caddy, we've made another mistake—we're in the bunker over the green."

The Caddy (resenting the pronoun)—" So we are. We're a couple of proper bloomin' duds, aint we? "—" The Sydney Bulletin."

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Little Johnny (at the circus)—" Ma, ain't that elephant big as hell? "

Mother—" Haven't I told you before not to say ' ain't? ' "—" Fighting Top."

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Tired individual, worried by mosquitoes, endeavours to tuck his mosquito net in, and then peeps out and spots a fire-fly:

" It's snow use, ole man, here's another blighter searching for me wid a lantern."—" The Queen's Own Gazette."

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Three years ago, H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth boasted one of the smartest marine captains in the Service, as befitted the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet. He was in command of " Y " turret on the quarter-deck, the show turret of the ship, which is always kept beautifully polished and enamelled. He was most dexterous in moving his 15in. gun about, and in his leisure time he ran the ship's concert party. And then he left the Service, and, joining up with two officers in the Devons and one from the Gloucesters, a jazz band was founded. The marine captain operates the saxophones, and from their headquarters at Bristol they dominate the jazz proclivities of the west country. " I love the work," he said. " I would not do any other. But it is a bit difficult when some jovial roysterer offers you a tenner if you will let him play the drums, or the waiters let you into the secrets of a hotel's management."

On the same day I read that at a dance given in his honour at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, the Prince of Wales " was so pleased with the playing of the Corelli String Quartette that he honoured them by playing the drums for several of the dances. He proved himself an expert with the sticks."—" The People."

We reprint the following *human document* from the "Daily News."—

"A plea for help reaches me from Hoxton. It evidently arises from the correspondence on another page, concerning the correct apportionment of expenditure on clothing between husband and wife:

"Dear Sir,—Me and my husband don't have no trouble over how much we spend on clothes. We don't buy any. The district visitor or somebody else always comes along with a thing or two when your own won't hold together any longer. But we've had a good many words lately about the beer money. Of course, he ought to have more than me—hanging about round the Labour Exchange takes it out of you—but not so much more as he *does* have.

I made out our little account for last week:

	£	s.	d.
Husband's earnings:			
Dole, 23s.; Relief, 18s.; winnings on Spitfire and Gollywog, 9s.; losses on ten others, 10s.	2	0	0
Wife's earnings:			
Given to baby by a gentleman in the street	0	1	0
Total	£2	1	0
Spendings:			
Rent (paid next week)	0	0	0
Food (bread, kippers, fried fish, cockles, raspberry jam)	0	3	6
Insurance (next week)	0	0	0
Gas (cut off)	0	0	0
Tram fare 2d. to Labour Exchange and back three times a week—got off twice without paying	0	0	4
Children's pocket money	0	0	2
Husband's tobacco and newspapers	0	4	0
Husband's beer	1	10	0
Wife's beer	0	3	0
Total	£2	1	0

I should like you to tell me if you think this is fair. Something will have to be done about it soon as our eldest youngster is 14 next week, and Bill says that his beer money is to come out of my three bob."

CHESTNUTS.

A man seeing the notice "Iron Sinks" in a shop window, went inside and said he was perfectly aware of the fact that "iron sinks." Alive to the occasion, the shopkeeper retaliated: "Yes, I know, and time flies but wine vaults. Also sulphur springs, jam rolls, grass slopes, music stands, moonlight walks, rubber tires, and the organ stops."

"Quite true," agreed the wag. "But you've forgotten one thing." "What's that?" asked the shopkeeper incautiously. "Marble busts," replied the visitor, sweetly, as he bowed himself out.

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Schoolmistress: "What were the last words uttered by Brigham Young?"

Bright Boy: "He didn't have any: he was married."

SANS SOUCI.

It is glory enough to have fought,
Never mind if you've won;
It is glory to show only scars
When the battle is done.

If you've fronted your trouble with grit,
Flung your gage in its face;
Fought hard in a desperate fight,
Taken failure with grace,

If you've put in the struggle of life
Every ounce of your soul,
Then you've shown to the world you're a man,
Though you've failed at your goal.

Here then is the aim of my song,
May it comfort some soul tempest-toss't:
Brave are the men who have won,
But as brave are the men who have lost.

A HAPPY WARRIOR (Retd.).

NO NAMES—NO PACK DRILL.

The following "howlers" were actually made at the Depot during the last seven years.

Scene: Day after lecture on the Colours by the Adjutant.

INSTRUCTOR: "What is the King's Colour?"

RECRUIT: "The King's Colour used to be yellow, but when he won the Derby it was changed to mauve, which is his favourite colour."

Scene: Written Exam. for selection of Recruit Section Commander.

QUESTION: "What do you know about British Summer Time?"

ANSWER: "The trees and flowers come out and everything's lovely."

Scene: Written Exam. in 1918.

QUESTION: "Who is Mr. Wilson?"

ANSWER: "A First Drill or a W.O.I. in the R.M.L.I. Mr. Wilson in civil life is President of America."

ANOTHER ANSWER: "Admiral Jellicoe was called Mr. Wilson when he was ashore to prevent spies getting to know who he was."

Scene: Recruit Section Commander's exam.

QUESTION: "You can get Red, Yellow and Green coloured belts at the Canteen. What are these colours and what is the origin of each colour?"

ANSWER: "Red indicates port side of a ship at night, Green indicates starboard. Yellow or White is used for stern lights or lightships."

QUESTION: "Why were the Marines given the title of Royal?"

ANSWER: "On account of their loyalty at the Beauty of Noah." (Mutiny of the Nore.)

QUESTION: "Common mistakes at attention?"

ANSWER: ". . . they talk and begin to dress themselves on parade."

Scene: Questions during "Stand Easy" at drill.
INSTRUCTOR: "Tell me one duty of a sentry."
RECRUIT: "To know if there are any *portholes* in front."

From a Recruit's Note Book.
List of Technical Terms:—Reveille, Cavalry, Deficiencies, Drunkenness, Handkerchief, etc.

Scene: Adjutant's lecture in afternoon.
ADJUTANT: "We've all joined the Royal Marines to fight——(sees sleepy-looking recruit). What have you joined the Royal Marines to do?"
RECRUIT (after long pause): "Well, please Sir, I think it was a bit of a mistake."

Extract from Young Officer's written exam.
Marines are called "Jollies" from their *naturally genial dispositions.*

The following comes from Eastney.
Scene: Stand Easy during drill. Questions by Instructor on medals, decorations, etc.
INSTRUCTOR: "What does *p.s.c.* after an officer's name stand for?"
RECRUIT: "Passed Staff College, Sergeant."
INSTRUCTOR: "Quite right. Next man, what does D.S.C. stand for?"
NEXT RECRUIT: "Dipped Staff College, Sergeant."

H. A. C. WEBBER.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps,
Washington.
5th August, 1924.

To the Editor "Globe and Laurel,"
The Journal of the Royal Marines of Great Britain,
London, England.

Dear Sir,—In researching for material with which to prepare a History of the United States Marine Corps, I have definitely ascertained that Edward Stack and Eugene MacCarthy served as Marine Officers on board the "Bonhomme Richard" (John Paul Jones), when she engaged the British frigate "Serapis" (Pearson), in 1779.

I am very anxious to secure a likeness of both of these officers, and in view of the fact that they achieved high rank in the British Army, I am in hopes that you can assist me.

Edward Stack was promoted to be Colonel in the British Army, January 1, 1801; promoted Brigadier-General, September 1, 1803; Major-General, April 25, 1808; Lt.-General, June 4, 1813, and General, July 22, 1836. A very excellent summary of his career will be found in "Order of the Cincinnati in France," by Abe Bird Gardiner, pages 149-150, and in the Dictionary of National Biography." Other sources of information concerning this officer are "O'Hart, Irish Pedigree," II., 809; Genealogical Magazine, 1830-1834, I., 225 and Alger's "Englishmen in the French Revolution," pages 35-36. The Army List of the British Army also would contain information concerning him.

Eugene MacCarthy reached the rank of Colonel in the British Army. When the Irish Brigade of the Army of the Prince de Condé was taken into the regular British establishment, MacCarthy was appointed, by George III., Lieutenant-Colonel, Fourth Regiment (Colonel Count Daniel O'Connell, who was his uncle), 1st. Oct., 1794. He commanded this Regiment in Ireland until May, 1796, when it embarked for Jamaica and thenceforward was in that Island until the Regiment was drafted into other Corps, on disbandment of the Brigade, and he was placed on the Half-pay List, 25th December, 1797. He was promoted to be Colonel in the British Army on January 1, 1801. He died in London in March, 1801.

If you can do nothing else but forward me information regarding the proper person or office to address concerning the likenesses of these two officers that I desire, I will feel that you have done me a great service.

Very sincerely yours,
E. N. McCLELLAN,
Major, U.S. Marine Corps.
Officer-in-Charge, Historical Section.

Ghain Tuffieha,
Malta.
10th September, 1924.

To the Editor "The Globe and Laurel."

Sir,—I have read with much interest the minutes of the R.M.R.A. Committee meeting held at Bisley on 1st July, 1924, and reported in the "Globe and Laurel" for 1st August, 1924.

I wonder if it would be possible to ascertain the views of the R.M. Divisions on the following points:—

(a) Whether or not marks allotted for the "First Reserve Challenge Trophy" should count towards the "R.M. Memorial Trophy."
(b) Should spotting be allowed in any Individual Match such as the "Collard Cup Competition."

With reference to (a), I think we are all agreed on the importance of training our Cadet Corps efficiently.

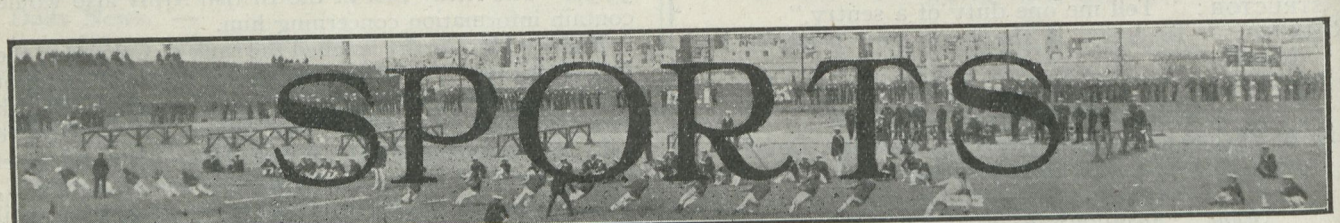
Many of these Cadets make history in the Corps and I should be interested to know how many of our present-day good shots first started to shoot as a Royal Marine Cadet. You will find quite a number; I can quote names but will not do so on this occasion. Therefore, why not encourage Divisions to train their Cadet Corps for all they are worth? If some are too slack to train and enter teams it is their fault if they fail to win the "First R.M. Memorial" by a few points.

The boys are keen enough so give them a chance of winning pots for their respective Divisions.

With reference to (b), surely all the rules of spotting are clearly laid down in the N.R.A. handbook. Why alter rules which have been thought out by all the experts on shooting in the country? Why "spot" for a Marine in an individual shoot and send him to Bisley where he has to look out for himself? Surely this will be handicapping our men unnecessarily.

As it is at Bisley, so let it be at R.M.R.A. meetings.

I have the honour to be, etc.,
A. P. DAWSON,
Capt., R.M., I.O.S.A., Malta.



SOCCER SEASON.

The Association Football Season began this month and will end in May, next year.

All divisions of the Royal Marines will now play in the same colours but will wear a Roman Numeral to distinguish the different teams, i.e., Chatham(I.), Portsmouth (II.), Plymouth (III.), and the Depot (D).

There have been four main alterations in the rules of the game for this season, the most revolutionary being that a goal may now be scored **direct** from a corner-kick. The attention of referees has also been drawn to the fact that it is not a breach of the law for a player to be in an " offside " position, provided that he does not, in that position, interefere with an opponent or the play.

For the future the game shall only be stopped if a player is seriously injured. Provided, in the opinion of the referee that a player's injury is only slight, the game shall continue until the ball has ceased to be in play.

A further decision is that " a player may enquire from a referee as to his decision, but may not by word or action show dissent from any such decision."

We here wish the best of luck to all our teams and may one of them recapture the Navy Cup for us once more!

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CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

We opened our programme on August 30th with a game against Gillingham Reserves, in which we were defeated by two clear goals. Our chances of opening the scoring were equal to theirs, but goals are the things that count. Just before half-time Gillingham were awarded a penalty for a mild infringement. The second half was just as even, but just before the end a mis-kick on the part of one of our defenders gave the chance to their centre forward to put on number two.

On 6th September, our 1st eleven suffered a severe shock in the English Cup Competition being beaten at home by Whitstable, an almost junior side. In this game we had 90 per cent. of the play in our favour; at times it was a case of our team playing their goalkeeper, who played a brilliant game throughout. About half way through the second half they forced a corner from which they managed to score the only goal of the match.

On 10th September we played our return match with Gillingham Reserves in the Kent League and had ample revenge for the defeat on the 30th August. In this game we outplayed them to the tune of four to one. This was a great win, as their side included several players who have played in 3rd Division football. Mne. Killian did the hat trick, all his goals coming from good centres from Sergt. Stares. The fourth was from a penalty kick taken by Mne. Emery.

On 13th September we journeyed to Tunbridge Wells in search of Kent League points from the Rangers of that town, and we managed to return with a brace. This was quite a good performance, their ground being a peculiar one for visiting teams. In this game all our team played well and we deserved our win of 2 to 1. Our goals were scored by Mnes. Killian and Emery in the second half.

On 17th Sept. we played Grays Athletic in the Kent League and managed to win fairly easily by 3—1, goals being scored by Emery (2) and Killian. The former player appears to have struck his old brilliant form.

The Reserves (or Stiffs) have opened their programme with quite a good record, as the table below will show. Results to date:—

First Team.

Saturday, 30th August—Gillingham Reserves	0—2	A
Saturday, 6th September—Whitstable	0—1	H
Wednesday, 10th September—Gillingham Reserves	4—1	H
Saturday, 13th September—Tunbridge Wells Rangers	2—1	A
Wednesday, 17th September—Grays Athletic	3—1	H

Second Team.

Saturday, 6th September—Sittingbourne Paper Mills	7—1	A
Wednesday, 10th September—Maidstone Wednesday ...	3—0	H
Saturday, 13th September—Shorts Athletic	1—0	H

We wish the other Divisions and the Depot a successful season, and may the Corps have the luck to have two teams in the final of the Navy Cup Competition.

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LODGE HILL, CHATTENDEN.

SPORTS.

On 13th September, the Armament Supply Office and Royal Marine Police held their sports. We hope to give an account of these in our next issue.

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PORTSMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

On Wednesday, the 10th September, we opened up our United Services League (Div. I.), when we entertained our old and keen rivals, the " Excellents."

The game had a sensational opening, as in the first five minutes, three goals were scored. The " Excellent's " forwards ran through our defence from the kick-off and managed to score. This performance was immediately repeated. Our people then attacked and their forwards failed to stop Davidson, who went on and reduced the lead.

About 25 minutes from the start we equalised through Arnold, who, with Davidson, was in the goal-mouth waiting to receive a centre from Wood. Half-time came with both teams on an equal footing.

Arnold opened the second half by scoring immediately. The " Excellents " then went all out to get on level terms again, but Warwick made the game practically safe for us. Some good play was seen in the closing stages when one of the " Excellent's " forwards found a weak spot in our defence and reduced the lead. However, our team pulled themselves together and Warwick registered a fifth and final goal.

Portsmouth Division R.M.	5
" Excellent "	3

Other matches played to date are:—Harland and Wolffs, at Eastney, won 3—0 (Hants League); Ryde, at Ryde, draw 3—3 (Hants League); Thornycrofts, Basingstoke, at Basingstoke, lost 2—3 (Hants League); R.A.F. (Gosport), at Eastney, draw 0—0 (Gosport League); H.M.S. " Excellent," at Whale Island, lost 0—3 (U.S.L. Div. II.).

SPORTS.

The Company Championship Challenge Cup, presented by the Borough of Gosport to commemorate the long and friendly association of the Royal Marines with that Borough, will be held for the succeeding year, from 1st October to 30th September, by the Company which obtains the highest aggregate of points in the various Company competitions competed for during the previous year, viz.:—Bayonet Fighting, Shooting, Swimming, Water Polo, and Cricket.

WATER POLO.

Division I.—R.M. Eastney versus Portsmouth S.C.—Lost, 4—2.
Division II.—R.M., Eastney versus Borough Police.—Won, 5—0. R.M., Eastney versus H.M.S. "Vernon."—Won, 6—1.
Company Water Polo. Final result.—"I" Company 4, "A" Company (R.N.S. of M.), 2.

SHOOTING.

During the last three weeks, we have been busy shooting various Divisional Competitions. These included the "Burge Trophy," the Sergts. Mess against Reading R.C., and Divisional Matches with H.M.S. "Victory" and North London R.C.

The "Burge Trophy" was won by Sergt. Layzell, after a very interesting shoot of about 60 members of the Sergts. Mess. In the match against Reading, the visitors were returned the winners.

In the Divisional Matches we made our highest score of the season against H.M.S. "Victory" and won by 32 points. Against the London Club, however, we lost by 31 points. The highest scores made in each match were by members of our Club, namely, Sergt. Hadley, 102, and Clr.-Sergt. Cooper, 100.

The "Company" and "McCausland Cups" are to be fired this week, the results will be published in next month's issue.

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PLYMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

SOCCER.

On the 30th August, we opened our Plymouth and District League Fixture by playing Tavistock at Tavistock, and won 1—0. Skipper was the scorer. On the run of the play we just deserved the points. Our outstanding players were Broad, Pollitt, Skipper, and Whitnell.

On the 3rd September we journeyed to Newquay and obtained another valuable point, the score being 1—1. Horn scored for us.

On the 6th September we played our first home game against Crownhill, and it was very gratifying to be able to win comfortably by four goals to nil. The weather was very detrimental to the "gate." Horn, Hight and Price scored for us.

On the 10th September we played the Royal Naval Barracks at home, and lost 3—2. Hight shot badly from a penalty kick, otherwise we should have shared the points.

Our Reserve team travelled to Torquay, and defeated the Torquay Wednesday A.F.C. by three goals to one. This is a very encouraging result and it is hoped that they will maintain this form throughout the coming season. Of the younger players, Stokes and Kille showed good promise, and they were well backed up by Graham, Emerson, and Dodge.

On the 13th September, we played Tavistock at Longroom. A hard game ended in our favour by 3 goals to 2. Tavistock opened the scoring by a smart breakaway which put life into our side, and Kerswell handling in the penalty area, Pollitt made no mistake from the spot kick. Further goals were added by Horn and Wilson in the second half, whilst Kerswell netted again for Tavistock.

RUGBY.

Plenty of talent makes the outlook for the coming season very promising. We are fortunate, too, in having a big proportion of last year's players still at Headquarters. Unfortunately, we were forced to start the season without a practice game owing to the ground not being available. The first match was played on September 6th against Bradwich, and resulted in a win for our side by 24—6. Our next match was against Penzance, away. Played in rainy weather, we lost by 4 points to nil. Our opponents scored early in the game, dropping a goal from a pass from scrum. Penzance had the better of the game territorially in the second half, but could not add to their score.

BOAT PULLING.

On the 9th September, the annual race took place for the Tuckey Cup. After a very good pull "G" Coy. were the winners with "C" Coy. a very good second, "E" Coy. came in third and "A" Coy. fourth.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

On the 10th September, the annual swimming races were held in the Divisional swimming bath. The entries were very poor and more support is wanted if the sports are to be a success next year. Perhaps the climatic conditions are to blame, as the general complaint was "I wish the water was as warm as at Malta." The following were the results:—

60 yards (Buglers).—1 Buglrs. Cook, 2 Rudge, 3 Lyndon.

60 yards Breast-stroke (open). (Prizes by Col. 2nd Comdt.).—1 Mnes. Dumbleton, 2 Stoole, 3 Weston.

120 yards (open). (Prizes by Capt. Thomas).—1 Mnes. Newton, 2 Cowl, 3 Allen.

Diving for Plates (open). (Prizes by Capt. Carter).—1 Mnes. Howard, 2 Fraser, 3 Cowl.

60 yards (officers).—1 Sec.-Lieut. Howard (prize by Capt. Jolley), 2 Sec.-Lieut. Edmundon (prize by Capt. Carter).

440 yards (open).—(Prizes by Col.-Comdt).—1 Mnes. O'Brien, 2 Howard.

Long Dive (open).—1 Mnes. O'Brien, 2 Fraser, 3 Howard.

Obstacle Race (open).—1 Mnes. O'Brien, 2 Johnson, 3, Dumbleton.

60 yards (open).—1 Mnes. O'Brien, 2 Johnson, 3 O'Brien.

Novices.—1 Mnes. Turner, 2 Randell.

Good Loser's Prize, presented by Surg.-Lt. Brown, won by Mne. Woolway.

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DEPOT.

FOOTBALL.

The Depot, R.M. Football Team played their first league match on Saturday, 13th September, against Deal Sports (Deal and District). Result—Depot, R.M., 23 goals; Deal Sports, nil.

The 88th King's Squad left for Portsmouth Headquarters to complete their training on Wednesday, 10th September. This squad includes Recruits of the 83rd Squad that formed the Olympic Squad and in consequence, two King's Badges were awarded. The selection was made from the following:—Rcts. W. P. P. Williams, A. Martin, A. E. Ebsworth, C. M. Muir, D. E. Price, H. Allen, H. Hodgson, E. R. Howe, W. E. Carter, A. E. Ruthven, T. W. Armstrong, S. W. H. Snow.

Rcts. A. E. Ebsworth and E. R. Howe were finally selected.

WATER POLO.

A match was played at theDepot Swimming Baths on 17th September between teams from the Officers' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess. After a very fast and even game, the Sergts. Mess won by 5 goals to 3. Teams:—Officers' Mess—Rev. Page, Capt. Shephard, Lieuts. Woodington, Dean, Phillips, 2nd-Lieuts. Ralfs and Rogers. Sergts. Mess—Clr.-Sergt. Sinclair, C.S.M. Redford, Sergts. Berrill, Walker, Waskett, Coleman, and Anderson. Referee—Sergt. Hunt.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The Annual Sports of the Depot were held on 27th and 28th August. The open ¼-mile was splendidly won by Musician Dacombe (Portsmouth Divn.) with Pte. Heafey, Royal Irish Fusiliers second. This is the first time that this race has been won by a Royal Marine for eighteen years.

No competitor was allowed to take more than two firsts and one second prize; consequently the prizes won by Corpl. Jerred (four firsts, two seconds and one third), Corpl. Segus (three first, four seconds), Lieut. Deane (two firsts and two thirds), and Mne. Dancy (two seconds and two thirds), had to be adjusted.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Halliday, wife of Col.-Comdt. L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C., to the following prize-winners:—

ALL RANKS.

Long Jump.—1 Corpl. Jerred, 2 Corpl. Segus, 3 Corpl. Stone.

High Jump.—1 Corpl. Jerred, 2 Corpl. Segus, 3 Mne. Inggs.

Putting the Shot.—1 Corpl. Segus, 2 Corpl. Jerred, 3 Sergt. Grantham.

100 Yards Flat Race.—1 Corpl. Segus, 2 Mne. Dancy, 3 Lt. Deane.

Galley Race.—1 P. and R.T. Staff, 2 94th Squad.

Veterans' Race, 100 yards.—1 Clr.-Sergt. Taylor, 2 Mne. Watson, 3 Clr.-Sergt. Ricketts.

440 Yards Race.—1 Lt. Deane, 2 Mne Dancy, 3 Corpl. Jerred.

Pillow Fight.—1 Rct. Allen, 2 Rct. Tombleson, 3 Rct. Coles.

Four-Legged Race.—1 Jackson, Horne, Dale; 2 Botley, Hayman, Moyse; 3 Botley, Ashwood, Castleton.

220 Yards Flat Race.—1 Lt. Deane, 2 Corpl. Segus, 3 Mne. Dancy.

Sergts.' Mess Cycle Race.—1 Sergt. Jordan, 2 Clr.-Sergt. Taylor, 3 Q.M.S. Hann.

Musical Chairs.—1 Corpl. H. Moyse, 2 Rct. Coleman, 3 2nd.-Lt. Woods.

1 Mile Flat Race.—1 Mne. Cooper, 2 Rct. Brown, 3 Mne. Preston.

Pensioners' Race.—1 Mr. Smith, 2 Mr. Flannagan, 3 Mr. Watts.

Sack Race.—1 Rct. Gill, 2 Rct. Spicer, 3 Rct. Cook.

Half-Mile Relay Race (Open to all Forces).—1 R.M. Barracks, Eastney, 2 Depot, R.M., Deal.

Tilting the Bucket.—1 Rcts. Horne and Dale, 2 Rcts. Tufnel and Sheen, 3 Rcts. Tombleson and Longman.

Inter-Coy. Band and Drums Military Class Relay Race.—1 A Coy., 2 B Coy., 3 Military Class.

440 Yards Flat Race (Open to all Forces).—1 Musn. Dacombe, 2 Pte. Heafey, R.T.F., 3 Lt. Deane.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1 Corpl. Jerred, 2 Corpl. Segus, 3 Mne. Dancy.

Band Race.—1 Musn. Foley, 2 Musn. Taylor, 3 Musn. Moore.

Officers' Race.—1 Gen. Graham, 2 Maj. Yeo, 3 Capt. Haddon.

Pole Jump.—1 Corpl. Jerred, 2 Corpl. Stone, 3 Corpl. A. Moyse.

Obstacle Race.—1 Corpl. Segus, 2 Corpl. Jerred, 3 Corpl. Stone.

880 Yards Flat Race.—1 Mne. Preston, 2 Rct. Brown, 3 Rct. Atherfold.

SQUAD EVENTS.

Tug-of-War.—1, 88th; 2, 96th; 3, 90th.

Obstacle Race.—1, 91st; 2, 92nd; 3, 93rd.

Reveille Race.—1, 88th; 2, 90th; 3, 91st.

Sand-Bag Relay Race.—1, 91st; 2, 97th; 3, 93rd.

Relay Race 880 Yards.—1, 94th; 2, 92nd; 3, 88th.

Cross-Country Race.—1, 94th; 2, 91st; 3, 88th.

Inter-Squad Challenge Cup.—88th Squad.

FIELD EVENTS.

Cross-Country Race, Indiv.—1 Rct. Sayers, 2 R. H. Brown, 3 Greenfield.

100 Yards.—1 Dovey, 2 Ibsworth, 3 Papper.

220 Yards.—1 Dovey, 2 Coles, 3 Milford.

440 Yards.—1 Dovey, 2 Tombleson, 3 Wall.

220 Yards.—1 Daniton, 2 R. H. Brown, 3 Sayers.

1 Mile.—1 R. H. Brown, 2 Atherfold, 3 Greenfield.

Obstacle Race, Indiv.—1 Rct. Mansfield, 2 Snow, 3 Groocock.

Long Jump.—1 Rct. Papper, 2 Robinson, 3 Mansfield.

High Jump.—1 Rct. O'Donnell, 2 Blow, 3 Watts.

Commandant's Cup.—Rct. Dovey.

Sir Robert Hill's Cup.—Rct. Mansfield.

Cups were presented to the following Recruits who gained the greatest number of points for their squads:—

1, 90th Squad, Rct. Dovey; 2, 89th Cquad, Rct. Mansfield; 3, 94th Squad, Rct. R. H. Brown; 4, 91st Squad, Rct. Tombleson; 5, 88th Squad, Rct. Wall; 6, 92nd Squad, Rct. McNickle; 7, 93rd Squad, Rct. Groocock; 8, 95th Squad, Rct. Papper; 9, 96th Squad, Rct. Greenfield; 10, 97th Squad, Rct. J. W. Kelly.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

SPORTS.

The first sports meeting since 1920 was held at the School on 1st September, one of the very few fine days of this year. The splendid way in which the committee arranged the programme, resulted in making the day a complete success, a fact which will no doubt greatly influence the consideration of the reintroduction of an annual Sports Day at the School.

The special prize, given by the Superintendent (Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O.), was evenly contested for by Musn. A. J. Bennett and Band Boy Goadby, who each obtained nine points in the aggregate; this difficulty was surmounted by a further special prize being put up by the officers.

The principal event of the day was the one mile flat race, open to the Port and Garrison. It was won easily by Mne. Pavey, A. B. Denyer (H.M.S. "Excellent") finishing second.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Finlaison (wife of the Colonel-Commandant, Ports Div., R.M.). The Col.-Comdt. then gave a short address, in which he said he was much in favour of sports of this nature, and was pleased to see that some of the older members had not forgotten how to organise them. He hoped that sports day would once again become an annual event.

CORPS GAZETTE

(*continued from page* 152).

Pike, rejoining; Ch. B/23695 Mne. G. J. Horton, Casualty from 86th Squad; Ch. B/22987 Mne. H. J. Parsley, rejoining, Ch. A/16473 Mne. T. J. Byford, rejoining.

To Plymouth.

Ply. A/15834 Corpl. F. Burnett, rejoining; Ply. B/14211 Sergt. G. L. Barks, rejoining; Ply. D/21083 Mne. E. A. Fivash, rejoining; Ply. B/16578 Mne. S. A. Hussey, rejoining.

To Portsmouth.

Po. D/212688 Sergt. W. L. Watts, for course of instruction; Po. /15970 Sergt. F. C. Fowler, rejoining.

DISCHARGES.

16.8.24 to 15.9.24.

Ch. B/23449 Mne. J. H. Gosling (to pension); P. C/13582 Mne. G. H. Kemp (to pension); Ch. A/14149 Mne. G. W. Lowers (to pension).

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys A. B. Larkman and O. J. Aldred to Musician.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Iron Duke,**" Musn. R. M. Pullen; "**Impregnable,**" Musn. V. C. Hardy; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Bandmstr. (W.O.) Charles Marks, Band Corpl. C. R. M. Robinson, Musns. John Guarniere, Henry Russell, R. R. Dixon, G. F. Kelly, Ernest Adams, W. A. F. Pilton, C. H. Parker, F. W. Tansley, E. E. Buckle, G. E. Tyler, W. H. W. Ruel, S. F. Howden, C. H. Diprose, C. G. Knight, D. A. Jarman, Fredk. Tidy, A. E. Stevens, A. J. Savins, Band Boy O. J. Aldred; "**Tiger,**" Musn. L. C. Hill.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Impregnable,**" Musn. L. H. Sell; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Bandmstr. (W.O.) Arthur Pragnell, Musns. W. A. Burr, C. G. C. Brand; "**Victory,**" Band Corpl. C. R. M. Robinson; "**Centurion,**" Bandmstr. Walter Burrans, Band Corpl. A. C. Black, Musns. C. Ralph, W. A. Carter, M. A. Kirk, H. I. Dine, F. A. Sutherland, W. E. Kohlar, V. C. Hardy, H. M. Lacey, G. W. Potter, P. Costello, A. C. P. D. Norris, H. F. D. Broughton, Edward Laughton; "**Warspite,**" Bandmstr. 1st-Class H. E. Hardy, Band Corporal Wm. Knight, Musns. G. T. Startup, Edward Averley, F. D. Wood, E. J. A. Cox, A. F. J. Martin, F. G. Thomas, J. H. Dickerson, M. Barker, E. Couch, G. Whittington, A. J. Edney, H. J. Hawes, Joseph Brown; "**Valiant,**" Musns. W. D. Read, H. N. Lancashire, P. C. Tanner, W. R. Plaister, R. C. Burton, W. Brooks, H. Sullivan, A. V. Knights, V. Furneaux, Jack Ayles, F. G. Horscroft, R. R. Hunt.

DISCHARGES.

Musn. Samuel Jones to pension.

BIRTH.

LAMPLOUGH.—On the 12th Aug., 1924, at 17, Alexandra-road, Walmer, to Doris Mary, wife of Captain C. R. W. Lamplough, D.S.C., R.M., a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CRONIN—BENDYSHE.—On September 6th, at All Saints', Barrington, by the Bishop of Ely, assisted by Rev. G. F. Foster, Vicar, and the Rev. H. W. Workman, late Chaplain, R.N., Clifford Cronin, son of the late Rev. H. S. Cronin and Mrs. Cronin, Willowbrook, Cambridge, to Margaret Charlotte, only daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. R. N. Bendyshe, Royal Marines, and Mrs. Bendyshe, of Barrington Hall, Cambridgeshire.

DEATHS.

MILLER.—On 21st Aug., 1924, Po./213488 Corpl. R. L. Miller.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS.

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st August, 1924.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death.*
Cotter, J.	Cpl.	Ply.	3610	8/8/24
Handley, H. S.	Pte.	Ports.	4701	25/8/24
Hoskinson, F.	Pte.	Ports.	3836	26/7/24
Marlow, H. W.	Cpl.	Chat.	2748	10/8/24
Moorse, F.	Sgt.	R.M.A.	995	6/8/24
Noble, A.	Pte.	Ports.	4928	27/7/24
Phillips, E. G. S.	Gnr.	R.M.A.	8829	13/7/24
Sandford, J.	Pte.	Ply.	653	19/8/24
Sally, J.	Pte.	Ply.	3093	6/8/24
Walker, G. J.	Bdr.	R.M.A.	1177	6/8/24
West, C. H.	Musn.	Ports.	2947	7/8/24

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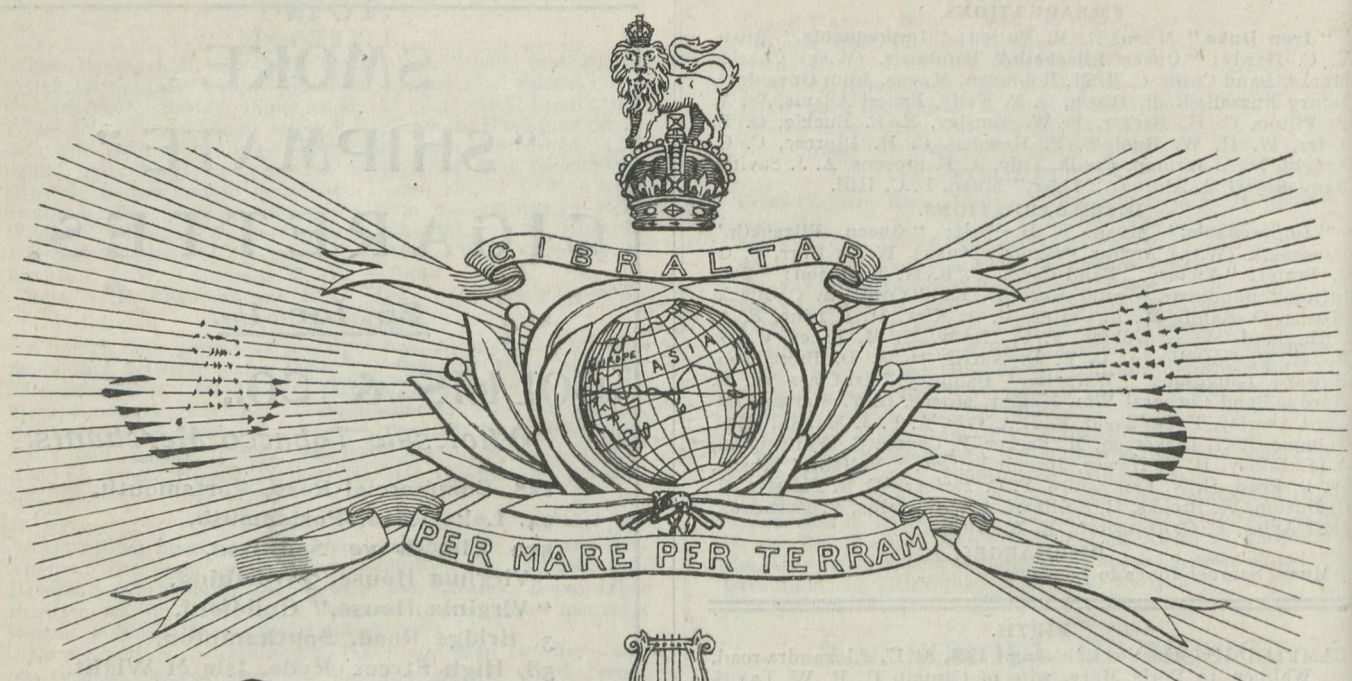

CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

Col.-Comdt. R. H. Morgan, O.B.E., is apptd. A.D.C. to His Majesty the King, vice Phillips, 8th July, 1924.

H.M. The King has been pleased to award the Royal Victorian Medal to the undermentioned N.C.O.'s, R.M.:—Po./210838 Clr.-Sergt. W. H. Heighway, Po./9642 Act. Corpl. John Creese.

Col-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., R.M., is awarded a Good Service Pension of £150 per annum, vice Phillips, 8th July, 1924.

PROMOTIONS, ETC.

Mjr. and Bt.-Lt.-Col. L. C. Lampen, promoted to Lt.-Col, vice Little, and pstd. to Portsmouth, 21st June, 1924; Capt. H. S. S. Bird, prmtd. to Major, vice Lampen, and pstd. to Portsmouth, 21st June, 1924; Capt. C. P. Sparrow (supy.), absorbed in the establishment, vice Bird, and posted to Portsmouth, 21st June, 1924; Capt. A. M. Robertson (supy.), absorbed in the establishment, vice Alcock, and posted to Plymouth, 21st July, 1924.

The following Officers have been granted temporary Commissions as Flying Officers, on attachment to the R.A.F. for four years, as from the dates stated against their names:—Capt. G. Wildman-Lushington, 16th June, 1924; Capt. A. Alcock, D.S.C., 21st July, 1924; Capt. E. Ellison, 16th June, 1924; Lieut. H. Day, A.M., 16th June, 1924; Lieut. J. Fuller, 16th June, 1924; Lieut. J. Rees, 16th June, 1924; Lieut. B. Knowles, 16th June, 1924; Lieut. R. Giddy, 16th June, 1924; Lieut. S. Wooley, 16th June, 1924.

2nd-Lieut. (Actg. Lieut.) F. G. Sillitor promoted to Lieut., and posted to Portsmouth, 31/12/23.

No. Ch./16979 Sergt. Charles B. Feary, to be Actg. R.M. Gunner, and posted to Plymouth, vice Harvey, dated 27/8/24.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major (Bt. Lt.-Col.) R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., is appointed Brigade Major, vice Lampen, from date of taking over duties.

Major Harold Blount, D.S.O., is appointed Brigade-Major at Plymouth, vice Major Snepp; date of taking over the duties.

Harold G. Brown to Deal as Probationary Schoolmaster (Act. W.O.), vice Trace, dated 18/9/24.

Capt. V. D. Thomas to H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth," on re-commissioning; Capt. and Bt.-Major E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O., to H.M.S. "Curacoa," vice Farmer; Capt. N. T. Eastman to H.M.S. "Ramillies," on re-commissioning, vice MacDonnell, to hospital; Capt. R. W. Spraggett, M.C., to H.M.S. "Hood," vice Mitchell; Lieut. R. P. Deane to H.M.S. "Cairo," vice Bass.

Lieut. T. W. Dean (Spec. Reserve of Officers) relinquishes his appointment, 25/8/24.

RETIREMENTS.

R. M. Gunner W. H. Harvey placed on the Retired List on account of Medical Unfitness, 27/8/24.

Headmaster Fdk. A. Trace, on account of age, 18/9/24.

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

The undermentioned officers are qualified for promotion to Major under the provision of Art. 10, I.R.M.D.—Capts. Wilkinson, Heathcote, Law, D.S.C., Burgess, Sandal, Mercer and Cornish, 23/8/24; Capts. S. Wildman-Lushington, V. D. Thomas and G. Campbell.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

The undermentioned Officers have been selected to attend the Senior Officers Course commencing at the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth, on 9th October, ending 13th October, 1924: Majors R. Sinclair, J. Tuke and H. Bird.

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CHATHAM.

PROMOTION.

To be Sergeant, Corpl. J. R. Shrive, "Egmont."

APPOINTMENTS.

Printing Office, Mne W. F. England; Cook Sergt., Sergt. F. J. Hartrel vice G. W. Finnis to duty; C.Q.M.S. "A" Coy., Clr.-Sergt. R. A. Ford; of "G" Coy., Clr.-Sergt. L. J. Winstanby; of "C" Coy., Clr.-Sergt. W. G. Young; C.S.M. of "E" Coy., Clr.-Sergt. F. J. M. Carlton, attndt. to Major G. P. Orde; Mne. A. Clegg; M.T. 2nd-Class, Sergt. G. A. Chennery; Dispenser, Corpl. F. H. Friar; Recreation Room, Mne. E. W. Clark.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Royal Oak,**" W. H. Bell, D. S. Johnson, L. C. D. Hawkes, G. H. Barwell, G. W. Finnis; "**Pembroke,**" F. Knill, C. S. Neve, G. W. Brown, H. Bailey; "**Douglas,**" J. G. E. Rintoul; "**Benbow,**" H. A. Hayden; "**Iron Duke,**" W. H. Holland; "**Calliope,**" W. J. Canham; "**Comus,**" G. Whitmore; "**Blenheim,**" G. A. Yates; "**Canterbury,**" W. T. S. Thomas; "**Victory,**" F. T. Briars, C. E. Mizen, E. Waind and N. R. Wilcox; "**Coventry,**" A. W. F. Putnam; "**Ark Royal,**" A. B. Race; "**Shotley, T.E.,**" E. E. Jones; "**President,**" J. A. Kemp; "**Royal Sovereign,**" C. E. Owers; "**Caledon,**" J. S. Lockhart, T. J. May, G. Osborne, B. Powell, W. H. Rees, P. E. Stearne, and A. Carlisle.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Royal Oak,**" Wm. Cook, L. J. Winstanby, A. J. Cheverton, F. H. Friar, G. C. Kingdom; "**Caledon,**" G. W. Sudlow, P. J. Wraight, G. H. Gardiner, E. J. Stoter, R. A. Silver, C. Terry, H. Maltingley, H. Eldridge; "**Pembroke,**" E. C. Gilbey, G. Aldridge, A. W. F. Putnam, F. S. Parr, F. J. Pattrick, T. C. Fletcher; "**Coventry,**" W. F. England; "**Blenheim,**" A. E. O. Dyer, V. J. Burchett, G. C. Everett; "**Ceres,**" W. C. Chiles; "**Comus,**" G. H. Willy; **Depot, R.M.,** C. A. Pond, G. Y. Morton; "**Ganges,**" L. J. Mitchell, G. D. Dine, R. J. Joyce; "**Ajax,**" D. E. Felton; "**Calliope,**" F. C. Fleming; "**Southampton,**" J. E. L. Prescott, B. Parsons, M. Storer, F. A. Perry, H. Smith, A. A. Murray, A. E. Jenkins, E. R. Arthur, J. A. Loudwell, "**Canterbury,**" S. T. Stevens.

TRANSFER.

Corpl. H. Newton to Po. Division.

DISCHARGES.

Pension.—Mnes. F. Smith, J. H. Gosling, J. H. Wraight, E. C. Gilbey, A. G. Bird, G. W. Lowers, C.S.M. A. J. Wright.

T.E.—Mne. G. W. Sudlow.

Purchase.—Mne. G. Russell.

Invalided.—Mnes. H. W. Duffin, J. Hartley, A. G. Lenton, A. C. Hutt, A. C. Matthews.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

Corpl. M. E. Redman to Sergt, Corpl. A. G. Taylor to Sergt., Corpl. H. H. York to Sergt., Corpl. R. W. Hatfield to Sergt., Corpl. P. A. Adams to Sergt.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Senior Sergts.—Po./14329 Sergt. J. C. Viney, Po./16682 Sergt. L. Coppin, Po./15473 Sergt. H. G. Wright.

Senior Corporals.—Po./14933 Corpl. A. Gee, Po./211846 Corpl. H. Watts, Po./212705 Corpl. C. McKnight.

Senior Marines.—Po./214443 Mne. W. H. Preston, Po./ 19582 Mne. F. M. Brown, Po./17815 Mne. S. E. J. Baker.

APPOINTMENTS.

Clr.-Sergt. W. H. J. Brockwell to C.Q.M.S. "E" Company; Clr.-Sergt. G. H. Barrett to M.T.I., R.M.S.A. School, Browndown; Corpl. W. F. Blanchard to N.C.O. i/c Markers, Small Arms Depot, Eastney; Mne. H. W. Byatt, as Groom to Lt.-Col. Carpenter.

The appointment of Corpl. Peterson as Steward W.O.'s Mess, Po. Div., is extended until discharge.

Mne. C. Churchill to Engineman, R.M. Infirmary; Corpl. W. R. Walker to Clerk, 2nd Q.M.'s Dept.; Clr.-Sergt. W. H. Goodridge to Clerk, Staff Office; Mne. A. Green to Clerk for Training; Mne. B. C. Gibbard to Temp. Clerk, Staff Office.

EMBARKATIONS.

To "**Malaya,**" Mnes. L. J. Backler, E. Catterall; "**Champion,**" Mnes. J. P. Brown, C. A. Wigg, G. J. H. Scarlett, Wm. Callen, "**Dryad,**" F. R. Baker; "**Barham,**" Mnes. H. Thompson, W. A. M. Davidson; "**Malaya,**" Clr.-Sergt. B. E. Fox, Sergts. A. Coombes, A. C. Bishop, Corpls. F. Chivers, H. R. Dredge, Mnes. M. C. Watson, W. T. Digweed, E. G. Cook, G. H. Kirk, F. G. Goodwin, F. G. Garner, A. Anderton, Chas. Loveridge, J. Bull, G. T. Goady, W. A. Smith, G. R. Skinner, A. W. Myall, W. Scarlett, N. M. Davies, W. H. Ackerman, W. J. Looney, S. B. Box, W. J. Willis, T. W. H. French, L. J. Haidon, F. Baryon, G. W. Nurse, A. H. Griffen, T. Oughton; "**Yarmouth,**" Marine Thomas West, Corpl. J. W. Kent; "**Warspite,**" Sergt. G. P. West, Corpl. C. W. Perry, Mnes. E. Noble, A. M. Dixon, E. Boddolph, A. J. James, A. A. Matthews, A. V. Knowlton, W. E. Gamble, R. G. Ware, W. F. Brown, W. W. Warner; "**Conquest,**" Buglr. W. H. Bath, Mnes. T. E. Rees, W. T. Heathman, T. W. Throne, D. R. Kearns; "**Hermes,**" Mnes. C. A. Peters, W. White, G. F. Craner; "**Argus,**" Mnes. W. F. Evans, G. A. Travers, J. E. Livesey; "**Coventry,**" Sergt. W. B. Harbert, Corpl. J. I. Green, Buglr. F. H. Parsonage, Mnes. C. E. Clift, T. A. E. Hunt; "**Barham,**" Sergts. H. Mann, F. Holman, M. Bell, C. W. Morgan, A. J. W. Foster, Corpls. J. Gardner, H. E. Stenning, Buglr. W. F. E. Tylet, Mnes. W. Davey, H. Harrison, J. J. Hutchins, S. J. Hazard, W. H. Roberts, F. Whinhurst, J. H. Avey, J. Grayer, H. Piggott, W. C. Brown, L. J. Horman, A. A. C. Bristow, J. H. Brooks, A. F. D. Austin, H. Shiston, C. H. G. Fricker, E. J. Fidler, W. Rhodes, P. S. Grant, E. C. Dollery, A. Windsor, J. Wright, J. C. Jenkins; "**Victory,**" Clr.-Sergt. N. A. Finch, V.C.; "**Curacoa,**" Mne. A. G. Peach; "**Dryad,**" Mne. G. Horman; "**Revenge,**" Mnes. E. Kellaway, G. S. Payne; "**Iron Duke,**" Mne. H. I. Viney; "**Egmont,**" Mne. E. F. Watts, "**Victory,**" Mnes. H. F. W. Booth, A. V. Foster, C. Jones, H. Knott, M. Somersby, L. W. C. Davey, A. W. G. Painter, W. H. F. Fox, James Dolton, R. M. Legg, G. F. Francis, Sergt. C. J. Elliott; "**Barham,**" Mne. W. F. Warren; "**Champion,**" Mne. B. F. Hillier; "**Dido,**" Corpl. H. H. York, Mnes. J. F. Eadle. J. A. Spencer; "**Victory,**" Mne. L. S. Downing; "**Curacoa,**" Clr.-Sergt. R. G. Warwick, Corpl. R. W. Hatfield, Mne. G. Turner, T. Kerridge, G. Mitchell, H. A. Sellex, A. Telford, S. A. Plummer, W. G. A. Hardy, A. W. L. Collinson, "**Revenge,**" Corpl. W. Tickner, "**Resolution,**" Mne. W. Higgins; "**Tamar,**" Mne. A. S. Green, "**Revenge,**" Sergt. S. W. Kingswell, Corpls. W. C. Rideout, P. Dwyer, W. Avery, Buglr. W. G. Coombes, Mnes. F. Jago, F. P. Woolridge, H. Douse, E. H. Woodward, F. Spencer, Rbt. Hodgson, F. D. Lawrence, E. E. Chivers, A. J. Hobbs, A. H. C. Faulkner, F. Simpson, J. R. Barker, W. H. Clifford, A. T. Dowty, C. Cripps, G. M. Dallaway, A. Baxter, F. M. Tallant, H. Pragnall, W. J. Davies, D. Ford, L. Marsh, A. Golbourn, J. Richardson, G. A. McCormick, A. Hawke; "**Revenge,**" Mnes. E. W. Biles, G. A. Taylor, R. Hudson, B. G. Cook, E. C. A. Thorne, R. Webb, A. W. Pegler, F. W. Clark, W. E. Goodenough, G. H. Wakeham, C. L. Crewe, J. A. Hedges, G. Walder, P. F. Pepper, C. E. Hurley, H. J. Watkins, C. W. Norris, W. E. Howard, C. F. Axtell, E. G. Bunce, W. N. Cox, J. C. Mullins, D. Pizzie, S. J. Roberts, H. Sargent, A. J. Goodkin, W. E. Willis, R. B. Spencer, C. Hall, A. Le Gassick, E. G. North, W. J. McIlwain, J. W. Chellingsworth, B. Winckle, A. Marshall; "**Ganges,**" Corpls. A. T. Sampson; "**Fisgard,**" Corpl. L. E. Lock; "**Yarmouth,**" Mnes. W. S. Hill, E. D. Oates, L. H. Betsworth; "**Argus,**" Mnes. C. Elsie, H. George; "**Hermes,**" Mnes. W. G. Ong, G. J. Day, "**Champion,**" Sergt. T. McArdle; "**Coventry,**" Corpl. C. R. Dyer.

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TRANSFERS.

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Corporals.—A/14869 N. V. Bishop, E/13231 W. Dickman, E/14995 G. Oliver, E/21887 H. J. Leese, C/13736 F. C. Gill, C/10321 W. J. C. Osborne.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Valiant,**" Sergts. Coombes, Jenkins, Buglr. Wathen, Mnes. Bailey, Wilcox, Stephenson, Brimblecombe, Lowe, Hanson, Burgess, Kelson, Tyler, Whitehead, Stonehouse, Jenkins, Stone, Ball, Kears, Woodgates, Bell, Purdy, McFarlane, Sidwell, Harkness, Busby, Naylor, Howard, Hanscombe, Penman, Beer, Weir, Vosper, Wilsher, Miles, Burnett, Martin, Howe, Borman, Putt, Fraser, McCollam, Day; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Mnes. Baines, Mawson, Collett, Harris, Stone, Golding; "**Maidstone,**" Corpls. Waters, Limb; "**Impregnable,**" Corpls. Stratton, Barker, Mnes. Ashcroft, Murdock; "**Woolwich,**" Clr.-Sergt. Silby, Corpls. Sketchley, Bolwill, Clark, Mnes. Cameron, Smith, Golder, Layland, Pearson, Jones, Williams; "**President,**" Mnes. McMullam, Sharland; "Curacoa," Willis, "Vivid," Coleman; "Carlam, Sharland; "**Curacoa,**" Mne. Willis; "**Vivid,**" Mne. Coleman, "**Carlisle,**" Mne. King; "**Carysfort,**" Buglr. Bickham, Mne. Mann; "**Emperor of India,**" Corpl. Haigh, Mnes. Seal, Co wl,Walker, Lawry, Chedzoy; "**Iron Duke,**" Mnes. Burrows, Marston; "**Defiance,**" Mne. Lavercombe; "**Thunderer,**" Clr.-Sergt. Smith; "**Colossus,**" Mnes, Smith, Hannan; "**Ramillies,**" Sergts. Race, Staughton, Sanders, Bowie, Clancy, Peach, Gordon, Corpls. Tanner, Stokes, Hillabey, Buglrs. Cook, Button, Mnes. McLoughlin, Jacobs, Naylor, Jope, Gournell, Pavey, Codd, Densham, Fair, Jones, Bullock, Clements, Keenor, Manning, Holland, Summers, Dixon, Bull, Dugdale, Hill, Godbolt, Wheat, Cattrell, Marsh, Fellows, Snocken, Upham, Smith, Lambert, Bartlett, Shepherd, Gove, Wallbridge, Barrett, Trebell, Tovey, Allen, Holway, Fulwell, Starr, Bull, Price, Moore, Beard, Luckett, Gibbins, Burt, Mewhort, Murch, Sutcliffe, Conyers, Aggett, Weaver, Price, Hellier, Buck, Woon, Hobbs, Hogarth, Jackson, McFeat, Leach, Henderson, Hooper, Board, Burke, Davidson, Clements, White, Heath, Howell, Boffey, Bagnall, Milligan, Searle, Wheeler, Hammond, Jacques, Whittaker, Thorne, Cox, Harding, Willis, Churchward, Chick, Counter, Jones, Kimber, Watson, Beer, Noakes, Dore, Marshall, Mullings, Cook, Haggett, Dennett, Gray, Owen, Payne, Ward, Ponsford, Selley, Perryman, Hodge, Watkins, Mashford, Brown, Dormer, Burton.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Maidstone,**" Corpls. Ponsford, Philpotts; "**Woolwich,**" Clr.-Sergt. Sumner, Sergt. Maclaine, Corpls. King, Male, Gwilliam, Hewell, Buglr. Bickham; "**Curacoa,**" Clr.-Sergt. Walker; "**Defiance,**" Mne. Bowden; "**Impregnable,**" Clr.-Sergt. Wright, Sergt. Waddling, Corpl. Wilkie; "**Barham,**" Mne. Goulter; "**Thunderer,**" Mne. Batchelor; "**Carysfort,**" Sergt. Fitch, Buglr. Lamb, "**Southampton,**" Mne. Butcher; "**Colossus,**" Mnes. McKay, Murdock; "**Depot R.M.,** Corpl. Burnett; "**Valiant,**" Sergts. Gordon, Norris, Corpl. Botterill, Lethbridge; Mnes. Cayton, Simpson, Girling, Brett, Jackson, Screach, McFeat, Leach, Henderson, Snow, Radmore, Hooper, James, Board, Burke, Davidson, Clements, White, Waugh, Heath, Holwell, Smith, Boffey, Bagnall, Milligan, Snape, Dallows, Searle, Hanson, Wheeler, Hammond, Dennett, Light, Smith, Marks, Tomes, Simmonds, Jacques, Whittaker, Haworth, Buglr. Aggett, Mne. Coleman; **On Command, Chat.,** Sergt. Smith; **On Command, Ports.,** Corpl. Bowden; "**Warspite,**" Clr.-Sergt. McCree, Sergts. Bowie, Hutchings, Sanders, Langdon, Clancy, Wyatt, Corpls. Gillespie, Crane, Fagents, Stokes, Ritchie, Tanner, Cann, Scott, Hillabey; Mnes. Mills, Fair, Jones, Bullock, Clements, Keenor, Jordan, Andrews, Manning, Holland, Dart, Summers, Aggett, Dixon, Dugdale, Hill, Godbolt, Wheat, Cattrell, Marsh, Fellows, Hull, Upham, Dunlop, Lee, Smith, Lambert, Bartlett, Shepherd, Gove, Wallbridge, Barrett, Trebell, Tovey, Allen, Holway, Fullwell, Starr, Lee, S.J., Bull, Cole, Drewitt, Thorne, Cook, Shipp, Crannaford, Harding, Willis, Lewis, Capel, Lang, Hall, Churchward, Newbrook, Williams, Brock, Chick, Garrett, Clayden, Bond, Maskell, Lovell, Lang, Miller, Brazier, Butler, Oliver, Mawson, Laflin, Pollitt, Field, Welsman, Paul, Kayll, Pease, Woolcock, Rennolds, Strange, Martin, Anning, Scott, Kimber, Thomas, Riche, Wellington, Dudman, Mound, Drew, Wilson, Mulgrew, Kilkenney, Batten, Lavis, Mahoney, Mitchell, Jago, Lloyd, Johns, Davies, Kirby, Martin, Whitfield, Wiltshire, Thomas, Lightfoot, Cobley, Buckley, Hyman, Aggett, Boulton, Harris, Counter, Homer, Jones, Kimber, Watson, Scott, Beare, Brydon, Noakes, Dore, Marshall; "**Revenge,**" Clr.-Sergt. Smith, Sergts. Jarvis, Thompson, Kilvington, Shimmings, Wilkins, Race, Staughton, Corpls. Quaintance, Stubley, Branton, Leese, Giles, Edwards, Nicholas, Clements, Wiltshire, Tull, Stewart, Moreton, Mnes. Baines, Old, Ryan, Bourton, Mann, Mallows, Collett, Robinson, Allen, Miner, Grinham, Swan, Fry, Dean, McDonald, Roberts, Martin, McDowell, Price, Kerslake, Whitfield, Whiting, Fleck, Whiddon, Rawsthorne, Crook, Harris, Fisher, Longwell, Pointer, Leadbitter, Attwood, Farrant, Gardiner, Cray, Donaldson, Higham, Richards, Lindon, Watson, Dumbleton, Pinwell, Major, Pope, Garbett, Pope, Lamprell, Allnutt, Willetts, Sutcliffe, Stevens, Stone, Lunt, Laversombe, Golding, Kelley, Sawyer, Gwynne, Hamer, Stitt, Mullings, Finnis, Chilcott, Gill, Hobbs, Murch, Hogarth, Lake, Hannan, Selley, Partridge, Baines, Chown, Davies, Berryman, Camp, Discombe, Ward, Richings, Yeomans, Vear, Woon, Coleman, Dormer, Moore, Beard, Luckett, Gibbins, Burke, Mewhort, Grove, Harrington, Leacock, Williams, Ashcroft, Ballard, Baker, Sharp, Churchouse, Washford, Brown, Stanbury, Codd, Wheeldon, Horwell, Ducker, McCollam, Soper, Campbell, Luke, Burton, Freestone, Henderson, Bray, Densham, Didcock, Hobbs, Gale, Brookes, Carmock, Rampton, Westcott, Lang, Bickell, Haynes, Graves, Brimilow, Ellis, Willows, Conyers.

DEPOT.

AWARDS.

The 87th King's Squad was transferred to its respective Headquarters on 20th August. The King's Badge for this Squad was awarded to Ply./22236 Mne. G. W. Praill.

The Adjutant's Silver Whistle for the best Section Commander in the 93rd and 94th Squads has been awarded to Ch. /24315 Mne. K. A. McLean.

APPOINTMENTS.

Ply. D/16718 Mne. W. T. Flynn, Range Marker; Ch. D/18009 Sergt. E. Venables, Clerk, Pay Office; Ch. B/14287, Mne. W. C. Smith, Attd. to Surg. Lt.-Comdr. Colbourne; Ch. B/23302 Mne. H. N. Evans, Attd. to Major Bourne, D.S.O., M.V.O.; Ch. C/16792 Mne. G. J. Dixon, Attd. to Major H. G. Grant.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.

Ch. B/16919 Sergt. C. A. Pond, rejoining H.Q.; Ply. C/12111 Mne. A. E. Lee, for Anti-Gas Course; Ch. D/17761 Corpl. W. J.

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COLONEL-COMMANDANT L. S. T. HALLIDAY, V.C., C.B., A.D.C.

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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.

NOTES AND NEWS.

We have changed the colour of our cover. Next month we intend to make a further alteration, and a slight modification, now in the capable hands of "Col," of the design.

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Looking back through some of the old issues of the "Globe and Laurel," we noted with mingled feelings that a former editor said that he did not propose to allow the journal to deteriorate into a sort of Regimental "Comic Cuts." Our feelings were mingled, because we entirely agreed with him, but wondered, whether we had not sinned. By a perfectly natural mental process, however—nearly a quarter of a century in the Marines is never time mis-spent—we came to the conclusion, that although we may have published sundry fragments of humour, we have maintained the value of the "Globe and Laurel" as a "particular publication." Why is everyone adjured to "tell it to the marines!" Not, we feel sure, because the marine will swallow all he is told, but because he can see humour in anything.

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There is a great deal of latent literary talent in the Corps. The "Magazine" section of the Journal requires a lot of filling. Like the pianist, we are doing our best, but we look hopefully to our humorists and raconteurs, on the active and retired lists, to come forward and help brighten our pages. All you who make us laugh in the mess and in the wardroom, on the mess deck and in the barrack room, in the club and elsewhere, why not "send it to the G. and L.," and let us all laugh with you? If the pen be mightier than the sword, it is principally so because of its ability to call forth laughter.

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Those of our readers who know any super-Marines who do not subscribe to, or read the Corps Journal because they "do not see the use of it," might be pleased to bring to the notice of their erring friends the following extract from an article in "The Times," headed "Particular Publications," and dealing with Regimental Magazines:

"Between the covers of periodicals which flourish exceedingly and yet have no place on any bookstall there is to be found much that future historians will rejoice to discover, and much also that might well reward the industry of an anthologist of our own day. What should we not give now for a 'regimental magazine' of the legionaries? Its jokes, its topical satires, its hints on shaving to dandies on active service would be of even greater value than its military records; for it is a truism among those who seek to reconstruct the life of a remote period that dead writers often reveal most when they try to tell least, and that the passing of a few centuries makes of trivialities a key, sometimes the only key, to manners and fashions long forgotten. This is the peculiar value of 'particular publications.'"

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A new procedure has been started this month, in that the names of our correspondents, "per mare per terram," are published as part of the editorial staff. We

trust they will pardon this switching on of the editorial rushlight. Their seclusion would not have been invaded had it not been for our desire to establish a definite world-wide organisation of correspondents. The permanency of the organisation is assured, if each correspondent on leaving his station will but turn over his self-appointed task to an equally energetic relief, and inform us of the change.

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We should like to record our appreciation of the valuable support we have received from our China correspondent, Capt. A. N. Williams. He is now on his way home, and informs us that he has arranged for his place to be taken by either Captain R. H. P. West, M.C., or Captain R. G. Sturges. Whichever it may be we welcome him to the staff of the "Globe and Laurel."

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Major B. F. Trench also has never failed to send us a monthly budget of interesting news and, subject to his acquiescence, we have ventured to nominate him as our Fleet Correspondent for the Africa Station.

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We append below a partial list of the newly organised editorial staff. We hope to publish a complete list in our next issue, by which time we should have received all the names.

EDITORIAL STAFF.

Hon. Editor, Lt.-Col. G. P. Orde; Hon. Appointment Editor, Major M. K. Gray; Hon. Treasurer, Lieut. G. Burt; Advertisement Manager, Clr.-Sergt. Bowler; Secretary, Mne. S. Hulett.

Fleet Correspondents.

Mediterranean—
Atlantic—
Africa—Major B. F. Trench.
China—Capt. R. H. P. West, M.C., or Capt. R. G. Sturges.
N.A. and W.I.—
East Indies—
Reserve Fleet—

Divisional Correspondents.

Chatham—Capt. L. S. Wilkinson.
Portsmouth—Capt. J. G. Johnstone.
Plymouth—Lt.-Col. H. W. Channer.
Depot—Capt. D. A. C. Shephard.
R.N. School of Music—Lieut. W. E. Faithfull.

PER MARE

MEDITERRANEAN.

H.M.S. "Caradoc."

On the 8th September, the Mediterranean Fleet left Malta for their third cruise in Spanish waters, in a very shrunken condition, owing to the fact that the "Benbow" and "Ceres" were remaining at Malta for docking, the "E. of I." was at Alexandria, the "Calypso" at Port Said, and the "Marlborough" going home to pay off.

The Cruisers "Cardiff," "Concord," and "Caradoc," with the 3rd Flotilla, arrived at Tarragona on the 11th, and whilst there we had the opportunity of seeing a bull fight.

We left on the 15th, did night manœuvres, and arrived at Alicante on the 16th. The Squadron Football Team lost against Alicante F.C. to the tune of 6—0, but our Water Polo Team won 8—0.

Leaving here on the 19th, we got to Cartagena the following day. During our stay, Rear-Admiral Chatfield placed a large wreath on the Spanish-American War Memorial. The Guard of Honour consisted of seamen, and three Marine buglers sounded the "Last Post."

A day's steaming from Cartagena brought us to Gibraltar on the 25th. Here we were joined by the "Q. E.," "Barham," "Valiant," and "Malaya," and two more Flotillas of Destroyers.

On the 5th October, the Calpe Rowing Club held their regatta, and a Royal Marine crew from the "Iron Duke" won the Fleet whaler's one mile race.

S. W. A. STANFORD, Corpl.

8.10.24.

MALTA.

Ghain Tuffieha.

The best individual scores of the 1923-24 Weapon Training Season were as follows:—

"Rifle."—Sergt. W. J. Macaulay, "Egmont," score 190.

" L.A."—Sergt. W. H. Norgrove, " Comus," score 239.

" Revolver."—Capt. S. A. Field, " Ajax," score 147.

The detachment obtaining the best average for Rifle was H.M.S. " Ceres." Strength of detachment 37, Nos. fired 34, Average 139.

The best 90 per cent. scores of Royal Marines, H.M.S. " Ceres," added to the percentage obtained by the seamen parts of the ship, won the Mediterranean Rifle Challenge Cup for ships of Class I. (i.e., ships carrying Royal Marines). Score obtained:—

1.—H.M.S. " Ceres ": Seamen 56.5, Marines 32.7, Total 89.2.

2.—H.M.S. " Marlborough ": Seamen 59, Marines 29.5, Total 88.5.

The final score of Royal Marines was halved, so the actual percentage of the best 90 per cent. scores was 65.4.

The stone huts at Ghain Tuffieha are now in occupation, the official opening date being September 25th, 1924.

The extension of the butts from 8 to 12 targets is nearing completion, and will greatly facilitate passing the large numbers through the Range this season consequent on the increase of the Fleet.

The new football ground which has been laid out below the parade ground is greatly appreciated, and thanks are due to the permanent staff for the wholehearted assistance they have given in the hard work of levelling, rolling, and marking out the ground.

Two football matches have been played since the reopening of the Camp:—

Staff v. Combined team of " Benbow " and " Ceres," and Staff v. " Benbow." Staff won both matches, 1—0.

The Staff are fortunate in being able to put out a fair average team, and out of a total of 18 is usually represented by: Goal, Q.M.S.I. Sloman; Backs, Mnes. Brooks and Lamb; Half-backs, Sergt. Bowie (capt.), Mne. Bond, and Sergt. Walsh; Forwards, Sergt. Buckley, Mr. Boffa (pumpman), Sergt. Taylor, S.B.A. Askew, Mne. Leigh.

T. W. SLOMAN,
Q.M.S.I. of S.A.

10.10.24.

ATLANTIC.

We have received a copy of " Our Own Gazette " for October, 1924, published by and for the Royal Marines of H.M.S. " Resolution." We wish this admirable periodical every success—and hope it will not cause a fall in the sales of the " Globe and Laurel! "

AFRICA.

H.M.S. " Birmingham."

All ships are now assembled at Simon's Town, where we are to remain until we leave early in November for Saldanha Bay where the annual regatta is held.

After our return from the West Coast cruise four days' leave was given to each watch. This is the invariable custom and is not the least of the attractions of a cruise to such uncongenial spots as Boma and Loanda.

At Boma, some 60 miles up the Congo River, there is indeed a football ground, also a tennis court; but there is no such thing in the place as a football nor a tennis ball. One can hardly be surprised at this, for the Belgian officials are obliged to spend from 3 to 4 years in this climate before they get European leave, and during this period their enthusiasm for sport of any kind must become somewhat feeble. It isn't often that a British man-of-war visits them, so there is very little to keep the interest alive.

At Loanda we were more fortunate. Two football matches and a tennis match were played against our ancient allies. One commiserates with people who are forced to spend their lives in unpleasant places. How often does one hear the remark that we are lucky in that we can leave these spots when we like and are not forced to come back there again. Then after about three weeks we go back to an agreeable climate and get four days' leave. They only get three months in four years.

An interesting billiard match was played on 16th September, at the R.N. Recreation Rooms, between Sergt. Small, winner of the Divisional Cup, 1923-4, and Sergt. Coombs of the S.A.P., Champion of Simonstown. The game was close throughout, Sergt. Small winning by 53 points. Scores: Sergt. Small, 750, Sergt. Coombs 697. Breaks: Sergt. Small, 47, 43, 43, 41, 37; Sergt. Coombs, 58, 45, 41, 36, 35.

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

25.9.24.

CHINA.

MOVEMENTS.

The China Squadron has dispersed from Wei-hai-wei. H.M.S. " Hawkins " is on a farewell cruise to Japan.

CIVIL WAR.

Civil war on a fairly large scale has broken out close to Shanghai, and fighting is going on within 20 miles of the city. The causes of the war are too numerous and complicated to be given in these notes, but it is sufficient to say that events in China are leading to a situation in which the intervention of foreign nations will be required in order to maintain trade, and to safeguard their concessions. All Royal Marines of the China Squadron are at Shanghai, commanded by Lt.-Col. Darwall, F.R.M.O.

CANTON.

The Shameen strike finished on August 19th, chiefly as a result of the imminence of fighting in the native city, and the fact that the Chinese wanted to get back to Shameen where they would be safe. The Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Tamar" and "Ambrose" returned to Hong Kong in H.M.S. " Cicala " on August 21st, with the exception of Corpl. Facey and three other ranks who remained to ginger up the new police, and to patrol the Concession. As regards the gingering up, all the teaching had to be done by demonstration as the new police do not understand a word of English.

The strike remained a peaceful one and nothing warlike occurred, though a few amusing incidents took place. One Marine who was cyclist patrol skidded on the Bund during a very heavy thunderstorm on a dark

night, and disappeared over the side, a six foot drop into about 10 feet of water. Within ten minutes his rifle and bicycle had been recovered by two other Marines who came down and dived for them, he himself swimming across to a sampan from which the occupants tried to push him off. A Chinaman who had stolen a tin of herrings swam across the creek to Shameen, and was fired at by Chinese police as he jumped in. The Marines who took charge of him on the Shameen side, found the thief had no clothes on, but in accordance with orders, politely asked the man if he had his pass. Among other things we were asked to shoot a mad dog. On the evening of the demise of the animal (which took one shot in the police compound), there was a report in the vernacular Press that there had been a fight between the police and the soldiery of Shameen, and that six police had been killed!

FIELD WIRELESS.

Three Corporals and three Royal Marine Signalmen commenced a course of Field W.T. under the Command Signal Officer, China, on August 26th.

N.A. & W.I.

H.M.S. "Calcutta."

The Squadron left Bermuda at the beginning of July for the Northern cruise, though ships have been separated from each other during practically the whole period. Whilst this practice has its obvious advantages, such as the lack of crowding on the football grounds, golf links, tennis courts, shooting and fishing areas and in the clubs, on the other hand it prevents anything more advanced than platoon training being carried out at the weekly trainings. Newfoundland was the first place to be visited. Here "Curlew" was suddenly ordered to South America to look after British interests during the Sao Paolo rising in Brazil. A glance at the map will help to show the great distances which have to be visited by ships on this station. At Hawke Bay, N.F., the fishermen enjoyed a fortnight's good sport, as did the black and other flies at the fishermen's expense. Here also the ship's concert party gave a most successful concert and dance to the inhabitants, who came from distances as far away as 20 miles to hear them. Sergt.-Major Jones, for many years the Eastney goalie, is one of the leading lights of the concert party and delights his audiences with items varying from sword swinging and chair balancing to comic songs and sketches. The general impression gained from Newfoundland is that it is a lean hard country with an intensely loyal population, whose chief occupations are the cod fisheries and the lumber and pulp industries. It might also be interesting to note that Armstrong, Whitworth have recently formed a large subsidiary company in order to develop the country both from the lumber and mining point of view.

After leaving Newfoundland, Bar Harbour, U.S.A., St. John, N.B., Halifax, Sydney, Prince Edward Island (the home of the silver fox industry), Quebec and Montreal were visited. At Prince Edward Island, the Marines' team won the lightweight tug-of-war at the Labour Day Sports. They then challenged the winning heavyweight local team but were defeated. As the weight of our opponents' anchorman was 17st 9lbs., with the rest of the team proportionately heavy, the result hardly caused a surprise. Throughout the cruise it has been pleasant to see the large number of ex-Marines who are serving as stewards in the various large liners. All these men without exception appear to be well pleased with the life. Among other ex-Marines who have been met with ashore, one is chef to the Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia, and another is a Marine who deserted some time last century, and is now over 80 years of age. Feeling that he would like to make things square, he surrendered himself to the Military Authorities at Quebec as a deserter from the Royal Marines, and was solemnly awarded one day's C.B. The next day he left the barracks a really happy man with a clear conscience.

EAST INDIES.

H.M.S. "Cairo,"
Madras.

So far as our own detachment is concerned, the following are the principal happenings from the time of commissioning to date.

After we had survived the rough and tumble stuff, which is practically the commencing part of most commissions, and settled down, it was decided to hold a "Divisional Regatta," which comprised entries from all parts of the ship. The two Marine crews were successful in reaching the final. During the time that boats' crews had been in training, guns' crews had also been "working up" for a loader competition in which the "Bootnecks" were again victorious, accomplishing the best time that has ever been done in the ship.

Whilst the ship was on the East African cruise at Tanga, sports were organised ashore in which a tug-of-war team from the detachment beat a far heavier team from the ship's company, two pulls to nil.

At Dar-Es-Salaam a shooting team, selected from the ship's company, went ashore to shoot against the King's African Rifles whom they were successful in beating. The highest individual score was made by Mne. Boulton; the third and fourth were also in the detachment.

At boxing we have also held our own. At a tournament held in Mombasa three entries from the Marines produced two wins and one draw.

We have just completed "Admirals," and after a rather strenuous month of gunnery and torpedo exercises, we are again away on a cruise. We are looking forward to the regatta which takes place shortly, when I sincerely hope to record more successes for the corps of "Nobody's Children."

C. WILKES.

30.9.24.

RESERVE FLEET.

Yet again we have to log a complete absence of news from the Reserve Fleet.

SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON.

H.M.S. "Hood,"
Devonport.

Whilst in Eastern Canada, the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association invited the Special Service Squadron to send a team to their rifle meeting at Ottawa, the

Canadian " Bisley." A team to represent the S.S.S. was selected from among 26 candidates, and after a trial meeting four marines obtained a place in it; their names were Sergt. Riddler and Corpl. Buckley (Ply.), Corpl. Flack (Chatham), and Mne. Frazer (Po.).

As guests of the D.C.R.A. the naval team arrived at Ottawa, and Sergt. Riddler, the captain, was informed that they were entered in as many shoots as possible, but that they had unfortunately missed the first two days of the meeting owing to the squadron having been delayed by fog in the St. Lawrence. The most interesting shoot of the meeting was for the " Governor General's Trophy," the equivalent to our " King's Prize." It is run in two stages, the first 150 in Stage I. qualify for Stage II. The conditions for Stage I. were 200, 500 and 600 yards; for Stage II. 800 and 900 yards. One of the team managed to reach Stage II. with a score of 92, 91 being required to qualify; Corpl. Flack had hard luck with 90, Sergt. Riddler was 87, Corpl. Buckley 84, and Mne. Frazer 82. In the prize list the 4 Marines took 75 per cent. of the money won by the Naval Team; the shoots were Snaps at 300 yards, Rapid at 200 and 500, and the Running Man. At the conclusion of the meeting, Colonel Birdwhistle, Hon. Sec. of the D.C.R.A., presented the Naval team with the silver and the bronze medals of the Association, to be shot for before they left Quebec. This shoot took place in a stiff cross-wind on the Tanzon Ranges, in the absence of Mne. Frazer, who was unfortunately on the sick list. The conditions of the shoot were a sighter and 7 rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards, without wind-gauges. At 200 yards Sergt. Riddler topped the list with 34, Corpl. Buckley was 2nd with 32, and Corpl. Flack was well down the list with 27. At 500, Corpl. Flack was best with 32. Sergt. Riddler secured 31, while Corpl. Buckley only managed to get 20. At 600, Corpl. Flack was top with 27 and Sergt. Riddler made 21. This left Sergt. Riddler and Corpl. Flack leading with 86 points each; as, however, it had been agreed that ties should be decided by the best shoot at the longest range, the silver jewel went to Corpl. Flack and the bronze to Sergt. Riddler.

It would be interesting to know through the medium of our journal, whether any other member of the Royal Marines has the honour of holding D.C.R.A. jewels, as the meeting is held so far inland that it is out of reach of most ships serving on the station.

WM. J. CHRISTOPHER, Mne.

5.10.24.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

MEMORABLE DATE.

26th September, 1827.—The Grant of " The Globe," " Gibraltar," and G.R. IV. (Royal Monogram).

New Colours were presented to the Division of Royal Marines at Chatham, on the part of His Majesty King George IV., by H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, then Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, and General of Marines, afterwards King William IV. His Royal Highness concluded his address in the following terms:

" His Majesty has selected for the Royal Marines a ' Device,' to which their achievements have entitled them, and which, by his permission, I this day present to you, a ' Badge ' which you have so honourably earned. From the difficulty of selecting any particular places to inscribe on these standards, your Sovereign has been pleased to adopt ' The Great Globe itself ' as the most proper and distinctive badge. He has also directed that his own name shall be added to that peculiar Badge, ' The Anchor,' which is your distinctive bearing, in order that it may be known hereafter that George the Fourth had conferred on you the honourable and well-earned badge this day presented to you.

The Motto, peculiarly your own, ' Per Mare—Per Terram ' has been allowed to remain; and surmounting the entire is the word ' Gibraltar,' in commemoration of the important national services you performed there."

DIVISIONAL RIFLE MEETING.

This annual Meeting took place on the Borstal Ranges on the 16th September. Owing to the range closing down for alterations, only one day was available for the meeting, but it fortunately proved fine enough to enable the shooting to be completed.

Seven matches in all were decided, and each match was divided into two classes, viz.: " A "—open to Marksmen and 1st Class Shots, and " B " open to 2nd and 3rd Class Shots and Recruits who had not fired Table " R."

Results.

Match 1—Class A—Proby. 2nd Lieut. Pughe. Class B—Mne. Ryves.
Match 2—Class A—Clr.-Sergt. Smith. Class B—Mne. Wood.
Match 3—Class A—Mne. Ward. Class B—Mne. Bushell.
Match 4—Class A—Q.M.S.I. Bacon. Class B—Mne. Perks.
Match 5—Class A—Sergt. Dunk. Class B—Mne. Fair.
Match 6—Class A—Q.M.S.I. Bacon. Class B—Mne. Hylands.
Match 7—Revolver—Mne. Collis.

Col.-Comdt. R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., witnessed the shooting during the afternoon, and at the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Morgan presented the prizes.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE WAR MEMORIAL.

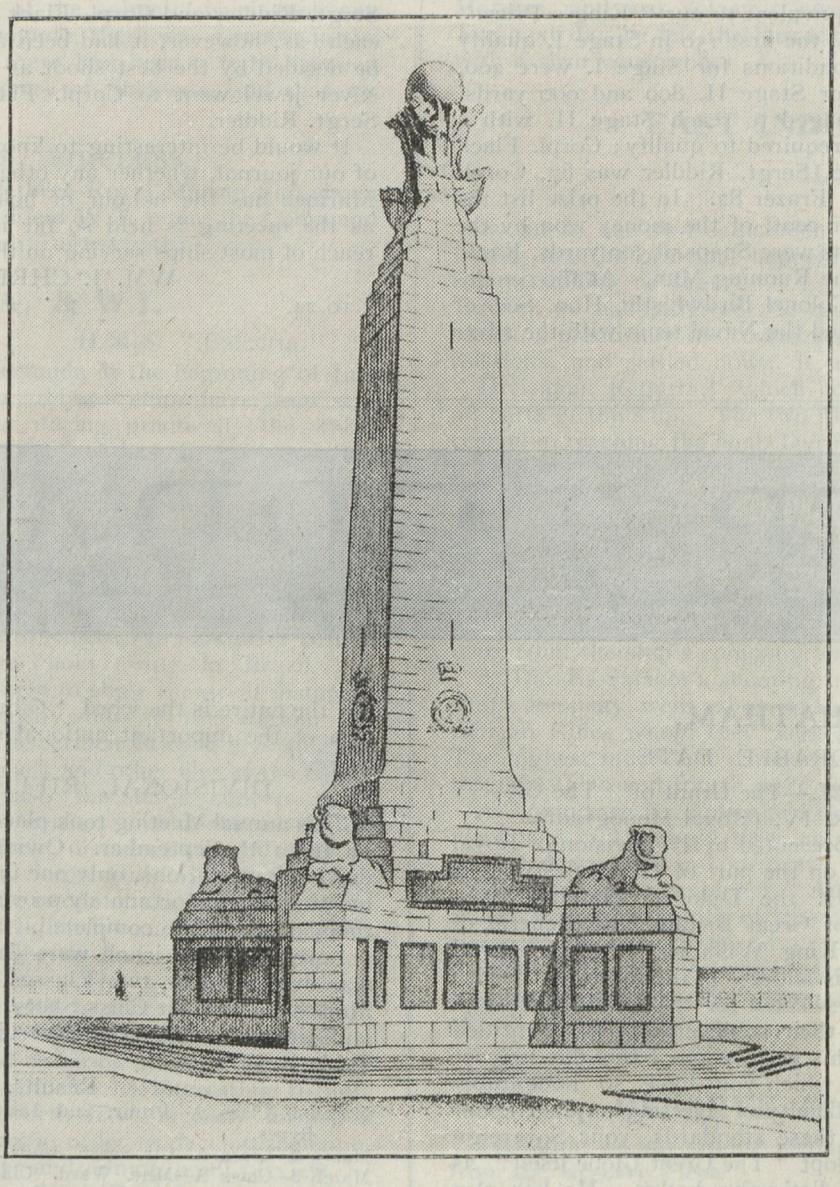
On 15th October the Duke of York unveiled the last of the three naval war memorials which have been erected in memory of those who were lost at sea. Two other memorials have been unveiled at Chatham and Devonport.

The Portsmouth memorial on Southsea Common commemorates approximately 9,700 officers and men of the Portsmouth Port Division.

The ceremony was attended by great crowds of people. There were not far short of 10,000 ticket holders, of whom some 5,000 were relatives of the men whose names appear upon the memorial.

The first to appear on the scene were the Royal Marines, with their band playing "A life on the ocean wave." It was this band which was to accompany the singing of the hymns in the service, and with it came a choir of boys from the Military School of Music, who led the singing.

The Duke of York, who had reached Portsmouth by train, and at the station had inspected a Royal Marine guard of honour, came to the memorial by motor-car, reaching it soon after noon.



Archdeacon McKew then spoke two prayers and then, invited by the Commander-in-Chief to unveil the memorial, the Duke of York, who was wearing the uniform of a commander in the Navy and the Star of the Garter, came to the front of the platform and spoke as follows:—

GRAVES IN THE SEVEN SEAS.

"It is my proud privilege to unveil this memorial to the officers and men of that great Service, in which I have had the honour of serving. This is the last to be completed of the three seamarks which have been erected at our principal manning ports as silent witnesses of the devotion of more than 25,000 of our seamen and to the everlasting glory of the Navy. All the 9,750 names here recorded will live for ever, and testify to the sacrifice made by our premier naval port in sending forth her sons in a great cause. Over 100 years ago the world's greatest naval hero sailed from Portsmouth to achieve his famous victory. So in our day these gallant seamen set forth to do their duty and to uphold the great traditions inspired by him. The sun can never set upon their graves, scattered, as they are, over the seven seas; but this stone will serve to keep their memory ever fresh in our hearts and in the hearts of those that come after us. This historic port has reason to be proud of her children, who so worthily and readily responded to their country's call, laying down their lives for their King in the glorious Service that is the bulwark of the Empire and the heritage of our island race."

The Duke then touched a button on the table before him, and immediately from the four sides of the base of the monument, down fell the white ensigns that had hitherto draped them, and the memorial could be seen complete. Like the other two memorials of this nature, Sir Robert Lorimer and Mr. Poole's design is a tall stone obelisk, recessed at the top, and crowned by a great globe of dark copper, which is supported by the torsos of four winged figures representing the winds. Below each figure juts out the stone prow of a ship, and lower down on each side is carved the naval crown above an anchor within a laurel wreath, and on each angle of the base lies a great stone lion couchant, with crossed forepaws. Bronze tablets on each side record in detail the losses of ships and men and the actions at sea and on land.

The Duke of York, with bared head, then laid at the foot of the memorial his wreath, which bore the inscription, "In Remembrance, 1914-1919, Albert."

Messrs. W. & J. Mackay & Co., Ltd., of Chatham, the printers of the "Globe and Laurel," have kindly permitted us to publish a picture of the Naval War Memorial at Chatham. It is of similar design to those at Portsmouth and Plymouth.

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ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S INSPECTION.

The Adjutant-General R.M. Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., accompanied by the D.A.A.G. Lt.-Col. R. D. Ormsby, C.B.E., inspected the Division and R.N. School of Music on the 22nd-26th September.

The Adjutant-General was received by a Guard of Honour with Regimental Colour, under the command of Capt. M. Webb-Bowen, on the 23rd.

VISIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SOUTHERN COMMAND.

General Sir A. J. Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.-in-C., Southern Command, accompanied by the Staff, visited the Division on the 3rd October. The General was received by Colonel-Comdt. J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., and a Guard of Honour, with Divisional Band, under the command of Capt. M. Webb-Bowen. General Godley expressed his appreciation of the smartness and turn out of the Guard of Honour and Band and questioned every N.C.O. and man with medals, several of whom had served in France in the Great War.

RECRUITING.

Judging by numbers obtained, it does not seem to be generally known that Recruits are required for the Royal Marines.

Age 17-18	Height 5ft. 5½in.	Chest 33in.
18-19	5ft. 6in.	34in.
19 and over	5ft. 7in.	35in.

PLYMOUTH.

TORCHLIGHT TATTOO.

(The following is extracted from the "Western Morning News," of the 18th September).

"The principal object of the promoters of the tattoo was to supplement the funds of the Royal Marine Cadet Corps and the Girls' Ambulance Corps, and the value of both organisations was abundantly demonstrated by the perfection of a physical drill display by the girls and a vaulting display by the cadets. Both displays were under the direction of Qrmr.-Sergt. McG. Hawes. The band, whose performances were a most acceptable feature of the entertainment was under the direction of Lieut. P. S. G. O'Donnell.

The most striking item was a series of displays of drill illustrating three periods in the history of the Royal Marines—1664, when the corps was founded; 1805, and 1914. For each period the officers and men wore the uniforms and carried the arms with which they were supplied in the day depicted, and the words of command were also used.

For the first period the pikemen were in coats of yellow, which is perpetuated in the colours of the corps; while for the second period the squad wore red coats, gaiters, and tall hats. In every detail the uniforms and drills were perfect; and the incident which marked each change, when the officer commanding the new Royal Marines relieved the officer in command of those who were passing, was a most impressive bit of acting. Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock was in command of the pikemen, Sec.-Lieut. W. F. Edds commanded the party representing the middle period, and Sec.-Lieut. R. A. Edmondson was in charge of the party representing the corps at the time the Great War began.

TORCHLIGHT MARCH.

A lantern cycle ride, directed by Clr.-Sergt. Parker, a torchlight march by the Royal Marine Cadet Corps, under Sergt.-Major Wilson, and a lantern march under Major Norcock, provided fascinating spectacles; and a fire extinguishing demonstration in which a fire party with ladders and hose, under Sergt. Soden, took part, proved so realistic that at the outset some of the spectators believed that the fire was real.

A display of savage warfare by the gunnery staff, under Clr.-Sergt. Gould, in which a British force attack and take prisoners a tribe of cannibals who have murdered a party with a flag of truce, proved as exciting and welcome as ever. The grand finale, in which all the performers share, also provided an imposing spectacle."

Originally it was intended that the Tattoo should continue for three nights only, but owing to the enthusiasm with which the display was received, it was decided to continue it for a fourth night. The proceeds of this last show were devoted to the "Waifs and Strays."

On the second day the weather proved ideal, and the Barracks were packed to overcrowding. On the third night, however, the weather was far from satisfactory, and the display of gymnastics by the R.M. Cadets had to be abandoned.

A thoroughly amusing incident was provided by the comic party in their imitation of the relief of the Marines of the three periods. The amusing reply, "I am Prince Rock," which answered the challange, "Who art thou," and the following reply of, "I am Mutley Plain; I come to believe you," aroused roars of laughter amongst the local spectators.

On each occasion the programme was carried through without a hitch, and there was an entire absence of the annoying pause between items so usually associated with displays of this description. The lighting effect was extraordinarily good, especially on the wet evenings, when the glistening surface of the parade ground reflected the multi-coloured fairy lights and provided a charming spectacle.

Financially the undertaking was a huge success. Exact figures are not yet available, but it is anticipated that the R.M. Cadet Corps and the Girls' Ambulance Corps will benefit to the extent of about £150, and it is only due to the very bad weather that the Waifs' and Strays' Society will only benefit by approximately £25.

WAR MEMORIAL.

The Plymouth Division War Memorial, standing on the Hoe, has suffered somewhat owing to the recent bad weather, and is now being attended to. The Borough Authorities have greatly improved the site by clearing away the débris, and by constructing a footpath leading to the Memorial.

LIFEBOAT DAY.

A successful outdoor entertainment was given in Chelson Meadow on 10th September in aid of the National Lifeboat Institution. A Torchlight March by the Royal Marine Cadet Corps provided the finale.

MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

Mr. W. J. Matthews, Pensioner, Royal Marines, and formerly of the Plymouth Division, is contesting the Friary Ward in the Conservative interests at the Municipal Election on 1st November. We wish him every success.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the Medal of the British Red Cross Society, awarded for War Service, 1914-18, granted to the late Mr. Walter Skinner, have been presented by his son, Sergt. S. J. Skinner, R.M.

Mr. Skinner was for years well known and much respected in Plymouth and its neighbourhood, and the news of his death on the 1st September last will have been read with sincere regret by many members, past and present, of the Corps to which he was such a credit. He had a well-merited reputation as a strict disciplinarian and an exceptionally smart and efficient drill instructor, and he earned the esteem of all those he trained. It was a source of pride and gratification to him that he had had the unique experience of having instructed as Probationary 2nd Lieutenants, three officers who were recently serving as Commandants at the same time, namely, Major-General St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Colonel G. J. H. Mullins, C.B.

Discharged to pension in 1899, the outbreak of the Great War saw Mr. Skinner once again in harness on the Plymouth parade ground. His age necessitated his being demobilised in April, 1916, but he continued to do useful service, first as Sergeant-Major of Devon Volunteers and later as Head Ward Master at Millbay Hospital, where he remained until its closing down in 1919. He was subsequently Sergeant-Major of the Red Cross Society at Plymouth, and held that appointment at the time of his death.

The medals of this fine old soldier could perhaps be in no more fitting resting place, and surely not in one more after his own heart than in the Officers' Mess. Here they will always be held in honoured remembrance among the many other decorations and medals earned by our predecessors in the Royal Marines.

H. CHANNER.

SHOOTING.

The Division has been more successful this year in the various Rifle Meetings than for many years past. This is attributable to the varied interests aroused by the decentralisation of the R.M.R.A. Meeting.

The following is a résumé of our successes:—

United Services Meeting.—*Cambridge Challenge Cup. (Team). Individual Challenge Cup (Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard). Second in all other events.
(* Includes R.M. Afloat).

R.M.R.A. Local.—1st Aegean Cup, 1st and 2nd Mercer Cup, 1st Officers' Cup, 1st Young Officers' Revolver, 2nd Young Officers' Rifle, 2nd Revolver Bowl, 2nd, Young Soldiers in D. of E., and other individual prizes. The Division also won the Challenge Cup open to Regiments and Ships.

R.M.R.A., Bisley.—Rifle Gold Jewel (Clr.-Sergt. Hiscock). 2nd and 3rd Collard Cup.

Bisley.—2nd Canada Shield (Brinsmead), 3rd Aldershot Cup, 4th Hamilton Liegh, 6th Roberts, and 31 other money prizes for individual events.

Local Meetings.—Company Challenge Shield, "G" Coy. Inter-Departmental League—1st Small Arms, 2nd Adjutants. Individual Cups were won by Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard (N.C.O.'s Cup), Mne. Pengelly (Private Marines Cup).

R.M.R.A. SUBSCRIPTION MEDALS, 1924.

In connection with the funds subscribed by the various Departments towards the R.M.R.A., 1924, Medals were forwarded to all the Departments concerned. Certain of these Medals have been shot for, with the following results:—

Officers—R.M.R.A. Silver Medal, Captain C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C.; R.M.R.A. Bronze Medal, Lt.-Col. M. J. Bennett; R.M.R.A.; Barrack Dept.—R.M.R.A. Silver Medal, C-21913, Mne. A. E. Harris; Small Arms Dept. —R.M.R.A. Bronze Medal, Q.M.S.I. of S.A. C. H. Cross; Adjdt's. Staff—R.M.R.A. Bronze Medal, Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard, M.M.; Sergts'. Mess, R.M.R.A. Bronze Medal, Sergt. E. Abbott.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WESTERN DISTRICT RIFLE MEETING.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE CUP.

This Cup was first shot for in 1899. It has been won by the Plymouth Division Royal Marines on two previous occasions, in 1902 by Sergt. S. Hellier, R.M., and in 1924 by Clr.-Sergt. W. H. Meatyard, R.M.

Conditions: 200 yards, 500, and 600 yards; Bisley Targets (S.R.A.); 1 sighter and 7 rounds, slow. There were about 200 competitors, and the 3 highest scores, with a possible of 105 were: Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard, R.M., 97; Clr.-Sergt. Hiscock, R.M., 95; Corpl. Ward, R.M., 93.

5th DEVON AREA TERRITORIAL RIFLE MEETING, 1924.

This meeting was held at Trevol Ranges. In the open competition (a 600 yards shoot), there were about 200 competitors. It was won by Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard.

SERGEANTS' MESS ANNUAL SHOOT.

This shoot took place at Fort Tregantle, on the 27th August, with the following results:—

"MESS CUP."

1st, Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard, M.M., 72; 2nd, Sergt. R. O. M. Pughe, 71; 3rd, Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock, 68; 4th, Sergt. R. I. Stapleton, 68; 5th, Sergt. E. Abbott, 67; 6th, Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross, 67.

"GRAHAM CUP."

1st Sergt. E. Abbott, 85; 2nd, Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock, 85; 3rd, Sergt. R. L. Stapleton, 82; 4th, Sergt. J. J. Manfield, 82; 5th, Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross, 81; 6th, Sergt. C. Tugwell, 79.

"AGGREGATE CUP."

1st, Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock, 153; 2nd, Sergt. E. Abbott, 152; 3rd, Sergt. R. L. Stapleton, 150; 4th, Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross, 148; 5th, Sergt. C. Tugwell, 143.

DEPOT.

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AT THE DEPOT.

Who is the "Duke of Brighton?"

Who was the Member of the "Greatest Constitutional Country" that got "diddled" out of his vote?

How did "Windy" like his farewell?

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S INSPECTION.

The following letter has been received from the Adjutant-General, R.M.:—"I was very pleased with the good appearance of all ranks on Parade at my inspection on Monday, 22nd Sept. The condition of the clothing, and the state of the barrack rooms and institutions reflect great credit on all concerned.

The School having been in existence now for 21 years, it is very gratifying to note the high tone of 'esprit de corps,' which appears to pervade all ranks."

N.C.O.'s SOCIAL CLUB.

Two visits have been made during the summer to Wembley Exhibition by the N.C.O.'s Social Club, and preparations are now being made for a winter programme of Whist Drives and Dances.

R.M.R.A.

The following excerpts are made from the Minutes of a Committee Meeting of the R.M.R.A. held at Eastney Barracks on 7th October, 1924:—

A letter was received from Major H. Blount, D.S.O., on the question of "spotting," and deprecating any departure from the N.R.A. Regulation No. 284. Later it was proposed by Major Huntingford and seconded by Major Coode that "spotting" in individual competitions be disallowed and N.R.A. Regulation No. 284 be adhered to. After an amendment had been lost, the motion was carried.

Captain F. R. Jones was elected to fill the appointment of Secretary and Treasurer.

Captain J. E. Leech-Porter and Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O., were elected Captain of the Rifle and Revolver VIII. respectively.

A rough financial statement showed that income and expenditure nearly balanced.

It was decided that the R.M.R.A. and its Units should have first claim on any of their members to shoot for them. It was also decided that the winter Revolver Competition should commence on 1st November, the periods being as for last winter. Various amendments to the rules were made.

Major Williams made suggestions for Detachment matches in sea-going ships. The Committee considered the suggestion excellent and decided that all Fleet R.M. Officers should be asked for their views.

Certain alterations to the rules were approved and will be embodied in the Rules for 1925, which it is hoped to issue before Christmas, 1924.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

MARINE'S TOE IN THE AIR FORCE.

The R.M.O.C.A. held its 11th annual dinner on 18th October, at the Hotel Russell. Lieut.-Col. W. P. Drury presided, and Viscount Chelmsford, 1st Lord of the Admiralty, was the guest of honour.

Lieut.-Colonel Drury, replying to the toast of the Association, spoke with pride of the " King's Sea Regiment," and of the honour done to them by the presence of the First Lord of the Admiralty. He would repeat to them, he said, the words he had spoken two years ago, since they were to-day more applicable than ever: " In the whole of her history England has never had greater need of men who know from personal experience what the British Empire means, who stand for law and order, and who still cling to the simple creed of their fathers, ' Fear God, honour the King.' " (Cheers).

In the present political pandemonium, he continued, the word " revolution " dominated the babel of shibboleths. He suggested that at the first symptoms of an outbreak of revolution the Government should organize a series of big football matches at all the principal industrial centres. Once revolutionary England was happily engaged in watching and betting on the result, it would forget all about kicking any one but the referee.

The toast of " The Services " was proposed by Mr. C. E. Marshall, Hon. Secretary, who declared that there could be no revolution in this country, because of the ex-Service men scattered throughout the land, who knew the influential value of discipline. (Cheers).

Lord Chelmsford said he was glad he had accepted their present invitation, since he might not hold his position next year. (Laughter). What was a Marine? he asked. He was both a sailor and a soldier, and he himself was not sure that the Marine had not got his toe into the Air Force. (Laughter). He regarded the Royal Marines as an epitome of all those Services.

ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE.

The Annual Church Parade of the Association took place on 21st September, in the Guildhall Yard, King Street, E.C. Gen. Sir W. C. Nicholls, K.C.B., Major-Gen. H. S. N. White, C.B., M.V.O., Capt. R. H. Winne, and over a hundred Old Comrades attended the parade, which was inspected by the Adjutant-General, Major-Gen. A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. The parade was played to and from St. Sepulchre's Church by the band of the Greenwich R.H. School, and the service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Ward, M.A., Hon. Chaplain to the Association. The offertory was in aid of the Royal Seamen and Marine Orphan Homes, Portsmouth. The party afterwards adjourned to the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, E.C., where they were addressed by General Hutchison, who expressed his pleasure at and appreciation of the parade.

GREENWICH BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the R.M.O.C.A. took place at the " Star and Garter," Park Street, Greenwich, on 13th October, and was followed by a concert and dance.

PRESENTATION OF MINIATURE COLOURS.

At the monthly meeting held at the Veterans' Club on October 6th., an interesting presentation was made to the Association by Major A. Kelly Evans, O.B.E., M.C., President of the Liverpool Branch, and one of our Vice-Presidents.

The presentation took the form of a replica in miniature of the King's and Regimental Colours of the Corps, and in handing them to Lieut.-Col. H. Gritton, the senior Vice-President, who presided, he expressed the hope that they would serve as a reminder of the great Corps in which we had all served, and that they would be placed on the table at all our meetings and functions. Lieut.-Col. Gritton in thanking Major Evans for the Colours called on the Comrades present to give him a hearty vote of thanks, which was carried with musical honours.

A dance was afterwards held and kept up till a late hour.

CADET CORPS.

" LORD ROBERTS " TROPHY.

The " Lord Roberts " trophy for Great Britain, presented by Countess Roberts for competition, with the miniature rifle, among cadet and other school organisations, and fired in connection with the Empire competition for the Imperial Challenge Shields, has been won by the 14th Derby (1st L.M.S. Railway) Boy Scouts and the Royal Naval Training Establishment, Shotley.

The fixed standard for " mass efficiency " of 66 per cent. is laid down, and badges are issued with the approval of the military authorities to boys winning the title of Empire Marksmen and Empire 1st Class Shots (Boys' Division). The individual proficiency required is the same in both cases, viz.: 90 points for Empire Marksmen and 85 to 89 points for Empire 1st Class Shots. A white badge is awarded members of units who have gained mass efficiency. Those who have not this distinction receive red badges.

The results for Great Britain show little or no improvement either in numbers or in the standard of shooting when compared with last year's effort. The competitors totalled 3,847. The highest average—93 points—was made by the 14th Derby Boy Scouts. This troop consists of 33 boys, and all of them fired. More than half of the competitors for the whole of Great Britain were furnished by the Royal Naval Training Establishment, Shotley. All the boys of this unit—2,092—fired in the competition, and their average was 64·4. This leaves only 1,755 competitors from other organisations, which means that about 1,200 boys who competed last year did not enter the competition this year.

Other organisations in order of merit were:—

St. Andrew's School, Eastbourne (29 Empire Marksmen).

Depot Royal Marines Cadet Corps, Deal (13 Empire Marksmen).

1st Cadet (Chatham) Company, Royal Marines (1 Empire Marksmen).

Rottingdean School, Sussex (six Empire Marksmen).
Temple Grove (Eastbourne) Cadet Corps (four Empire Marksmen).
Terra Nova School, Birkdale, Southport (20 Empire Marksmen).

SHOOTING.

PORTSMOUTH CUP COMPETITION, 1924.

R.M. Cadet Corps, Depot, Deal, 498; 1st (winners). R.M. Cadet Corps, Chatham, 497, 2nd. R.M. Cadet Corps, Portsmouth, 492, 3rd. H.M.S. "Victory" C.C., Portsmouth, 465, 4th. R.M. Cadet Corps, Plymouth, 366, 5th. R.M. Barracks, Chatham, 286, 6th.

TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION.

CHINESE METHODS.

Apropos of the present unrest in China, the following incident may be of interest as showing the curious methods adopted in that country.

Some 20 years ago when I was serving on the China Station, the Chinese Navy was augmented by the addition of two fast light cruisers, or 2nd Class cruisers, as they were then termed, which had been built in England.

The Chinese were justly proud of these two ships, for they had far outclassed similar vessels built in Germany about the same time.

During a fog one of them had the misfortune to pile up on the rocks and became a total loss.

Shortly afterwards I happened to meet the captain of the sister ship who had studied at the R.N. College, Greenwich, and spoke excellent English.

The conversation soon turned on the recent accident, and I asked him what he thought would happen to the unfortunate commanding officer. "Oh! nothing at all," he replied. "You see, he is a great favourite at Peking, so I expect I shall have to stand the blame." "But," I said, "were you in company at the time of the accident?" "No," he answered, "I was over 500 miles away at the time, but that's nothing with us; 'somebody' has to suffer for it."

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AMERICAN THOROUGHNESS.

Most people are probably aware that the chief obstacle the Americans had to contend with during the construction of the Panama Canal was Yellow Fever, the germs of which were spread by mosquitos.

To illustrate the trouble taken by the Authorities to rid the Canal Zone of this pest, one of the Regulations, which was strictly enforced, is quoted below:—

"Should a mosquito be found in any room, it is the law neither to kill it or permit its escape, but to phone to the Sanitary Authorities immediately."

As first aid in response to this intelligence, a small agile boy, termed a "Mosquito Catcher," quickly arrived on the scene. It was his business to catch the insect alive in a trap. He was followed by other experts who determined its species, and then endeavoured to ascertain whence it came, or if there was any stagnant water in the neighbourhood.

P.M.

DEATHS.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th Sept., 1924.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of death.*
Allard, A. E.	Mne.	Chat.	10843	15/9/24
Ash, G.	Mne.	Ply.	B Co.	3/9/24
Bates, J.	Mne.	Ports.	369	3/9/24
Bourlet, W. F.	Mne.	R.M.A.	6202	13/9/24
Butler, B.	Mne.	R.M.A.	1368	18/9/24
Croucher, G. W.	Bgr.	Chat.	12928	10/9/24
Deering, C.	Mne.	Chat.	1384	5/9/24
Doble, M.	Mne.	Chat.	16 Co.	29/4/23
Ellsley, J.	Mne.	Chat.	761	15/8/24
Hawker, T.	Mne.	Ply.	36 Co.	20/9/24
Holman, B. V.	Sgt.	Chat.	17121	11/9/24
Hyde, W.	Mne.	Ply.	758	13/9/24
James, T.	Mne.	Ply.	47 Co.	25/9/24
Ludlow, G. H.	Mne.	Ports.	11961	26/7/24
Matthews, S. G.	Mne.	Chat.	14705	1/9/24
Meekums, S.	Mne.	Chat.	1479	1/9/24
Morgan, W.	Mne.	Chat.	1471	21/9/24
Skinner, W.	Q.M.S. W.O. 2	Ply.	17178	1/9/24
Spencer, A.	Mne.	Chat.	10064	21/9/24
Waterman, A. J.	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	2233	28/7/24
Wilson, H. C.	Bd.-Sgt.	Depot	134	10/7/24

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the following publications:—"The Leatherneck," "The Hampshire Regimental Journal," "The Sapper," "The Army Quarterly," "The London Scottish Regimental Journal," "The Snapper," "The Red Hackle," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "St. George's Gazette," "On the March," "The Gunner," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The R.M.A. Magazine," "The Green'un," "The Journal of the R.A.S.C."

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SOLILOQUY IN A COUNTRY LANE.

By Mr. Hyde.*

So-called Progress! Whither is it leading us? Nowhere—but to further Progress. It has become an end in itself. Every advance of Progress removes us further from Nature. We are progressing towards the artificial. We are retrogressing from the natural. Thus we advance backwards, and Progress stands revealed as a contradiction in terms.

What has Progress done for us? Medical science has advanced rapidly but can a doctor cure colds more quickly than they were cured 2,000 years ago? Can he cure cancer? Or consumption? Sanitation has improved and there is a resultant saving of life and improvement in health; antiseptics have proved a boon. But these benefits are immeasurably outweighed by the waste of life and injury to health due to the impaired nervous systems which the strain of modern life produces.

People were not *less* happy before steam and electricity were hunted into slavery; many would be less *un*happy if these tyrants had never been harnessed to the world. Such a grotesque tragedy as the Great War could never have been enacted had it not been for the wonders of Science that marched in the van of Progress.

The few must rule, but it is even more imperative that the many should serve. Progress demands the education of the masses, and as a result they acquire an increased field of view. A desire for the unattainable is created, and discontent results. Contentment should be our aim. Progress battens on discontent, and brings unhappiness in its train.

Our needs of to-day were unknown yesterday—to-morrow fresh ones will arise. Few can hope to have other than a small proportion of their wants satisfied, but Progress unceasingly creates more. Human ambition is insatiable, because it treads a vicious circle drawn by Progress, and we have not strength to break clear.

In the name of Progress, over-civilization is drying up our nervous forces like the stifling breath of a forest fire, and we do but use our jaded vitality to increase the intensity of the blaze. We imagine we are marching hand in hand with Progress; in reality we are being dragged, gasping, at her chariot wheel—whither?

Ever faster and faster we rush through life, until we reach the end, giddy and breathless. Hasten, ye others, lest ye be left behind!

Are not the majority less happy than they were when life was simpler? Are not the minority as miserable as they ever were? "But," say the Wise Men, "you now lead a fuller life." Yes, but fuller of what? So might a glutton consider he led a fuller life because of his ability to stimulate his flagging appetite with artificial aids to digestion. Is life fuller of fresh air and sunshine, of radiant health and gentle moods, of peace and contentment? Rather is it fuller of fumes and gases, of jangled nerves and irritating worries, of strife and the fierce pursuit of futilities. One might well pause a moment, ruminate, and envy—yon cow!

(* We are authorised to state that Dr. Jekyll entirely disassociates himself from any views expressed by Mr. Hyde.—Ed.)

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The tourist from London had stopped to change tyres in a desolate region in Scotland. "I suppose," he remarked to a native onlooker, "that even in these isolated parts the bare necessities of life have risen tremendously in price?" "Ye're richt," replied the native, "and it's no worth drinking when you get it."—"The London Scottish Regimental Gazette."

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Extract from a Command Paymaster's records:—"Unless I receive my husband's pay at once I shall be compelled to live an immortal life. Owing to your delay in sending my letter and money I am walking about Bolton like a mouldy pauper. Hoping you are the same."—"Journal of the Honourable Artillery Company."

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The following addition to our collection of letters is cribbed from the "Evening News."—

Dear Sir,—I have received no paiment since my husband has gone from nowhere.

My husband has been away at the Crystal Palace and got a four days' furlong and has now gone to the mind sweepers.

We received your letter. I am his grandfather and grandmother. He was brought up in this home in answer to your letter.

My husband has joined the Army now. I shall be glad if you will send me his elopement money.

I enclose my certificate and six children. There were seven, but one died. You only send six. Her name was Fanny. She was baptized on half a sheet of paper by Rev. Thomas ——, M.A., and oblige. Please send my extra money quick as the new baby is bottled and an expense.

THE COLONEL TOLD THE ADJUTANT.

That he had a letter addressed to him as follows:—

"*** ***
Common Dance House,
R.M. Barracks."

Correspondence in connection with the "Brighter London" movement, we presume. Discretion is the better part of valour, and the "stars" are ours.

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The Colonel is twice as old as the Adjutant was when the Colonel was as old as the Adjutant now is. The Colonel is 52; how old is the Adjutant? The answer to this problem, which curiously enough has nothing to do with lemons, should reach us not later than April 1st; telegraphic address "Napoleon, Yarmouth."

"THE NOES HAVE IT."

To speak of eyes conjures up visions of love, heroes, and poetry—"the windows of the soul." To mention mouths or chins, suggests character; one is reminded of the firm strong man with the iron jaw, the sensitive artist, or the gentle maiden. But noses! The very word provokes levity—"a nose by any other name would smell as sweet"—and the only time the organ should be taken seriously is when it is officiating at a cold.

Yet, there is character in the nose, as in every part of the human countenance; and noses, as types, have been handed down, figuratively speaking, through the ages. It was among the ancient Greeks that the nasal organ attained its highest degree of perfection, although it is a question if this was not a matter of theory rather than of practice. The Greek nose, absolutely straight, seemingly at one with the forehead, is the sculptor's ideal; it is rarely seen to-day, and probably never on a modern Greek.

The Roman nose is less perfect in its proportions, but gains thereby in character. It has an aristocratic air, and seems to betoken strength of will in its owner: the nostrils dilate when anger or pride are experienced; the bridge is somewhat high, though not exaggeratedly so, and adds nobility to the mien of its bearer.

The nose "tip-tilted like the petal of a rose," suggests love and kisses, with a dash of naughty mischief; it cannot be taken seriously, and is a temptation to spoil its owner with all the pretty things of life. Be this type enlarged, however, it becomes a mere ungainly blob, floating on a sea of fat—a nonentity, except at meal times, when it presides in satisfaction over a well-spread board.

The semitic nose, though unbeautiful, dominates every other feature on its wearer's face, and refuses to be ignored. It suggests brain, subtlety, perseverance, and a reserve of will power: and though appearances are against it, it is a serviceable weapon.

One feels that the snub nose is more snubbed against than snubbing. None takes it seriously, and detracting as it does from the beauty and dignity of its unhappy owner, though he possess every other ingredient in his composition making for greatness, he is damned at birth as a mediocrity.

In the presentation of comedy, perhaps, the nose has achieved its most noted success. The red-nosed artiste speaks for himself. Punch, that world-wide favourite, would not be himself were it not for his precious nose, so suggestive of humour and ruse. Convivial hours in pre-war days, and hopes of a brighter London, are brought to mind by a glance at the jovial protuberance of Ally Sloper, while posterity hails the memory of the Iron Duke by the greatness of his victories, the design of his boots, and the noble proportions of his nose.

A man's calling may often be detected by his central feature; thus, the pugilist is recognisable by the number of bridges he appears to have had demolished; the person whose business consists in interfering in that of others, possesses a pale and pointed variety of proboscis; the man whose life work includes the immoderate consumption of the luscious fruit of the vine, is unmistakable by the rich colouring and wayward contours so frequently seen. The parson's nose need scarcely be alluded to, even *en passant*, since it has no connection with parsons, and even less with noses.

As a thermometer, the nose, though neither a useful nor an accurate instrument, deserves mention, indicating as it does by its appearance either heat or cold.

One nose, at least, inspired a poet: not on account of its immortal beauty, but because of its heroic size and the pathos of its ugliness. Cyrano de Bergerac dominates an audience, and even reduces a portion of it to sympathetic tears solely by virtue of his nose; and those who would study the philosophy of noses cannot afford to ignore this dramatic presentation of a dominating feature.

We do not know to whom we should attribute the following rhapsody, but we feel sure its author would have given us his kind permission.

"O nose, my brother, excellent and distinguished nose, nose Greek and gracious, nose proud, nose lofty, nose incorruptible, nose of a mild and sonorous majesty, O tutelary nose, I think I see you before me like the prow of some noble galley, for ever sailing on, or else shying violently at the vile and contemptible work of ****, that literary critic. Be assured, little nose, noseling, noselet, nose of a thousand graces, you shall never suffer that indignity, at least, again; or, if you must I will refresh and cheer you, nose, with a good long sniff of Chaminade or Soupir d'Amour."

So far we have only touched the fringe of our—— (Oh! Blow that nose!—Ed.).

WIRELESS WIT.

(By Millie Amp.)

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It was our old and esteemed friend Mac—'s first day in dry America, whither he had gone provided with a specially large flask in his trousers pocket. By ill luck he was involved in a railway accident. The efforts of the rescue party were eventually successful, and his first sensation on regaining consciousness was that something was trickling down his leg. "Gosh," he murmured faintly, "I hope it's blud."

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Counsel to hostile witness: "Were you drunk on the night, an account of which you have just given us?"

Hostile witness (hotly): "That's my business!"

Counsel (sweetly): "Any other business?"

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Elector (testily): "I'd sooner vote for the Devil than for Jones!"

Canvasser: "Yes, but supposing your friend isn't a candidate!"

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Actor (complacently, gazing at picture of David Garrick): "I get more like him every day."

Candid Friend: "Yes—and less like him every night."

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Johnnie: "Who was Noah's wife, Dad?"

Father: "Why, Joan of Arc, of course. Now run away and don't ask any more silly questions."

THE HUMAN ELEMENT IN LEADERSHIP.

By Lieut.-General Sir CHARLES HARINGTON, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O.

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING-IN-CHIEF NORTHERN COMMAND.

(Republished from "Northern Command Notes.")

Major Salt has asked me for an article of mine to reproduce in his Educational Summary. I am sure nothing I have ever written could stand reproduction, so I must try afresh. There is no good in writing anything or saying anything unless you have some sort of goal to aim at—some sort of lesson to bring home. I got this two nights ago in a Service Club in London. I met an old commanding officer—one whom I had not seen for years—one who was one of the smartest and most efficient officers I have ever known—one who struck fear into those under him—one who never spared himself—one who always had a smart unit—one who received much praise from those under whom he served, but one who was not promoted at the end of his command, and must, therefore, be described as a failure. There was something pathetic about this old officer, now in bad health—the very keenest of officers—saying to me, "Tell me why I failed—I tried so hard." The answer was simple, "He was not human—he got his results by hard driving instead of trying to lead." I have seen many others like it—all failures in the end. They get results up to a point, and then something snaps, the machine stops, the parts no longer work, some link has gone—it is the link of "Human Nature."

Those of us in more or less high military positions are more prone to lose that precious link earlier than others. We are farther away from what I call the bedrock of the Army. By that I mean knowledge of what the regimental officers and men "talk and think" about.

I always think the introduction of our present Education Scheme into the Army is a good example of that. As one of those, then Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff and a member of the Army Council, responsible for its introduction, I am entitled, on looking back, to say it was not introduced in the best way. Far from it. No one disputes the excellent object to afford facilities for educating the soldier and to make him a better citizen on return to civil life.

That being so, we issued the scheme in the wrong way. Instead of leading the Army and taking it with us by saying, "Here is a scheme to help you, come along with us, we will start off with an easy standard and see if we can raise it later," we started off by issuing a syllabus with a list of books which frightened everyone, and which has had since to be curtailed considerably.

In other words, we tried to drive instead of lead the Army, and the Army stuck its toes in. It speaks volumes for those who since that time have surmounted the difficulties and have now got the Army behind their scheme instead of against it.

I shall always think those difficulties could have been avoided by a little better knowledge of human nature. But we gain by experience, we all make mistakes, and we should be very rotten people if we did not. Where so many of us fail is in being too obstinate and "pig-headed" to own up when we make mistakes.

I often think, as I go round various schools and ask the boys what they are going to be, what a priceless asset we in the Army have in being entrusted with the care and welfare of a certain number of men from the day we join—men who, if handled properly, will respond to every call made upon them, no matter how hard. I always tell boys that in every walk of life they will have others under them when they rise, and I entreat them to be human, but, at the same time, I realize that few will have the same splendid material to work on. To my mind, the study of "Leadership" is a most fascinating one. I often think that not only our officers, but those in our schools and universities, should be made to study the methods of our great sailors and soldiers, and of our great statesmen and men who made our great Empire. There is much to be learnt from each. They all, of course, had their faults and peculiarities, but each had some dominating factor in his personality which commanded and attracted the devotion, respect, or in some cases fear, of those under him which led to success.

I am sure there is one common factor, and that is knowledge of what those under them "thought and talked about." I think our really great men carried this through to the end. I like to think of Lord Roberts as an example, and also as an example of modesty. In our definitions of a sportsman, I always like the one, "Be modest in victory, be generous in defeat."

Some of the great leaders in our nation and in others were great, indeed, up to a point; the point was when they gave way to conceit, when they thought they had nothing to learn from others, when they ceased to know what those under them "thought and talked about," when they ceased to be "sportsmen," when the link of human nature snapped.

As I read of quarrels, jealousy and unsportsmanlike actions at the recent Olympic Games, I think of the first copy of those seven definitions of a sportsman which I used to keep ever before me in the War Office and when I was in Turkey, and feel proud that we, in the Services and in our schools and 'varsities, know how to play our games as sportsmen. It is an asset which is the envy of all other nations.

The Americans, in all their sports and games, go to other countries to pick out and profit by what they think is best. They have seized on to this point with the happiest results.

I was interested a few days ago to read of a speaker who described the credit given to our schools for playing games and forming characters as "so much clap-trap rubbish." Perhaps the speaker just failed to get his colours at school. He certainly could not have served in the war. Similarly, I read in the paper of a meeting of the "No More War Movement," at which certain worthy women and men passed a resolution that we,

that is all the Services, should be done away with, urging our Government to take this step as a good example. What students of human nature some people must be! I wonder if these same worthy people leave their doors open at night. They certainly ought to if they believe in what they preach. No one hopes more than I do that we shall not see this country plunged into war again, and I may even claim to have done my best to prevent it, but you can only prevent it by honesty of purpose and precaution, and certainly not by weakness. As long as men have arms and legs they will hit and kick each other when other methods fail. That is human nature, and all the resolutions in the world cannot alter that.

Other worthy people think the League of Nations can well be trusted in future to suppress any nation which gives trouble. They think the League should assemble and manipulate the forces required. As our Prime Minister rightly said, " All nations are jealous of placing their forces under the command of a foreigner."

I have some experience of this, having recently been entrusted with the command of the Allied Forces in Turkey. That, however, was the command of the French, Italian and British Forces—total three.

Just imagine fifty-two nations sitting down to choose a commander-in-chief. Just imagine the commander-in-chief waiting for fifty-two nations to agree on the instructions to be issued to him! Just imagine a commander-in-chief waiting to account to fifty-two nations for every action he took. I am sure his appointment would rightly be styled " temporary." As I often say, we have a jolly good Empire, made and entrusted to us by jolly good men. Let us keep it. After all it is ours. We do not aspire to or want anyone else's. If you have an orchard you have a wall or fence round it as a precaution against unauthorized persons getting in. You don't knock the wall or fence down, not if you have any sense; then why should we do so with our Empire?

As I write this in the train returning from Aldershot, where I have been attending the Army Athletic Meeting, and also playing cricket, my thoughts turn to 10 years ago, August 4th, 1914. I was then with my regiment at Aldershot. I had not played cricket there since. The last two days have brought back many memories, some very happy ones, but I missed the faces of so many of my old contemporaries with whom I used to play cricket. Those we can never see again, but, as I looked through the old score books, I was proud to think that those soldier cricketers played their part well when the call came.

They did not let the side down. As I passed to the Athletic Ground and saw the best runners in the Army compete in the finals of the team races, I could not help thinking of what a wonderful thing it is to see every man in each team striving his very utmost to help the rest of his team for the honour of his unit. Our Army games and athletics have now reached a very high standard. Our grounds and games mean a lot to us. They enable us to get a fit and happy Army—two very important adjuncts to an efficient Army. In my opinion, you cannot really have an efficient machine unless it is a happy one. It will snap under strain otherwise. There is room for play as there is room for work, and in my humble opinion the work will be carried out better if the worker is fit and happy. Employers are realising daily that this is so. As the link of human nature gets stronger between employers and employed, so will our citizens become better and happier citizens.

THE MARINE TANK.

Reports have appeared in the Press of trials of British tanks capable of " swimming," but details are necessarily confidential. It is known, however, that such tanks are in existence, and that the Royal Tank Corps has been co-operating with the Navy in studying the problem of landing tanks.

From the United States come accounts of a marine form of the Christie Tank, which, it is claimed, has good sea-going capabilities. It has actually been tried during manœuvres, when it was hoisted into the water by the battleship *Wyoming* to take part in the landing exercises at Culebra. This tank is said to have two propellors as well as a wheel-track. The combination of these two forms of propulsion, it is reported, enables it to make headway when afloat and to crawl over reefs or bars and even up rocky shores.

The subject is one of great naval interest, not merely for some hypothetical landing operations on a grand scale in another war, but because the Navy is being continually called upon to perform small landing operations in the distant quarters of the globe. An unruly black potentate, a nest of slavers, or some smugglers of arms have to be brought to book. Hitherto a cruiser or gunboat has been despatched on such service, and expended much ammunition on an ill-defined target, followed by a boat expedition.

Services until now performed by ships' guns and naval 12-pounder field guns may have to be done in the near future by seaplanes' bombs and a light marine tank or two. The latter is a new weapon, which, if taken up for naval purposes, may well become part of the equipment of the Royal Marines.

CARTOON.

Colonel L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., the subject of our cartoon, is the present Commandant of the Depot, R.M., Deal. He obtained his commission on the 1st September, 1889, and reached his present rank on the 1st January, 1923. He gained the Victoria Cross at the Defence of Peking Legations in 1900, and during the late war served both on the General Staff in the Army, and on the Naval War Staff.

R.N. and R.M.

FENCING.

A team of the R.N. and R.M. Fencing Association was beaten by representatives of Gravé's *Salle d'Armes* at Cornwall Gardens on the 15th October, by 2 events to 1, and 14 victories to 13.

The events contested were Foil, Epée, and Sabre. The R.M. and R.N. team won the Foils by 6—3. They lost the Epées by 4—5, and the Sabres by 3—6.

The best fight of the evening was that between Mr. Chalmers and Sergeant-Major Board. Each scored two hits, and in the final hit Mr. Chalmers, making the most of his exceptionally long reach, got home with a good parry and *riposte* at head.

On 22nd October, at Bertrand's *Salle d'Armes*, the R.N. and R.M. Fencing Association defeated the Cambridge University Fencing Club, winning the foil and épée by five victories to four and the sabre by six to three.

For that success they had to thank two fencers in particular—Lieutenant Mount-Haes, R.N., and Corpl. Jerred, R.M. The latter fenced in all three events, and won six of his assaults out of nine, while the former, who took part in the épée and sabre events only, was undefeated.

A Royal Navy and Royal Marines Fencing Association team will meet an R.A.C. Fencing Club team at the R.A.C. on 27th October.

CHATHAM.

SHOOTING.

We heartily congratulate Corporal Flack on winning the Silver Jewel of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, presented for competition by that Association to the Special Service Squadron.

FOOTBALL.

Corporal Cobb and Marine Killian were selected to represent the Royal Navy *versus* Cambridge University at Cambridge on 18th October.

On 24th September we played our local Derby with Chatham at home, and suffered a severe reverse. Chatham have a very good side this season, but a score of 2—1 would have been a fair reflection of the play.

On the 27th we journeyed to Bexley Heath with five reserves, and the home side managed to win 1—0. Cpl. Wheatley reappeared in goal and fully justified his inclusion by bringing off some remarkably good saves. Cpl. Herron, who was discharged to R.N. Hospital the previous night, was badly missed, and Sgt. Stares, who got crocked early in the game, was practically a passenger.

On the 11th October we met Erith and Belvedere at home, and a fine sporting game ended in a draw of 2—2. McKee, the visiting centre forward, who found the net six times in the two previous matches, was well watched by Robotham, who gave him little scope. Our goals were scored by Barlow and Steeple.

The return game at Erith ended in a draw of 1—1. The feature of the game was the wonderful goal-keeping of Wheatley.

RESULTS TO DATE.

KENT LEAGUE DIV. I.	F.	A.	
Chatham	0	5	... Home
Bexley Heath ...	0	1	... Away
Erith and Belvedere	2	2	... Home
Erith and Belvedere	1	1	... Away

Our Reserves continue to show quite good form, and many of the regular players have been called in to fill vacancies in the first team as casualties occur.

RESULTS TO DATE.

	F.	A.	
H.M.S. "Hecla"	5	1	... Home
Short's Athletic ...	4	1	... Away
Maidstone Wednesday	1	3	... Away

At present we head the Brompton League with the following fine record:—

			Goals.		*Points.*
P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	
3	3	0	12	2	6

HOCKEY.

A large number of practice games have been played with a view to finding new talent. Three matches have taken place with results as follows:—

1st Oct.—v. R.N. Chatham, draw 1—1.
4th Oct.—v. Sittingbourne, lost 1—7.
18th Oct.—v. Royal Engineers (A), lost 1—3.

GAMES.

The arrival of the 89th Squad from Deal has opened up opportunities for organizing competitive games and inter-half-squad matches have been arranged for the following:—Football, cross-country running, tug-of-war, boxing, boat pulling and bayonet fighting.

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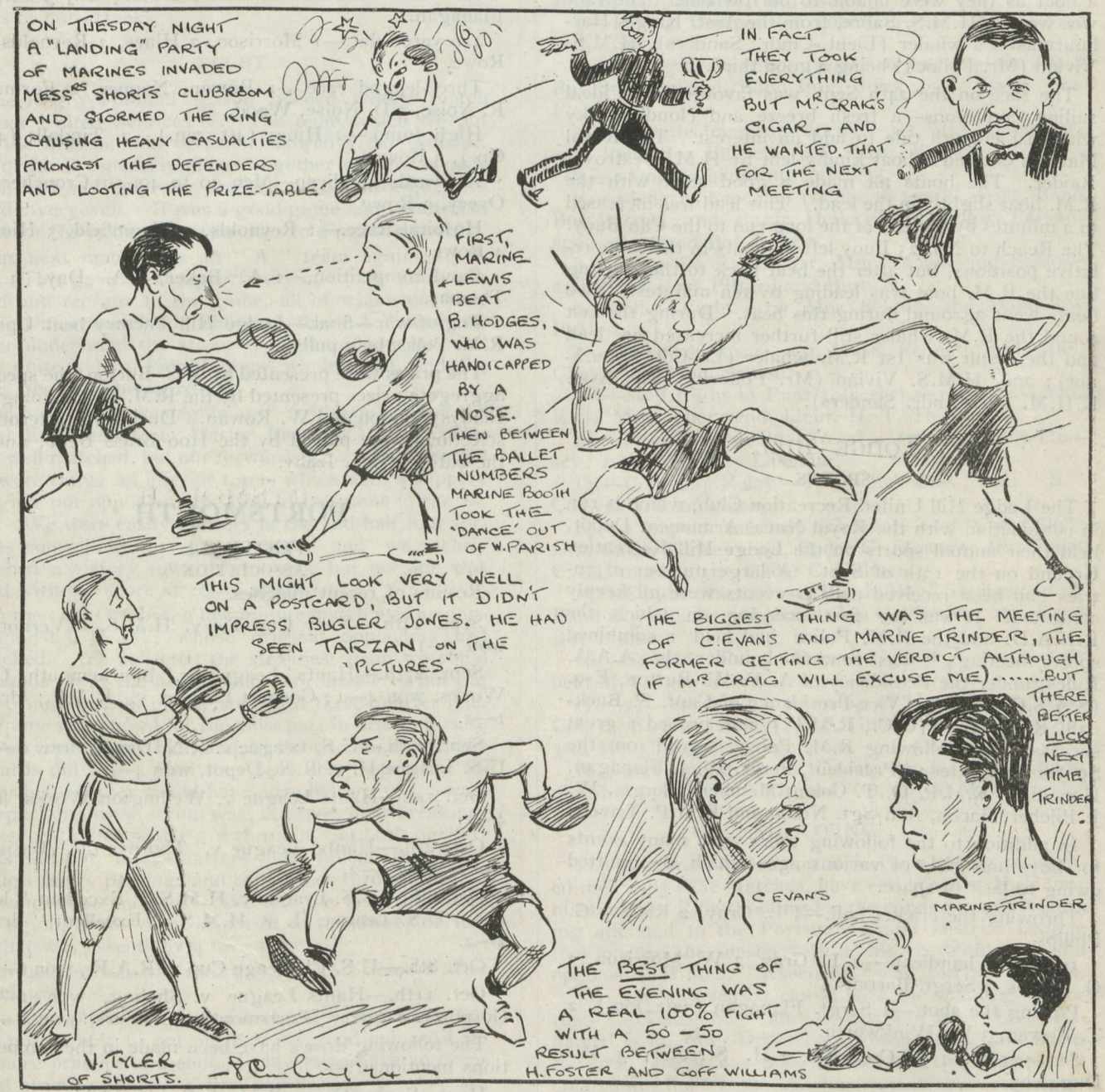
Good bayonet fighters or tug-of-war men who are likely to disembark to Chatham Headquarters in the near future are requested to communicate with Sergt.-Major Board.

BOXING.

There was an interesting evening's boxing at Short's, Rochester, on September 30th, when Captain Quill took a team of seven Marines to meet a similar team of local talent, got together by Mr. Alf. Craig.

Each contest was of six rounds and the Marines may congratulate themselves on a very successful evening, seeing that they lost only one fight out of the seven. It might be added that this adverse verdict caused general surprise. It was the best bout of the evening, and was between Evans and Mne. Trinder. Right from the first gong, the fight went at top speed, the Marine having the better of the opening exchanges. Trinder's trump card was a stinging left lead to which Evans responded with a rather punishing right. The points were pretty level at the end of five rounds and, during the sixth, Trinder's left was again to the fore and appeared to have settled the issue in his favour. The decision, however, was given against him.

At the National Sporting Club on 13th October, Mne. Trinder knocked out Gunner Bennett in the third round.



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SERVICE SAILING RACES.

The last races for this season took place on the 10th and 24th Sept.; the race organised for the 8th Oct. for prizes kindly presented by the Royal Engineers was abandoned owing to weather.

The large number of entries in the 5 races held this year have fully justified the experiment and it is hoped next year to have races once a week throughout the season.

Sport on the 10th Sept. was rather spoilt by the weather conditions. The Royal Marines did not enter a boat as they were unable to borrow one. The race was won by H.M.S. Sabre, from the Asst. King's Harbourmaster's whaler (Lieut.-Cmdr. Sanders), H.M.S. Vivian (Mr. Pollock) being a good third.

The race on the 24th Sept. was favoured with ideal sailing conditions—a fresh breeze and cloudless sky with just enough tide to add an interest. The Royal Marines entered a boat kindly lent by H.M. Destroyer Raider. The boats all made a good start with the R.M. boat slightly in the lead. This lead was increased to 2 minutes by the end of the long run to the Can Buoy. The Reach to No. 23 Buoy left all boats in the same relative positions, but after the beat back to the starting line the R.M. boat was leading by ten minutes. Two boats went aground during this beat. During the last round the R.M. whaler still further increased her lead and the result was 1st R.M. whaler (Lt.-Col. Arbuthnot); 2nd, H.M.S. Vivian (Mr. Pollock), 3rd; Asst. K.H.M. (Lt.-Cmdr. Sanders).

LODGE HILL.

SPORTS.

The Lodge Hill United Recreation Club, which is run in conjunction with the Royal Naval Armament Depot, held their annual sports on the Lodge Hill Recreation Ground on the 13th of Sept. A large number of entries had been received and 41 events were all keenly contested. It was the first occasion on which the R.N.A.D. and the R.M. Police had held a combined sports meeting; it was conducted under the A.A.A. Rules, under the Presidency of A. F. W. Burton, Esq. (S.A.S.O.) and the Vice-Presidency of Capt. S. Bucknall, R.M. (R.), (O.C., R.M.P.), and proved a great success. The following R.M. Police served on the Sports Committee:—President, Sergt. W. J. Flanagan, Hon. Sec., R.M.P. O. T. Colan, Members, Sergts. W. J. Pilcher, Bacon, Act.-Sgt. Nixon and R.M.P. Trivett.

In addition to the following there were many events for boys and girls of various ages which are omitted owing to lack of space.

Throwing the cricket ball.—1 L. Gray, 2 Rich, 3 G. Philips.

100 yards handicap.—1 L. Gray, 2 W. Morrison, 3 G. Philips, 4 Sergt. Bacon.

Putting the shot.—1 Sergt. Flanagan (32ft. 6in.), 2 T. Rowan, 3 W. Winkworth.

880 yards.—1 J. Croucher, 2 H. Streater, 3 W. Duggleby.

100 yards hurdles.—1 Gray, 2 Tindall, 3 Duggleby, 4 Philips.

Costume Race.—1 Sergt. Pilcher, 2 W. Smallman.

Long Jump.—1 Philips, 2 Robertson, 3 Hines, 4 Morrison.

220 yards.—1 Gray, 2 Morrison, 3 Bloomfield, 4 Philips.

100 yards, single ladies.—1 K. Flanagan, 2 F. Steer, 3 V. Harwood, 4 D. Salter.

50 yards, married ladies.—1 Mrs. White, 2 Mrs. Steer, 3 Mrs. Pilcher.

Mile flat.—1 Croucher, 2 Bloomfield, 3 Streater, 4 Reynolds, 5 Duggleby.

100 yards veterans.—1 Steer, 2 Morrison, 3 Sergt. Flanagan.

440 yards flat.—1 Morrison, 2 Hines, 3 Reynolds, 4 Rowe.

Three-legged race.—1 Rowan, Napper, 2 Forman, R. Noise, 3 D. Noise, Wood.

High Jump.—1 Hines (4ft. 7in.), 2 Tindall (4ft. 6in.), 3 Rowan.

100 yards handicap—Men 30 to 40.—1 Croucher, 2 Overy, 3 Rowe.

Hospital Race.—1 Reynolds, 2 Bloomfield, 3 Hines, 4 Rowe.

Band competition.—1 A. Baker, 2 A. Day, 3 J. Thomas.

Tug-of-war—final.—Lodge Hill Factory beat Upnor R.M. Police by 2 pulls.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Burton, the special aggregate prizes presented by the R.M. Police going to Gladys Pearson and W. Rowan. During the afternoon selections were played by the Hoo Brass Band, under the baton of Mr. Izaby.

PORTSMOUTH

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

Results of recent matches.

Sept. 24th.—Navy Cup Tie v. H.M.S. "Vernon," won 5—1.

Sept. 27th.—Hants League v. Bournemouth Gas Works, won 4—1; Gosport League v. R.A.F., draw 1—1.

Sept. 29th.—U.S. League v. R.N. Depot, draw 0—0; U.S. League II. v. R.N. Depot, won 4—1.

Oct. 1st.—Hants League v. Wellington Works, lost 4—2.

Oct. 4th.—Hants League v. Thornycroft, Basingstoke, draw 2—2.

Oct. 6th.—U.S. League v. H.M.S. "Excellent," lost 4—1; U.S. League II. v. H.M.S. "Excellent," draw 2—2.

Oct. 8th.—U.S. Challenge Cup v. R.A.F., won 6—4.

Oct. 11th.—Hants League v. Sholing, won 2—0; Gosport League v. Portsmouth Amateurs, won 8—0.

The following draws have been made in the competitions mentioned:—

Hants Senior Cup.—R.M. v. Gosport Albions, to be played on 1st November.

Hants Intermediate Cup.—R.M. v. Emsworth, to be played on 8th November.

Gosport Hospital Cup.—R.M. v. Gosport Albions.

Navy Cup.—R.M. v. R.N. Depot.

Portsmouth Senior Cup.—R.M. v. Stanhope Rovers.

In a match at Portsmouth on 15th October, in aid of the Trafalgar Day Fund, the Royal Marines lost to the Royal Navy by 0—3.

Coates shot through during a struggle in the Marines' goalmouth early in the game, and in the second half Farmer put through his own goal in clearing from Cheetham. Roberts increased the Navy's lead after a series of hot attacks.

RUGBY.

The Rugby Football season opened with a match against United Services V. The team which we put into the field on that occasion showed great promise, the forwards especially played together well for a pack which had had only one practice. The three-quarters also did very well. It was a good game and resulted in a win for the Marines by two tries to a penalty goal.

Our next match was an " A " team against U.S. VII. This gave us an opportunity of trying some new blood and recruits to the game, all of whom did very well. Unfortunately, in choosing the " A " team we rather underrated the strength of our opponents, and after quite a hard-fought game we left the field the losers, the score being 20—3.

The next match was again an " A " team against the Royal Engineers from Haslar Barracks. The sides were well matched, but our forwards were rather ragged and were rather an inferior force, which with a slippery ball gave our opponents the best of the game in the 1st half. We were easily masters in the 2nd half, our forwards controlling the game more, and we nearly snatched a victory towards the end, but no side was called with the score at 10—6 against us.

On the 11th October, a last minute match was arranged against U.S. IV., whose original opponents had scratched. We collected the strongest team we could lay hands on at the notice, but were unable to put out our strongest pack, or our strongest three-quarter line. The game was played for the most part in drizzling rain, with a very slippery ball, and all things considered, the forwards did well. Had they been able to practise together before, they would have done better. As it was, their packing in the scrum was, at times, heartbreaking. We several times nearly got through, but both our forwards and our three-quarters just failed, the latter through faulty passing, and the former through not all following close enough. We left the field the losers once again, by 8—0, no discredit to the three-quarters on what was essentially a forward day.

Marine Merckel was awarded 1st XV. Colours after this match.

We have plenty of good material to form a team, but shall not be able to put out a really good one until we get more practice and enough players to have an occasional practice game. Scrum and passing practice are all very good, but too much of it is dull; we must have more recruits.

SWIMMING GALA.

The Annual Gala took place at Eastney on the 18th September, and a very good evening's sport was provided. The Colonel-Commandant presented the prizes, and in a speech thanked the Committee and Competitors for the very successful manner in which the show had been run, and also the good performances put up.

EVENTS.

1.—2 lengths, 2 style race.—1st, Musn. Bennett; 2nd, Mne. Glinn; 3rd, Band Boy Barrett.

2.—2 lengths handicap (open).—1st, Mne. Davidson; 2nd, Musn. Bennett; 3rd, Corpl. Hunt.

3.—Diving Competition (open).—1st, Mne. Davis; 2nd, Mne. Glinn.

4.—Diving Competition (under 16 years).—1st, Band Boy Squires; 2nd, Band Boy Buick; 3rd, Band Boy Plume.

5.—5 lengths handicap (open).—1st, Mne. Davidson; 2nd, Band Boy Burnett; 3rd, Musn. Bennett.

6.—2 lengths handicap (officers).—

7.—2 lengths handicap (under 16 years).—1st, Band Boy Barrett; 2nd, Buglr. Dollery; 3rd, Buglr. Parsonage; 4th, Band Boy Rogers.

8.—Crocodile Race.—1st, Mnes. Cook and Seldon; 2nd, Band Boys Pittard and Burnett.

9.—Pillow Fight.—1st, Mne. Seldon; 2nd, Band Boy Pittard.

10.—Obstacle Race.—1st, Musn. Bennett; 2nd, Mne. Glinn; 3rd, Mne. Seldon.

11.—Mop Fight in Punt (officers).—1st, Sec.-Lieut. K. L. M. Cooper; 2nd, Lieut. H. T. Tollemache.

12.—Mop Fight in Punt (o.r.).—1st, Band Boy Hussey; 2nd, Band Boy Lashmar.

13.—Company Relay.—1st, " E " Coy.; 2nd, " B " Coy. R.N.S. of Music.

14.—2 lengths handicap (Cadets).—1st, Cadet Bell; 2nd, Cadet Tuckey; 3rd, Cadet C. Flowers; 4th, Cadet C. Thompson; 5th, Cadet C. Palmer.

15.—Candle Race.—1st, Band Boy Squires; 2nd, Band Boy Buick; 3rd, Band Boy Goldsmith; 4th, Band Boy Plume.

16.—Sergts' Relay Race.—Gunnery Instructors beat M.T. Instructors.

17.—220 Yards Championship of Hants.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. G. E. Rex (Army); 2nd, Gunner McDowd, R.A.; 3rd, Mr. C. Rogers (time 2min. 57 3-5 sec.).

18.—2nd Round Hants County Water Polo Championship.—H.M.S. " Fisgard " 8, Royal Marines nil.

SHOOTING.

The Portsmouth Division Rifle Club having completed their .303 Rifle Matches, have embarked on their tour of Miniature Rifle shooting for the coming winter. Having affiliated to the Portsmouth and District League they opened the season with a Match with their old opponents, H.M.S. " Excellent," who won by 12 points.

The full bore season closed with the shooting off for the " McCausland " and Company cups. The first-named is an Inter-Department competition, and being the first time it has been utilised for this purpose, it created much interest. All departments were represented and after some keen shooting the Sea Service Battery were declared the winners with 39 points. The condi-

tions were the same as for the " Roberts " N.R.A., 1924. The Company cup was won by " I " Company for the second time in succession by the narrow margin of 1 point; " E " Company was second.

PLYMOUTH.

SHOOTING.

We congratulate Sergt. Riddler on winning the Bronze Medal put up by the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association for the second best shot in the Special Service Squadron.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

On the 20th Sept. we encountered the Plymouth St. Thomas A.F.C., and owing to injuries had to put out a very weak team. Plymouth St. Thomas won easily 6—0.

On the 24th we lost to the R.N. Barracks, 3—2. After a hard struggle, the Barracks made a fine recovery in the second half and scored three goals. The deciding goal was the result of Bluett handling in the penalty area.

In the 1st round of the P. and D. League Charity Cup competition, we were drawn away to "Yealmpton," and won comfortably by 6 goals to 3. Horn, Pollitt, and Hight scored 2 goals apiece.

On the 4th October we journeyed to Newquay in the return P. and D. fixture, and lost 3—2. Shrewbrook and Vincent were our scorers.

On the 11th October, in the last round of the Devon Senior Cup, we were away to " Green Waves," and after a very hard game managed to draw 1—1. On the play this was a just result, and all members of the R.M.'s Team are to be congratulated on their display. Green Waves have a number of ex-professional players on their books who were held very " tight." The game drew a good gate, and the replay on the Longroom on the 22nd October should be well attended.

Our Reserves are still at the top of the Devon Wednesday League, having played 5, won 4, drawn 1; goals for, 16; against, 5. Their latest victims are H.M.S. " King George V " (5—0), and the Torquay Trams (7—3). Their most conspicuous players are Emerson, Davidson and Armstrong.

RUGBY.

In spite of the small numbers in Barracks, the Rugby Team is still going strong. Since last month we have played 5 games with the following results:—

" Defiance " (won)	13— 6
Brixham (lost)	11—22
Hayle (draw)	3— 3
R.N.E. College (lost)	3—14
Corinthians (won)	40— 0

The match against the Corinthians was our first home match, and it is hoped that the form shown by the club in this match will continue.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, our match against Exmouth, on the 20th September, had to be postponed.

2nd Lieut. Haward and Mne. Gardner have been playing regularly for the Devonport Services Rugby Football Club.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

Results of matches.

Opponents	F. A.
Green Howards	2—2
Green Howards	2—3
Duke of York's School	6—3
43rd Regiment	0—3
Dover Stanlee	2—2
Deal Sports	23—0

RUGBY.

Sir Roger Manwood's School—32 points to nil.

HOCKEY.

Depot v. Duke of York's School—lost 4—2.
Depot v. Royal Irish Fusiliers—drew 2—2.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CRICKET.

The School's cricket team finished the season with a record to be proud of, having played first-class teams throughout the season, and only having suffered defeat on one occasion.

FOOTBALL.

The first team, owing to the continual changes for drafting purposes, have not yet been able to get into full stride, but we have great hopes for the future. Coy.-Sergt.-Major Fredk. Fowler is again responsible for the organisation, etc. As he is due for discharge to Pension during next year, it is hoped that this, his last season, will prove a record. Musician Lancashire has made himself responsible for the training of the team, whilst Musician E. H. Tipp has been elected Captain.

The School's teams have been entered for the U.S. League, Div. I. and II., Charity Cup, Navy Cup, Challenge Cup, and the Band Boys U.S. League, Div. IV. Lads' League, senior and junior, and Lads' Wednesday League.

UNITED SERVICES CHARITY CUP.

The first interesting match of the season played on the School's ground was the re-play for the Charity Cup against the R.A.S.C. on October 13th.

Throughout the greater part of this game there seemed every likelihood of yet another draw, because the School, although proving themselves the superior team, lacked the ability to shoot until the last ten minutes of the game. Then, however, Musician Mills was rewarded for his continual perseverance, and placed the School one goal up. Within another two minutes L.-Corpl. R. J. Holt, aided by Musn. Bennett, recorded another goal. A penalty which was taken by Musn. Bennett put the final score at 3—Nil.

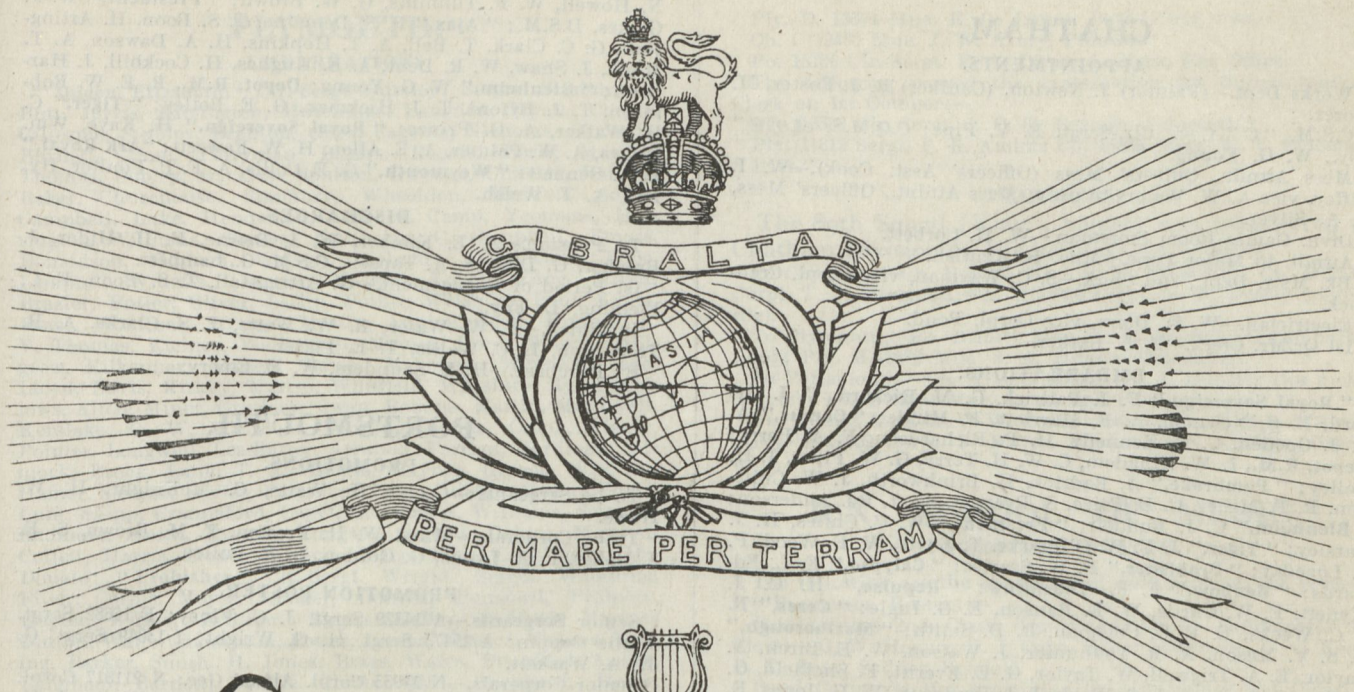
CHINA.

POLO.

Captain R. Neville was Captain of the Hong Kong Inter-port Polo Team, which was defeated by Shanghai, 6—3.

FOOTBALL.

R.M.'s of " Tamar " v. H.M.S. " Hollyhock."—Won by " Tamar," 3—1. R.M.'s of " Tamar " v. H.M.S. " Hollyhock."—Match drawn 2—2.



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS, ETC.

Lieut.-Col. G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., is absorbed in the establishment from Supplementary Half-Pay List, and posted to Portsmouth Division, 1st October, 1924.

Surgeon Lt. Cr. P. Gibson, M.B., M.A. is promoted to Surgeon-Commander, 4th October, 1924.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. S. Cantrell, to "Hawkins," vice Darwall; Capt. and Bt.-Major H. L. M. McCausland to "President."

Lieut. F. H. Coucher to H.M.S. "Constance," vice Woodhall.

Lieut. L. Jones to H.M.S. "Capetown," vice Wrangham, M.C.

Lieut.-Col. G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., is to supervise the instruction, etc., in Land Service Gunnery, at the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth, vice Trotman, 1st October, 1924.

The appointment of Capt. R. Johnstone as D.I.O., Singapore, has been extended to 22nd December, 1925.

Major W. A. Jolly, R.M., assumed command of the R.N. School of Music, on the 23rd September, during the absence of Major Bt. Lt.-Colonel Harold Ozanne, D.S.O., R.M., at Senior Officers' School, Sheerness.

An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between the undermentioned officers: R.M. Gunner, W. Weightman, from Chatham to Plymouth; Actng. R.M. Gunner C. Feary, from Plymouth to Chatham.

The appointment of Lieut. G. B. Newman, R.M., Deal, as Recruiting Staff Officer, R.N. and R.M., Birmingham, has been extended to 24th May, 1926.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Major C. Hill is appointed to H.M.S. "President" (addl.) for Senior Officers' War Course, 27th October, 1924.

Capt. J. S. Tuppen has been selected to attend the qualifying course which commences at the Machine Gun School, Netheravon on 6th October, 1924, and ends 12th December, 1924.

Lieut. J. Hume has been selected to attend the Regimental Signalling Instructors' Course, which commences at the School of Signals, Maresfield Park, on 8th January, 1925, and terminates 16th April, 1925.

Lieut. B. Mitchell has been selected to attend the Refresher Course at the above, commencing 30th October, 1924, and ending 11th December, 1924.

RETIREMENTS.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Capts. T. Golding, G. Harrington, M.B.E., and F. G. Jefferies, Lieuts. C. Hotham, W. H. Rogers, D.S.M., W. H. Jefford, T. Walsh, E. Roost, E. Priddle, C. S. Walker, J. Tildesley, A. Talk, F. Chivers, R. Batten, E. Lewis, D.S.M., W. Band, G. Durham and C. Hutton, relinquish appointments, 25th July, 1924.

Supt. Clerk (W.O.), Henry Grant (Retd.), Po., relegated to retired list, 16.10.24.

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

The undermentioned qualified on 1.9.24 for:—

Sergeant-Major.—"Pass" Certificate.—No. Ch./16779 Sergt. E. H. F. Bennett; No. Ply./13619 Sergt. S. J. Skinner.

Part I. for Sergeant-Major.—No. Ch./15008 Q.M.S.I. G. R. Franks.

Superintending Clerk.—"Special" Certificate.—No. Ply./13388 Clr.-Sergt. J. C. O. Beynon.

"Pass" Certificate.—No. Ply./14812 Sergt. F. R. Amlot; No. Ch./17418 Sergt. J. Hall; No. Ch./16369 Sergt. W. V. Coleman.

Bandmaster (W.O.) R.M. Band.—"Pass" Certificate.—No. R.M.B./615 B.M.I. E. J. M. Watson.

CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Works Dept.—(Painter) J. Newton, (Caulker) R. J. Foster, M. Storer.

C.S.M. "C" Coy., Clr.-Sergt. E. V. Pipe; C.Q.M.S. of "C" Coy., W. G. Young.

Mess Attndt., Officers' Mess (Officers' Asst. Cook).—W. I. Diffey, vice A. W. Waters to duty; Mess Attdnt., Officers' Mess, R. A. Silver.

Divn. Games Room Storeman.—W. H. Corbett.

Attndt. to Major Pope.—Mne. B. Kentish.

Bk. Mstr. Dept., 2nd Clerk.—S. C. Wayman, vice Corpl. Craddock.

Electrician.—W. D. Dann, vice Corpl. Pond.

1st Qr.Mr. Clerk.—E. L. Barker.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Royal Sovereign,**" F. J. Pattrick, G. M. Rickard, T. J. Byford, E. C. Newman, A. E. Marriott, F. Hinde; "**Comus,**" A. E. J. Goeden, C. F. Kennedy, H. P. Richardson, F. A. Perry; **Depot, R.M.,** L. W. Kingdom, C. W. H. Terry, G. W. Piper, J. H. Polley; "**Pembroke,**" A. Badrick, H. Brinkworth, J. W. Culledon, R. F. Miller, C. E. Price, S. Pyatt, J. Scott, Rd. Anderson; "**Blenheim,**" C. J. Buddell; "**President,**" W. C. Chiles, H. J. Parsley; "**Tiger,**" J. E. W. O'Rourke, T. Boyle, W. E. Wood, P. J. Loveday; "**Frobisher,**" F. W. Searles; "**Calypso,**" E. L. Edwards; "**Benbow,**" E. F. Towndrow; "**Repulse,**" H. C. J. Mynett, F. W. Curtis, W. E. Ranson, E. G. Ingle; "**Ceres,**" R. J. C. Weeks, E. V. C. Coleman, R. D. Smith; "**Marlborough,**" P. S. V. Mason, N. R. Todhunter, J. Watson, W. E. Birch, A. Taylor, E. A. Trigwell, W. Taylor, G. E. Everitt, F. Sheffield, G. Keeley, C. A. Pond, J. C. Webb, J. J. Devereux, W. G. Jones, E. C. Fessey, D. B. Duncan, A. J. Kirkham, A. Cox, S. D. Parker, F. Shackleton, G. J. S. Rickwood, H. S. Webb, F. Harris, A. H. F. Edwards, F. Crow, L. B. Rix, W. A. Alltimes, F. A. Thompson, G. A. Stringer, F. R. Whitecross, W. Wood, S. Willett, A. W. Kidd, A. W. Bridger, J. R. Murray, C. Higginson, J. Jennings, G. Pitcher, R. W. T. Barker, C. Gabriel, J. W. Ribbons, S. W. Wallace, R. Watts, H. W. Solly, S. W. Barrett, J. A. Hampton, H. J. Trigg, A. E. H. Hitchcock, S. C. Venables, G. White, R. H. House, C. White, R. D. Bickley, H. V. Southey, D. B. Jupp, R. Havercroft, Jno. Green, G. W. Dunn, J. Finney, E. A. Brisley, F. H. Whitcombe, J. W. Smith, W. J. Bassett, E. R. Arthur, R. E. Fuller, S. Little, C. Peacock, T. C. Fletcher, W. G. Williams, H. J. Kent, H. W. Taylor, R. B. Curry, E. W. Bilcliffe, H. N. Casey, E. Young, H. W. French, F. G. Bolton, R. A. Harvey, Ed. Barnes, W. S. Crowson, Wm. Cobbett, Jno. Simpson, Hy. Hetherington, Jas. Brown, C. T. Girvan, E. F. Holt, L. M. Atkins, A. V. Brown, S. Myers, R. J. Condon, G. L. Montague, J. Sutton, A. Jenner, T. F. Adams, H. M. G. Constable, B. J. Steer, A. R. Ward, F. J. Lewis, V. J. Burchitt; "**Columbine,**" A. J. P. Cornes; "**Ajax,**" W. R. Dent; "**Dwarf,**" J. A. Scovell, Jno. Frain, R. W. Abbs, S. D. Richardson, H. E. Hocking, W. R. Smith, C. T. Heal, W. F. Parsons; "**Cormorant,**" E. V. Goldsmith; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" C. C. W. Collins; "**Ark Royal,**" A. P. J. Ferriss; "**Hawkins,**" F. G. Molsom, J. J. Packer; "**Danae,**" M. C. Clapshoe, W. J. Gelkes, S. H. V. Oakley, W. P. Killian, Jas. Elliott; "**Tamar,**" J. Lee, H. W. Sandys, G. E. McMillan, A. Janney, E. Bennett, T. G. Dennett, E. A. Lake, F. Burnett.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Dwarf,**" Thos. Warren; "**Egmont,**" F. Beeston; "**Dragon,**" J. A. Hall; "**Marlborough,**" J. F. Gibbs, J. E. Wilson, P. Beeston, F. L. Quilter, J. Newman, S. H. Jordan, F. G. Brown, E. Smith, A. E. Drake, F. H. Bugler, J. W. Ottway, W. E. Payne, G. E. Groves, A. C. Smith, S. G. Dubery, F. B. Reeland, W. H. Macdonald, W. Pimlott, P. J. Powley, C. F. Coulson, F. Jefferies, H. E. Tansley, F. A. French, Jas. Rumary, C. F. Nicholass, E. B. Willey, L. Leadley, A. V. Eldridge, W. G. Packer, J. Lawrence, H. J. Flynn, H. Madelaine, A. C. Hood, W. T. Cooper, J. T. Collins, W. G. Geary, Hy. Purkins, A. E. Spratt, J. M. Dunn, S. A. Wickens, E. J. Paterson, A. G. Capon, W. Hossack, W. E. Lloyd, M. A. Townsend, G. Lyons, J. Calvert, F. H. Wyld, D. Cook, G. Kerr, F. J. Taylor, W. Watson, A. S. Blackmore, A. Stretton, A. B. Cook, W. G. Price, D. H. Lambeth, S. Brooksbank, L. L. Wells, F. Green, J. Barton, E. J. Ward, T. E. Potter; "**Flora,**" Fredk. Turner; "**Danae,**" P. C. Ingold, J. M. Pelly; "**Caledon,**" J. S. Clarke; "**Victory,**" T. F. Briers, C. E. Mizen. Ed. Waind, N. R. Willcox; "**Pembroke,**" H. G. Milton, S. G. F. Bourner, W. G. P. Lightfoot, J. C. Redford, A. Badrick, N. Howell, W. F. Timmins, G. W. Brown; "**President,**" W. J. Gelkes, D.S.M.; "**Ajax,**" R. S. Demaine, T. S. Boon, H. Artingstall, G. C. Clark, T. Bell, A. T. Hopkins, H. A. Dawson, A. T. Monk, J. Shaw, W. R. Dent, A. E. Hughes, H. Cockbill, J. Harrison; "**Blenheim,**" W. G. Young; **Depot, R.M.,** R. E. W. Robinson, T. J. Byford, T. J. Hickman, G. E. Botley; "**Tiger,**" C. H. Walker, A. G. Prince; "**Royal Sovereign,**" H. Kaye, Wm. Briggs, A. W. Palmer, A. E. Allen, H. W. Fawcett; "**Ark Royal,**" E. A. Bennett; "**Weymouth,**" G. E. Collis, A. F. P. Poulter, Hy. Foy, A. T. Welsh.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—A. E. Kimber, W. J. Beirne, F. H. Hider, J. Brooker, G. Dine, S. A. Tapsell, C.S.M. G. Lambert.

1st Period of Engagement.—H. Artingstall, T. S. Boon, F. C. Fleming, D. Foy.

Invalided.—P. W. Wafer, R. W. Watts, J. S. Clarke, A. R. Thompson, L. C. Wallis, T. E. Potter.

By Purchase.—H. L. Saunders, W. E. Emery.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeants:—Corpls. H. Watts, C. McKnight, H. W. Howe.

To be Corporals.—Mnes. W. H. Preston, F. M. Brown, S. E. J. Baker, F. A. Lyons, G. Gordon, G. E. Pullen.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Senior Sergeants.—A/14329 Sergt. J. C. Viney; E/16682 Sergt. Leslie Coppin; A/15473 Sergt. H. G. Wright; I/13849 Sergt. G. H. A. Waskett.

Senior Corporals.—N/14933 Corpl. Alfred Gee; N/211517 Corpl. A. G. Bartram; I/213893 Corpl. Alfred Watts; N/16732 Corpl. H. F. Bignell.

Senior Marines.—N/215710 Mne. W. J. Betteridge; A/215716 Mne. F. R. Blondell; I/16216 Mne. W. E. Lewington; I/210853 Mne. Henry Starkey.

EMBARKATIONS.

To "**Marlborough,**" Mnes. D. E. Sprackling, A. J. Swatton; "**Centurion,**" Corpl. R. Tumer; "**Dolphin,**" Mne. J. Spackman; "**Victory,**" Mne. J. R. Walker; "**Greenwich,**" Mnes. A. E. Griffin, M. J. Moffatt; "**Cormorant,**" Corpls. W. Bradley, W. Bannister, F. A. Kenyon, H. E. Hazeldine, J. Bell; Buglr. V. A. Ranner; Mnes. J. Palmer, W. E. Batt, J. F. L. Ocock, A. J. Phippard, G. Lovegrove, A. Telford; "**Iron Duke,**" Mnes. S. H. Garland, F. Freemantle, L. Kingston; "**Egmont,**" Mne. W. L. Stoner; "**Hawkins,**" Mne. A. Heapey; "**Diomede,**" Mne. F. E. Rudd.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

From "**Marlborough,**" Sergts. H. Smith, S. M. Follett; Corpl. G. W. Hinds; Mnes. F. C. Shearing, R. Garrod, J. Brown, A. Mills, W. Baxter, A. W. Bocking, A. W. Quinn, A. M. Ward, W. H. Pendleton, A. E. Tuck, W. G. Faringside, R. Sturgess, J. W. Thorne, P. W. Brown, W. Smith, L. J. Durbin, F. E. Tilley, H. M. Herring, A. S. Taylor, S. J. D. Peddlesden, P. W. Powell, J. Wright, A. M. Jee, W. Rose, G. M. Robbins, W. A. L. Day, E. W. J. Steel; "**Centurion,**" Corpl. F. Harper; "**Greenwich,**" Mne. C. Allport, Mne. F. D. South; "**Hermes,**" Mne. A. W. Cox; "**Dolphin,**" Mne. H. Rayner; "**Victoria and Albert,**" Mne. H. Ellis; "**President,**" Mne. A. C. Churn; "**Victory II.,**" Sergt. C. J. Elliott, Mnes. H. F. W. Booth, A. V. Foster, C. Jones, H. Knott, M. R. W. Summersby, L. W. C. Davey, A. W. G. Painter, W. H. F. Fox, J. Dalton, R. M. Legg, G. F. Francis; "**Weymouth**" and "**Colombo,**" Sergt. S. J. Lamrock; Buglr. C. T. Pilgrim; Mnes. W. G. Kent, E. A. Norris, H. Salter, P. H. Smith, C. Hall, W. J. Mearing, C. Johnson, G. A. Saberton, H. E. Hawkins, C. J. Wilson, W. C. Bosley, W. Metcalf, D. C. Scotney, E. C. Butcher, A. Walsh.

TRANSFER.

From Chatham to "**Carlisle,**" Corpl. G. Tucker.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Mnes. E. F. M. House, J. Tremayne, S. H. Kirby, Corpl. Bramley.

T.E.—Mnes. E. F. Brown, J. G. Wells, L. B. Palmer.

Invalided. Mnes. A. W. Cox, W. A. Bartlett, A. Cobbett.

By Purchase.—Mne. J. E. A. Winterbourne.

S.N.L.R.—Mne. A. Joines.

PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Queen Elizabeth,**" Clr.-Sergt Dursley; Sergts. Shimmings, Butt, Jervis, Kilvington, Hutchings, Langdon, Wyatt; Corpls. Gillespie, Stubley, Branton, Giles, Fagents, Nicholas, Edwards, Burnett, Crane, Perryman; Buglrs. Rogers, Lord; Marines Thomas, Cobley, Buckley, Boulton, Gwynne, Chilcott, Ballard, Baker, Churchouse, Stanbury, Wheeldon, Horwell, Soper, Campbell, Luke, Henderson, Didcock, Camp, Yeomans, Harrington, Williams, Tombs, Banthorpe, C. Campbell, Finnis, Donaldson, Higham, Watson, Richards, Dumbleton, Pope, Lamprell, Willetts, Clayton, Maskell, Lovell, Lang, Miller, Brazier, Butler, Oliver, Laflin, Pollitt, Welsman, Paul, Kayle, Pease, Woolcock, Strange, Martin, Anning, Scott, Kimber, L. V. Thomas, Richies, Wellington, Mound, Drew, Wilson, Mulgrew, Kilkenney, Batten, Lavis, Mahoney, Mitchell, Jago, Lloyd, Davis, Kirkby, Martin, Whitfield, Wiltshire, Ryan, Mallows, Allen, Miner, Grinham, Swan, Roberts, Martin, McDowell, Kerslake, G. W. Whitfield, Whiting, Johns, Crook, Fisher, Pointer, Longwell, Leadbitter, Attwood, Farrant, Gardiner, Carmock, Brock, Lang, T. E., Bickle, Haynes, Graves, Westcott, Hamer, Sawyer, Davies, Partridge, Lewis, Rudge, McKay, Brett, Lunt, Shipp, Crannaford, Capel, G. Lang, S. Williams, Screach, Radmore, Smith, Rycroft, Tungate, Osgood, Baines, Mawson, Collett, Harris, Stone, Golding, Sharp, Ellis, Cray, Scott, McDonald; "**Frobisher,**" Clr.-Sergt. Wright; Sergts. Waddling, Fitch; Corpls. Moyse, Smoker, Bottrill, Ponsford, Philpott, Hayter, Wilkie, Gwilliam; Buglrs. Kelley, Radford; Marines Dutton, Waite, Thompson, Potter, Jacobs, Forster, Vickers, Waring, Parker, Smith, H. Jones, Brass, Wales, Pitchford, Armes, Bangham, Barnett, Yendle, Chaffe, Hill, Shepherd, Morse, Davenport, Villiers, Stidston, T. Jones, T. E. Pitcher, Tweedale, McD. Leslie, Hunter, W. Watson, Tucker, Staple, Gospel, Weir, Lewington, Lewis, Dean; Searles, Batchelor, Fivash, L. Jones, Douglas, Horsfall, Thomas, Johns, Daulby, Bowyer, Adams, Prescott, Rand, Rorke, Ogden, Kirk, Major; "**Tamar,**" Sergt. Tugwell; Corpls. Golesworthy, Chislett, Smith, Davies; Mnes. Gallagher, Blake, Badcock, Shewring, Alford, Patterson, Hussey, Chown, Brydon, Barker, Atkins, Garrett, Jones, Isaacs, Bradley, Billett, Blythe; "**Eagle,**" Mnes. Hyman, Snow, Newbrook; "**Impregnable,**" Corpl. Baylis; Mnes. James, Ashcroft, Murdock; "**Diligence,**" Corpls. Ogden, Evans, Barber; "**Colossus,**" Corpl. Leese; "**Delhi,**" Mne. Pearse; "**Carlisle,**" Mne. King; "**Defiance,**" Mne. Haley; "**Osprey,**" Corpl. Humphries, "**Carysfort,**" Buglr. Marchant; "**Curacoa,**" Mne. Willis; "**Woolwich,**" Corpl. Tull; "**Thunderer,**" Mne. Gollop; "**King George V,**" Mnes. Gill, Grove; "**Vivid,**" Corpl. Norris, Mnes. Burrows, Gibbins, Powell, Stonehouse; "**Victory,**" Corpl. Clarke; **Depot, R.M., Deal,** Corpl. Pollitt, Lethbridge; Mnes. Partridge, Carslake, Brooks, Richards.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Dartmouth,**" Corpl. Syms; Mnes. Gallagher, Blake, Badcock, Alford, Pennell, Warren, Shewring, Nix; "**Egmont,**" Mne. Fowler; "**Marlborough,**" Mnes. Payne, Britton, Delabertauche; "**Curlew,**" Mne. Glenn; "**Royal Sovereign,**" Sergt. Johnson; Mnes. Bradley, Packer, Isaacs, Mortimore; "**Impregnable,**" Corpl. Brett, Mne. Steer; "**Colossus,**" Corpl. Parker; "**Thunderer,**" Mne. Atkins; "**Ambrose,**" Corpl. Parnham; "**King George V.,**" Mnes. Phillips, Jones, Evans, Hole; "**Osprey,**" Corpl. Johns; "**Hood,**" Mne. Courtney; "**Diligence,**" Corpls. R. C. Smith, Chislett, Davies; "**Delhi,**" Mne. Kellaway; "**Carysfort,**" Buglr. Bickham; Mne. Tavener; "**Colombo,**" Sergts. Precious, Burbidge; Corpl. Mellor; Mnes. Marks, Webster, Parker, Shepherd, Burt, Ross, McNalley, Sawyer, Hunt.

DEPOT.

PROMOTIONS.

Po. C/215649 Mne. F. A. Lyons, Po. D/216044 Mne. G. Gordon, to Corporals.

APPOINTMENTS.

Ch. A/16941 Corpl. F. G. Hewiett, to Sergeant.
Ply. C/22052 Corpl. A. J. Wigginton, N.C.O. i/c Markers.
Po. D/18529 Mne. W. J. Painter, M.O.A.
Ch. B/18320 Mne. W. H. Westbrook, M.O.A.
Ply. B/21851 C. V. Catchpole, Washhouseman (in extension).
Ch. C/23333 Mne. B. A. Furston, Pioneer.
Po. A/21536 Mne. J. H. Dancy, M.O.A.
Ply. D. 15371 Mne. E. G. James, Bath-house man.
Ch. C/19468 Mne. J. W. Avery, Pioneer.
Po. 15186 Clr.-Sergt. E. A. Dimond, Clerk, Pay Office.

The following passed the examination for Superintending Clerk on 1st October:—

Ply./13388 Clr.-Sergt. J. C. O. Beynon, "Special."
Ply./14812 Sergt. F. R. Amlot; Ch./16369 Sergt. W. V. Coleman, "Pass."

TRANSFERS.

The 89th Squad (King's Squad) was transferred to Chatham Division on Wednesday, 1st October.

To Chatham.—Ch. B/24336 Mne. C. H. H. Wallis, Ch. D/22399 Corpl. T. J. Hickman, Ch. D/18989 Corpl. G. E. Botley (rejoining).

To Plymouth.—Po. B/16146 Mne. A. R. Preston (for embarkation); Ply. B/16578 Mne. S. A. Hussey (rejoining).

To Portsmouth.—Ch. A/14277 Clr.-Sergt. A. Dunster (for motor course); Po. B/19541 Mne. L. A. Baker (rejoining).

Po. B/18035 Mne. W. C. W. Pook, embarked in H.M.S. "Cairo."

Ply. A/16059 Corpl. J. Moyse, rejoined R.N. College, Greenwich.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior of each rank on the respective Promotion Rosters:—

Bandmasters 2nd Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class).—G. W. Hooper, T. J. Cope, Edgar Robertson, G. C. Keen, F. T. Rose, Sydney Rendell.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—A. F. Bartlett, Sydney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler, V. C. Joyce.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporal).—S. G. Walkiden, J. H. Matthews, R. H. Mortimer, D. W. Green, P. D. Evans, W. C. Owens.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys Charles Jackson and H. D. Handley advanced to Musicians.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ramillies,**" Bandmstr. H. Walter Burrans; Band Corpl. F. C. Frost; Musns. C. Ralph, W. A. Carter, M. A. Kirk, H. I. Dine, F. A. Sutherland, W. E. Kohlar, H. M. Lacey, H. F. D. Broughton, Edward Laughton, A. A. Boyes, F. D. Wood, Joseph Brown, George Whittington; "**Impregnable,**" Musn. R. H. Mortimer; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Musn. F. G. Thomas; "**Frobisher,**" Bandmstr. 1st Class Henry Hoyte; Band Corpl. R. O. Mullis; Musns. H. A. Smith, Joseph Costigan, H. J. Fussell, S. G. Allington, G. T. Golding, W. F. J. Milsom, W. B. Smith, R. G. Page, A. G. Rogers, E. G. Bramble, A. A. Scowen, Ernest Bradley, C. A. Watkins, J. J. Kiddle, W. A. Burr; "**Marlborough,**" Bandmstr. 2nd Class David Pitthouse; Musns. Henry Jones, Albert Gibbons, G. W. Potter, E. J. Nicholls, A. A. Power, S.E. Mc Court, Thomas Colbourn, L. S. Bloxham, A. J. Westaway, A. H. Bennet, H. J. Hawes, S. A. Mansell, H. J. Maynard.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Calcutta,**" Bandmstr. 1st. Class R. T. Jackson; Corpl. W. J. Thompson; Musns. Richard Penn, F. W. Turner, J. E. Baker, W. P. Toms, J. H. Gregory, F. T. Cottrell, George Nelson, W. D. Wilmot, F. J. Harwood, James Williams, W. J. Shipp, F. E. Stoner, Roland Page, Henry Rotherham, F. P. W. Holyer; "**Marlborough,**" Bandmstr. 2nd Class S. H. Rendell, Musns. J. H. Bear, John Flynn, P. R. S. Pool, G. T. Pullinger, Jack Stimpson, B. H. Smith, E. M. N. Wilmot, A. G. Yeats, A. H. Spuffard, W. H. Chapman, W. H. S. Oddy, Thomas Badman, W. C. Owens; "**Delhi,**" Bandmstr. 2nd Class Herbert Kenward; Band Corpl. John Nevitt; Musns. J. A. Dawes, W. J. Wilson, W. H. Heathcote, W. W. Searle, A. F. Daniels, John Thompson, Joseph Ginns, A. S. W. Turner, J. T. Northcote, R. W. Chester, E. G. Bulbeck, A. J. Jones; "**Benbow,**" Bandmstr. 1st Class C. E. Lewendon; "**Iron Duke,**" Band Corpls. Wm. Sharman, H. W. Ford; Musn. H. T. Chilcott; "**Impregnable,**" Band Corporal W. W. Turner.

DISCHARGES.

Musician Dudley Sleigh, "Termination of first period of Engagement"; Band Boy W. J. Curd, "Invalided"; Band Boys Kenneth Brunt, A. F. Johnson, G. W. Hinkley and Edward Goadby, "Not likely to become efficient."

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following amounts received from 20th September to 20th October, 1924, inclusive:—£3 14s. 6½d. Portsmouth Division, £3 8s. 6d. Plymouth Division, £2 2s. "Curacoa," £1 18s. 9d. Depot R.M., £1 16s. Sgts.' Mess, Plymouth Division, £1 10s. "Carlisle," £1 8s. "Danae," £1 Lieut. C. H. C. Masters, Sanitary Dept., Hong Kong, 14s. 7d. "Dauntless," "Hood," 14s., "Emperor of India," 12s. 3d. "Delhi," 12s. Cpl. Breckon, 10s. 6d. "Caradoc," 10s. "Carysfort," Major S. G. Leslie, 8s. 9d. "Resolution," 7s. 3½d. "Dauntless," 7s. "Calypso," "Tamar," 6s. "Blenheim," "Hecla," 5s. 6d. Mne. Hulett, 5s. 3d. "Argus," 5s. Capt. W. G. Quianlan, Lieuts. R. S. Lansdale, W. Guthrie, Messrs. J. Mc Quillan, R. M. Swinerd, J. T. Summers, 4s. 8d. R.M.O. London, 4s. 6d. Miss M. E. Marchant, "Pembroke," 4s. Lieut.-Cols. F. W. E. Eady, O.B.E., A. F. Binney, Major E. J. Huskisson, M.C., Capts. W. R. P. Boultbee, A. R. Sienesi, Lieuts. G. Burrows, T. T. Kirby, Miss A. J. Brittan, Cpl. A. E. Doidge, T. R. Cross, R.M.P., Messrs. R. Tong, W. Whitehead, A. J. Jackson, D. Kirk, J. R. Bentley, M. Collis, T. Power, W. J. Frost, F. Oliver, F. Snook, W. S. Clark, A. Halirow, G. W. Clarke, W. J. Poole, W. Willmott, F. Balshaw, L. R. Jacobs, R. Simpson, A/S. School, Portland, 3s. 6d. "Maidstone," "Coventry," "Royal Sovereign," 3s. 3d. Grocery Canteen, Chatham, 3s. W.O.'s Mess, Chatham, 2s. 11d. "Caledon," 1s. 9d. "Ark Royal," "Vulcan," "Comus," "Lucia," 1s. 6d. Jun. N.C.O.'s Club, Chatham, Mr. J. M. Smith, 1s. 3d. Rec. Room, Chatham, 1s. Capt. F. Barr, R.N., 3s. 3½d. miscellaneous.—Total, £35 3s. 4½d.

R.M.R.A.

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M. FILMER-BENNETT,
Lieut.-Col. for Hon. Secretary, R.M.R.A.

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"BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS'" FUND.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel Field's History of the Royal Marines:—£2,163 13s. 6d. previously acknowledged, £5 Capt. C. Sparrow, £3 15s. from each of the Officers' Messes at Chatham, Eastney, Plymouth and Deal, Major H. A. Morgan, Miss Napier, £2 10s. Messrs. Stevens and Brown, £1 10s. Genl. E. A. Wylde, Major G. Boulton, £1 6s. 6d. Lieut. H. D. Wrangham, £1 2s. 6d. Major J. Mecnair Smith, £1 Capts. J. E. Leech-Porter, W. Bashall, 15s. Lieut. H. E. F. Shackleton, 14s. 6d. Mrs. Wilkie, 12s. 6d. Col. R. H. Morgan, Lt.-Col. N. S. Clutterbuck, 10s. Col. L. Miller, Lieut. S. G. Cutler, 5s. Capts. J. N. Benbow, A. M. Craig, Lieuts. H. R. D. Woods, J. S. Martin, M. F. H. Rogers, Mr. T. J. Atkins, 2s. 6d. Messrs. King and Son.—Total, £2,206 9s. 6d.

It is expected that Part xx., which completes this History of Col. Field's, will be issued during this month (November). The complete cost of the book will then be calculated, and subscribers informed of the rebate, probably about 10s. General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., has kindly consented to write Vol. iii., the History of the War, and those who wish to transfer their rebates to Vol. iii., should communicate with me when they receive their notices.

J. A. TUPMAN Col.,
Hon. Secretary.

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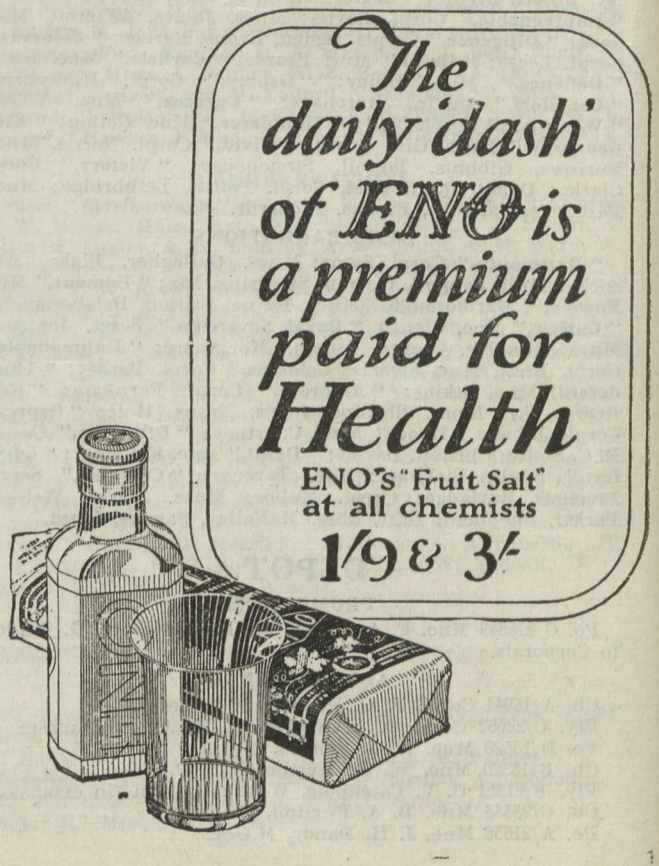

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Officer, 1664.

"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.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The November issue of the "Globe and Laurel" was sold out within a week of its publication.

The colour scheme adopted for our cover has been received with such general approbation that we have felt emboldened to perpetuate it. To do so effectively it is necessary to have a design which lends itself to a multi-colour process. In short, simplicity in design is necessary. There is an old saying that, "When a man enters your house, judge him by his clothes; when he leaves it, judge him by his manners." You will note that our Journal is in fine raiment; you may confidently leave it to us to see that its "manners," by which we mean contents, will be a credit to you, to it, and to us.

Next month's issue will mark a great step forward in the history of our Journal. First, we intend to bring out an entirely new cover in two or more colours; second, the Journal will be printed on a type of art paper; and last, but not least, we hope to have some pages of coloured advertisements. Last month we increased the reading matter from 16 to 24 pages, and we intend to maintain this increase.

Now we want you to do your bit. The better the Journal, the more attractive it becomes to advertisers, **provided it has a large circulation.** The more advertisements we are offered, the more money we get to spend on improving the Journal. We want to be able to say to our advertising agents: "Four thousand Royal Marines buy the 'Globe and Laurel' every month, and it is read by fifteen thousand people all over the world." The "Globe and Laurel" should be in the home of every Marine. Don't just buy one for your mess. Send your copy to your wife, your mother, your sister or your sweetheart; they'll be glad to have it. So order now; we don't want to have to turn down last minute orders as we did last month.

We do not promise you 9d. for 4d., but when you buy the January number of the "Globe and Laurel," we *do* say you will be getting the equivalent of 9d. for 3d. Need we say more?

It frequently happens that N.C.O.s and men are desirous of changing their H.Q. Division; so we are opening a column for the publication of personal announcements. Full particulars should be given.

No charge will be made, and the Editor reserves to himself the right to refuse publication of any announcement without explanation.

We have received an interesting letter from that well-known sportsman, N. B. Shikari, which appears on page 185. We commend his views to our readers. Incidentally, we have stung—that is, he has promised us an article on wild bore hunting—by numbers—which should prove of absorbing interest.

Before our next issue, Christmas will have come and gone. We have always retained our childish love of Christmas, wherever we have been serving, and we believe that most Marines do likewise. We are strengthened in this belief by the fact that Christmas is a children's festival, so to all that worthy and widespread community known as "Nobody's Children," we wish good luck, good cheer, and the realisation of all their most cherished hopes.

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"**Royal Oak**"—Capt. W. F. S. Fawckner.
"**Caledon**"—Lieut. A. J. L. Clanchy.
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"**Repulse**"—Sergt. Lee.
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"**Cyclops**"—
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PER MARE

POLENSA BAY.

MEMORABLE DATES.

21st October, 1805.—Trafalgar. Lord Nelson's victory over the combined French and Spanish Fleets. The total strength of Royal Marines in this action was 90 officers and 3,600 N.C.O.'s and men. Casualties, 1 officers, 113 N.C.O.s and men killed ; 13 officers and 12 other ranks wounded.

28th October, 1664.—Birth of the Corps. King Charles II sanctioned the formation of a regiment for sea service to be known as "The Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot."

MEDITERRANEAN.

No news received this month.

ATLANTIC.

We have much pleasure in giving publicity to the following Memorandum :—

"GLOBE AND LAUREL" REPRESENTATIVES IN ATLANTIC FLEET.

1. The proposal to have "Globe and Laurel" Fleet and Ship correspondents has met with general approval in the Atlantic Fleet, and the following volunteers have been nominated :—

Fleet Representative	...	Lieut. H. Mc C. Slater
H.M.S. "Revenge"	...	Lieut. L. Priestley.
,, "Resolution"	...	Corpl. Townsend.
,, "Royal Sovereign"	...	Capt. G. W. M. Grover.
,, "Royal Oak"	...	Capt. W. F. S. Fawckner.
,, "Ramillies"	...	Sergt. G. Bowie.
,, "Hood" ...	...	
,, "Repulse"	...	Sergt. Lee.
,, "Curacoa"	...	Sergt. A. J. Regan.
,, "Caledon"	...	Lieut. A. J. L. Clanchy.
,, "Canterbury"	...	Sergt. Moray.
,, "Calliope"	...	Lieut. H. Mc C. Slater.
,, "Carysfort"	...	Lieut. C. Luxmoore.
,, "Argus" ...	...	Mne. E. Parsons.
,, "Conquest"	...	
,, "Cyclops"...	...	
,, "Diligence"	...	Corpl. W. Ogden.

2. Ship representatives are requested to send items of interest to the Fleet representative before the 7th of each month, to enable him to send in the Fleet news by the 15th. Items sent later than the 7th may have

to be kept till the following month, which is very undesirable, as the object of the "Globe and Laurel" is to publish up-to-date news of the Fleet.

3. If any changes are made in Ship representatives, O.C. Detachments are requested to inform the Fleet representative without delay. The F.R.M.O. wishes to be informed in the case of any proposed change of Fleet representative.

4. The Fleet representative is requested to send the names of Ship representatives to the Editor of the "Globe and Laurel," for publication, also any change in representatives that may occur from time to time,

To

Senior Officers (or N.C.O.s), R.M. Detachments and Fleet and Ship "G. and L." Representatives.

(Copy to Editor, "Globe and Laurel").

B. C. GARDINER,
Lieut.-Col., R.M.

"Calliope."

The 2nd C.S. Marathon Race took place on 8th November at Harwich. The course was 4½ miles of road, cultivated land, and foreshore. Result of race, a good win for "Carysfort," whom we heartily congratulate.

Out of the 165 competitors, the "Royals" were represented by 15 only, as we were limited to three per ship.

We have great pleasure in congratulating Mne. Annetts ("Calliope") on his fine performance in securing 2nd place in the squadron, and 1st in ship; also Mne. Collins ("Curacoa"), 5th in squadron and 2nd in ship.

Our stay at Harwich, though short, was nevertheless a memorable one, for we were there during the exciting period consequent on the election of the Mayoress.

A massed band from the squadron landed and headed the procession through the streets; they were much appreciated, and helped to liven the proceedings considerably. A grand firework display, to which the squadron was kindly invited, took place on the 5th November. We regret to report one casualty due to an excess of zeal on the part of a fair admirer, who thought the proper place to let off a rocket was the back of the "casualty's" neck. Needless to say, he is now suffering from a scorched back.

We are doing a short course of L.G. firing during our stay at Portland, prior to dispersing to our home ports to give Christmas leave.

"Curacoa."

We have received two anecdotes from the "Curacoa," which we have labelled "The Leatherneck," and publish on another page.

"Ramillies."

Having recently commissioned, we are in process of getting "tuned in" to our new surroundings. A Games Club has been formed, and a sporting spirit pervades the detachment.

Our Soccer team has won inter-part matches in splendid style.

"Revenge."

Most of the time during this autumn cruise has been devoted to gunnery, and as the ship only commissioned in August, an enormous amount of work has been necessary.

TURRET SHIELD.

The competitive shoot for the Turret Shield took place in October, and was won by the Marines.

FOOTBALL.

Football is undoubtedly the most popular sport in the Fleet. The detachment entered two teams for the Inter-Part Competition, both of which did very well. The "A" team won the cup, after beating the Engine Room Department 3—1 in the final. The "B" team had a great struggle with the Torpedo Division, drawing with them twice, and eventually beating them on the second replay. They were, however, beaten in the 2nd round by the Quarter Deck, 2—5.

The Band and W.R.A.'s have played each other several times, with varying results.

Mne. Ayling plays for the ship's team, which has already won the Fleet Cup.

TUG-OF-WAR.

The Marines' catch-weight tug-of-war team, having beaten "Curacoa's" Marines 2—1 at Invergordon represented the Atlantic Fleet at the Northern Meeting at Inverness, and considering the gigantic size of their opponents, they put up a very good show.

The team consisted of:—Corpl. Chadwick (coach); Mnes. Rummery, Frost, Le Gassick, Flinn, Norris, Fletcher, Coleman, Bright.

ARBUTHNOT TROPHY.

In this cross-country running competition for capital ships of the Home Fleet, the Royal Marines of "Revenge" scored a great win in the Inter-Part Competition, from which the ship's team was selected. The course was over about three miles of hilly country, and, owing to heavy rain, the going was none of the best. Among the first ten home were:—1st, Corpl. Nason; 3rd, Mne. Willis; 4th, Mne. Ayling; 8th, Mne. Ayling. The total number of men running was 225.. This success was undoubtedly due, firstly, to the fitness of our men, and secondly to the care Corpl. Nason had taken in training our team.

Following the Inter-Part Marathon came the Divisional Marathon, in which "Revenge," "Ramillies" and "Royal Oak" took part. It took place at Rosyth on 30th October, and "Revenge" won easily.

We should like to congratulate Mne. Price, of the "Ramillies," the first man home, of about 600 competitors, on his splendid performance.

The Final of the Marathon takes place at Portland, and in that, "Revenge" meets "Royal Sovereign."

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Mnes. Bethell, Clarke and Willis have shot for the ship's rifle team, and we hope soon to have a Detachment Rifle Team.

We are very lucky in this ship in that most of us have been shipmates before. This has been of great assistance to us in forming our guns' crews, football and running teams, and has made things go very smoothly

AFRICA.

"Birmingham."

This is one of the busiest times of the year for the Squadron at Simonstown. Intensive training for the many competitions which take place during this month and November occupy most of the hours available. Two Marines, Cusick and Kellard, are in the ship's field-gun team, which competes against the "Dublin" on October 25th. A Royal Marine tug-of-war team has been practising for the Trafalgar Day Sports organised by the Cape Town branch of the Navy League of South Africa. The ship's Rifle Team, which now consists principally of Marines, is practising for the Saldanha Bay Rifle Cup, to be shot for on November 11th. It is not easy to select the best team, as there are 23 men in the ship with an average within only a few decimal points of one another. In a practice shoot under Saldanha Rifle Cup conditions on October 22nd there were seven scores of over 90, out of a possible 105.

The competition for the R.M.R.A. Silver and Bronze Medals was held on October 1st. Twenty Marines competed from the "Birmingham." The jewels were won by a narrow margin. At 500 yards Sergt. Small had to get a bull with his last shot to win the Silver Jewel. He managed to do it after coming up three times for a steadier aim.

The best eight scores were:—

Sergt. Small	...	88 (winner of Silver Jewel).
Col.-Sergt. Lee	...	87 (winner of Bronze Jewel).
Mne. Williams	...	86
,, Bartholomew		85
,, Cusick	...	84
Major Trench	...	83
Mne. Fallace	...	81
Bd.-Master Clayton		80

Conditions: 7 rounds and 1 sighter at 200 and 300 yards with 2nd-class Bisley targets, and at 500 yards with 1st-class targets.

A rifle match was shot between the Royal Marines of the "Birmingham" and "Dublin" after a tactical exercise on October 15th. Teams of twelve, best eight to count. Result: "Birmingham," 997; best eight, 695. "Dublin," 904; best eight, 660.

Sergt. Small has been keeping up his reputation at billiards. On September 29th, in a match against Mr. Rowley, the undefeated champion of the district, he made 604 while his opponent made 750. But in a return match on October 10th Sergt. Small defeated Mr. Rowley by 273 in 750 up. Breaks:—

Sergt. Small: 49, 48, 42, 39, 39, 35, 32, 32.
Mr. Rowley: 43, 41, 37, 37, 33, 30, 30, 30.

Bugler Gosling represented the Corps at the Boxing Meeting held on October 14th, 15th and 16th. After the contest he was on the sick list for several days; but he was awarded the medal for the best loser, for which he is to be congratulated.

CHINA.

No news received this month.

N.A. and W.I.

"Constance."

An interesting account of a revolution in Mexico, of which the "Constance" was a spectator, will appear in our next issue.

EAST INDIES.

"Colombo."

JULY.

We left England in H.M.S. "Weymouth" on 17th. We had hardly been at sea for more than two hours, before we ran into a gale.

Gibraltar, our first port of call, was reached on the 23rd; it was here that the majority had their first experience of coaling. They worked well, but it was a heart-breaking job. We left Gib. on the 25th, and arrived at Malta on the 29th. We stayed there for four days, during which time we managed to land the Detachment twice. We also played an excellent cricket match with the "Egmont." Considering this was the first chance we had had of playing together, the result was very creditable—"Egmont," 102; our side, 79.

AUGUST.

Leaving Malta on the 2nd, we arrived at Port Said on the 6th, and coaled. On the 7th we steamed through the Canal; a very novel and interesting experience for several of us. It was dreadfully hot, and one or two of the stokers were laid out, the temperature in the engine room being 135°.

We left Suez on the 8th, but on the 11th we had orders to go back to Port Sudan with all speed, as we were urgently required. On the way there all arrangements were made for landing, but on arrival, after the Commissioner had come on board and consulted with the Captain, our orders for landing were cancelled. We "stood by," however, for four days. During our stay the heat was terrific. One Seaman went sick with a temperature of 109°, and a Chief Stoker with a temperature of 104°; both were sent to the hospital ashore. The Seaman recovered, but the Chief Stoker died after we left.

We sailed for Aden on the 15th, and arrived there on the 18th. During our four days' stay we managed to get several games. On the 22nd we left for the last stage of our journey. On passage a boxing tournament was organised, which went off very well. The Detachment put up some very good fights.

We arrived at Colombo on the 29th, and the "relief" was in evidence everywhere!

SEPTEMBER.

We commissioned the "Colombo" on the 1st, and although it rained heavily, it failed to damp the enthusiasm with which we got into a clean ship. The next five days were spent in settling down. On the 6th we sailed, and arrived at Trincomali the following day. Since then we have done a concentrated gunnery programme. The Detachment did very well, and also holds the best time for loader drill.

We are now training for the Regatta in November.

F. P. C. LORDON,
Lieut., R.M.

"Chatham."

On July 15th we turned over from H.M.S. "Southampton," and the R.M. Detachment and Band went into camp at Diyatalawa. The Detachment carried out their annual musketry course and did some strenuous platoon training.

On 29th August sports were held for the men in camp. The Commander-in-Chief of the East Indies Station, Admiral H. W. Richmond, C.B., and a large gathering of spectators from the neighbourhood of Diyatalawa were present. We are glad to mention that once more the Detachment and Band gained top points in the athletic events. Between the events a display of ceremonial drill was given by the Detachment, under Sergt. Pack, and elicited great praise from all present for the smartness with which it was carried out.

Band Corporal Cooper, Musicians Briggs, Chambers, Gatty and Toms all carried off prizes. The tug-of-war, the relay and dry-land boat race were won by the Detachment and Band.

Musician Toms won a handsome silver cup, presented by Mrs. Richmond, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, for the Singles Tennis Tournament.

Marine Pearce won the Warmsley silver cup for the best scientific boxer of Ceylon; also a gold medal for the feather-weight championship of Ceylon.

H.M.S. "Chatham" is undergoing an extensive refit in dock at Colombo. About 6th October we leave for a cruise in the Persian Gulf, during which the Squadron pulling regatta will be held.

E.G.U.

ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

MEMORABLE DATE.

11th November, 1918.—Capture of Mons. Armistice Day. In commemoration of all actions ashore and afloat and in glorious memory of all ranks of the Royal Marines who fought and fell in the Great War, 1914–1918.

The 1st Battalion, R.M.L.I. (R.N. Division) was present at the capture of Mons, the last action of the Great War, and at the Battle of the Sambre which preceded it on 4th November, 1918.

THE ADMIRALTY.

VISCOUNT Chelmsford's message to the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines is as follows:—

On resigning the position of First Lord of the Admiralty I should like to convey to all ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines my admiration of their splendid keenness, discipline, and efficiency.

My short tenure of office has prevented me from seeing as much of the practical work of the Fleet as I should have wished, but what I have been privileged to see makes me fully confident in the future of the great Service with which I am proud to have been associated.

CHATHAM.

ARMISTICE DAY.

On Armistice Day a party of 50 Marines, under Capt. Sandall, with 2nd Lieut. Westcott second in command, attended a memorial service at the R.N. and R.M. Memorial on the Great Lines. Admiral Sir William Goodenough (Commander-in-Chief) placed a wreath at the foot of the Memorial. On returning to barracks the party halted opposite the Divisional Memorial Tablet and presented arms. The Colonel-Commandant then placed a wreath of poppies, from all ranks of the Division, under the Memorial Tablet.

In barracks there was little ceremony owing to the absence of the Band and Buglers and parties in London and on the Lines. Officers and men paraded for the two minutes' silence, and a bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

ROYAL MARINES AT THE CENOTAPH.

At the Cenotaph, on Armistice Day, the Royal Marines were represented by 103 officers, N.C.O.s and men from the Chatham Division, the Divisional Band and 16 Buglers with silver bugles, under the command of Captain L. S. Wilkinson, with Lieuts. Martini and Cordeaux attached. The party paraded at 6.40 a.m. and entrained at Chatham station with a Naval Guard from H.M.S. "Pembroke."

All troops assembled at Wellington Barracks, and by 10.15, were in position at the Cenotaph. The Marine Guard occupied a position at the north-west of the hollow square, and on the left of the Navy.

The buglers were drawn up in single line across the road, facing the Cenotaph from the south, with the trumpeters of the Royal Air Force immediately in rear of them. From this position they sounded the "Reveillé," in clear, silver tones—a most impressive sound to be carried away ringing in thousands of ears.

His Majesty the King, the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of York attended the ceremony.

After the service the Naval and Marine Guards marched to the Union Jack Club, had an excellent dinner, and returned to Chatham by special train.

JUNIOR N.C.O.s.

The Junior N.C.O.s of the Chatham Division commemorated the anniversary of Armistice Day by holding a supper and smoking concert. There were 24 members present.

The toast to "Absent members" was proposed by Corpl. Craddock. Corpl. Millar replied.

The concert programme was:—

March ... ... Old Comrades ... Mr. F. Daniels
Song ... The Garden of Your Heart ... Cpl. Ashton
Humorous Anecdotes ... Cpl. Joyce ("Tiny")
Musical Monologue, The Shooting of Dan McGrew ... Cpl. Botley
Song ... ... Hearts and Flowers ... Lce.-Cpl. Ward
Comic Song and Humorous Anecdotes ... Cpl. Cristoe
Impersonations and Song "Italiano" Cpl. Hayman
Comic Song, "What d'yer mean, yer lost yer dog?" ... Cpl. Millar

At the piano, Mr. F. Daniels; violin, Cpl. Craddock; flute, Lce.-Cpl. Ward.

At 11 o'clock the Juniors' "War Cry" was sung, followed by the National Anthem.

OPENING CEREMONY AT DARTFORD.

The Chatham Division Band was on duty at the opening of the new grand road from Dartford to Strood by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on November 19th. There was a Guard of Honour of Royal West Kent Territorials. The Band played much music, which was broadcast by B.B.C., and heard at several places on the route taken by His Royal Highness.

This is how the *Daily Chronicle* young man rose to the occasion next day:—

At the ceremonial starting point hundreds of flags flaunted the leaden skies and music was made by the band of the Royal West Kents, prepared for the improbable onslaught of a fierce sunshine with the white helmets of their tropical service!

PORTSMOUTH.

CHAPLAIN OF THE FLEET.

The Chaplain of the Fleet visited the R.M. Barracks, Eastney, on the 17th Oct.

TRAFALGAR DAY.

The Trafalgar Day procession was held on the 18th Oct., and the C.-in-C. inspected it at the R.N. Barracks. The following items in the procession were provided by this Division:—

Six Trumpeters.
Tableau—Moles.
Tableau—Ancient and Modern Marines.
Divisional Band.
Tableau—"Stocks."
Cadet Corps and Band.
36 collectors volunteered from the Division.

GRAND BALL.

On behalf of the Trafalgar Orphan Fund the Sergeants' Mess of the Portsmouth Division held a ball in the Gymnasium at Eastney Barracks on 24th Oct. The company numbered about 400, and it is expected that between £25 and £30 will be realized for the fund. Lieut.-Col. Houghton and other officers of the Division attended, and the event was organised by a committee consisting of Q.M.S. Hatcher (president), C.S.M. Lister, Clr.-Sergt. Blake, and Bandmasters Lane, Kirkby, and Smith. The duties of M.C. were performed by Clr.-Sergts. Austen and Westcott and Sergt. Crosby, while the catering was supervised by Drum-Major Wilson and Sergt. Parnell. The music for the dancing was supplied by the Divisional Band, conducted by Bandmaster T. K. Brime.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

Permission was granted to all ranks to wear a poppy on "Remembrance Day," 8th Nov., and poppies were on sale at Eastney Barracks on this date. The whole of the proceeds were devoted to the assistance of Ex-Service men and their dependents who are in urgent need of help.

ZEEBRUGGE FILM.

A very interesting film of the Naval Raid on Zeebrugge was shown at the Victoria Hall, Southsea, on the 10th Nov., at which Clr.-Sergt. Finch, V.C., R.M., was present and made a speech, which was enthusiastically applauded. The management kindly sent 20 invitations to the Colonel-Commandant, officers and other ranks.

ARMISTICE DAY.

On the 11th Nov., Armistice Day was celebrated in Portsmouth with a universal observance of the two minutes' silence. At the Portsmouth War Memorial a service was held, and wreaths were laid by the C.-in-C., the Colonel-Commandant Southern Area, Lieut.-Col. Raikes, D.S.C. (representing the Col.-Commandant Ports. Divn., R.M.), the Mayor, and many others. Sentries from the R.N., R.M., Army, and R.A.F. were posted on the memorial. At H.Q. a ceremonial parade was held at the R.N. School of Music. The "Still" and "Carry on" were sounded at 11 and 11.2 on parade by eight buglers with the Silver Memorial Bugles, followed by the "Last Post" by the R.N. School of Music, and "Reveille" by H.Q. buglers.

UNVEILING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL.

Two errors in our account of this ceremony have been pointed out to us. It was not their own band, but that of the R.N. School of Music, that accompanied the Royal Marines. The choir of boys was from the R.N., not the Military, School of Music.

PLYMOUTH.

ROYAL NAVAL PAGEANT.

A Naval Pageant composed of a series of historical and topical tableaux paraded the streets of Devonport and Plymouth on 21st Oct., Trafalgar Day.

The Pageant was inspected on the Parade Ground at the Royal Naval Barracks at 1.30 p.m. by the Commander-in-Chief, and Senior Officers, Plymouth Command, and started a tour of the three towns at 3 o'clock.

The reception of the Pageant by the inhabitants was tremendous, and the amounts collected must have been most satisfactory.

Assistance was given by the Royal Marines, Plymouth Division, who provided the following items :—

" Fanfare of Trumpeters," heading the procession.
" Drake's Drum."
" Admiral Blake (1652), who defeated Van Tromp."
" A Detachment of the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regt. of Foot, Regular Marines of Charles II (1664)."
" The Royal Marine Band, Plymouth Division, R.M."
" The Spirit of the Navy, ' Britannia ' (with representations of Colonies, etc.)."
" Royal Marine Cadet Corps," most appropriately sub-titled " Future Makers of History."

Congratulations are due to the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men of the Royal Marines for providing such a substantial and interesting portion of the procession.

CONCERT.

A successful concert was given by the Field Training Company stationed at Fort Scraesdon on the 13th November at the Village Hall, Antony.

Scraesdon does not provide much distraction during the long winter evenings, so any form of amusement is appreciated. Previously it has not been convenient to have more than one platoon at a time under training, which has rather limited the scope of entertainments. But this time there was a much wider choice of talent, as a whole Company was under training at once, and everyone seemed very keen to produce a good show. The villagers' assistance and their keen appreciation of the concert showed the interest they took in it.

Amongst the numerous and varied turns was a very witty lecture on " Potato Digging," by Corpl. Lane, R.M., which was highly appreciated. Marines Jeffery and Packwood also brought loud applause by their original sketch, " Modern Operating."

Numerous other turns were equally good, and the whole show, which reflected much credit on the organisers, went with a great swing.

GIRLS' AMBULANCE COMPANY.

The annual examination in bandaging of the Plymouth Division Girls' Ambulance Company was held on 13th Nov., and was conducted by Miss Butcher and Surgeon-Commander G. V. Hobbs, R.N. Lady Phillimore (wife of the Commander-in-Chief) addressed the girls after the examination, and congratulated them on their work.

DEPOT.

ARMISTICE DAY.

The Colonel-Commandant was present at a ceremonial parade in commemoration of Armistice Day. The Band played a selection of patriotic airs, after which the " Still " was sounded, followed by the Last Post. Then followed the two minutes' silence and the Reveille.

BAND CONCERTS.

A series of Sunday evening Band Concerts was given during November at the Globe Theatre. These were held on the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, and it is hoped to carry them on through the winter. The programmes were carefully and suitably selected, and were well received by the audiences which, though at first small, were most appreciative.

LIEUT. O'DONNELL.

We heartily congratulate Lieut. O'Donnell upon becoming a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music. The Fellowship was conferred upon him on the 30th Oct. It is the highest honour the R.A.M. can confer ; the number of Fellows is strictly limited.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ARMISTICE DAY.

A parade in Church order was assembled under the Adjutant, Lieut. C. E. Maton, R.M. It was inspected by Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., R.M., of the Ports. Divn., who was received by the playing of the General Salute. On completion of the inspection the Band played a Troop, and the Companies formed up in hollow square in readiness for the Drumhead Service ; the Silver Drums, the School's Memorial to their late comrades, were used for this purpose.

As the Barrack clock, with its mournful tone, chimed out the hour of eleven, the " Still " was sounded in the distance by the buglers of the Ports. Divn. The only sound audible during the following two minutes was the far-off but steady breaking of the waves as they tumbled in on the sea-front ; this added pathos to the ceremony, and must have made everyone present think of those brave hearts to whom the sea laid claim during the Great War.

The silence was brought to an end by the awe-inspiring roll of the drums, followed by the solemn notes of the " Last Post," sounded by the School of Music buglers. Then from the opposite side of the Barracks was heard the " Reveille," played by the Divisional buglers.

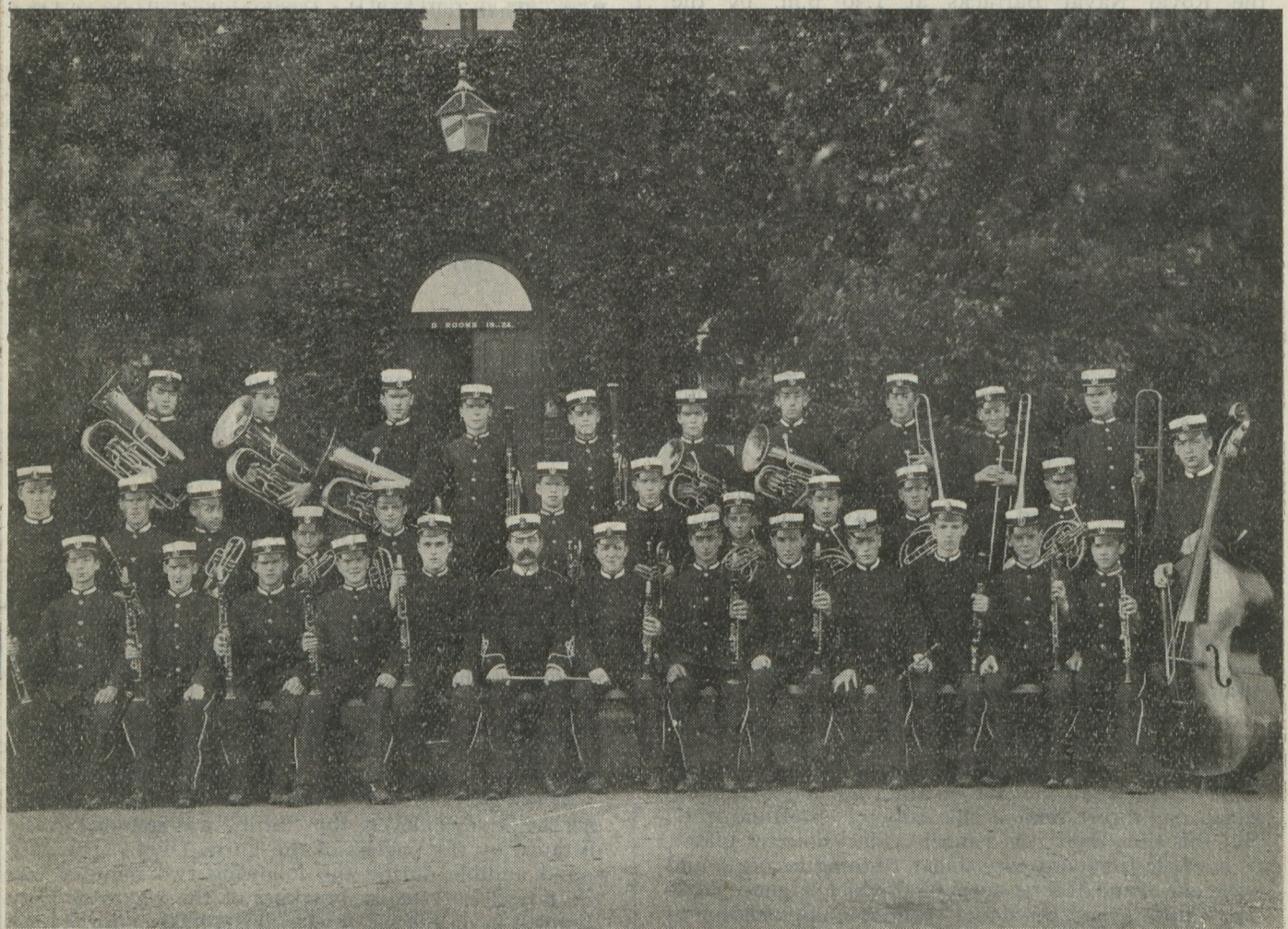
The Senior Chaplain, the Rev. W. H. Maundrell, M.A., assisted by the Rev. G. H. Crouch, M.A., conducted a short service ; the hymn " O God our Help " was sung, followed by the National Anthem.

Prior to dismissal, the Parade was addressed by the Colonel-Commandant. He impressed on all ranks the necessity of holding oneself in readiness both in mind and body, in case we, like those we had in mind at that particular moment, were called upon to make the

supreme sacrifice. He congratulated the companies on their fine ceremonial, and said that the School of Music was responsible for the ceremonial life afloat. His concluding words were: "It is no good singing the National Anthem unless you live up to it."

A large number of past members, and relatives of those lost during the War, availed themselves of the privilege of attending this ceremony.

THE FIRST PERSONNEL OF THE R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.



Top Row—Peverett, Leeder, Farndall, Beeden,* Bedingham,* Foster, Griffiths, Pinhorne,* Edwards, Fowler.
Centre Row—Gardenne, Barr, Sharpe,* Chaffey, Roberts,* Lavelle, Cheesewright, Yetton, Jenkins, Mead, Peverett, Vine.
Bottom Row—Smith, Goodwin, Lawes, Greatwood, Maine, Mr. Lidiard, Ferguson, Hammond, Boobier, Beech, Broadbent, Hickey,* Averley *(Bandmaster)*

* Still Serving.

OUR "COMING OF AGE."

The R.N. School of Music was inaugurated by Order in Council dated 20th May, 1903, and completed its 21st year last May. A Naval Band of 34, with Chief Bandmaster Harry Lidiard in charge, transferred to the R.M. Band (for service afloat) on the 22nd July, 1903, and they were the first personnel of the R.N. School of Music; eight of this party are still serving, but go to pension during the next twelve months. Bandmaster Lidiard was promoted to commissioned rank on the 11th October, 1910, and retired with the rank of Major on the 30th August, 1924.

The arrival of this small body of musicians at Eastney Barracks was the beginning of a new branch of the Royal Marine Corps. A Musical Training School was founded, and has turned out hundreds of first-class musicians, who have performed in all parts of the globe, frequently in places where a band had never before been heard. Not only have these men been trained as musicians, but they are also able to take their part in fighting and ceremonial duties ashore and afloat, and they have at all times upheld the traditions of the Corps of which they have the honour to form part.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Admiralty,
54, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.,
20th November, 1924.

Dear Sir,

Now that the issue of the monthly parts of "Britain's Sea Soldiers" has been completed, and Volume II of the bound edition will shortly be available, I feel that every member of the Corps, both past and present, would like to join with me in expressing our grateful thanks to Colonel Field for the work he has done for us. It is not possible to consult every member of the Corps, past and present, on this matter, and so I venture on their behalf to request you to publish this letter in the "Globe and Laurel." Few of us realise the time and trouble that Colonel Field has taken in compiling our history. The collection of the necessary material, the verification of details, and the sifting of the heterogeneous mass of available records, have been the labour of years, and to this must be added the arduous task of superintending the passage of the work through the press. I have already in this letter ventured to express the grateful thanks of the Corps past and present to Colonel Field, and it might be fitting to close by including also the thanks of those who will join the Corps in years to come.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. H. HUTCHISON,
Adjutant General, Royal Marines.

The Editor,
"Globe and Laurel."

THE EDITOR, "THE GLOBE AND LAUREL."

SIR,—Having taken some nerve tonic after my recent illness, I have managed to break down the barrier of natural diffidence in so far as to lodge, not so much a protest, as a suggestion.

Perhaps it may bear fruit and draw in reams of personal anecdotes, even piscatorial and golfing ones, and let us hope there will be no departure from the truth.

I suggest that our Sports Correspondence is of too "groovy" a nature. Strange as it may seem, there are people who positively hate "Soccer," truly a minority, but an important one. Hockey news of course appears, and interests the teams that played. Then, occasional references appear in regard to other team sports; an occasional burst of Rugger from the West, perhaps a report of a successful boat race, water polo team, and so forth; but all much curtailed as compared to the Soccer items.

Billiards, card games, and even shooting, although there's no money in it now, get a fair amount of notice. Quoits, skittles, darts are scarcely referred to at all; while hunting, fishing, golf, winter sports, and big game shooting are definitely never mentioned.

And why?

Is it because Royal Marines have no experience of these sports and pastimes? Of course not, thousands of them fish, hunt, shoot, etc., but they like to keep it dark—perhaps it looks too much like being on leave! Then again, have we no motorists? Why not a column headed "On the Road"; surely the 95% who motor might *tell* the other 5% what *happens* on the road, even if they won't let them walk on it. Of course, sometimes it is better kept dark.

Let me come down to a concrete case and take that Napoleonic form of sport—big game shooting. Quite recently I distinctly heard a Royal Marine mention one night after dinner his experience at big game shooting during the World Cruise. I will not say it ran from A to Z, but it certainly got to G; and included Apes, Bison, Cats, Dogs, Elephants, Flamingoes, and Grizzlies. Perhaps later on it will go further, but in the meantime a few experiences regarding the above would make good reading. I wish I could remember his name.

As a matter of fact, my own limited experience would almost carry me over the second stanza, Hares, Ichthyosaurus, Jaguar, Kites, Llamas, Mice, Niggers, Ostriches, Penguin, Porcupine or Pig. The last-named takes my mind back to a great hunt in Anatolia in which several Royal Marines took part. *Et tu, Brute!*—yes, I am just as bad as the rest; I omitted to write to the "G. and L." at the time. However, it may not be too late even now, and perhaps one month you will be able to insert in your columns, "Don't miss next month's edition. Entirely new and refreshing article by 'Stikit,' entitled 'Hunting the Wild Boar in South Anatolia.'" It may, however, be forestalled by better articles by better authors, in which case I shall withdraw into my shell and take a deep breath of gratitude.

Yours, etc.,
N. B. SHIKARI.

5/11/24.

ROYAL MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION.

THE following letter and explanatory note have been sent to us for publication in the "Globe and Laurel" by Lieut.-Col. H. C. Evans, Hon. Sec. of the R.M.C.A.

8, Cleveland Road, Ealing,
London, W.13,
12th November, 1924.

Lieut.-Col. H. C. Evans, R.M.,
The Royal Marine Office,
54, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Colonel Evans,

I have looked through the notes on Vocational Training for the Royal Marines which were prepared by Colonel Houghton and dated 25/3/23, and the following remarks may be of interest to you in respect of them from the point of view of the training of N.C.O.'s and men in salesmanship by the Russell-Hart Co., Ltd.

Colonel Houghton mentions that men need to have impressed upon them the importance of taking advantage of all usual service facilities for training in those trades which will offer the best scope. He does not, however, mention the possibilities for the higher educated ranks and ratings of the service, and it would appear that Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men holding a First Class Certificate of Education would not be content to carry out the ordinary training provided in the Works Department, etc., as bricklayers, carpenters, etc.

These men would have open to them the possibility of taking courses of instruction at one of the local Municipal Colleges, or they might even attend Classes of Instruction at Army Command Education Schools or at the Army School, Hounslow.

A further suggestion by Colonel Houghton is that men might take up poultry farming, market gardening, or similar pursuits. With regard to these it would appear that, unless the men were adequately provided with capital, to attempt such pursuits would be asking for trouble.

With regard to the former, although they might be trained in any particular vocation which they desire, it might fail to bring success from the fact that on leaving the service they would be obliged to find their own introduction to a job.

The profession of salesmanship, which may be one of those vocations taught at Municipal Schools, etc., certainly has the great advantage of reaping an early harvest and of securing a good salary to start with, but unless the student on leaving the service is in a position to step into a job, he may find himself in the same category as many other salesmen who are looking for jobs, through the fact of not being provided with the satisfactory introduction required.

This is where the Russell-Hart Company steps in. Mr. Thomas Russell, who is not only well known as the foremost business consultant, is also readily recognised as a very skilled teacher, and his School has been running very successfully for many years. His course satisfies the requirements of a man wishing to adopt a career in business of any kind. Though called salesmanship, it is really a business training.

The School has an Appointments Bureau attached to it, whose duty it is to dovetail the right man into the right job, and at the present moment over 900 of the biggest firms of this country are applying to it for men to fill vacancies as salesmen. It is found that the demand for trained salesmen far exceeds the supply. It will, therefore, be seen that for the better educated ranks and ratings of the Service there is a great future in this profession, provided they can get the necessary introduction as soon as they require it, and this the Russell-Hart Co., Ltd., can do for them.

From the point of view of men leaving the Service it is unquestionably most satisfactory for them to study and prepare themselves, whilst still in the Service, and be able to step direct into employment as soon as they leave it. This is a simple matter, since instruction is given entirely by correspondence, and men at sea, at any rate in Home waters, can therefore take it satisfactorily.

The Russell-Hart School is open to assist these men, and arrangements could be made at any time for a representative to interview any of the officers who are particularly interested in this matter of Vocational Training.

I shall be glad to give you any further information personally, at any time, if you would kindly write and ask me to come and see you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) J. C. FARMER,
Major R.M.L.I. (retired).

The above was forwarded for information to the Hon. Secretaries of the R.M.C.A. at the various Divisions, with the request that they would promulgate it to those in their districts concerned. It appears to open a very fruitful field for the men, and has the advantage of being recommended by an ex-Officer of the Corps, who is quite willing to come down and explain any difficult points on request, at his firm's expense, also he would be very glad to come down and address any meeting of N.C.O.'s and men on the advantages of this form of employment. Application may be made direct to him at the above address, or through the Hon. Secretary, R.M.C.A., at the various Divisions and Depôt.

DEATHS.

BETTERIDGE.—On the 8th November, at 1, Victoria Place, Devonport, Chief Bandmaster (W.O.) William Betteridge, Royal Marines (retired).

BLACKMAN.—On the 7th November, at 2, Raynham Villas, Stoke, Devonport, Major William S. Blackman, O.B.E., Royal Marines (retired).

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st Oct., 1924.

Name.	*Rank.*	*Divn.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of death.*
Anstis, J.	Mne.	Ply.	10797	26/10/24
Artus, H. T.	Mne.	Ports.	7022	18/10/24
Barr, R.	Mne.	Chat.	570	24/10/24
Bye, P. H.	Sgt.	R.M.A.	7010	10/10/24
Chamberlain, H.	Sgt.	Ports.	451	23/10/24
Griffiths, H.	Brk.-Sgt.	Ply.	735	1/10/24
Jackson, J.	Pte.	Ply.	60 Co.	1/10/24
McDonald, W.	Mne.	R.M.A.	8784	24/10/24
Ramage, C. J.	Cpl.	Ports.	13105	18/10/24
Wilson, W.	Mne.	R.M.A.	D Co.	29/ 9/24

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

ARMISTICE DAY.

At the request of the Admiralty, a party of twelve of the Old Comrades paraded at Wellington Barracks on Tuesday, November 11th, to take part in the ceremony at the Cenotaph, and at the service in Westminster Abbey. After the ceremony, a large wreath was placed on the Cenotaph by Comrades A. C. Carter and C. E. Marshall. The wreath was of laurel, surrounding a bed of white flowers, which bore the inscription, in blue flowers, " The Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association."

THE ANNUAL XMAS TREE PARTY.

The Annual Christmas Tree and Party for the children will take place on Saturday, January 17th, at the Drill Hall of the Artists Rifles, Dukes Road, Euston Road, which has once more been placed at our disposal by the kindness of the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel H. J. Shirley, C.M.G., T.D.

We hope this time to make it a red-letter day in the lives of the orphans, and of the children of those members who are unemployed ; so if any member of the Corps, serving or retired, would care to make a small donation, it will be very gratefully received and acknowledged.

HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA BRANCH.

On 19th September, on board H.M.S. " Tamar," Captain Williams, R.M., was presented with a silver salver from members of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, in the formation and subsequent activities of which he had taken a prominent part.

The presentation was made by Chief Inspector Kent, of the Hong Kong Police, who eulogised Captain Williams' services. The latter replied, saying that his work for the Association had been a labour of love, and he would always treasure the gift so kindly made by the members.

CADET CORPS.

" Portsmouth Times " Miniature Rifle Competition

R.M. Cadet Corps, Deal ...	498 (winners)
R.M. Cadet Corps, Chatham	497 (previous holders)
R.M. Cadet Corps, Ports. ...	492
Cadet Corps, R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth	465
R.M. Cadet Corps, Plymouth	366
Cadet Corps, R.N. Barracks, Chatham	286

Possible : 600.

THIS MONTH'S TRUE STORY.

Corporal : " Marines' cutter returned, Sir ; no defects ; *plug out.*"

O.O.W. : " Is she hoisted ? "

THE LEATHERNECK.

The cruiser had had five days of bad weather in the Bay. It was the diminutive Marine bugler's first trip in his first ship, and he'd spent all the time in the After Control, not knowing, nor caring, whether it was Wednesday or Wembley.

On reaching Gib, however, he revived, visited the bread barge, had a wash, and feeling full of beans, went on deck. The first sight that met his eyes was the Rock ; he drew himself up to his full height and gazed at it for some moments in silence. Then, with memories of the After Control fast fading from his mind, he turned to the bosun's mate, a very old seaman : " There you are," he said, " that's what *we* captured for you ! "

We are glad to say that the bosun's mate is now nearing the convalescent stage, and no further bulletins will be issued.

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The same bugler recently distinguished himself again. " Here, Colour-Sergeant," he said, " I've just had a great honour conferred on me." " Indeed," said the Colour-Sergeant, " and what was that ? " " The Admiral spoke to me." " Well done, bugler," said the Colour-Sergeant, " and what did he say to you ? " " He said, ' Gangway ' ! "

DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF ?

The following essay on Henry VIII. is said to have been written by a Marine in his endeavour to obtain a Third Class Certificate of Education.

Henry VIII. was the greatest widower that ever lived. He was born at Anno Domino in the year 1066. He had 510 wives, besides women and children. The first was beheaded, afterwards executed. The second was revoked. She never smiled again. The greatest man in his reign was Lord Wolsey. He was called the " Boy Bachelor " being at the age of 15 unmarried. Had he served his wife as diligently as he served the King, she would not have deprived him of his grey hairs. Henry VIII. quarrelled with Lord Wolsey because he courted Anne Boleyn. He also quarrelled with the Pope because he called him Fido the Offensive, Dandy Lion and other unpleasant appetites. He also quarrelled with the Monasteries. He pulled down Barns and built greater ; and the last state of that man was worse than the first. He died on the Field of the Cloth of Gold ; his horse trod on a hot cinder, and there was weeping and gnashing of teeth. In this reign the Bible was translated into Latin by Titus Oates, who was ordered by the King to be chained up in the Church. It was in this reign also that the Duke of Wellington discovered America and invented Curfew Bells to prevent fires in Theatres. There was also a great fire in London called the " Black Death," and after the fire came the earthquake, and after the earthquake a still, small voice. Henry VIII. was succeeded by his Great-Grandmother, the beautiful and accomplished Mary, Queen of Scots, sometimes called the Lady of the Lake or The Lay of the last Minstrel.

BONESETTERS.

A chance remark made at the festive board of your present Editor turned the conversation towards the subject of "Bonesetting," and with his quick eye, or rather ear, for "copy," he nailed* me for this article. I hope it will be of interest, and I offer it gladly, if for no other reason than that I know something of the "Globe and Laurel" as well as of bonesetting, for I have happy recollections of the two years I spent at the Chatham Division.

A bonesetter is a man who enjoys a usually local reputation for treating injuries and disabilities of bones and joints. The faculty of bonesetting has often descended from father to son through several generations. Many bonesetters are estimable men who do a great deal of good and, though I am a medical man, I am far from being prejudiced against the better members of this craft. But since anyone can practise as a bonesetter without examination or licence, their ranks include the uneducated miner who claims a sort of heaven-sent knowledge, as well as the cultured man who has studied anatomy and allied subjects.

ADHESIONS.

After a sprain or similar injury to a joint, the delicate membranes lining it are often torn, and as it is painful to move the joint, the victim keeps it at rest. As a result, the torn lining may stick together, and even unite firmly. This condition is termed an "adhesion," and when the patient does try to move his limb again, the movements pull on the adhesion, and cause considerable pain. Most of the cases that come to the bonesetter are adhesions. He forcibly puts the joint through its full range of movements, and though this causes a lot of pain for the moment, the adhesion is "broken down," and ultimate recovery takes place.

DISPLACED CARTILAGE.

Then there are some joints, such as the knee joint, which have peculiar little structures in them which may become displaced so that in certain movements of the joint they become nipped, and cause a good deal of pain. This is a common injury among footballers, and is called a "displaced cartilage." It is possible to get the cartilage back into place by manipulations, but once the cartilage is loose, the displacement may occur again and again. All that can be done is to operate and remove it altogether, a proceeding calling for most careful surgery, and quite outside the sphere of the bonesetter.

It may be asked, "Why do not doctors practise bonesetting?" Before I explain why most doctors avoid this line of surgery, let me hasten to say that surgeons can be found nowadays in most big towns who have specialised in this work; but they are called orthopædic surgeons—not bonesetters. These surgeons can do all, and a good deal more, than bonesetters, and, incidentally, the breaking down of adhesions—painlessly under gas—is an everyday occurrence in our larger hospitals.

* We believe this is the only bit of medical phraseology employed in this article.—Ed.

DANGER OF MANIPULATION.

It must be admitted, however, that, as a whole, the medical profession has neglected in past years this branch of their art, and the neglect has been largely due to the danger of manipulation in certain cases. For instance, it often happens that in a weakly person the tubercle bacillus settles down at the site of some injury or sprain; or, conversely, a joint attacked primarily by tuberculosis is thought to have been wricked or sprained. Nature's way of curing either of these conditions is to imprison the bacilli in tissues, which act to a great extent in the same way as an adhesion does in a joint. If such an apparent adhesion is broken down, the bacilli are let loose, and with dire results. I know of a case in which a patient, suffering from tuberculosis of a joint, went to a well known bonesetter. The patient left the bonesetter's study, walking, but died six weeks later of what is known as "galloping consumption," produced by the bacilli which had been let loose, and had settled down in all parts of the patient's body.

You will now doubtless realise that in the face of such a risk, the medical profession are conservative in manipulating joints. What would be thought of a qualified doctor who made such an error of judgment? The bonesetter merely moved on to another town!

Again, before the days of X-rays, doctors often suspected that a bone had been broken when a "sprain" occurred, and so advised rest and splints to allow the bone to unite. This sometimes resulted in adhesions being formed, and the disgruntled patient went off to the nearest bonesetter. Undeterred by fear of fractures or tubercle, the bonesetter wrenched it right again.

It is truly said that bonesetters get fat on doctors' mistakes—but one does not hear of the bonesetters' mistakes that go to the doctors. I know of several of the latter in my own experience, and the one that sticks most firmly in my memory is that of a miner who broke his forearm while working in a coal mine. He went straight to a local bonesetter in the North Country, and was treated for several months. At the end of that time he came to me; I found that the two bones in the forearm had crossed, and the top of one had been allowed to unite firmly to the bottom of the other, and vice versa—cross-union, as we call it. Nothing could be done, and the arm was more or less useless for life.

It is a queer fact that the British public always have a leaning towards unorthodox practitioners. Who has not seen it in a ship when the—let us call it "Bamsuck"—of the canteen, is thought to be much more efficacious than the ointments of the Sick Bay?

This leaning to unorthodoxy is well brought out in the following incident which came under my personal notice. In a certain district a bonesetter enjoyed a great reputaton, and was in fact a good man at his job. He taught his stock-in-trade to his son, but wishing to give him a better education than he himself had received, he sent him to Cambridge and London, where he qualified in medicine. The son came back, and at first assisted, and later on, succeeded his father. But although a clever man, he never achieved the fame of his father, for people said he was "just an ordinary doctor!"

"PERIOSTEUM."

WIRELESS WIT.

(By Millie Amp).

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"If your face wants to smile—let it! If it doesn't—make it!"

This notice is going up outside the editorial office. The muscular effort of carrying out the latter part of it is bound to increase our "circulation." Anyhow, we are leaving no stones unturned.

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"Yes, I've seen some close races in my time," said the old jockey. "On one occasion three horses went to the front from the start, neck and neck they went, all the way, with never an inch between them. Neck and neck they were, almost right up to the tape, as you might say, and the excitement was intense. Then one horse put his tongue out." "Waal," said his American friend, "I guess I've seen a closer race than that. I once spent a fortnight in Scotland."

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At a large house party in Scotland the other day, burglars made an entry and decamped with much valuable jewellery. A curious feature of the case is that the house was full of guests at the time and all the servants were about their various duties, yet no one saw the burglars. It is believed they were disguised as jokes.

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An Aberdonian was attending a meeting in aid of some worthy cause. Considerable enthusiasm prevailed, and the Scot drew forth his purse. When he opened it, a large moth flew out! Then he changed his mind, returned his purse, joined in the general enthusiasm and gave three cheers.

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They were a merry card party, and one of them was equipped with a very expensive nose. Suddenly a rat ran across the room and the aforesaid nose paled to its tip. With an effort the owner recovered his urbanity, and turning to the assembled company chirruped, "Aha! you thought I saw a rat—but I didn't."

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But that tactless rat scuttled past again, and it was more than our disciple of Bacchus could stand. The cards fell from his twitching fingers. "Did anyone see anything?" he faltered. "Why, yes!" "Serpently," "Sure, 'twas a rat," came the replies. "Waiter, same again," murmured the undefeated sportsman, with a gasp of relief.

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To and fro, fro and to, tramping over heather and moorland, a determined Caledonian persecutes a ruthless and relentless search. A year ago, when tramping o'er his native soil, a rattlesnake, possibly shocked by the kilt, stung him; lacking discrimination, however, it chose his wooden leg.

Unbelievable as it may sound, on reaching home his wooden leg began to swell, and the agitated Jock whittled it down. But still it swelled, and still he whittled, till at last it had kept the household supplied with firewood for many months.

Now, faced with unemployment and the prospect of a hard winter, Jock trudges steadily on, searching for that rattlesnake.

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It only shows how careful one should be with revolvers. Jones invariably sleeps with one under his pillow. The other night he crawled up—that is to say, he got to his bedroom as usual, flung his clothes off and saw his revolver in its usual place. In the middle of the night Jones woke up and thought he heard a man in the room; indeed, he could see his legs sticking out from under a chair. So he fired two shots at him and fell asleep again. Next morning Jones found two bullet holes in the seat of his trousers.

What a good job he was not wearing the trousers—he might have shot himself!

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Min: "Yo' sneezin', honey?"

Rastus: "No. Ah aint sneezin' honey. Why should Ah sneeze honey? Mah nose ain't a beehive!"

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The "Universe" prints the following story:—

"About 400 years ago the Portuguese Viceroy of Brazil, following the example of his King after a brilliant victory, placed a Brazilian regiment under the patronage of Saint Anthony, awarding the gentle and illustrious Franciscan Saint the honorary title of colonel. The salary attached to the rank was duly paid to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Brazil, however, has now a frugal Minister of War who, partly from prejudice and partly from motives of economy, thinks that the honorary colonelship should be abolished, with the salary. He therefore laid the matter recently before the Prime Minister, who, after much anxious thought, solved the problem by issuing this communiqué:—

"'Colonel Saint Anthony of Padua, of the ——— Regiment, having completed three centuries of service, is now gazetted General and placed on the retired list.'"

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A Scot and a minister were in a train together travelling through a lovely part of Scotland.

Beautiful scenery—mountains, dales, rivers, and all the glories of Nature. When passing a grand mountain they saw a huge advertisement for So-and-So's whisky.

The Scot gave a snort of disgust. The minister leant forward and said, "I'm glad to see, sir, that you agree with me that they should not be allowed to desecrate the beauties of Nature by advertisement."

"It's no' that, sir," said the Scot bitterly, "it's rotten whusky."

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Mr. Brown expressed to his landlady his pleasure in seeing her place a plate of scraps before the cat

" Oh, yes, sir," she replied. " Wot I says, Mr. Brown is, be kind to the cats, and yer'll find it saves yer arf the washin'-up."—" On the March."

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A dusky son of Alabama was busily engaged in a cootie hunt, says " Tips and Taps." When asked by a sergeant what he was doing, he replied :

" I'se a-huntin' of dem 'rifmetic bug."

" What do you mean, Arithmetic Bug ? " queried the sergeant. " Why do you call them Arithmetic Bugs ? "

" 'Cause dey add to ma misery, dey subtracts from ma pleasure, dey divides ma attention, and dey multiply like hell."

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A corporal of Marines has been discharged from the service because an eye affliction made him see double. As a reader of electric light meters, his future would be assured.

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There had been a wash-out on the road somewhere in the West Indies, so the Officer of the Day had ordered a Marine sentry, posted with a lantern somewhere near the spot, to warn approaching vehicles. Despite this precaution, however, a truck returning to the barracks had sunk to the hubs in the soft, slimy mud left by the wash-out.

Next morning the sentry was up for Office Hours.

" Were you on your post last evening ? " asked the C.O.

" Yes, sir."

" Did you hear the truck approach ? "

" Yes, sir."

" Did you wave your lantern ? "

" Yes, sir."

" Hum-m-m. Very odd. Very odd," said the C.O., " but I can't see where you were in any way responsible for the mishap. That will do."

Once outside the C.O.'s office the Marine broke out in a cold sweat as he rejoined his buddy. " Gosh, the suspense was awful," he said. " I was afraid every minute the C.O. was going to ask me if that darn lantern was lighted."—" The Leatherneck."

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He : " But you *must* know me—Montmorency—of the Guards, you know."

She : " I think not—I so seldom use the railway ! "—" The Bystander."

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Barmaid : " Is the beer you get in England any better'n the beer you get out 'ere ? "

Visitor : " The only beer that's worth a cuss is the beer where you happen to be."—" The Sydney Bulletin."

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She sat on the steps in the eventide,
Enjoying the balmy air ;
He came and asked, could he sit by her side,
And she gave him a vacant stare.
—" Lehigh Burr."

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THE MODERN NOVEL.

He kissed her passionately upon her reappearance.—" Jefferson Souvenir."

SEVEN STAGES OF A FOX-TERRIER.

(With apologies to lovers of Shakespeare.)

All the Farm's a hunting ground,
And all the dogs and puppies merely hunters :
They have their walkings and " go to baskets " ;
And one dog in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven stages. At first, the wee pup,
Blindly seeking nourishment from his mother's dugs :
Then, the whining purchase, with his collar
And eager anxious face, asking humbly how
He is to learn his name : and then, the doglet,
Biting all he meets, doing woeful damage
To his Mistress's slippers : then, a terrier,
Full of sharp yaps, and groom-ed well in coat,
Learning " Rats ! " " Rabbits ! " " To heel ! "
" Good dog ! " and " Dead ! "
Seeking the spent vixen " gone to earth "
Even in the fox's hole : and then, the father,
In rather stout condition from wastebins pilfered,
With patient eyes, and coat of silky sheen,
Full from cunning in begging tea-cake ;
And so he plays his part : the sixth age shifts
Into the stiff and wheezy poor old coon,
Bleary-eyed and stiff in coat, getting deaf ;
His household bones, well saved, a world too hard
For his poor teeth ; and his big boist'rous bark
Is rarely heard, preferring the fire and cushion, and
When disturbed only growls : last scene of all,
That ends this sad doggy history,
Is a merciful, administered oblivion ;
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans scent, sans everything.

J.M.R.

THE WORLD'S WORKERS.

Take the number of your house (**or** your mess, **or** your barrack-room, **or** anything else that interests you) and your age and——

Well, to give you the idea, let us take the price, in pence, of the " Globe and Laurel," which is 3, and the age of the Journal, which is 32. We can now do a simple " sum " which will produce a number ; the right hand figures of this number will be the age and the left hand figure the price, of the " G. and L."

Price	3
Multiply by 2, which makes it	6
Add 5, which makes it	11
Multiply by 50, which gives us	550
Add the number of days in an ordinary year, viz.	365
We now get	915
Now we add the age	32
And we get	947
Now subtract the number of Members of Parliament, viz.	615
And we get, on the left, the price, and, on the right, the age of the " G. and L. "	3 32

Try it. We don't pretend to explain the mystery—perhaps you can. Slide rules may be used.

POPPIES OF FLANDERS.

Inscribed most respectfully to F.M. the Rt. Hon. Earl Haig of Bermersyde, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., O.M., D.S.O., etc. (By permission.)

ARMISTICE DAY, NOV. 11TH, 1924.

The Flanders poppies flame amidst the golden fields of corn,
And gleam hard by the shattered trench and battery forlorn,
Beyond far Ypres' ruined towers its blossoms dot the soil,
Red as the blood of heroes dead, at rest from strife and toil,
These simple flowers with witching grace like sentinels are seen,
On many a famous field of war now hidden 'neath the green—
The mantle that kind Nature threw to veil the fearful sight,
Where death in every form appeared and revelled day and night,
From where dark Vimy's battered crest stands high above the dale,
To where the brooks of Paschendaele meander through the vale,
Or e'en on Yser's sombre banks the poppy shows its head,
And like a beacon fire of Hope keeps watch above the dead.

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Then wear a Flanders poppy all, in honour of the Day
When Right and Justice, sword in hand, met Victory in the fray,
It's colour is Old England's, too—it guards our warriors' rest,
And helps to aid the men that live,—the bravest and the best!

BARON DE SANTA MARIA.

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OBITUARY.

MAJOR W. S. BLACKMAN, O.B.E.

Major William S. Blackman, O.B.E., Quartermaster R.M.L.I. (retired), whose death occurred on the 7th November, at Devonport, was born in 1856. He joined the Royal Marines as a bugler in 1870, was promoted Corporal direct from bugler, and became a Sergeant before he was 19 years of age.

He saw active service in the Ashanti War of 1873–74, and was present at the operations of Elmina, Dix-Cove, Bootry and Tackerady (medal). He served during the Kaffir War in 1877–78, landed with the Naval Brigade, and was present at several skirmishes in the Transkei and at Newmaka and Quintana, and was in the subsequent operations in the Peri bush against Sandikii; later he was in charge of the commissariat at Haynes Mill.

He again landed with the Naval Brigade during the Zulu War of 1878–79, and was present at the battle of Inyezina, on the 22nd January, '79. During the subsequent defence of Ekowe, he was in charge of the commissariat, and acted as Quartermaster to the Naval Brigade. He received the medal and clasp for 1877, '78 and '79. He also held the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

He was promoted to commissioned rank in 1899, and was appointed Third Quartermaster at Deal, where he stayed until 1903, when he went to Chatham as Second Quartermaster. His next step was to First Quartermaster at Plymouth in 1906, where he remained until he retired. He was promoted to Captain in June 1909, and to Major a month later. He retired in June 1910.

From his retirement until 1918 he was Secretary to the Inspector-General at the R.N. Hospital, Plymouth, and was awarded the O.B.E. (Military Division) for his services during the War.

He was buried at Brent on the 11th November. A requiem service was held at the Plymouth Cathedral before the interment, which was attended by Surgeon Rear-Admiral Sir William Norman (his former chief) and Lady Norman. The mourners were the widow, Mr. A. Binney (son-in-law), Mrs. Carnochan (daughter) and Captain Carnochan (son-in-law).

Six members of the Sergeants' Mess, Plymouth Division, acted as bearers. Captain D. B. Carter represented the Colonel-Commandant, and Colonel W. S. S. Harvest, W. S. Bouchier, Lieut. F. J. Flawn and R.M. Gunner W. Hooper were also present. Floral tributes were sent by the Colonel-Commandant and Officers, and by the President and Members of the Sergeants' Mess, Plymouth Division.

CARTOON.

Clr.-Sergt. Norman A. Finch, V.C., whose picture we publish this month, joined the R.M.A. in 1908. He was promoted to Bombardier in 1913, Corporal in 1915, Sergeant in 1917, and Colour-Sergeant in 1920. He won the Victoria Cross in the raid on Zeebrugge in April, 1918. He is in possession of the 1914–15 Star, British War and Victory Medals, and Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Clr.-Sergt. Finch is at present serving in H.M.S. "Victory."

MARINE BLOGGS AS A MEDIUM.

I HAVE heard it said that those who dabble in the occult are in danger of damaging their mentalities ; but when otherwise reputable Company-Sergeant-Majors start taking an interest in spiritualistic seances, worse things may happen. They may damage their reputations.

How far the reputation of C.S.M. Wonks suffered as a result of Bloggs's efforts as a medium I never heard, but I am inclined to doubt if it has ever really recovered.

C.S.M. Wonks was an ordinary, level-headed man until he started reading spirit messages in the Sunday press. They must have touched his weak spot for, ever afterwards, he went through life with his brain soaring in heights which would have shocked the R.A.F. He read every word ever written by Oliver Lodge, Conan Doyle and Vale Owen on the subject, and whenever he went through his company roll it was with the sole object of picking out likely mediums. These he would button-hole in a quiet corner and, swearing them to secrecy, would persuade them to listen for the voice of his dead mother-in-law—assuming, no doubt, that her voice was more likely to carry the distance than that of any other spirit of his acquaintance.

In the company over which Wonks virtually ruled was a man who never failed to notice the smallest fads in his superiors, and to turn them to his own advantage whenever possible. That man was Marine Harris J. Bloggs. "Noticin' things is the 'ole secret o' success in life," he once told me, and I agreed—up to a point.

So one evening, when he knew that the C.S.M. was alone, Marine Bloggs tapped gently at the door of the company lobby and offered himself as a medium.

When Wonks had recovered from the first shock of discovering that his secret was out, he made no effort to conceal his delight.

"Splendid. Splendid," he exclaimed. "Now, have you ever had any experience as a medium before ? "

"Well, I shouldn't exac'ly like to say as I 'ave," replied Bloggs. "But several times I bin put in a trance down at the 'Pink Crow,' an' I seen an' 'eard mighty funny visions then."

Wonks could scarcely contain himself. He wanted to listen then and there for his elusive mother-in-law, but Bloggs was not to be hurried.

"No," he said firmly, "I couldn't never 'ear nuffink, not unless there was a circle o' folks around o' me, an' all of 'em thinkin' 'ard. The spirits don't move just for two blokes like you an' me." And, in spite of all the persuasions that Wonks could exercise, Bloggs stood firm.

"We must 'ave a dark room an' a circle o' friends wot we can trust," he insisted. "If you gets the bunch for to-morrow night, I'm with you."

The result was that a small, select party was called together the next evening. The circle consisted mostly of those who had previously failed in the search for the mother-in-law, and who consequently knew Wonks's guilty secret. I was admitted at the special request of Bloggs.

We all sat round, holding hands in the darkness, while Bloggs, in the middle, set about putting himself into a trance.

There was silence for some minutes. Then the disguised voice of the medium, pitched down somewhere in the region of his corns, drawled out: "I—am—Marine—Smithkins."

"No, you ain't," one of the circle contradicted at once. "You're Bloggs."

"I—am—Marine—Smithkins," repeated the medium decisively.

"Do let him go on," urged Wonks, his voice trembling with excitement.

Silence again. Then the same voice. "I—died—two—years—ago—come—Wednesday." A long pause. "I—was—foully—and—brutally—murdered—with—malice—aforethought."

Another pause, longer than the last.

"G-go on, g-go on," stuttered Wonks.

"And—they—buried—me."

"Where ? " asked one of the circle, beginning to get a thrill out of the proceedings.

"The—two—sergeants—buried—me. Them—as—brutally—murdered—me—with—a—bayonet."

"Where ? " shouted Wonks.

"They—buried—me—under—the—floor—boards."

"Where ? " Wonks almost screamed.

"They—buried—me—in—N5—barrack-room. You—can—find—me—there—now-ow-ow-ow." The last word rapidly ascended the scale and settled on upper C. Bloggs suddenly jumped up.

"Gimme a pint o' beer," he demanded in his normal voice.

Wonks entreated him to get back into his trance and go on, but nothing would satisfy him but his pint of beer. After much argument it was brought, and holed in one.

With the beer disappeared Bloggs's possibilities as a medium. Try as he might, he could get into touch neither with the spirit of Smithkins, nor with any other.

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Later the same evening I happened to catch Bloggs alone.

"What devilment are you up to now ? " I demanded. "You'd make just about as good a medium as the Divisional Ford."

A huge grin spread over his features, and he knowingly flapped an eyelid at me.

"You dunno Company-Sergeant-Major Wonks so well as wot I do," he chuckled. "If the floor of N5 room don't come up within forty-eight hours my name ain't 'Arris J. Bloggs."

"But why the—— "

"Why, don't you recollect that there loose board wot used to be under me bed ? "

I admitted that I did, but I couldn't see the connection.

"Well," he croaked gleefully, "I used to keep a few delicacies under that there board, so as to 'ave a drop o' supper in bed o' nights. The board was nailed up for Commandant's Inspection close on six months back, an' me supper was inside."

Marine Bloggs put his thumb and forefinger to his nose.

"'Alf a chicken an' a pound o' gorgonzola cheese don't keep fresh for ever."

JACK COURTENAY.

CORRADINO. MALTA.

R.N. and R.M.

FENCING.

The R.N. and R.M. Fencing Association was beaten by the Royal Automobile Club at the R.A.C. on the 27th Oct., in an exciting match which was only decided by the last assault of the day. The weapons used were épée, foil and sabre. The R.N. and R.M. lost the épée 5—4, won the foil 5—4, and lost the sabre 5—4. Q.M.S.I. Peasnell scored 1 win with épée and two with sabre, and put up some very sporting fights.

At Bertrand's Fencing Academy on the 29th Oct. the R.N. and R.M. beat the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, by 21 victories to 6. This time the weapons were foil, sabre and bayonet, and the scores respectively 7—2, 6—3 and 8—1, all in favour of the R.N. and R.M. Corpl. Clarke scored 3 wins at foils, 3 at sabres and 2 at bayonets. Sergt. Millar upheld his reputation by 3 wins in bayonets.

Against the R.A.F. at Portsmouth on the 5th Nov., the R.N. and R.M. suffered a severe defeat by 26 wins to 10. They lost the foils 7—2, and the sabres 8—1, but won the bayonets 5—4. Corpl. Clarke was the only R.M. representative.

Oxford University beat the R.N. and R.M. at Gravé's Salle d'Armes on the 12th Nov., after a close match. Oxford won foils and épées, both by 5—4, and R.N. and R.M. won the sabres, also by 5—4. Corporal Clarke scored 3 victories in the sabres and one each in foil and épée; Corpl. Jerred two wins, both in foil and épée, and one in sabre. Prince Olav of Norway appeared for Oxford in the sabres.

At Bertrand's on the 18th Nov. the R.N. and R.M. beat the Birmingham Athletic Club by 20 victories to 15. Birmingham was only defeated twice in the foils, and tied in the épées 4—4, but was badly beaten in the bayonets 8—1. Q.M.S. Peasnell and Corpl. Clarke each scored 1 win in the foils and 1 in the épées. Sergt. Millar scored 2 wins and Mne. Penford 3 wins in the bayonets.

The London Fencing Club beat the R.N. and R.M. in London on the 19th November with Foil, Epée and Sabre. The scores in favour of the London Fencing Club were 7—2 in Foil, 6—3 in Epée and 7—2 in Sabre. Although these figures convey the impression of a sound defeat, there were actually many very close fights. Corpl. Jerred scored one win in Foil and one in Sabre.

BOXING.

At The Ring, London, on the 10th Nov., Corpl. Downton was knocked out by Bob Chapman (Tilbury) in the 7th round of a contest scheduled for 15 rounds.

Corpl. Downton and Marines Piddock and Hornsey have been selected to box for the R.N. and R.M. against Oxford University at Oxford on the 2nd Dec.

GOLF.

The R.N. and R.M. Golfing Society were beaten by Roehampton on the 1st Nov., over the Roehampton course, by 9 matches to 0. In the singles Major J. M. Tuke was beaten 1 up by Mr. J. Lawson, and in the foursomes Major Tuke and Surg.-Cdr. Rivers lost to Messrs. Lawson and Schute by 4 and 3.

SWIMMING.

The Civil Service A.S.A beat the R.N. and R.M. at Portsmouth on the 1st November. Musn. Bennett was 2nd in the 100 yards. In the plunging, Sergt. Ring was 2nd, and Q.M.S. Attwood 3rd. Mne. Davidson was in the R.N. and R.M. teams for both the team race and the water polo.

FOOTBALL.

The following were selected to represent the R.N. and R.M. v. Kent County on Wednesday, 19th November.

Sergt. Watts (capt.), Corpls. Walker and Wheatley, Mnes. Briscoe, Robotham and Killian.

Reserve: Corpl. Forrester.

The R.N. and R.M. won by 2 goals to nil. The game is described as moderate. The R.N. and R.M. were the aggressors throughout, and scored one goal in each half.

Sergt. Watts, Corpls. Wheatley and Walker, and Mne. Briscoe played for the R.N. and R.M. against Oxford University at Chatham on the 26th Nov. Oxford won, 3—1.

CHATHAM.

SOCCER.

Since our last report we have been unlucky enough to have casualties in every game, in fact at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, 8th Nov., we had to field no less than seven reserves. They did themselves credit, however, as the final score was only 2—1 against them.

On the 25th October we drew with the R.N. Depôt, in the 2nd Qualifying Round English Amateur Cup. On the run of the play we should have won, in spite of the fact that our outside left, Corpl. Cobb, was injured early in the game. He partly recovered, however, and almost won the game with a brilliant ground shot at the end of the match. On the following Monday we replayed on the Depôt ground, and in seven minutes we were two goals up. Our forwards played excellent football. After about twenty minutes it began to rain hard and the ground became so greasy that it made control very difficult. Five minutes before time the Depôt were awarded a penalty for "hands." Corpl. Wheatley made a fine effort to save the goal, but the ball was greasy and he could not hold it. We won 2—1.

On Thursday, 27th, we played the Athletic at Charlton for the Kent Senior Shield. A thunderstorm just before the game made the ground more fitted for water polo than for football. Charlton played several of their third division players, and were decidedly the better team. They won easily, 5—0. The game was very good considering the conditions. An amusing incident was provided by Barlow, who did a long flat dive into the largest puddle on the field.

On the following Saturday we were unexpectedly beaten by Bexley Heath on our own ground. Here again, for a time, we had to play nine men, as Corpl. Walker was injured in the first half and took no further part in the game. In the second half Corpl. Forrester had to go off injured, and, although he returned, he was not fit for any strenuous work. Before this we had had much the better of the game. During the last ten minutes Bexley got two goals and won.

On the 5th November we played at Sittingbourne in the Kent League Cup. Sittingbourne won 5—2. On Saturday, 8th November, we played at Tunbridge Wells in the Kent Senior Cup competition, and lost 2—1.

Our first game in the Navy Cup competition was on 12th November, against the Reserve Fleet (Sheerness). The game was very interesting, although it rained all day. We won 6—2. The general team work of the Marines was the best seen for quite a long time.

Our opponents in the Port Final, which will be played on December 10th, on the U.S. Ground, are the R.N. Depôt, whom we meet no fewer than six times this season. This should prove a good game and be well worth watching.

On the 22nd Nov. we meet Bostall Heath, at Abbey Wood, in the 3rd Qualifying Round English Amateur Cup. We played there last year in the Divisional Final of the same competition, and won. We hope to repeat our success this time.

The second eleven has had a very slack programme since last report. Two of their games were postponed owing to the grounds being unfit. They have played two matches away in the Mid-Kent and Wednesday League. They drew in one and lost the other.

Kent Amateur Cup.

We have been drawn at home against the 1st Royal Warwicks, or Depôt Battn. R.E., in the 1st round proper, on 20th December.

BOXING.

At the first boxing meeting of the season, which was held in the Royal Naval Barracks on October 29th, a return six-rounds contest was fought between Marine Trinder and Leading-Seaman Evans. Once again Evans won, by his good boxing in the first four rounds; the points which Trinder gathered in the two last rounds were not sufficient to give him the verdict, though there was very little difference between the two men at the final gong.

Another interesting bout on the programme was that between Marine Piddock and A.B. Duncan. Piddock won by a wide margin of points; his victory was mainly due to his defence, which succeeded in thwarting Duncan's efforts at a knock-out blow.

PORTSMOUTH

FOOTBALL.

Results.

18th Oct.	(Portsmouth Senior Cup).	v. Stanhope Rovers. Won, 4—0.
20th ,,	(U.S. League, Div. 1).	v. R.A., Brockhurst. Won, 5—1.
20th ,,	(U.S. League, Div. 2).	v. Signal School. Won, 8—0.
22nd ,,	(U.S. Charity Cup).	v. R.N. Depot. Won, 1—0.
25th ,,	(Hants League).	v. Thornycroft (W.). Won, 3—2.
25th ,,	(Gosport League).	v. Portsmouth Amat. Won, 7—1.
29th ,,	(Gosport Hospital Cup).	v. Gosport Albions. Won, 4—3.
1st Nov.	(Hants Senior Cup).	v. Gosport Albions. Won, 2—1.
5th ,,	(Navy Cup).	v. R.N. Depot. Lost, 1—3.
5th ,,	(U.S. League, Div. 2).	v. R.A.O.C. Won, 2—1.
8th ,,	(Hants League).	v. Winchester. Won, 1—0.
8th ,,	(Hants Intermediate Cup).	v. Emsworth. Draw, 1—1.
12th ,,	(U.S. League, Div. 1).	v. R.A.F. Won, 2—1.

WATER POLO.

The increasing popularity of water polo is shown by the fact that there are now over 50 teams playing the game in Portsmouth. The Divisional teams have hitherto finished either 1st or 2nd, but this year we only managed to get 3rd place in the U.S. League, and 6th place in the Portsmouth and District League. The 2nd string finished 3rd in both their Leagues.

We have lost several of our best players during the past season, notably Clr.-Sergt. Hales, who played an important part in the past, and has now gone to pension. He held the General's Challenge Cup for 4 years, but fortunately Corpl. Docherty again secured it for the Division this year. One feature of this season's play has been the rapid improvement of several of the 2nd team players ; so we ought to be able to put up a fairly strong Divisional team next year (Drafting Officer permitting!).

Several of our players were selected to represent the port in contests against the London Insurances and the London Civil Service. Q.M.S.I. Attwood and Mne. Davidson played in the polo team and Musn. Bennett and Sergt. Ring were selected for swimming events. Valuable experience was gained from these contests, as some of the finest swimmers and water polo players were in the civilian teams—among others, Mr. J. Budd, the Olympic player.

SHOOTING.

We are settling down to miniature shooting for the Portsmouth and District Miniature Rifle League. Having lost some of our best shots, we have been rather handicapped, but we are gradually coming back to earth, though far from attaining our form of the latter part of last season.

Our record up-to-date is :—Fired 5, won 3, lost 2 ; points 6. This puts us 3rd in Division I of the League. The following were the matches :—

Opponents.		Points F.	A.
H.M.S. "Excellent"	Away	758	770
R.E. (T.)	Home	766	765
Police	Home	761	758
Fareham	Away	763	779
H.M.S. "Victory"	Home	771	767

As regards outdoor shooting, we are endeavouring to get a S.R.B. shoot in where possible, to enable our members to keep in touch with the aperture sight.

Practice for the "Winter Revolver Medals" is being carried out, and the new conditions appear to be better for everyone. Even our freshmen are making reasonable scores.

BILLIARDS.

A billiard competition promoted by the Recreation Room Committee and open to all Marines, Musicians, and Musicians R.M.B., took place in the men's billiard room during October. There were twenty-six competitors, and all started level in a series of games of 150 up. It was not possible to run the competition as a handicap, because the ability of the players was unknown, and so long a period had elapsed since a similar competition had taken place. The majority of the games were very close, particularly in the first round. The apparent "dead cert," Mne. Allen, was beaten in the semi-final, but won third prize by defeating the other semi-final loser, Mne. Woodlands.

The final took place on the 28th Oct., between Mnes. Bond and Sexton ; the former won rather easily in a game of 200 up. Both players appeared nervous, and did not play their best. At the conclusion, Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison presented the prizes ; the first was a splendid clock, the second a silver-plated teapot, and the third a biscuit barrel. In a short speech the Commandant said that he hoped more would take up the game during the long winter evenings, and reminded members how good the game was for eyes and temper. The Commandant was thanked for his kindness by the President of the Committee (Superintending Clerk C. G. Salter).

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

The following have been awarded Plymouth Division Cricket Caps for the season 1924 :—Rev. C. J. E. Peshall, Major A. D. Welch, Lieut. S. G. Cutler, Sergt. R. Cartwright, Mnes. J. O. Kirkby, R. J. Marston, H. J. Henwood and R. E. Ford.

The following have been awarded the date 1924 to the Caps already in their possession :—Lieut. P. S. G. O'Donnell and Mus. A. Trask.

SHOOTING.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

This club was formed in October, 1924. Twenty-two subscribing members have joined, and good progress is being made with aperture shooting.

We have fired three league matches in the Plymouth and District League, but have lost them all. Nevertheless we are not downhearted, as we are a young club, and the members are very keen. The Hon. Sec., Q.M.S. Cross, would be pleased to accept any post matches from other R.M. Divisions.

The "Daily Mail" Certificate for 1924 was won by Sergt. Louis Baker, with a score of 93 out of a possible 100.

INTER-COMPANY MINIATURE RIFLE CUP.

The Cup (holders, "G" Coy.) was shot for on the 13th November. In order to make teams thoroughly representative, they were formed in six classes :—Class A, one officer ; Class B, two Sergeants or above, excluding competitors in Class A ; Class C, two Corporals ; Class D, two Marines, over 4 years' service ; Class E, two Marines, under 4 years' service ; and Class F, one of any rank. The conditions were :—

1 sighter and 10 rounds, Roberts target, scoring 10 to 5 ; 5 rounds snap, 3-second appearance, on aim ; 5 rounds snap, 4-second appearance, off aim, scoring 4 and 3.

"C" Company won with 1,082 points ; Average, 82·6 in the slow, 14·6 in the 1st snap, 11·0 in the 2nd snap. The medals for the highest competitor, and for Classes A and B, went to Sergt. Stapleton with 131 points out of a possible 140 (97 slow ; 15 1st snap, a splendid group but just missing the bull ; 19 2nd snap). Medal for Class C, Corpl. Sare, 113 points, "A" Coy. ; Medal for Class D, Mne. H. Hill, 126 points, "A" Coy. ; Medal for Class E, Mne. Chambers, 119 points, "C" Coy.

The target was very difficult, and the results surprisingly good, Chambers getting 17 out of 20 in both snaps. The general average was 11·9 for the 1st, and 10·6 for the 2nd.

FOOTBALL.

Association.

At Longroom, on the 18th Oct., we played a P. and D. fixture with Torpoint. Torpoint won 3—2; Horn scored both goals for the Marines.

On the 22nd Oct. we drew in the replay of the Devon Senior Cup tie, in glorious weather, before over 1,000 spectators. Although extra time was allowed, the score remained 2—2. We were without Shewbrook, and Stokes, who deputised for him, played a splendid game. In the first five minutes the "Waves" scored, and, before the interval, increased their lead from a corner kick. Stratton scored for the Marines from a penalty, and Skipper equalised after a splendid solo effort.

During the extra time we were without our goal-keeper, Cartwright, who had to retire with a badly wrenched knee; and Price, who went into goal, brought off some splendid saves. Broad was a tower of strength at centre-half. Horn at centre-forward, although not scoring, worked hard throughout. The Green Waves have agreed to play the replay on our ground on the 22nd Nov.

At Liskeard on the 25th Oct. we sent six reserves, and although we lost 4—3, put up a good fight.

In the Trafalgar Cup, played at Home Park on 5th Nov., the Royal Navy were far too strong for the Marines, and won 5—0. This was considered a trial game, to select an XI to play against the Atlantic Fleet at Weymouth on the 12th. It is very gratifying to Plymouth Division that 3 R.M.s were selected, Corpl. Stratton, and Mnes. Broad and Shewbrook, with Mne. Pennell as reserve. The match resulted in a win for Devonport by 6 goals to 3, of which Shewbrook scored two.

Rugby.

The Divisional Rugby Club have played seven matches since our last report. On the 15th Oct. at Newton, against Newton Reserves, an exciting game ended in a win for the Reserves by 14 pts. to 3. On the 22nd Oct. on the Brickfields, we met the South Wales Borderers. The old "24th" has a well-merited reputation, and was in the semi-finals of the Army Rugby Cup last season. It was a splendid match, fast and strenuous, and both teams "did their damndest" but failed to score, though both nearly did so several times. Unfortunately Rickard was injured towards the end of the first half and had to retire from the three-quarter line, consequently we were one man short for more than half the game. Our men never played a better game than against these sturdy Welshmen. On the 25th Oct. we defeated Argaum by 10 pts. to *nil*. We lost, however, at Kingsteignton by 8 pts. to 11, and were also beaten on our own ground (3—8) by Buckfastleigh.

On the 15th Nov. a good match, played on the Long-room against St. Chads, ended in a victory for the Marines, 11—7. Coombes, Armstrong and 2nd-Lieut. Archdall crossed our opponents' line; and Affleck converted one of their tries. St. Chads scored from a penalty and from a pretty drop goal a few moments before time.

Our record to date is:—Played 14; won 7; drawn 2; lost 5. Points for, 159; points against, 93.

Hearty congratulations to 2nd-Lieut. G. A. Haward on playing for Devon against Gloucester on the 25th Oct. (he scored the only try for Devon), and against Cornwall on the 15th Nov. 2nd-Lieuts. Edmondson, Archdall, Burnett and Moulton have been playing in most of our Divisional matches. We are glad to get 2nd-Lieut. Penfold back again; he is always a great addition to the team.

Tuckey Cup.

The Inter-Company Tug-of-war resulted in a win for "G" Company, with "E" as the runners up

Cross Country Run.

The Cross-Country Race was run on 4th Nov. over the same course as last year, from Cremyll, out to Millbrook, by the lower road, and back by the higher road.

The result was a win for "C" Company. "A" Company was second.

The scores were:—

"C"—34 points against.
"A"—40 " "
"G"—45 " "

"E" Company did not enter a team.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL.

Opponents.	Goals. F.	A.
Royal Irish Fusiliers	4	0
Dover Marine Sports	2	2
Deal Town	6	0
King's Own Royal Regt.	0	2

HOCKEY.

Opponents.	Result.	Goals F.	A.
Duke of York's School	L.	2	4
Royal Irish Fusiliers	D.	2	2
Green Howards	D.	1	1
Folkestone and District	W.	9	2
Tank Corps	W.	2	1
R.A.F., Manston	W.	7	3
Deal and District	L.	1	3
Chatham	W.	4	0

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

No news received this month.

ATLANTIC.

SOCCER.

The following inter-ship matches have been played:

"Revenge" ("B" team) *v.* "Ramillies." Won by "Revenge," 1—0.

"Royal Oak" *v.* "Revenge" ("B" team). Won by "Royal Oak."

CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Capt. (Bt. Major) H. C. Harrison, D.S.O. (secd.), transferred to the East Yorkshire Regt. as junior substantive Major, with seniority of 11th Nov., 1924.

Capt. G. Haszard, C.B.E., D.S.C., to the Seconded List for duty as Capt. Instructor in Gunnery, Anti-Aircraft School, Biggin Hill, 21st January, 1925.

Capt. R. W. Bagot appointed P. and R.T. Instructor, vice Brooks, and posted to Portsmouth.

Capt. A. Alcock, D.S.C., to Seconded List for service with Fleet Air Arm and granted tempy. commission as Flying Officer for 4 years, 22nd July, 1924.

Capt. A. M. Robertson (supy.) absorbed vice Alcock, and posted to Plymouth, 22nd July, 1924.

Lieut. C. N. S. Smith, appointed P. and R.T. Instructor, vice Sergeant, and posted to Plymouth.

Lieut. W. I. Nonweiler, appointed P. and R.T. Instructor, vice Quill.

The order of seniority of the undermentioned Prob. 2nd-Lieuts., R.M., is as now shown :—Kenneth L. M. Cooper, Ralph Garrett, Walter S. North, John F. M. Moulton, John M. Phillips, Peter Phillipps, Philip H. C. L. Penfold, Roderick D. Sims, Frank A. Milliken, Harry A. Tracey, John G. Godwin, George B. O. Farrington, Maurice Marchant, Arthur H. R. Buckley, John O. G. Hayter, John L. R. Pym.

Bandmaster (W.O.) A. V. Sparrow promoted to Cd. Bndmr., 27th November, 1924.

A/R.M. Gunner C. B. Feary posted to Chatham Division, 13th October, 1924.

Surg. Lt.-Cdr. O. D. Brownfield, O.B.E., M.B., R.N., ended to " Victory " for R.M. Infirmary, Eastney, 31st October, 1924, and is appointed to " Bryony," 1st November, 1924.

Surg. Lt.-Cdr. N. A. H. Barlow to " Victory " for R.M. Infirmary, Eastney, vice Brownfield, 1st November, 1924.

Lieut. E. S. Maxwell (S.R.O.) joined for training, 10th to 23rd November, 1924.

Capt. V. G. Clayton and Lieuts. A. B. Woodhall, E. C. Hoar, R. H. S. Teek, H. A. Bass, C. J. Fell, A. J. Wright, T. L. G. Bryan and C. F. L. Holford have been selected to attend the 2nd Course of Training for the First Air Arm on 12th January, 1925.

Capt. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., to Seconded List on appointment as Adjutant, 28th Battn. The London Regt. (Artists Rifles), 16th December, 1924.

Capt. A. M. Craig, O.B.E., is appointed Adjutant at Deal, vice Webber, and borne supy. to establishment, 16th December, 1924.

Capt. E. St. J. Brockman is absorbed vice Craig, 16th December, 1924.

RETIREMENTS.

Supt.-Clerk H. Grant to Retired List, 15th October, 1924.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. A. M. Robertson (now in ship) to H.M.S. " Delhi " on recommissioning.

R.M. Gunner G. Seyd to " Hood " vice Clark, 1st December, 1924.

Cd. R.M. Gunner W. Young to " Benbow " vice Kemp, 1st December, 1924.

R.M. Gunner Hoile to " Repulse " vice Weightman.

Acting R.M. Gunner C. Feary to " Emperor of India," vice Horne.

An exchange of ships and sea time has been sanctioned between Lieut. R. C. Bullock, " Calypso " to " Concord," and Lieut. R. J. Gumm, " Concord " to " Calypso."

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capts. Stock and Sandall have been selected to attend course No. 11, Officers Qualifying, Land Service Artillery (Coast Wing), which commences at the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth, on 24th November, 1924, and terminates 19th March, 1925.

CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Storeman, Central Signal School.—Mne. C. Botting.
Shoemaker's Shop.—Mnes. F. Ferry, H. A. Cook.
Provost Cook.—Mne. A. A. Murray.
Attendant, Dining Hall.—Mne. H. W. Fawcitt.
Labourer, Works Department.—Mne. W. T. King; caulker, Mne. C. Jones; labourer, W. E. Lloyd.
Storeman, Barrack Master's Department (temp.).—Mne. F. H. Forder.
Steward, Sergts.' Mess (nominated).—Sergt. W. C. Clarke.
Divisional Gardener.—Mne. W. H. Austen.
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To "**Pembroke,**" Mnes. T. A. Hunt, W. Collis, N. Cockbill, S. W. Holman, F. S. Smith, R. F. C. Nunn, T. F. Buckingham, W. G. Clapson, W. A. Gisby; "**Frobisher,**" Mne. B. N. Kentish; "**Malabar,**" Corpl. J. Heck, Mnes. W. H. Sanderson, W. Whitelegg, W. C. Hatcher, T. Langston; "**President,**" Mne. H. Donophy; "**Hecla,**" Mne. J. Arbuckle; "**Constance,**" Mnes. G. S. Tooke, C. W. Ings, E. B. Bargent; "**Cyclops,**" Mnes. L. G. Care, R. J. Foster, T. Guest, Bugler A. T. Munday; "**Repulse,**" Mnes. T. C. Lawner, A. W. Hipkiss; "**Royal Oak,**" Mnes. C. H. H. Wallis, C. Rose; "**Caledon,**" Mne. P. G. Farrance; **Shotley, T.E.**, Corpls. W. G. Geary, A. C. Hood, J. H. Branson, A. E. Mills, A. F. Gray; "**Tamar,**" Mne. H. C. E. Barnicott.

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From "**Hecla,**" Mne. E. A. Elliott; "**Pembroke,**" Sergts. J. F. Barnett, F. Robinson, Mne. C. S. Neve; "**Cyclops,**" Bugler C. W. Preston, Mnes. L. Levene, A. J. Hayward; "**Ajax,**" Sergt. H. E. Tucker, Mne. J. A. Salmon; "**Tiger,**" Mnes. J. E. W. O'Rourke, T. Boyle, P. J. Loveday; "**Repulse,**" Mne. G. T. Jeffrey; "**Hood,**" Mne. J. G. G. Evans; "**Cormorant,**" Corpl. J. Mayes; "**Royal Oak,**" Mne. H. J. Channon; "**Dwarf,**" Corpl. A. Tandridge, Mnes. F. H. Forder, M. Bazeley, H. E. Everitt, J. Carless, G. Buchan, J. W. Walton; "**Columbine,**" Mne. N. J. Buckingham; "**President,**" Mne. J. H. Parfitt; "**Defiance,**" Mnes. J. B. Smith, N. Briggs, C. Jones, A. F. C. Benham; "**Blenheim,**" Mnes. C. A. Yates, Bugler E. Osborne.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Mnes. G. W. Savage, G. J. Springham, H. Smith G. A. Barnes, W. H. Fidler, J. M. Pelly.
First Period of Engagement.—Mnes. C. Hill, C. Avison, H. A. Dawson.
Invalided.—Mnes. E. T. Bishop, S. T. Stevens, F. Turner, E. W. Durrant.

CERTIFICATES OF PROMOTION.

The undermentioned N.C.O.s have passed for the rank of Sergeant with "Passed" certificate, dated 3/11/24:—Sergts. M. C. Redman, Frank Rowland, Harold Watts, Gordon Patchett, W. L. Watts, Corpls. J. W. Owen, F. C. Richardson, Leonard Todd, H. J. Churchman, P. J. Hunter, E. J. Baldwin, A. W. C. Holden, E. G. Smith, E. S. Weeks.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant (Armourer-Sergeant).—Corpl. A. E. Andrews, 25.7.24.
To be Corporals.—Mnes. F. R. Blondell, 11.10.24, W. E. Lewington, 18.10.24.

EMBARKATIONS.

To "**Hermes,**" Sergts. Albert Chapman, W. G. Read; Mne. J. H. Weller. "**Capetown,**" Sergt. A. W. E. Willingale, Corpl. Fredk. Gleave, Mnes. E. F. Porter, A. R. Preston; "**Cairo,**" Mne. W. C. W. Pook; "**Tiger,**" Sergt. C. H. Barker, Corpl. A. C. "**Victory,**" Corpl. John Merrett, Mnes. P. L. Chipps, G. G. Griffin, T. R. Birtchnell, R. E. Woodard, W. J. Perry, C. F. Tull; "**Despatch,**" Sergts. A. A. Grindey, Terence Thomas, Corpls. Wm. Lillywhite, G. M. Mitchard, S. E. J. Baker, Bugr. F. H. Burden, Mnes. W. E. Dabson, Walter Davis, W. T. O'Donnell, G. J. Mackie, W. H. Martin, Jesse Morris, C. W. Beacham, L. C. Sage, W. E. James, Edward Garthwaite, G. B. Hancock, Lionel Scott, R. W. Hutton, Cecil Barlow, S. H. Trayes, G. F. Marshall, A. E. V. Newport, George Wood, T. G. Wallis, E. F. Doughty, Fred. Hart, E. A. F. Newis, W. E. P. Joyce, H. E. Wallace, G. W. Shingle, R. G. Spencer, J. J. H. Softley, G. H. Snelgrove, H. E. G. Summers, Thos. Holloway, F. N. Bond, Ernest Mears, Horace Lanfear, Michael McGrane, George Massee; "**Victoria and Albert,**" Mne. W. G. Beer; "**Fisgard,**" Mnes. E. A. Robson, A. M. Jee, W. T. Cowell, John Webb; "**Adamant,**" Mne. Percy Richards; "**Dryad,**" Mne. Edmund Bradford; "**Constance,**" Mne. E. B. Bargent; "**Castor,**" Mne. J. C. Mansfield.

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TRANSFER.

Mne. S. A. McMullan to Plymouth.

DISCHARGES.

Sergt. Guy Smith, Mnes. A. F. Drew, Jim Peach, Horace Ellis, E. H. Perry, James Poole.

PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

To "**Eagle,**" Clr.-Sergt. Bray; "**Frobisher,**" Mne. Spray; "**Flora,**" Corpls. Brett, Syms, Mnes. Culverwell, Phillips; "**Tamar,**" Sergt. Whittingham, Corpl. Stewart; "**Curlew,**" Mne. Webb; "**Malabar,**" Mnes. Carson, Butt, Toyne; "**Maidstone,**" Clr.-Sergt. McCree; "**Capetown,**" Sergt. Pughe, Corpls. Parker, Johns, Bugler Bangham, Mnes. Steer, McD. Currie, Clowes, Robinson, Young, Parry, Pengelley, W. Robinson, Hanson, Freestone, Rowsell, Packer, Watkins, Williams, Lee, Stevens, Thompson, Vear, Lyndon, Bond, Holley, Walker, Fry, Whiting, Discombe, Kent, Burge, Renny; **Depot, R.M.,** Corpls. Buckley, Chivers, Buglers Aggett, Coles, Baker, McColgan, Mnes. Hirst, Hawkins, Perry, Ducker, Burt, Britton, Bourton, Hole, Evans, Kelly, Siddons; "**Ramillies,**" Mne. Jones; "**Hood,**" Sergt. Johnson, Corpls. Morris, Parnham, Wright, Mnes. Dudman, Goodhall, Homer, Nix, Wyatt, Henry, Sutton, Dyer, Garbett, Fearon; "**Ambrose,**" Mne. Harris; "**Chatham,**" Corpl. Slocombe, Mne. Ingle, Hellyer.

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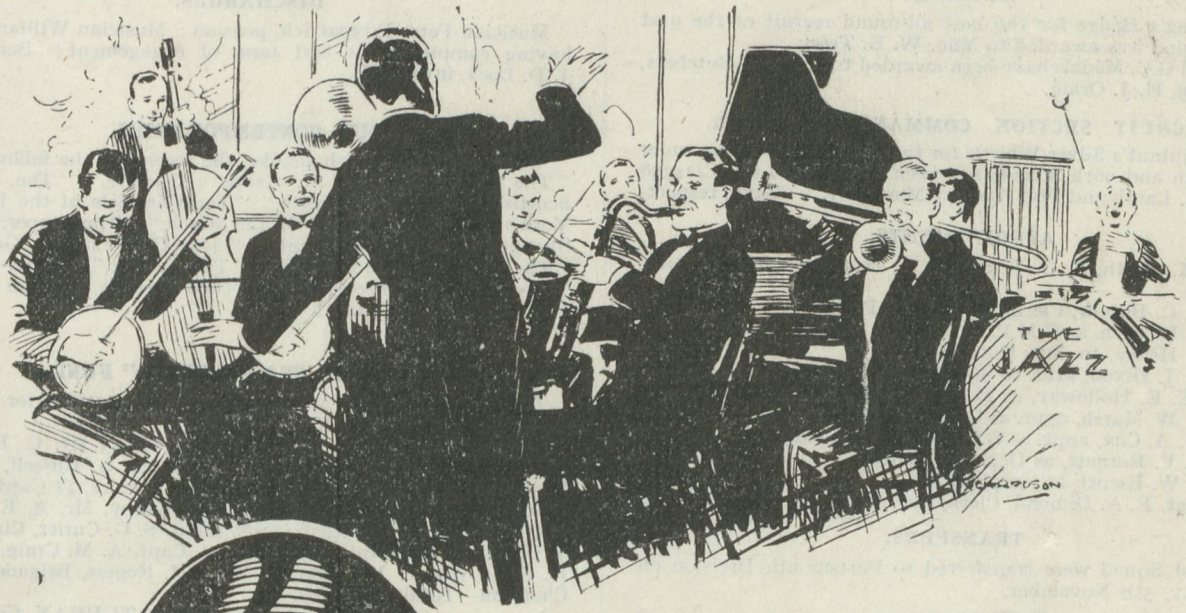
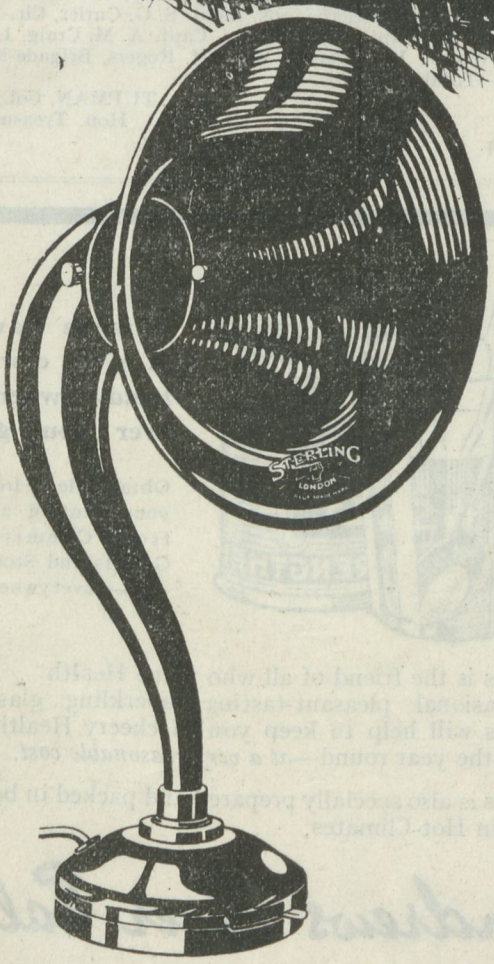

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AWARDS.

The King's Badge for the best all-round recruit of the 91st King's Squad was awarded to Mne. W. E. Terry.

L.S. and G.C. Medals have been awarded to Mnes. C. Butchers, C. Dowling, H. J. Oram.

RECRUIT SECTION COMMANDER'S PRIZE.

The Adjutant's Silver Whistle for the best Section Commander of the 95th and 96th Squads has been awarded to Ch. C/24358 Mne.W. A. Lamb and Ply. A/22277 Mne. P. J. I. Allum, respectively.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mnes. M. Smith, F. G. J. Kisbee, T. H. Cooper, as Infirmary labourers.
Mne. E. C. Bilbow, Clerk, Mil. Instrs. Dept.
Mne. B. H. Rich, as G.M.P.
Mne. S. Henry, to duty from tailor.
Mne. G. J. Dixon, attd. to Supt. Clerk Watkiss.
Corpl. E. E. Holloway, as M.T.I. (P.), 2nd Class.
Mne. A. W. Marsh, appt. as G.M.P. extended.
Sergt. J. A. Cox, appt. as G.M.P. Sergt. extended.
Mne. A. F. Burnett, as Depot gardener.
Mne. J. W. Escott, as lamplighter.
Clr.-Sergt. E. A. Dimond, Clerk, Paymaster's Office.

TRANSFERS.

The 91st Squad were transferred to Portsmouth Division on Wednesday, 5th November.

To Portsmouth.

Sergts. A. E. Asher, R. Grantham, Corpl. H. W. Mizen, Mnes. P. Richards, E. R. J. Poole.

To Plymouth.

Clr.-Sergt. C. Fletcher, Bug. F. S. J. Smith, Mnes. S. Henry, F. Holmes.

To Chatham.

Sergts. A. C. Rutland, H. W. Dean, Corpls. G. V. Gray, G. E. Hayman, Mnes. J. Grant, T. H. Crews, J. Archer.

DISCHARGES.

Mne. W. J. Bennett, S.N.L.R.; Mne. Thomas Kerr, on payment of £20; Mne. C. Hill, termination of 1st period of engagement.

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PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior of each rank on their respective Promotion Rosters:—

Bandmasters 2nd Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class).—G. W. Hooper, T. J. Cope, Edgar Robertson, G. C. Keen, F. T. Rose, Sydney Rendell.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—A. F. Bartlett, Sydney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler, V. C. Joyce.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporal).—S. G. Walkiden, J. H. Matthews, R. H. Mortimer, D. W. Green, P. D. Evans, W. C. Owens.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys W. S. Woods and F. C. Piesse to Musician.

EMBARKATIONS.

To "**Calcutta,**" Bandmaster I. John Allen, Band Corporal W. W. Turner, Musicians C. L. Partridge, A. G. Mann, Patrick Costello, Jack Downer, W. E. C. Podger, C. W. A. Noel, P. H. Jamieson, H. C. Allen, F. W. Grainger, E. V. Mann, W. R. Plaister, J. H. Dickerson, L. H. Sell, H. D. Handley, Charles Jackson; "**Victory,**" Joseph Norman, T. C. Palfreman, H. N. Lancashire; "**Royal Oak,**" Band Corporal Wm. Knight, Musician E. J. A. Cox; "**Hermes,**" Musician H. A. Ford; "**Impregnable,**" Band Corporal John Nevitt, Musician Thomas Badman.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

From "**Iron Duke,**" Bandmaster (W.O.) A. V. Sparrow; "**Hood,**" Band Corporal Hugh McConnell, Musicians F. L. Pickering, H. E. Parker, C. A. Potter, F. W. Chidley, Albert Wicker; "**Hermes,**" Musician F. C. Rawling; "**Impregnable,**" Band Corporal James Vincent, Musician Edward King.

DISCHARGES.

Musician Peter Fitzpatrick, pension; Musician William Jones having completed his first term of engagement; Band Boy J. D. Lock, invalided.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following:—"The Leatherneck," "St. George's Gazette," "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "The Chronicle of the Duke of York's Military School," "On the March," "The Sapper," "The Snapper," "Faugh-a-Ballagh," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The Journal of the R.A.S.C.," "The Gunner," "Cabar Feidh," "The R.A.O.C. Gazette," "Our Own Gazette," "The Hampshire Regimental Journal."

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