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

Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

NOTES AND NEWS.

All the best people turn over a new leaf at the beginning of a New Year. Marines are somewhat hard nuts to crack, and for them, **one** new leaf seems somewhat inadequate.

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Consequently, in this, the first number of our 33rd volume, we have provided a few extra new leaves, which may be turned over, either before or after reading, with equally effective result, and according to taste. In case you get as far as this, we take the opportunity of wishing you **a very happy New Year!**

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We have received a large number of letters from subscribers, congratulating us on what they are kind enough to describe as the improvement in the Corps Journal. The Editorial Staff thank these distinguished and thoughtful officers for their encouragement, which has been no small factor in stimulating us to further efforts.

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"Col" has produced the new cover—simple, yet effective! He has also reclothed the "little men" higher up this page.

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We have filled in, on Page 2, the names of Fleet and Ship correspondents so far as our information goes. F.R.M.O.'s would assist us greatly by checking these names and supplying any that are missing from our list.

We appreciate the trouble our correspondents take in compiling their news bulletins. If they would leave a wide spacing between lines it would considerably lighten the work of the Editorial Staff.

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The financial state of our Journal is sound. Subscriptions are increasing, and advertisement prospects for the current year are highly satisfactory, so that we should have a larger reserve fund in 12 months' time than we have even now.

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Editorial staffs may be divided into three classes: The live, the moribund, and the dead. We flatter ourselves we are in the first category, and are confident that the ideal we set out to attain will be as eagerly sought after by our successor, Lt.-Col. W. P. Arbuthnot, who makes his debut with the next issue.

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We had always heard that editing the "Globe and Laurel" was a thankless task. We have not found it so, and we are confident Lt.-Col. W. P. Arbuthnot will share our opinion. He will have the support of a hard-working, conscientious, and enthusiastic staff, and an appreciative public.

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Mediterranean—

" **Queen Elizabeth** "—
" **Barham** "—
" **Malaya** "—
" **Valiant** "—
" **Frobisher** "—
" **Delhi** "—
" **Danae** "—
" **Dragon** "—
" **Dauntless** "—
" **Egmont** "—
" **Iron Duke** "—
" **Benbow** "—
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" **Emperor of India** "—
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" **Durban** "—

N.A. and W.I.—Lieut. G. H. Morris.

" **Calcutta** "—
" **Capetown** "—
" **Malabar** "—
" **Constance** "—
" **Curlew** "—Lieut. G. H. Morris.

New Zealand—

" **Dunedin** "—

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CARTOON.

Lieut.-Col. J. P. Shine, R.M., joined the Corps in 1893, and was promoted to his present rank in 1923. From 1901-3 he was Superintendent of Gymnasia, Southern Command, and in 1908 was appointed Professor of Military Surveying and Superintendent of Drill and Gymnasiums at the Royal Military College of Canada. During the Great War he served in H.M. Ships "Antrim" and "Leviathan." He became Barrack-Master at the Depôt, R.M., in 1920, and captained the Corps cricket team last year.

PER MARE

POLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC.

No news received from battleships or battle-cruisers this month.

" Calliope."

During the stay of the 2nd C.S. at Portland the finals of both the squadron football and King's Cup have been played. The finalists in the Squadron Cup were " Caledon," and " Calliope," and after a hard game (in which extra time had to be played) " Calliope " beat " Caledon " by one goal to nil.

The " Calliope " had four " Royals " in their team, Mnes. Miles, Annetts, Boaz and, last but not least, the " Old War Horse " (Clr.-Sergt. Hibben) ; as captain of the team and centre-half he was in great form, and " Good old War Horse " was heard on numerous occasions.

In the King's Cup against " Diligence " the match was won by " Calliope " by one goal, obtained shortly after the commencement of the game.

The " Carysfort " made a splendid run against " Diligence " in the Marathon Race, which they won by a good margin of points.

The weather conditions for the carrying out of Short Lewis Gun Course were very good, and a very satisfactory week was spent on the Upper Portland Range.

On resuming work after Christmas leave the Squadron will be reorganised, as " Canterbury's " place has been taken by " Cambrian."

" Conquest."

With the exception of a week at Torquay the whole of the Autumn Cruise has been spent at Portland and exercising therefrom. For the R.M. detachment it has been a very successful period and good fortune has been with us. It was a great surprise to all on board when the Marine football team won the final of the Inter-part Competition, especially as the inside-left (Corpl. Lee) had been injured in the semi-final and had to be taken to Portland Hospital. A volunteer filled the position and after a hard-fought game our opponents, the Stokers, were beaten 1—0.

In the ·22 Rifle Competition the Marine team of six won the final shoot by 43 points, thus winning a cup presented by the late 1st Lieutenant. Our opponents were the Officers " A " team.

The Gunnery prize for the cruise was also won by the Detachment. In the words of the gunnery officer, it went to the Royal Marines, " for general absence of delays and for smartness in loading during the three firings of the cruise." First prize of £3 to the crew of " X " gun.

At the Portland Rifle Range the Detachment carried out Table " A " Musketry Course, and, considering the weather, the results were very satisfactory; they were as follows :—

Marksmen, 13.
1st Class Shots, 12.
2nd Class Shots, 2.
3rd Class Shots, nil.

" Argus."

On Nov. 13th " Argus " arrived at Portsmouth on completion of the Autumn Cruise. The greater part of the time was spent at Invergordon, where the Fleet carried out various exercises, including gunnery and torpedo practices, etc. Our duty as an Air-Craft Carrier is to send up machines for spotting and reconnoitring purposes. On our return south the ship went to Torbay for five days, during the first two of which the weather was so bad that we were unable to hold any communication with the shore. On Nov. 12th we had 122 Naval Cadets on board from the R.N. College, Dartmouth. They were shown all the ins and outs of an Air-Craft Carrier, and exhibition flights were given. Flight-Lieut. Swann, who is one of our best stunting pilots, went up and gave a thrilling display in a small machine, while a large spotter machine went up and demonstrated its qualities as a spotting and reconnoitring machine.

The " Argus " now carries 1 N.C.O. and three Marines additional, for duties with the Fleet Air Arm, which goes to prove that Lord Chelmsford was right when he said he was " not so sure that the Marine has not got his toe in the Air Force " !

The voluntary Brass Band that was formed two weeks ago, is proving a great success, and it is hoped that they will do quite a lot in the forthcoming Band Competitions. Cpl. Gutteridge, R.M., who joined the ship recently, is proving a great help as an Instructor, and is invaluable as a top-notch jazz drummer.

The usual fourteen days' leave is being given to the ship's company, starting on December 4th.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Valiant."

The murder of the Sirdar, Sir Lee Stack, having focussed the attention of Europe on British relations with Egypt, a short account of the part played by Royal Marines here may be of interest.

At the time of the outrage in Cairo, the only ship in Alexandria was " Valiant," but on the following day, " Benbow " was ordered here from Dragomesti Bay, on the west coast of Greece, arriving on the 23rd November.

Next day a demonstration in the form of a march through the town and native quarter was ordered by Colonel Commandant Braithwaite, the Area Commandant, who asked the Senior Naval Officer to co-operate with as many men as possible. Unfortunately, " Benbow " had been ordered to coal ship, and no seamen were available, but the R.M. detachment landed.

The troops taking part in the demonstration were as follows:—450 Seamen and Stokers from " Valiant " under Commander H. Ardill, R.N.; 250 Royal Marines from " Valiant " and " Benbow " under Captain H. W. Simpson, R.M.; 1 Battalion of E. Yorks Regiment; 1 Platoon from the K.O.S.B.'s (the Battalion was to have taken part but was ordered to Cairo); 2 Sections of Armoured Cars. The whole force was under the command of the Area Commandant and assembled in Mohamed Ali Square, a large open space in the centre of the town.

The Royal Marines were very highly spoken of by the Europeans who watched the march, and many favourable comments were made on their physique and appearance. The natives were obviously impressed. Throughout the route the streets were crowded, and in the Native Quarter the quietness of the crowds was most noticeable as the troops passed. Possibly this was due to the fact that they wore fighting order and that Lewis, machine, and field guns were landed.

At 2.30 p.m. "Valiant," as S.N.O., received orders from Lord Allenby, High Commissioner of Egypt, to seize and occupy the Customs at Alexandria, as the Zaghlul ministry had refused to accede to the terms of the Note presented after the death of the Sirdar. As " Benbow's " Royal Marines had already returned on board, and those of the " Valiant " were still waiting for their boats, orders were given for Captain Whitworth, R.M., and the " Benbow's " Detachment to land again. The Captain, R.M., from " Valiant " landed with them to acquaint the Director General of Customs officially with the High Commissioner's intention. By 5 p.m. guards had been placed on the principal gates and in the Customs House itself, without opposition.

The Customs at Alexandria form one of the principal sources of revenue of the country, every day the cash receipts are about £50,000, and at the time when the R.M. Guard took over, there was, in the strong-room, considerably more than this sum. By noon the next day, when the amount had exceeded £100,000, orders were received to allow this money to be sent to the bank, and since then the normal routine of the Customs has not been interfered with.

After 48 hours, " Benbow's " Marines were relieved by those of " Valiant," who have been on duty up to the time of writing.

Times such as these are never without incident, and unpleasant things assume an importance out of all proportion to their real merit; but on looking back, one remembers the lighter side, and forgets those happenings which appeared before to occupy the whole of one's horizon. Thus a few incidents of the past week come to mind; such as the sight of two Egyptian vendors of oranges and apples being chased, brought in in handcuffs, and arraigned before a R.M. Officer who could not speak Arabic, by an Egyptian policeman, who could not speak English, for attempting to sell fruit to the men without permission.

During the demonstration march the column was halted in the native quarter and the usual signal to fall out on the side of the road was given. The watching natives, however, did not understand what was going on, and imagining their last moment had come, held up their hands and ran shrieking in all directions, to the delight of the troops.

The custom among people of all classes here is to shake hands and salaam on first meeting, but the officer in command of one post was scarcely prepared to find, after the first morning, that the same procedure was being carried out with due solemnity by his own men.

A well-known raconteur in the Detachment reports that when he was ashore in plain clothes one evening, he was jostled off the pavement by a native. Feeling rather aggrieved, he knocked the fellow down. Immediately an Egyptian policeman arrived, complete with drawn truncheon, and trouble was anticipated. The policeman, however, immediately set about the native and stretched him out again upon the pavement, whereupon our hero politely raised his hat and passed on.

30.11.24. H.W.S.

EAST INDIES.

" Cairo."

Much has happened to us since my last report. Whilst at Aden, an air attack by a squadron of planes was organised by the R.A.F. to demonstrate modern aerial warfare. The planes descended to an altitude of about twenty feet, and proceeded to smother us with incendiaries, aerial torpedoes and a host of other good things—pretty to watch, but as the lethal weapons took the shape of Very's lights, the excitement which might have been did not materialise.

Our next port of call was Muscat, a small town situated on the western shore of the Gulf of Oman, and some twelve hundred miles from Aden. Here, for the moderate outlay of 1/6, one may obtain twenty pounds of fresh fish. There is a large rock on the eastern side of the entrance, and on this rock is written the name of every ship that has visited there since about 1876. A party of volunteers proceeded ashore the day prior to our departure and accomplished a very hazardous task in adding yet another name.

My hopes of being able to record more successes for our boats' crews in the Squadron Regatta, held at Bahrein on the 17th and 18th of November, did not materialise. The rough state of the sea prevented the full programme of races from being pulled. On the 19th, the Marines' whalers race was pulled; our crew came in second. This race concluded the regatta, and the positions in the aggregate were:—Chatham 1, Cairo 2, Colombo, 3.

Our Marines had to prepare for Major's inspection on the 17th. To the initiated Marine no more need be said to describe this particular form of torture, to which all sea-going Marines have to submit annually.

Our cruise terminates at Colombo on 19th December, and the detachment will go to camp in the early part of the New Year, during which time the ship is to undergo refit.

28.11.24. C. WILKES.

" Colombo."

October.

Leaving Trincomali on the 10th, for a cruise up the west coast of India to the Persian Gulf, we arrived at Colombo on the 1st, and went into dock for five days. No games were possible as the people on shore were in the middle of their football competition, and their cricket standard was far above ours; our Regatta racing boats' crews, however, managed to get away many times—we are entering two whalers.

We sailed on the 16th and arrived next day at Tuticorin; our three days' stay there was most enjoyable. The ship's cricket team played the local team and, in a good game, were beaten by five wickets. The inhabitants were " At Home " to the ship's company during the afternoon.

On the 20th we left, and arrived at Cochin next day. It is a very pretty place; the only drawback is the long distance of the anchorage from the shore. The ship's cricket team played a thrilling all-day match which ended in a win for us by 152 to 150. In the afternoon the inhabitants were " At Home " to the ship's company and did us very well. On the 23rd, as there were no local football teams, we put two ship's teams into the field and, after a good game, the inhabitants held another enjoyable " At Home " for the ship's company.

With much regret we left Cochin for Mangalore on the 24th, and arrived the following day. Transport difficulties somewhat marred our stay here. We played cricket against the local team and beat them by 169 to 89. Some of the officers managed to get away shooting, and the boys, including the R.M. bugler, were taken for an enjoyable car drive and picnic.

On the 28th we left Mangalore for Bombay and arrived there next day. All interest is now centred on the Regatta, which takes place in a few days.

AFRICA.

" Birmingham."

Except for the Cross-Country Race, all the competitions for the year have been successfully concluded and most of the Cups have found their way back to the Flagship. The Cup for the Field Gun Competition, in which the Corps was represented by Mnes. Cusick and Kellard, was won by " Birmingham," on October 25th, by seven seconds. The total time was 3 min. 9 sec.

On November 6th the Competitive Firing took place for the State Cup. This was won by " Birmingham " with 615.2 points against " Dublin's " 375.5.

On November 10th, the whole Squadron sailed for Saldanha Bay, where the pulling regatta is held annually. This took place on November 12th and 13th and the Cup was won by " Birmingham " with 192 points against " Dublin's " 138. In the Royal Marines' Gig race, the two crews from " Birmingham " came in first and second. The winning crew, which won very easily, consisted of Sergeant Small (Cox), Mnes. Rogers, Norris, Stonham, Bond, Kellard and Barker. This was the same crew that won the Inter-part Cup in August last. The second crew was composed of Col.-Sergt. Lee (Cox), Band-Master Clayton, Musns. Trevett, Hearnshaw, Mnes. Bartholomew, Fallace and Emerson. It must be noted that in this race " Birmingham " had an advantage over " Dublin " in having the R.M. Band, three of whom, including the Bandmaster, were in the second boat.

A rifle match for the Salhanha Cup was fired on November 14th. Scores were as follows:—

Saldanha Bay.—Germshuys 93, Holloway 93, Walker 86, J. Sadie 84, N. Sadie 83, Eberhard 83, Lenoury 81, F. Sadie 80, P. Cloete 79, Barnett 72.—Total 834.

Best 8—683.

H.M.S. Birmingham.—Major Trench 87, Mne. Fallace 87, Sergt. Small 66, Col.-Sergt. Lee 85, E. A. Johnston 85, Lieut. Johnson 83, Mne. Williams 76, A. B. Pearman 74, Mne. Bartholomew 73, Corpl. Brockwell 72.—Total 808.

Best 8—663.

" Wallflower " best 8—590. " Dublin " best 8—586.

The object of this Cup is to stimulate rifle shooting and to keep up its standard. The improvement in ship's rifle teams is most noticeable. When the Cup was shot for in February, under more favourable conditions, " Birmingham's " team won with a score of 644. Conditions now are more difficult as the match was fired under this year's Bisley rules.

The last two monthly Spoon Shoots were won respectively by the F.R.M.O. and Mne. Fallace.

The Royal Marines of " Birmingham " are now up at the Sanatorium completing their annual Musketry Course. Shooting at this time of the year is difficult, as still days are quite the exception, and strong south-easterly winds right across the range are the rule. The going on the range is very heavy, rough, and uphill, so that in the practices with " Fire with Movement " some of us find that we are not so young as we used to be. However, in order to get into condition, the F.R.M.O. took a party of N.C.O.'s up Table Mountain on Sunday, November 23rd. This party included Sergt. Small, Corpl. Brockwell and Band Corpl. Hatcher. Some moderate rock climbing was negotiated.

24.11.24.

" Dublin."

This being my first opportunity of corresponding with " The Journal " since commissioning the " Dubs," might I be permitted to offer our congratulations for what we consider your decided improvement in its production. We are all taken with the new and interesting features, and trust that they have come to stay.

My next spasm is to ask you please to increase the number of copies forwarded to us at present from six to fifteen.

Now a little of ourselves; we are amongst the unfortunates as a Ship's Company, having lost quite a number of cups, etc., to the " Brum," including the Squadron Regatta Cup, and Cross Country Trophy, but the Detachment have certainly upheld tradition as regards gunnery, and one 6-in. crew in particular have managed to rake in most of the prize money.

We are quite optimistic, and are hoping that next year at least will see a revival of our luck.

Rumour has it, and with fairish foundation, that we are to be relieved by and will eventually turn over to the " Lowestoft," and as we have a saying amongst ourselves, " The poor old ' Dubs,' she can't do right," we are certainly hoping that the change will be for the better.

Immediately after Christmas we are anticipating a West Coast Cruise, when I hope to have an opportunity of gathering one or two items of interest for my future correspondence.

It might particularly interest those to whom he is known to read that Corpl. Davey, Welter-weight Champion, R.M., 1920–21, has been successful in his first contest on this station, against a coming local champion known as Johnson. The newspapers comment very enthusiastically on his contest, and I am hoping to be able to forward further news of his success.

In closing may we wish one and all of our comrades " A Happy and Prosperous New Year."

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CHINA.

No news received this month.

N.A. & W.I.

" Constance."

An article on a Mexican Revolution appears on page 27.

" Curlew."

The squadron is now back at Bermuda, after an excellent cruise in Canadian waters. The chief places visited were St. John's and St. George's Bay in Newfoundland, Halifax, Montreal and Quebec. " Calcutta" and "Constance" called at Bar Harbour, Maine. " Curlew " rejoined the squadron up North at the beginning of September, from Trinidad, where she had been awaiting orders in connection with the Brazilian revolution. She did once start for Bahia but was recalled to Trinidad. This was the fourth occasion during the commission that " Curlew " had been suddenly detached.

The " Capetown " left Quebec in the middle of September to pay off at Devonport. She recommissioned on the 16th October and arrived at Bermuda again on the 1st November, after a very rough passage out.

" Calcutta " and " Constance " are at present alongside. " Capetown " is carrying out working-up practices and " Curlew " is in the floating dock, refitting. We have lately had an anxious time owing to the high winds and heavy seas which have caused even the dock to lurch occasionally. " Calcutta's " detachment is at present at Warwick Camp carrying out a Weapon Training course. It will be interesting to see their results, as the highest score made on the station so far in Table R Classification is 186, made by Mne. Jermyn, of " Curlew," last June.

The Bermuda Annual Naval and Military Rifle Meeting was held at Warwick ranges on the 15th and 17th November. One of the big competitions, the Hamilton Cup, was won by Colour-Sergeant McColl (" Malabar "). The Lewis Gun Competition was won for the second time by " Curlew's " team consisting of a N.C.O. and three Marines. The Norfolk Regiment was second and " Calcutta " third, with a team of one Sergeant, two Marines, and one Seaman. In the individual Lewis Gun Competition, for which there were thirty-six entries, Mne. Craig (" Curlew ") was third. The competition included doubling fifteen yards, filling a magazine with twenty rounds, putting on the butt and firing, in two and a half minutes. The units taking part at the meeting were the 8th C.S., the Norfolk Regiment, R.G.A., R.E., R.A.O.C., R.A.S.C., the Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps and the Bermuda Police.

On Armistice Day a ceremony was to have taken place at the Cenotaph at Hamilton, but, owing to the very heavy rain, a short service was held at the cathedral instead. The units attending were a guard consisting of " Curlew "'s and " Constance "'s detachments, under Lieut. Woodhall, representing the Navy, and guards from the Norfolk Regiment and the B.V.R.C.

FOOTBALL.

INTER PART.

" Curlew "—Played 3, won 1, lost 2, drawn 0, points for 2, points against 4.

" Capetown "—Forecastle 4, Detachment 1.

" Constance "—The detachment football team have had two very successful seasons. They won the inter-part shield and medals for both years and up to date are undefeated in " top " matches.

DETACHMENT MATCHES.

" Constance " 2, " Curlew " 0.
" Curlew " 5, " Capetown " 1.
" Curlew " 4, " Capetown " 2.
" Curlew " (married) 7, " Curlew " (single) 2.

The following account of the match between " Married " and " Single " is sent by our Special Football Correspondent, " Don Phipps ":—

Only the absence of turnstiles and grand stands reminded us to-day that we were on Moresby plain and not at Wembley. Thousands of spectators turned out to see an exciting football match between the married and single members of the " Curlew "'s detachment. All roads leading to the grounds were thronged and traffic held up. The referee having appeared from the direction of the canteen, full of wind and whistle, the game began. In less time than it takes to tell, the married centre forward scored with two real one-bell shots. The peg boards at once got busy, but were kept out with the able assistance of the right half who continually kicked the ball a mile over the touch line for the remainder of the first half. The score at half time was Married 2, Single 0. In the second half the Single developed " that Kruschen feeling " and managed to score two goals, one from a penalty; the Married scored another four. The final score was Married 7, Single 2.

NEW ZEALAND.

No news received this month.



ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

R.M. BANDS.

Doctor C. Hoby has been for some years Professor of Military Music at the Royal College of Music, London. Lieut. B. W. O'Donnell has just been appointed to a similar post at the Royal Academy of Music in London. The Corps may well take pride in the fact that these important posts in the two great Royal Schools of Music in London should go to two of its Directors of Music.

CHATHAM.

The following award has been made by the Committee of the Royal Humane Society:—No. Ch/16255, Sergt. John R. Booth, R.M.—"*Testimonial on Parchment.*" For having on the 12th September, 1924, at personal risk, gallantly attempted to rescue a boy who was unfortunately drowned in the Medway at Chatham.

PORTSMOUTH.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir William Hutcheson Poë, Bart., C.B., has resigned his membership of the Senate of the Irish Free State on the ground that, having entered his 77th year, he can no longer give the time and attention the position demands. He was High Sheriff of County Tyrone in 1893. He served in the Royal Marines for many years, retiring in 1888.

INSPECTION.

On the 10th December, the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Sydney Freemantle, K.C.B., M.V.O. inspected the Naval Gun Battery, and was received with a Guard of Honour under the command of Capt. R. S. Burgess, with Lieut. J. G. Hume carrying the Regimental Colour.

TRAFALGAR DAY ORPHAN FUND.

The amount raised by the Portsmouth Division and R.N. School of Music on the flag day and Naval Pageant Procession on the 18th October, amounted to £168 12s. 4½d. This is an increase on that collected in 1923, of £22 7s. 4½d.

THEATRICALS.

A very successful performance of A. A. Milne's comedy "Mr. Pym Passes By" was given in the R.M. Theatre on the 4th December in aid of the R.M. Help Society and R.N. School of Music Benevolent Fund.

The cast included:—Miss M. G. Breton, Mrs. C. A. H. Montanaro, Mrs. R. P. O'Donnell, Miss M. Mulholland, Major C. A. H. Montanaro, R.A.O.C., Lieut. R. P. O'Donnell, M.V.O., R.M., Major A. L. Prynne, R.M., Lieut. S. G. B. Paine, R.M. (stage manager).

The band of the Division played selections during the interval.

RESCUE WORK AT BROWNDOWN.

During a heavy gale early in the morning of the 27th November, a French ketch, bound from Portsmouth to France, was blown ashore at the Sea Butts, Browndown. The R.M. sentry noticed her plight and gave the alarm. A party of Marines hurried to the shore, waded knee-deep into the sea and threw out a line to the vessel. The captain and crew jumped into the sea and were hauled ashore by the Marines.

PLYMOUTH.

The Royal Humane Society have awarded a Testimonial on Parchment to Mr. A. E. Braysher (late Sergt. Ply./13411) for having dived into the River Cam, fully clothed, and, risking entanglement in the thick weeds, rescued a boy.

The Mayor of Cambridge presented the Testimonial to Mr. Braysher, and congratulated him on his plucky rescue.

DEPOT.

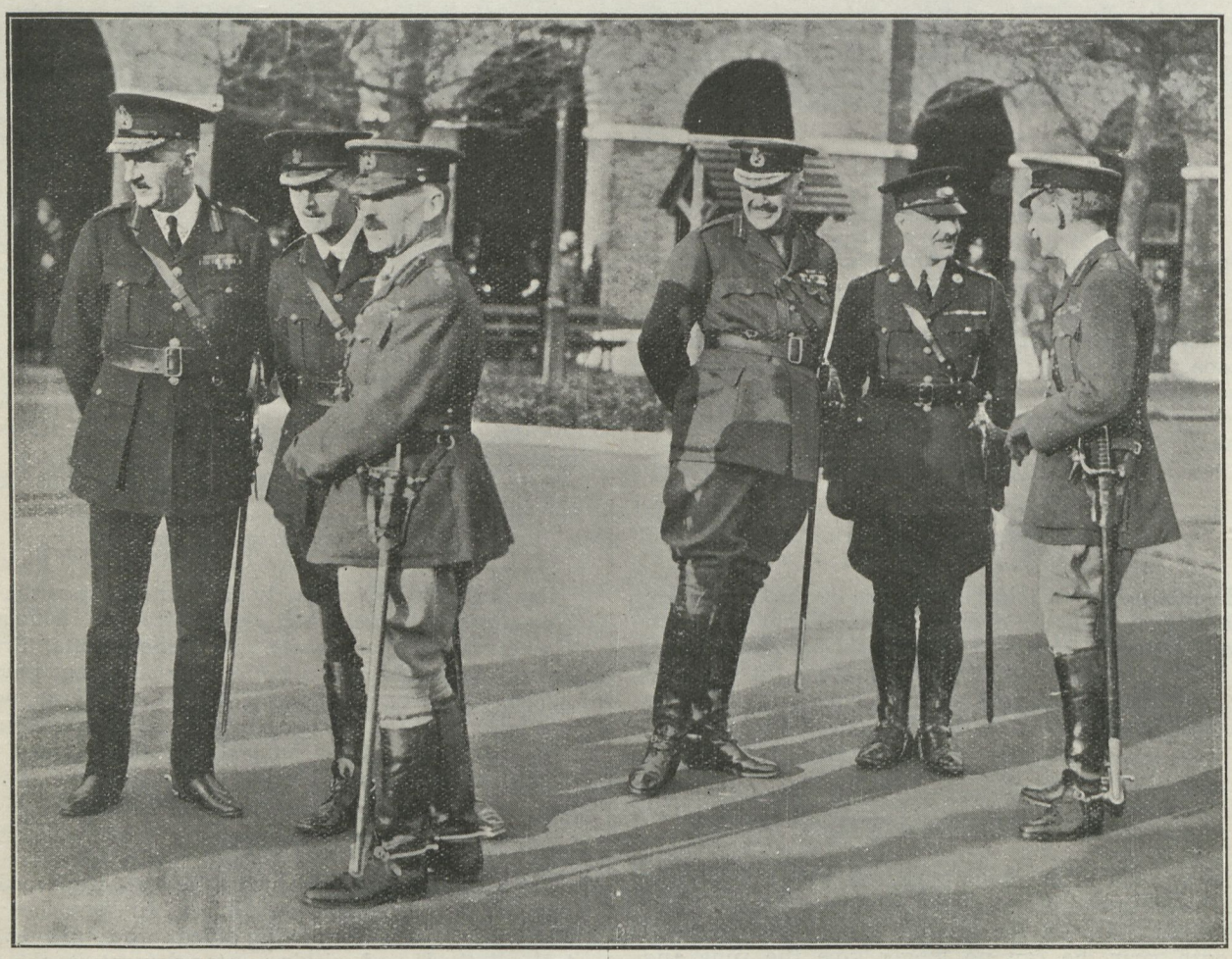
GIFT OF MEDALS.

A set of medals has been presented to the Depot, R.M., Deal, by Colonel E. Wray, R.M. (retd.). It comprises (i) Mutiny at the Nore, (ii) Naval General Service with clasp for Syria, (iii) Turkish medal for St. Jean d'Acre, and (iv) Baltic (1854-55). No. (i) was awarded to Captain G. Varlo, R.M. Nos. (ii), (iii) and (iv) were awarded to Captain H. D. Varlo, his son.

Captain G. Varlo joined the Royal Marines on 18th June, 1793, and served in turn at the Portsmouth, Chatham and Woolwich Divisions. Appointed Paymaster at Woolwich Division in 1805, and held the appointment for 48 years. He died about 1874, aged 90.

Captain H. D. Varlo joined the Corps 7th April, 1837. He served at the Portsmouth and Woolwich Divisions, and also in H.M. Ships " Edinburgh " (taking part in the capture of St. Jean d'Acre), " Agincourt," " Malabar " and " Hannibal." He died 25th November, 1891, aged 71.

R.M. CADETS.



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Left to Right :—Major-Genl. A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Marines; Col.-Commdt. L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C., Royal Marines; Genl. The Earl of Cavan, K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., Chief of the Imperial General Staff; Major-Genl. Hon. J. F. Gathorne-Hardy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Capt. & Adjt. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., Royal Marines; General L. A. M. Stopford, K.C.V.O., C.B.

PRESENTATION OF KING'S SHIELD.

On the 9th December, at the R.M. Depôt, General the Earl of Cavan, K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., Chief of the Imperial General Staff, presented on behalf of the King the shield offered by His Majesty for competition on miniature ranges among all cadet units in the United Kingdom. For the sixth time, though not in succession, this shield has been won by the Depôt R.M. Cadet Corps, with a score of 84.8 per cent.

The Barrack Square was lined by R.M. recruits in extended order. The King's shield stood on a table covered with the Union Jack in the centre of the parade ground, and on either side were the four Imperial shields won by the Cadets.

A guard of honour of Marines was posted to the north of the main block of the old barracks, with the band and drums, in scarlet uniforms and white helmets, on their right.

Lord Cavan, accompanied by General Gathorne-Hardy, was received by Col.-Comdt. L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C. The general salute was given, and the guard of honour was inspected by Lord Cavan before proceeding to the parade ground for the ceremony.

On the parade, the Commandant of the Depôt Cadet Corps, Capt. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., was presented to the Earl of Cavan, who then inspected

the Deal and Chatham Cadets. With the latter was their Commandant, Capt. H. Weir, R.M.

After this inspection, Lord Cavan handed the shield to Clr.-Sergt. Beynon, chief instructor of the Cadets, informing him that he was presenting the shield on behalf of the King, and that it might be taken as coming directly from His Majesty. He also congratulated Clr.-Sergt. Beynon on the way the Cadets had been instructed.

Silver medals were presented to the members of the winning team, and bronze medals to the runners-up, the Cadet Corps of the Chatham Division, R.M., who had a score of 83.5 per cent., and who for the four preceding years had held the shield.

The members of the winning team and their scores were :—Cadets L. Milstead, 98 ; J. Wall, 97 ; R. Robinson, 96 ; E. J. Dixon, 95 ; M. Wood, 94 ; J. G. Macey, 94 ; E. J. Williams, 94 ; F. N. Flynn, 94.



[*Photopress*

Left to Right:—Gen. The Earl of Cavan, K.P., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., Chief of the Imperial General Staff; Capt. & Adjt. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., Royal Marines, O.C. Depôt Co., R.M. Cadet Corps; Clr.-Sergt. Benyon, Royal Marines, Senior Instructor.

Lord Cavan said: Royal Marine Cadets,—The first thing I have to tell you is that I am here to-day by the express order of H.M. the King, whose shield it is

that I have now presented, and who orders me personally to come and give it. I am very proud to do so, especially on looking round and seeing the general state of smartness and efficiency of the boys who have won this shield, and also those who are second, and also those who, I hope, may be coming along as soon as they are old enough. Two things strike me particularly. The first is that the Royal Marines seem to me very nearly to have the complete control of the first and second places in this competition. I must see to it that the soldiers do not get left behind. I congratulate you heartily on what you have done, and I am delighted that you should inspire by your example soldiers who ought to be competing with you and beating you. I don't hesitate to tell you that we shall try. The next thing that occurs to me is that I am quite certain that the principle is right that everybody in a Cadet unit should fire for this competition. We don't want so much individual talent. We want every boy to be a marksman. Also I am quite certain that every boy, however small and young, who has the honour of firing for his unit learns that he is competing not for himself, but for his side. Later on, when you go out into the Service, the one thing you want to get into your mind more than anything else is that the Service comes first, and that you don't matter in the least. That principle is very much taught at the very beginning by this rule that every boy fires for his unit.

Lastly, I heartily congratulate the instructors. It is obvious that the breaking in of the very young is a matter for most careful, diligent, and patient instruction, and I can realise that it is because the instruction is so good that you have taken the lead you have in this competition. I shall " ginger up " the Director-General of Territorial Associations, and through him the Territorial Associations in England, to see that the Royal Marines do not go on winning this shield year after year. I hope you will, from the sporting spirit, but from the Army spirit I am going to try to beat you. I heartily congratulate you, Captain Webber, and the officers here, on this splendid show, and I thank you very much for providing me with a guard of honour on my arrival.

Among those present were General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, General L. A. M. Stopford, County Commandant of Cadet Corps, Colonel-Cmdt. Cameron, commanding the Dover Garrison, Colonel Charteris, of the Small Arms School, Hythe, Major Etches, Secretary of the National Rifle Association, and many serving and retired officers of the Royal Marines and their wives.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

VACANCIES FOR BAND BOYS.

Vacancies exist at the R.N. School of Music for about 15 boys between the ages of 14 and 14½ years.

Physical standard—Height, 4ft. 10ins. Chest, 29½ins.

Education—Candidates must be able to pass a good Standard VII Test.

Musical knowledge at these ages is a recommendation, but not absolutely essential. A few boys between 14½ and 15 years of age may be taken with a knowledge of Music (which may be Pianoforte).

Application should be made to the Superintendent, R.N. School of Music.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

LEG OF MUTTON SUPPER.

A " Leg of Mutton " Supper was held at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn, on November 21st, when over a hundred Comrades, with their wives and friends, under the Chairmanship of Lieut.-Col. H. Gritton, sat down to an excellent repast.

An equally good concert followed. Among the artistes who deserve special mention are Miss Anne Keeley (late of the D'Oyley Carte Opera Company), Miss Madge Lindsay, contralto, and Mr. Sid Mayo, comedian, whose songs were greatly appreciated. Comrade R. G. Mullan carried out all the arrangements for this very successful function.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Jan. 5th, 1925, at the Veterans' Club, commencing at 7 p.m. sharp, when the election of officers for 1925, and any other business for the welfare of the members will be transacted. All members are urgently requested to attend.

The Old Comrades wish to convey to all ranks still serving their hearty good wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

GREENWICH BRANCH.

The monthly meeting was held on the 8th December, at the " Star and Garter," Park Street, Greenwich, at 7.30 p.m., and was followed by a concert and dance.

The first annual supper for members and friends, took place at the " Prince of Orange," Station Hotel, Greenwich, on the 28th December.

R.N. AND R.M. O.C.A.

Over 100 members of the Bristol branch of this Association met at dinner on 13th Dec. The President, Capt. E. G. Mardon, R.N.V.R., was in the chair, and was supported by Admiral Sir M. Singer, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., Commander E. H. Dobbin, R.N., Paymaster Lieut.-Commander R. J. Cosway, R.N., Paymaster Commander W. H. Cole, R.N.V.R., and Major J. Ellison, M.C., D.C.M., R.M.

Mr. R. M. Wade proposed " The Navy," and in reply Admiral Sir Morgan Singer referred to matters of Naval policy and Naval pay. He feared that further reductions were to be made in the pay of officers, but said that it was not proposed to touch the men's pay.

Capt. Mardon, replying to the toast of " The President, Vice-Presidents, and Patrons," asked where we should have been had it not been for the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, and the merchant services. There was, he said, never a strike amongst the merchant seamen. They in Bristol looked after the Navy, sent fine men into it, " and," he added, " we are looking to you to see that your sons follow in their father's footsteps." (Applause.)

In reply to Major Ellison's toast of " The Association,"

Mr. H. Turner, the Hon. Secretary, gave a brief report of the valuable benevolent work they had carried out in the last twelve months. Not one case reported to the Benevolent Committee had been turned down.

ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

It has been decided that future entrants into the Royal Marine Police will be enlisted for the following periods :—

(a) " For 12 years." (Men not over 38 years of age).
(b) " To the age of 50 years." (Men over 38 years of age.)
(c) " To the age of 55 years." (Men over 50 years of age.)

MARRIAGE.

BROOKS—TURNER-LAING.—On the 3rd December at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, Capt. and Bt. Major. R. A. Dallas Brooks, D.S.O., Royal Marines, only son of the Rev. Dallas Brooks and Mrs. Brooks, of Bayford Vicarage, and Violet Muriel, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner-Laing, of The Shack, Cooden, Sussex.

DEATHS.

STEADMAN.—On the 1st December, at the R.N. Hospital, Chatham, Po. 17067 Marine J. G. Steadman, R.M.

TURNER.—On the 28th November, at 22, Lound Rd., Norwich, Bandmaster (W.O.) Charles Turner, R.M. (retired).

WHITE.—On the 8th December, Lt.-Col. and Bt. Col. Frederick White, D.S.O., R.M. (retired).

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th November, 1924.

BONNING.—Mne. C. Bonning, Ply., 20.11.24.
BRIGGS.—Mne. E. Briggs, Ports., 31.10.24.
BROWN.—Mne. R. Brown, Chat., 11.11.24.
CARNEGIE.—Mne. W. Carnegie, Ply., 12.11.24.
COCKSEDGE.—Mne. J. R. Cocksedge, Ply., 5.11.24.
GILL.—Mne. P. Gill, Ply., 6.11.24.
HESKETH.—Mne. G. T. Hesketh, Chat., 28.10.24.
PARKER.—Sergt. C. A. Parker, Chat., 2.11.24.
PERRY.—Mne. E. E. Perry, Ports., 10.11.24.
POWELL.—Act.-Corpl. C. G. Powell, Chat., 22.11.24.
PURCEY.—Sergt. S. Purcey, Chat., 11.11.24.
STALLARD.—Mne. W. Stallard, R.M.A., 5.11.24.
TREDGETT.—Mne. H. Tredgett, Ply., 4.11.24.
WADE.—Mne. J. Wade, Ply., 20.11.24.

PERSONAL.

Captain J. J. Wilkinson, Trusthorpe Road, Sutton-on-Sea, would be pleased to receive any information as to the best place to settle in New Zealand.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Soliloquy in a Country Lane.

1. 12. 24.

Sir,—After reading Mr. Hyde's interesting article in your November issue, entitled " Soliloquy in a Country Lane," I paused a moment, ruminated, but failed to envy—yon cow !

I failed, because, whilst chewing the mental cud, it dawned upon me that once a cow, always a cow. If a cow is happy, it is so only because it is ignorant. Can a cow read Shakespeare ? Can it appreciate good wine, or beautiful melodies ? Who really wants to be a cow ? Man, it is true, has his weaknesses and faults, and throughout the ages he has continually offended Nature, either by excessive virtue or by extravagant vice. Such errors are apt to bring grief and misery in their train ; yet honest grief is sacred, and genuine misery should suffice to make man august in the sight of his fellows.

By the beauties and wonders of art and science, man is inspired to create yet further masterpieces, albeit, in this vast civilised world of to-day, deeds that were acclaimed in the past are now passed by without comment. Can a cow be inspired ? Progress means nothing to a cow, yet it has brought man to a level higher than the human race has ever reached before.

But let us examine this interesting soliloquy still further : Consider London, the greatest city in the world. There has never before been so healthy a city. Its death-rate is the lowest on record ; its people live longer than ever before ; their capacity for enjoyment is greater, and their nerves, in spite of the speeding-up of life, are stronger than they ever were. For the large majority of its inhabitants, life *is* fuller. They get more fresh air and sunshine in a week than their ancestors got in a month—weather permitting ! The laughter and luxuries of the world are brought to their doors, to be enjoyed almost for the asking. The working hours of men and women—and of children—are shorter, their conditions of living are improved, their food is better and their health more robust. Every other man used to be pock-marked ; now it is rare to see one so disfigured ; ninety-five per cent. of children with diphtheria used to die—to-day as large a proportion recover. Can a living cow be compared with the immortal memory of the genius of such dead men as Tennyson, Mozart, Watt, Newton and Faraday ?

The minority, who have not taken the trouble to learn how to live, may be suffering from the strain of modern life ; they will be eliminated by the normal working of Nature's law of the survival of the fittest, just as in the past those races which became over-civilised gave place to others living nearer to Nature. Those who misuse the advantages Progress presents to them, have only themselves to blame. One does not cast away a razor because a child cuts himself with it—neither should Science be condemned because it is misapplied.

The march of Progress is inexorable and relentless ; it heeds neither happiness nor misery. Neither does Truth—but who would therefore demand that

Truth be suppressed? Progress is the triumphant decree of Truth, wrenched from the close-hid mysteries of Nature, by the genius of man.

The ultimate end of it all—who knows? Doubtless Mr. Hyde will be there—ruminating—and envying—yon cow!

A. JEKYLL,
Doctor.

The Editor, "Globe and Laurel."

Bonesetters.

8. 12. 24.

Dear Sir,—The article on bone-placing in the "Globe and Laurel" leads me to send you first-hand experiences with regard to it, because I believe, if you find room for them, that they will save many from unnecessary pain and loss of pleasure.

A retired Naval Officer, living in this village, used repeatedly to be a "cot case" for weeks together, suffering with what he believed to be sciatica. I have myself seen him in acute pain. After about a year of this intermittent suffering he consulted "C," a qualified osteopath, with the result that he is now completely cured. My wife, for some years, seemed to have "tennis" elbow, which had to be bandaged for play. Becoming worse by degrees it nearly put her out of action. "C" declared it to be the effect of a fall, when the horse had trodden on her. Manipulation was done mainly at the shoulder: result, an entire cure.

Last year I had several falls, but could assign to none of them pain in the lumbar muscles, which my doctor said was undoubtedly lumbago, which I could not expect to avoid at my age. It culminated at golf when the pain reduced me to needing help back to the club-house. "C" declared that my spine was out of line. I had two manipulations and felt very much better. Returning after a fortnight, the spine proved to have gone back a bit. It was put right and I do not now have even a twinge. I have had many falls, so "C" has not come to the end of my displacements, but has straightened out several, for which I am most grateful. For many years, for instance, I often had pain over the heart. Doctors, however, said the heart was sound. "C" manipulated a rib which was out of place, and I have no more pain. In another case, a well-known athlete in his day, lived in this village. He often could not play tennis for weeks at a time, on account of lumbago. Also, after hunting days he could hardly get out of bed. I persuaded him to go to "C," who put a bone in with a click and entirely cured the supposed lumbago.

Again, one whom I meet constantly out hunting, had a real bad fall in a point to point last spring and was on sticks for some months. I do not know what was wrong, but "C" cured him entirely.

I will only give one case outside my personal experience. Last week, a lady dined here and told us that she had stayed with another who had hunted, but with pain, all last winter; it got so much worse that she had consulted a specialist, who ordered three months' complete rest in a home, with electrical treatment. Our friend advised her strongly to try "C" before committing herself to three months' imprisonment. Our informant had that morning received a letter saying "In half an hour I was put right, I have had two good hunts with no pain and have not felt so well for years."

I naturally advise all injured friends to go to "C," whose charge is only £1 1s., though I fancy it is £2 2s. for the first consultation. I have enclosed the address to the Editor.

As regards the danger of Tuberculosis, it appears from the article in the "Globe and Laurel" that this germ, which is, I believe, nearly always there, is apt to settle in bone misplacements. It is therefore obvious that it is of the first importance to have bones put into place without any delay.

Yours, &c.,
"A MOST GRATEFUL PATIENT."

The Editor, "Globe and Laurel."

A Warning.

21st December, 1924.

Sir,—In view of the interest displayed in the "Globe and Laurel" with regard to the welfare of men who have left the Service, I venture to suggest to you that a strong warning should be given through the medium of your columns against persons offering "employment with investment" to men starting in civil life.

I am sorry to say that I have met, in the course of the past two years, not a few men who have taken employment on such terms, merely to find out, when it was too late, that they had lost their small savings in return for a few months', sometimes only weeks', employment in a financially rotten business.

Many warnings on this subject have appeared in the daily and weekly press, but do not seem to have had much effect in saving inexperienced men from victimisation.

It may be said generally that any business which advertises for employees on the condition that they pay money as "security" or to gain an "interest in the business" should be regarded with grave suspicion

I am,
Yours faithfully,
CHARLES H. MALDEN,
Major, R.M. (retired).

The Editor, "Globe and Laurel."

THERE'S NO ACCOUNTING FOR TASTE.

H.M.S. —— was coaling off the mouth of the Menam River (Siam), the colour and consistency of which is like pea soup.

The Officer of the Watch noticed that the coolies working in lighters alongside frequently quenched their thirst by drinking the river water. He called out to the native foreman and told him they could get plenty of clean drinking water on board the ship. Several tubs were accordingly filled and placed on deck.

Later on the same officer again saw the coolies drinking from the river and asked the foreman the reason. Pointing at one of the tubs, he replied: "Coolies they talkee me no likee water belong your ship. Water belong liver can taste, water belong ship no can taste."

P.M.

LOST IN THE BUSH.

That delightful book, "Jock of the Bushfeldt," contains many descriptions of men who are lost in the bush, and shows how easy it is to lose oneself inland, even in open country. In thick bush it is particularly so. Many men have wandered for days through losing their direction in open country or in woods, even when they have been close to the sea.

I remember once, when I was shooting in Vancouver Island, I left a path to pick up a bird. Although I knew it was only a few yards away, I was quite unable to find the path again.

The most extraordinary case I ever heard was that of a young officer who was lost for three days on a small island in British Columbia. The island was only seven miles long by three broad, but the trees and undergrowth were so thick that it was impossible to see more than a few yards.

The ship anchored off the island and a party of young officers were soon ashore with guns. When the party returned to the ship in the evening, one was missing. Next morning, as there was still no sign of the missing man, a party landed at one end of the island and beat through it in line to the other end, keeping touch by shouting and firing guns, but without result. Next day it was arranged that the party should land at a lagoon in the middle of one side of the island to search, from there, in every direction as far as they could go. There was still no result. In the end, a party of Indians from the main land were enlisted to help, and at last the search succeeded.

What had happened to the missing man?

The first day he lost his way and, as night fell, found himself on the beach on the far side from the ship. He made himself as comfortable as he could under a fallen tree until the morning. Next day he tried to cross the island. He heard the firing and shouting of the search party, but struck a gap in their line and all his efforts to attract attention were interpreted as signals from other members of the party. Some of them passed fairly close to him, but, being cold and hungry, he could not catch them up; so once again he spent the night foodless in the woods.

Next day, in his wanderings, he actually arrived at the lagoon, in sight of the boats. As eager to be found as were the others to find him, he sat astride a floating log and tried to paddle to the boats some way off. A man in one of them waved to him to go ashore again and to make for a point where there was enough water to allow the boats to go in and pick him up. Soaked to the skin in almost freezing water, he managed in time to retrace his way; but, when he got round the point he could only catch a glimpse of the boats as they returned to the ship. Again he had been mistaken for one of the search party. When they were mustered at the boats it was supposed that the man on the log had been one of them.

When he was found next day he was almost unconscious. His clothes were in rags and his boots practically worn through. It is not surprising that he did not fully recover for some weeks.

"SNOOKS."

AS OTHERS SEE US.

THE following is an excerpt from an old Military Dictionary,* under the word "Marines." (The black type is our own.)

"A body of foldiers, raifed for the fea-fervice, and trained to fight either in a naval engagement, or in an action on fhore.—Officers of the marines may fit on courts-martial with officers of the land force.

The great fervice which this ufeful corps has frequently rendered, entitles it to a fair record in every publication that treats of military matters. In the courfe of former wars, the Marines have diftinguifhed themfelves by great perfeverance, ftrict attention to duty, and unqueftionable valour. At the fiege of Belleifle they rofe into confiderable notice, although they had, at that period, been only recently raifed, and were fcarcely competent to military difcipline. When the marines are at fea, they form part of the fhip's crew and foon acquire a knowledge of nautical tactics. Their officers are directed by the Admiralty to encourage them in every difpofition to become able feamen; but no fea officer has the power of ordering them to go aloft againft their inclination.

During an engagement at fea, they are of confiderable fervice in fcouring the decks of the enemy, by firing mufquetry from the poop, round top, etc., and **when they have been long enough out to obtain good fea-legs, they are preferable to mere feamen,** efpecially when the enemy attempts to board; in which cafe the marines can fraife the poop, quarter deck, forecaftle, etc., with their fixed bayonets, and prevent the completion of their defign. . . .

The interior regulations for the feveral marine corps, have been well digefted, and do credit to the eftablifhment. If any fault can be found on that head, it muft relate to the flops, which are given in too large a quantity, confidering the little room that a marine muft occupy on board.

No commiffions are bought or fold in the marines; every individual rifes according to his feniority; but we are forry to add, that a marine officer never can arrive at the higheft rank or pay which exifts upon the marine eftablifhment; one general, one lieutenant-general, one major-general, three colonels, and one lieutenant-colonel commandant, being naval officers, with thofe additional diftinctions. It is not within our province to enter into the wifdom or the injuftice, not to fay ignorance of that policy, which, with a feries of indifputable claims to notice, ftill keeps the marine eftablifhment upon the loweft footing of military honour and reward."

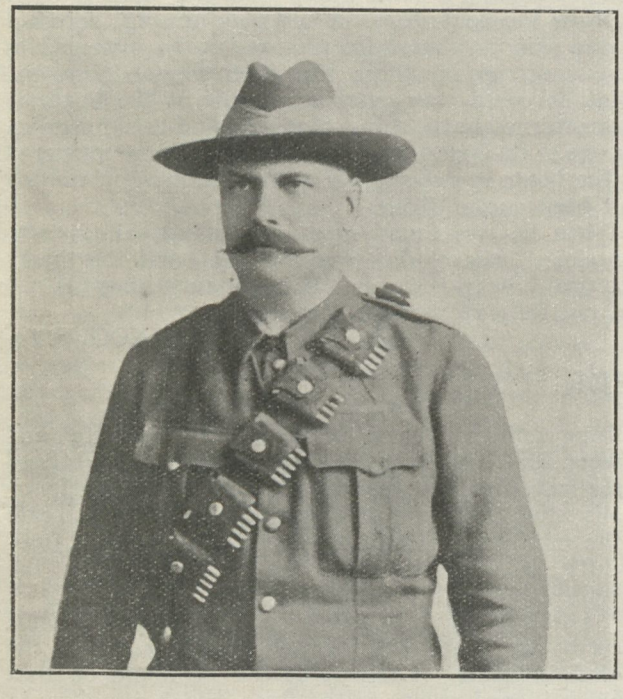
Space precludes us giving any further extracts from this admirable literary work.

* *Military Dictionary.* By Charles James, London, 1802.

COLONEL F. WHITE, D.S.O., R.M.

We much regret to have to announce the death of Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Frederick White, D.S.O., Royal Marines, on 8th December, at the age of 63.

He entered the service in 1879, and as a subaltern saw much active service in Egypt. He was present at the bombardment of Alexandria and landed at the occupation of the city and lines. During the operations in the Soudan and Red Sea, he was present at the battle of El Teb, the occupation of Tokar, the battle of Tamai, and the advance on Tamanieb. He was twice mentioned in dispatches for gallantry, particularly at the battle of Tamai, where, it will be remembered, the British " square " was broken. Afterwards, he and several of his men were sent for to Osborne, where Queen Victoria thanked them personally for their services.



During the South African war, in which he was selected for special Army service, he served at Capetown, Sterkstroom, Bethalie Bridge, Ladybrand, and as Intelligence Officer to General Sir C. Knox.

It was at Ladybrand that his name came prominently before the public. In September, 1900, he was in command of this small post, having as his garrison 80 men of the 1st Worcester Regiment, 43 Wiltshire Yeomanry, and 30 local volunteers. On September 2nd at 7.30 a.m., a letter was sent in, signed by Commandant Piet Fourie, demanding the immediate surrender of the garrison.

White replied that if Fourie wanted the garrison he had better come and take it, and posted the whole of his slender force on an entrenched hill to the south-west of the town. Fourie, with 800 men, opened shell and rifle fire, worked up to the post, and surrounded it on all sides. For three days and nights the little garrison held firm. On September 5th they were relieved by Bruce Hamilton.

For this gallant defence White was awarded the D.S.O., and complimented by Lord Roberts in a personal interview.

During the Great War he served as Draft Conducting Officer in the Army from 1915 to 1919.

Colonel White was in possession of the following medals and decorations :—

Companion of the Distinguished Service Order ;
Egyptian Medal, Alexandria and El Teb-Tamai clasps ;
Khedive's Bronze Star ;
Order of the Medjidieh, 5th Class ;
South African Medal, Wittebergen and Cape Colony clasps ;
King's South African Medal, 1901 and 1902 clasps ;
1914–15 Star ;
British War Medal ;
Victory Medal.

The funeral took place from his home at Blackheath on Friday, 12th December. Among those present were Sir Robert Grierson, Major A. G. W. Grierson Colonel A. Hartigan, Lieut.-Colonel G. P. Orde, and Dr Schofield. The following telegram was sent by the Colonel-Commandant and officers of the Chatham Division to his sister, Miss White :—

" Colonel-Commandant and officers, Chatham Division, Royal Marines, send heartfelt condolences on the death of your brother, and mourn the loss of an old comrade."

We feel sure that all officers of the Corps, serving and retired, who knew him, will join in these sentiments, and will recall " Fred White " as a gallant soldier, a reliable comrade, a cheery companion, a good messmate, a true friend, and, above all—a Man.

THE SILENT HILLS.

I.

AT DAWN.

The sun has risen in a blaze of glory,
Risen up out of the East, bathing the land
In soft warm rays. The gentle breeze is blowing,
Bearing faintly the murmurings of the sea
T'wards the land, rustling the branches of the trees,
The beautiful, green, leafy trees of summer.
What a land! What an England! The villages,
Those villages nestling there amidst the hills,
Where simple folk have lived for years, undisturbed,
Each, each of these has its history to tell.
From the town by the sea, the broad high road runs,
O'er hills, through valleys, to the county town inland.
On a hill to the right of the same high road
I lay, lay amongst the heather and the gorse,
Gazing at the scenery about me, yes,
Gazing at the scenery I loved so well.
Above me was the chalk pit, white and glist'ning,
Glist'ning and bare, topped by a row of tall trees.
To my right the high road wound over the hill,
And beyond, steeper and shorter, the old way,
The way of the ancients, the rough Roman road

Climbed to the summit of the slope and then down,
Down again to join the modern way once more.
To my left, and far below me, a hamlet,
The simple old country home of farming folk,
Nestles in a hollow, hidden by the trees.
There stands the church, the same old church that has stood
For centuries. That old square tower, those tombstones,
Moss-grown, with epitaphs obliterated,
Exposed to the elements for ages past.
Above the village, and nigh unto my own,
Another hill, with grass-green slopes rears its head.
Along the top, side by side, in solemn line,
Five "tumuli" I see, graves of warriors,
Warrior heroes of old, heroes who fought
And fell, true to the last, true to their own cause.
There amidst the heather and the gorse I lay,
Thinking freely of the men of long ago.
Far away I saw the distant bright blue sea,
Rippling on the beach and white chalk cliffs.
And as I gazed, I felt one great thrill of pride,
That this, this should be my own native country.
Free was I, in a free land, but at what price?
How many gallant heroes had sacrificed
Their lives that this, this, our lovely island home
Might know, know and feel the freedom which she does?
And as I thought I fell flat upon my back,
Staring at the bright blue sky, the fleecy clouds.
The sun, already climbing to his full height,
Warmed me and I fell into a reverie.

II.

THE SECRET OF THE HILLS.

Suddenly I woke, my senses all alert,
What was that? Something moved beyond the bushes,
A stealthy figure passed, casting a shadow
Right across the very spot on which I lay.
Another passed, another still, full fifty,
Full fifty darkish shapes crossed before my eyes.
Then something slipped, a stone went rattling downwards,
Down, down, right down to the level plain below,
Jumping, crashing, hopping, clatt'ring on its way.
A shout arose; from the midst of the bushes,
A host of figures swarmed, their helmets glist'ning,
Shining, sparkling in the sun, their swords flashing.
Up the hill they rushed, shouting, yelling madly.
In their midst, a fine gold-emblazoned standard,
Borne by a mighty giant, cheered the armed hosts on.
Suddenly from the hill-top a boulder rolled,
Came crashing down upon the seething masses
Scrambling to reach the chalk summit of the hill.
A mighty roar arose, the shout of thousands,
As from the clump of trees above, from hollows,
From opposite slopes, another host appeared.
A wild host, men from the hills, clothed in sheep-skins,
Their faces painted a weird, terrible blue;
Brandishing weapons, they rushed upon the foe.
With awful cries, the forces met in conflict,
Fighting madly, striking fiercely, right and left.
Hastily I rose; t'was no fit place for me.
Crouching behind a bush, I waited, watching,
Suddenly I started, gasping with surprise,
For there, fighting like the rest, clad in sheep skins,
With dyed face, with long hair waving in the breeze,
Yelling, shouting like the rest, I saw—myself!
I looked, I saw, and then, seeing, realised,
For, seeing but unseen, hearing but unheard,
I saw as in a trance, myself, the doings,
Doings of myself two thousands years ago!
For full twenty minutes waged the gruesome fight,
Till suddenly t'was o'er, the end as sudden
As the start. The drilled and disciplined soldiers,
The soldiers who had run shouting up the hill,
Turned and quickly fled, for very life itself,
Fled helter-skelter down to the plain below.
With triumphant yells the savages followed,
Slaying all their would-be conquerors who lagged.
The foremost fugitives had reached the level plain,
When from the right and from the left, chariots,
War chariots, filled with savages dashed out,
Dashed out from underneath the slope of the hill.
Not one of those helmeted soldiers escaped.
Britons had triumphed; the Romans were vanquished.
But lo! round about the scenery was changed.
No modern village stood just beneath the hill.
No "tumuli" stood out against the sky-line.
No high road, no Roman road wound North and South.
A row of rough mud huts stretched along the plain.
Above, a row of caves were cut in the chalk.
To these caves it was that the Britons retired
After the battle, having slaughtered their foes.
That night the fires were kindled in the mud huts.
At the entrance to the caves great beacons flared.
I saw myself, gathered with the other chiefs
Round those roaring furnaces, those walls of fire,
Rejoicing and sacrificing to their gods,
Giving thanks for the mighty victory won.
Next morning twenty warriors of the tribe,
Twenty picked men set out to go ahunting,
To provide their chieftains with their daily food.
Thus I watched myself live among my fellows,
Hunting, fighting, worshipping, sleeping as they
But one day, one late ev'ning, disaster came.
Lulled by success into false security,
The Britons failed to watch for attacking foes.
One evening, one summer evening while they slept,
A Roman legion crept up and round the hill.
A sudden mighty shout rent the cool night air,
A sudden flash of weapons in the moonlight
Roused the unsuspecting natives from their rest.
Too late, the warning cry arose from the caves.
The Roman hosts soon o'erpowered their helpless foes.
The Britons fell fighting, struggling to the last.
Not one of those savage heroes escaped death.
No quarter asked, no quarter given, the fight,
Unequal from the start, ended in a trice.
The caves were spoilt, the rude mud huts demolished.
Next day the Roman legion, bearing their dead,
Their own dead, with the dead of the enemy,
Marched to the summit of the neighbouring hill.
Here the fallen were buried, five mounds of earth,
Five large "tumuli" were ranged along the top;
And here the dead were lain, lain for the last time.
The time rolled on. A small town was built inland,
A rough road was made, climbing over the hills.
No more the light of fires illumined the slopes;
No more the hills re-echoed to the shouts,
The shouts of Britons, free men in a free land.

III.

AT DUSK.

Suddenly I started, started to my feet,
I stretched my limbs and rubbed my eyes. I had slept.
The shadows were creeping over the open land;
The birds were flying homewards, crying softly,
Crying softly to each other as they went.
I started forward, but as I moved my feet,
I kicked something on the ground, some hard object.
I stooped to pick it up, and as I did so,
There flashed into my mind a dream, the same dream
As I had dreamt while I slept upon the hill.
For there, before my eyes, there lay a weapon,
A stone weapon, worn with age. I picked it up.
Here was a trophy worth having. I had dreamt.
But somehow this dream was unlike other dreams.
No dream I dreamt before had left behind it
A proof like this, so striking an impression.
I looked about me; there were the "tumuli,"
There the village, the high road, the Roman road,
All the familiar things I had known of old.
Then I raised my eyes and looked towards the West,
The blood-red sun was sinking below the hills.
Slowly I descended the green, grassy slope.
Now I knew the reason why I always loved
This beautiful county of the West so well!

JOHN P. B. CLARK.
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MARINE BLOGGS'S NEW YEAR.

By Jack Courtenay.

"I never did 'old much with New Year festivities," said Marine Harris J. Bloggs, when I sought a New Year's story suitable for the *Globe and Laurel*. "I never finds as I've recovered sufficient from Christmas to start any more celebrations. I remember I did once 'see in' the New Year, but it weren't hintentional; it just 'appened."

"Tell me about it," I urged. Bloggs will always trust me; and I shall always betray him by writing his yarns—but I know he likes to see them in print!

"It was in the old 'Discord,'" he went on. "I was doin' Sergeants' cook at the time. The Sergeant-Major was a red-'eaded Scotsman o' the name o' Mac Phee, an' 'is temper was much the same colour as 'is 'air. 'E was all right so long as everythink went smooth, but once 'e was roused—well, you'd 'a' felt safer with a ichthyosaurus or such-like bird.

"'E was all for keepin' up a lot of old Scots customs, and among them was wot 'e called 'Ogmanay. Nobody knew at first just wot that might be, but we gathered after a bit that it was just New Year—nuthink more nor nuthink less.

"It was in early November, in the second year of the commission, that I noticed as the Sergeant-Major weren't takin' 'is tot regular. At the same time I noticed as a 'uge stone jar in the mess 'ad began to get 'eavier an' 'eavier each day. 'Ho,' says I, 'this is either for Christmas or the New Year. Stripey don't 'old with Christmas, so you can bet yer last tanner as 'e hintends to celebrate 'is bloomin' 'Ogmanay in style.'

"Christmas passed, an' still that there jar went on gettin' 'eavier. By the last day o' December I reckoned as it must be pretty near full. Then the calamity 'appened.

"I went into the mess at dinner-time an' there was the Sergeant-Major, 'is 'air, 'is face, 'is temper an' the atmosphere around 'im all the same colour—bright red. Without no warnin' 'e seized me by me collar an' dragged me 'alf acrost the table.

"'Noo, ye thievin' keelie,' he bellowed, 'where hae ye put it? Oot wi' it, dam' ye.'

"'Wot's this all about, Major?' I gasps. 'Out with wot?'

"'Dinnie pretend ye no ken whit it's a' aboot,' 'e says. 'Whit hae ye done wi' me jar-r, ye hoond o' the de'il?'

"Then I tumbles to it. 'Wot, the jar o' rum?' I says. 'I ain't touched it. It was in 'ere not an hour back.'

"'Och, then ye kennt whit was in it,' he fumed. 'A'll hae ye ken it's no here the noo. But it wull be here before long, ye loot, or A'll sor-r-t ye. A'll mak' tha' ugly dial o' yourn look like a haggis. Get to hell oot o' here an' go seek it!' And 'e slung me out through the bloomin' door.

"I picked meself up an' collected me brains together. I knew as 'ow there'd be the devil to pay if that there rum weren't found mighty quick. So I walked for'ard to tell Lampie about it.

"But I never found 'im, an' this is for why. Just as I passed the Petty Officers' Mess I spotted that there jar o' rum. It was in the mess, and 'ung on to it was Petty Officer Snebbs. 'E was in the act of 'idin' it be'ind a curtain.

"Well, I knowed as it were no good me tryin' to tackle 'im on me own. Such a big, burly feller 'e was, all o' seventeen stone. So I nipped aft an' told the Sergeant-Major wot I'd seen.

"'The de'il ye did,' bawled Stripey. 'A'll learn the thievin' great rhino. A'll show tha' big slab o' mischief to tak' anither man's proper-r-ty.' An' off 'e goes for'ard, me followin' of 'im.

"When we got to the Petty Officers' Mess, there was Snebbs sittin' readin' the Pink 'Un as calm as you like. The Sergeant-Major barged in upon 'im like a red-faced dragon, spittin' fire an' curses. 'Noo, ye bur-r-glin' swine o' hell,' he thundered. 'A'll hae to trouble ye for-r the jar-r ye stole fra' me.' That weren't all 'e said; not by a long chalk. I couldn't repeat the adjectives.

"P.O. Snebbs looked at me flabbergasted-like, an' taps 'is 'ead with 'is forefinger. 'Wot's up with 'im?' 'e asks me disinterested.

"'Ye ken dam' weel whit A mean,' yelled Stripey. 'A wish ma jar-r o' r-rum that's behind yon cur-r-tain.'

"'Then I much regrets as you'll 'ave to wish again. 'Ave yer really sunk so low as to try an' pinch a bloke's 'ard-saved tots?'

"'It's no yourn, ye low-doon animal, an' weel ye ken it. Ye stole it fra' me, ye hoond.'

"'It strikes me, Sergeant-Major MacPhee, as you've bin drinkin', or else it's more serious still. It's not the Petty Officers' Mess you wants, it's the Sick Bay.'

"Old Stripey got redder an' 'otter than ever. 'If ye dinnie hand ower tha' jar-r,' he shouts, 'A'll hae the Jaunty on ye for steelin' ither folks' belongings.'

"'An' there's many folks,' puts in Snebbs slyly, 'as 'd be hinterested to 'ear as the Sergeant-Major's bin savin' up 'is tots. You comes in 'ere, uses the most disgustin' langwidge, an' tries to bluff a pore feller into partin' with 'is 'ard-earned savings. Shame on you! You're a disgrace to yer Royal Corps. An' you'd better get out of 'ere before you makes any more fools o' yerself.'

"Stripey evidentally knowed as 'e was beaten. Any'ow 'e took 'isself off, an' we 'eard 'is curses dyin' away as 'e went aft.

"'E wants lookin' after,' says the P.O. to me. 'E'll be 'avin' a stroke if 'e goes on like that. An' such blasphemy! The very idear as I'd steal 'is blinkin' rum!'

"'Just between you an' me, Petty Officer Snebbs,' says I, 'it's as well as 'e *as* lost 'is rum.'

"'Don't believe as 'e ever 'ad any.'

"'Ho yus 'e did,' I whispers, 'but 'e couldn't never 'ave drunk it.'

"'Oh? An' for why?' asks Snebbs, interested.

"'Cos,' says I, 'it ain't drinkable. When I was cleanin' out the mess last Wednesday I opens the jar

to 'ave a little cheap refreshment. Then I 'ears a noise outside o' the mess an', bein' in a 'urry to put the rum back in its place, I drops a bottle of ammonia wot I 'ad in me 'and. It falls on the jar an' smashes to atoms, an' the best part o' 'alf a pint of ammonia gets in with the rum. I was workin' meself up to tell 'im to-day; a job I didn't fancy at all. Now I've bin saved the trouble, see?'

"Petty Officer Snebbs said nuthink. 'E looked sort of unsociable, so I left 'im.

"Just before midnight that night I thought as I'd take a quiet walk around the upper deck. So I waited for the Corporal o' the Gangway to pass on 'is rounds, an' up I goes.

"When I got to the main 'atch amidships I looked down an' see the light from the corporal's lantern disappearing past No. 58 bulk'ead for'ard. Then, all of a sudden, one of the 'ammicks below me seemed to be movin'. 'Ho-ho,' I says, an' I waited.

"The figure in the 'ammick lowered itself gently to the deck, tucked somethink under its arm an' moved stealthy-like towards a scuttle.

"Quick as a bloke tryin' to catch the last boat ashore, I nipped across to the ship's side an', before you could say 'Arris J. Bloggs,' I was 'angin' over the guard rail an' lowerin' a mess tin under that there scuttle.

"When sixteen bells struck I drank a silent toast to the New Year, with which I coupled the name of the Sergeant-Major. 'E never knew it. 'E was that downcast an' morbid 'e'd turned in early an' was slung not ten yards from me. "Nor couldn't 'e ever understand why there was a good two tots o' rum at the bottom o' the mess tin next mornin'.

"No more couldn't I!"

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES

(AND OTHERS).

"I say, what's the difference between a Vickers gun and a Lewis?"

The Authority: "Why—one sometimes stops, and t'other sometimes goes."—"The Queen's Own Gazette."

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Most Marines are good spenders. Very few of them can be classified as tight-wads. But Sandy McTavish had a rep. as a nickel nurser that would make old John D. run away. In fact, it was rumoured around the barracks that Sandy was so tight he could walk under a snake without taking off his campaign hat.

It so happened that Sandy met a young lady who held down a steady job in a department store. On Sunday he dolled up in his "blues," called on his lady friend, and proposed that they take a little ride on the trolley to an amusement park.

Sandy and his fair one strolled around the park, taking in all the free exhibitions, and then they trolleyed home. The entire outing had set Sandy back just twenty cents.

Now Sandy's lady friend didn't belong to the modern school of flappers, but she was human. She was quite fed up with Sandy's liberality and decided to give him a gentle hint.

When they arrived at her doorstep, she reached in her purse, handed him ten cents and said with a touch of sarcasm: "Thank you, Sandy. I've had a lovely time. Here's my ten cents for the car fare."

"Oh, that's all right," said Sandy, as he pocketed the dime and started for the barracks. "There's no hurry for the money. Saturday would have been time enough."

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The new C.O.'s orderly started in the first day to prove that he was a live wire. A rookie sentry in charge of prisoners had policed up the office an hour earlier, but the new orderly was not satisfied with their work. He dusted everything in the place, arranged all the books in orderly rows, wiped over the windows, and saw there was still room for improvement.

A bottle on a nearby mantelpiece caught his eye. The bottle was filled with a thick brown liquid. Pouring some of it on a rag, the orderly vigorously polished the top of the C.O.'s desk until it glistened. Pleased with the result, he emptied the bottle while giving the same treatment to the chairs, table and other office furniture.

When the C.O. arrived his new orderly was waiting, trim and immaculate in his "blues," to render a snappy salute.

The C.O. entered briskly, walked straight to the mantelpiece, then turned and addressed the Marine.

"Orderly," he said, "have you seen my cough mixture?"

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Sandy was ambling around the Post Exchange when a sign in the tobacco section caught his eye. Leaning coyly against a box of parlour matches was a sign: "One thousand matches for a nickel." Sandy invested.

Half an hour later Sandy was hustling back to the Post Exchange with fire in his eye.

"What's the trouble, Sandy?" asked a Marine.

"Trouble!" snorted Sandy. "I paid those birds in the Post Exchange a nickel for a thousand matches, and they've gyped me out of seven matches."

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Parson—Are you superstitious, Rastus?

Rastus—No, sah, But jest becuz I'se not believin' in ghosts is no reason fer me to go roun' lookin' for any.—"The Leatherneck."

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Officer (to recruit)—Goodness gracious man, where are your shots going? Every one has missed the target.

Soldier (nervously)—I don't know, sir. They left here all right.

A coloured soldier was on sentry for the first time in his life. A dark form approached him. "Halt!" he cried in a threatening tone. "Who are you?"

"The officer of the day."

"Advance!"

The O.D. advanced, but before he had proceeded half a dozen steps the dusky sentinel again cried "Halt!"

"This is the second time you've halted me," observed the O.D. "What are you going to do next?"

"Never you mind what Ah's gonna do. Ma orders are to call "Halt!" three times, den shoot."—"The Faugh-a-Ballagh."

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Sandy died, and ascending to Heaven knocked at the door. Peter appeared, and asked his name. "Mc Nab," said Sandy. "Sorry," said Peter abruptly, "You can't come in." "Why not?" said McNab. "I've lived a blameless life." "That may be," said Peter, "but none the less you cannot come in; we can't be bothered making porridge for one up here."—"Lookout."

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A humorist in the fruit industry thus discourses on the apple, according to the "Fruit Grower." Apples are born on trees, spend a large part of their lives in barrels, and are buried in pies. One variety is known as the Pearmain. These have a rosy skin, and frequently look better than they are. Apples, unlike melons, are eaten from the outside in, instead of the inside out, but, sometimes, when green, produce an inside-out sensation. The only portion of an apple that cannot be eaten is the core; on reaching that part of the fruit you may want more, but are compelled to stop; hence the origin of the familiar "Encore." The apple is popularly believed to have caused the first fall of man, but since then the banana has given it a hard race, with the orange peel a good second. The three personages who have done the most to make the apple famous are Adam, William Tell and Applejack.

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"Will you let me kiss you if I give you a penny?" asked the little boy's aunt. "A penny!" he exclaimed. 'Why, I get more than that for taking castor oil."—"Tit-Bits."

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"What is the surest cure for love at first sight?"

"Second sight."—"Stanford Chaparral."

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With magisterial eye the J.P. regarded the defendant.

"I seem to know your face," he mused. "I know it well. Have you been in this court before?"

"No sir," replied the man behind the railings.

"Have you seen me before?"

"Yus, sir."

"Often?"

"Yus, sir."

"And what's your trade?"

"Please, sir," he blurted, "I'm barman at the King's 'Ead."—"On the March."

He that knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool—shun him.

He that knows not, and knows that he knows not, is a child—teach him.

He that knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep—wake him.

He that knows, and knows that he knows, is a wise man—follow him.

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Mother: "Mary, run and see whether the cake is done. Put a knife in it, and if it comes out clean——"

Father: "Put all the others in!"

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The Officer Commanding the Depot was interrogating a squad of recruits on the barrack square. They had just received an elementary lesson in charging the magazine and loading the rifle. Turning to a recruit who comes from Lancashire, he said: "Now tell me in your own words exactly what you do when you load your rifle."

Recruit: "I open t'bottom and put four i' t'tin box and one i' t'tunnel."

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Sentry" writes: "I am troubled with severe headaches while on guard duty. What should I do?"

We have replied: "Walk rapidly up and down your post. In from two to four hours you will be relieved."

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NOTES ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF MACHINE-GUNS.

By Captain J. T. Selby Tuppen, R.M.

During the Army manœuvres of this year it was invariably stated by machine-gun officers that the reasons they avoided indirect fire were :—

(a) the time it took to work out the fire order, and
(b) the possibilities of mistakes in working out the fire order.

A certain amount can be said in support of these reasons.

As regards (a), the average time required to work out a fire order for indirect fire, by any method other than the "post method," is about twelve minutes ; and, unless a highly-trained personnel is used, the time will be nearer twenty minutes. As regards (b), a mistake of 1° in direction at 2300 yards (a normal range for machine-guns) will cause a lateral error of 40 yards at the target.

With these facts before us, the question arises : Is it ever absolutely necessary to employ indirect fire? The answer is undoubtedly "yes"—and for the following three well-known reasons :—

1. An obstruction, such as a hill, might be half-way along the line of sight.
2. Smoke, or bursting shells, might obscure the target.
3. Hedges or woods might be on the line of sight.

Therefore, the machine-gun officer, whilst bearing in mind that he should use direct fire wherever possible, must at all times be prepared to use indirect fire when the situation demands it.

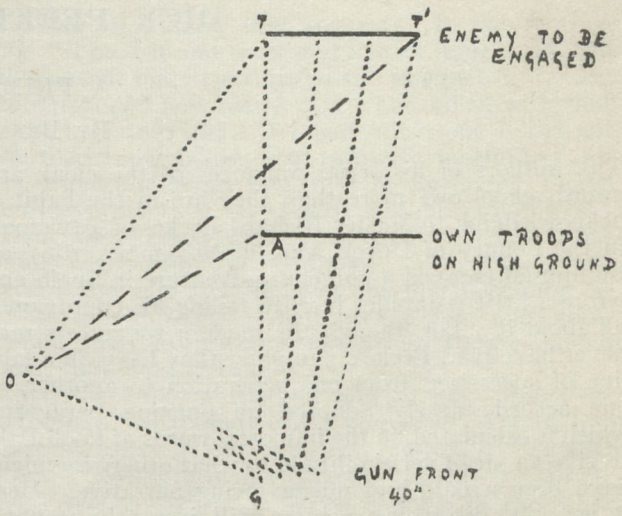
With regard to (a), he must realise that, though it takes a long time to work out a fire order for indirect fire, he is provided with a horse, and it should be made full use of whilst his platoon, or section, is marching to the area which he is going to select for it to occupy. He can go on ahead with his senior section commander, if a platoon, and range-taker, and having decided upon the area, he will find he has sufficient time to work out most of what is required for the fire order before the platoon arrives.

With regard to (b), the obvious remedy is continual practice, both for the officers, and the sub-section sergeants.

The following is an example of a position in which a section might very easily find itself : the necessary working is shown, and the complete Fire Order is given.

Note.—Range-finders, directors, plotters and range tables are supplied to all machine-gun platoons.

Situation.—The section commander has told his senior sub-section commander to bring the section into action about G (below). Owing to a hill between this position and the target, he has gone to O in order to work out his fire order, and to observe the fire of the section. He has ordered all guns to be paralleled on to O.



From O, the range-taker says :—
OT = 1900 yds.
OA = 1300 yds.
OT′ = 1950 yds.
OG = 1000 yds.

From O, the director says :—
∠ TOG = 70°
∠ AOG = 54°
∠ T′OG = 67°

∴ By plotter :—
GT = 1800 yds.
GA = 1100 yds.
∠ T′GO = 82°
∠ TGO = 79°

∴ ∠ T′GT = 3°, and by V.1. graph target is 94 yds. wide, 40 yds. gun front.

54 yds. extra front to be engaged, and by V.1. graph this = 1° 44′

Thus far, the Fire Order will be as follows :—

All guns right 79°
Out target posts
Distribution
No. 4 gun *nil*
No. 3 gun right 35″
No. 2 gun right 1° 10″
No. 1 gun right 1° 45″

From O, the angle of sight
to T = + 2°
to A = + 1°
to G = — 4°

∴ by V.1. graph O is
68 yds. below T
23 yds. below A
70 yds. above G

∴ if gun is at zero, A is 93 yds. above it, and if gun is at zero, T is 138 yds. above it.

By Q.A. graph, elevation required to hit target = 7° 40″.

Centre shot of cone passes 40 yds. over the heads of our own troops, and the lowest shot of the cone will pass 35 yds. over the heads of our own troops.

By Q.A. graph it will therefore be safe to fire over the heads of our own troops.

The remainder of the Fire Order is as follows :—

Elevation 7° 40″.
Load!
All guns 15″ right and left.
Fire!
Stop! All guns up 10″. Go on.

DICK PEEKE OF TAVISTOCK.

A PRIMITIVE MARINE.

By Bennet Copplestone.

The authors of historical romances of the cloak and sword school owe more than they are in the habit of acknowledging to Master Richard Peeke, of Tavistock, in the County of Devon who, in November, 1625, all by himself enjoyed a gorgeous adventure in Spain and wrote a little pamphlet in 1626 telling his countrymen all about it. For, though the modern romancers may never have read Peeke's pamphlet they have, in a long line of succession from one generation to another, of one accord eagerly adopted an opening paragraph which is calculated, in the immortal words of Pooh Bah, to give an air of verisimilitude to what otherwise might have been a bald and unconvincing narrative. Here it is; my discerning readers will instantly respond to the familiar note which it strikes:

"I know not what the Court of a King means, nor what the fine phrases of Courtiers are. A good Ship I know and a poor Cabin, and the language of a Cannon. And therefore as my Breeding has been Rough (scorning Delicacy), and my Present Being consisteth altogether upon the Soldier (blunt, plain and unpolished), so must my Writings be, proceeding from fingers fitter for the Pike than the Pen. And so (kind Countrymen) I pray receive them. Neither ought you to expect better from me, because I am but the Chronicler of my own Story."

We have no reason to suspect the veracity of the good Peeke, highly coloured though his story is. He did, beyond a doubt, sail as a volunteer with Sir Edward Cecil's comedy of an expedition against Cadiz in the autumn of 1625. And he did, also beyond a doubt, publish his pamphlet in or about the following year, addressing it to His Excellent Majesty Charles I in the piously fulsome language appropriate to the times.

Peeke's story begins with the attack on Fort Puntal, which commanded the sea approaches to the inner harbour and the land approach to Cadiz. Cecil had arrived on a Saturday afternoon; Puntal was bombarded and carried on the Sunday. But the tactical moment had passed. Cadiz had, since Cecil arrived, been reinforced and provisioned and was impregnable to assault. All that he could attempt before the late season and his own shortage of stores drove him to hasten back to England, was to seize the Bridge of Suazo, connecting Cadiz with the mainland (too late), to go after the Spanish ships which sheltered in the inner harbour (they were already safe), and to look out for the coming of the Plate Fleet (which was waiting down South till he had gone).

On the Monday morning, Cecil, with his raw army of pressed, untrained troops, set off for the Bridge of Suazo, and Dick Peeke (who describes himself as no land soldier), having nothing better to do, thought that he would take a stroll ashore. The army had marched away to the left of him, and Cadiz lay unmasked on his right and no more than two miles distant. For a man to venture himself thus alone in an enemy's country—an enemy, too, who was intensely exasperated by the English piratical raid—was for that man to ask for trouble. But as other men were doing the same heedless thing, and he desired to sample the Spanish oranges and lemons of which he had heard, Peeke "ventured on shore, to refresh myself, with my sword only by my side; because I thought that the late storms (the assault upon Puntal) had beaten all the Spaniards in, and therefore I feared no danger." He proceeded "softly," and presently met other foreigners who had found and were taking back to the ships the fruit for which Peeke was seeking. This encouraged him to go on for a mile—bear in mind that Cadiz, garrisoned by four thousand Spanish soldiers, was no further than another mile.

It was then that he received his first shock. At his feet, lying in the sandpits of the Island of Leon, were the dead bodies of three Englishmen, and, a short distance away, a fourth man not fully dead. Peeke, a typical son of Devon in his insensibility to danger and in his native kindliness, resolved to carry this wounded man back to the ships if by any effort of his it could be managed. But his good work was rudely interrupted. Upon him, spurring fiercely through the heavy sand, fell a fully-armed Knight, one Don Juan of Cadiz. Peeke whipped out his own blade, wrapped his cloak as a buckler round his left arm, and met the horseman's assault as best he could. So began a pretty fight among the sand bunkers—I employ this word because from Peeke's description the spit of land which connects Cadiz with Fort Puntal was a fine bit of natural golf country. To and fro they fought, until Peeke contrived to climb to the top of a sandhill, and gained a decided advantage of ground. Don Juan, who had come out without pistols, charged up the hill trying to ride over Peeke. But our excellent Dick blinded the horse by throwing his cloak over its eyes, and then, side-stepping, unseated the rider. Peeke now had Don Juan at the point of his sword, but elected to spare his life and to collect something on account of his future ransom. In the days of Dick Peeke defeated common soldiers were slaughtered out of hand, but knights could usually buy their lives from their conquerors.

Here then we have Don Juan, who had surrendered and been granted quarter in due form, lying on the ground being gone over by Peeke in approved fashion. The search yielded no more than five pieces of eight (dollars), or twenty shillings English, and Peeke was trying to discover on the man a more ample reward for his trouble—"he had gold but that I could not come by"—when the play was interrupted by the intrusion of fourteen Spanish musketeers. It was now poor Dick's turn to surrender, and Don Juan's to show that, though a Spanish knight, he was no gentleman. This man, as soon as Peeke's hands had been bound and he had regained his surrendered sword, thrust Peeke through the face "from ear to ear," and would have slain him had not the fourteen musketeers—who were gentlemen—promptly interfered. Upon this Dick Peeke

" was led in triumph into the town of Cadiz ; an owl not more wondered and hooted at ; a dog not more cursed."

The conduct of the Spanish officers and soldiers stands out brightly by contrast with that of the scurvy dog, Don Juan, who was severely rebuked by his superiors for his baseness. No one ill-treated Peeke in Cadiz except a Fleming, who in order to demonstrate his noisy loyalty to the Spanish cause, drove a halberd into Peeke's back " at the least four inches." The fine old Governor of Cadiz, Don Fernando de Giron—a gouty warrior who had saved his city in its emergency—sent for Peeke and, finding him suffering from wounds in the face and groin, gave " express charge that the best surgeons should be sent for, lest being so basely hurt and handled by cowards, I should be demanded at his hands."

Dick Peeke lay in Cadiz for eighteen days, recovering from his hurts, and in due course learned that the raiding squadron had departed. Cecil did his best for the gentleman volunteer. He sent three men to Cadiz to enquire after him, and to offer any reasonable ransom, but the Spaniards, thinking that they had seized a better prize than Peeke was, denied him and would not part from him.

Presently came the order to send Dick Peeke to Xeres—where the sherry comes from—a town on the mainland some three leagues from Cadiz. Thither he went, " wondrously unwilling," because he feared that he would be put to the torture. His first experiences at Xeres were not calculated to soften his apprehensions. He was visited by two friars, both of them Irishmen, who having cheerfully threatened him with death on the morrow, invited him to confess his sins to them and tried to draw him into a discussion on the Pope. Even three hundred years ago the Pope was the principal controversial topic among Irishmen of all creeds. Peeke refused all knowledge of the Pope, good or bad, and declined the friars' ghostly offices of confession. " They, thereupon, shaking their heads, told me they were sorry for me, and so departed."

Dick Peeke does not explain how the Spaniards had come to so extravagant a notion of his importance. They had refused to let him be ransomed, and now they brought him before a Court of Inquiry, consisting of " three Dukes, four Condes or Earls, four Marquises, besides other great persons." Peeke must have swanked more than a bit while in captivity, though he professes ignorance of Courts and of the fine phrases of silken courtiers. No common adventurer could have so impressed the experienced Spanish nobles as he did. Peeke must have had personality and an air of convincing swagger to make three dukes, four condes or earls, four marquises, " besides other great persons," treat him as they would have done a captured Cecil or Essex. I feel sure—though evidence is wholly lacking—that Peeke's artful hints conveyed the notion that if not the titular Commander-in-Chief of the English forces he was someone very high up indeed.

Peeke's examination before that gilded Court is so excellently well told that I must give it in his own words, with nothing altered but the spelling and punctuation.

" At my first appearing before the Lords, my sword lying before them on the table, the Duke of Medina asked me ' if I knew that weapon.' It was reached to me. I took it and embraced it with mine arms, and with tears in mine eyes kissed the pommel of it. He then demanded how many men I had killed with that weapon ? I told him ' If I had killed one I had not been there now before that princely assembly ; for when I had him at my foot, begging for mercy, I gave him life, yet he, then very poorly, did me a mischief.'

Then they asked Don Juan (my prisoner) what wounds I gave him. He said none. Upon this he was rebuked and told that if upon our first encounter he had run me through, it had been a fair and noble triumph ; but so to wound me, being in the hands of others, they held it base.

Then the Duke of Medina said to me, ' Come on, Englishman, what ship came you in ? ' I told him ' The *Convertine*.' ' Who was your Captain ? ' ' Captain Porter.' ' What ordnance carried your ship ? ' I said, ' Forty pieces.' But the Lords looking all this while on a paper, which they held in their hands, the Duke of Medina said that in their note there were but thirty-eight." . . .

[Both were wrong. Charles Derrick, Esq., of the Navy Office, in his " Memoirs of the Rise and Progress of the Royal Navy," 1806, gives the *Convertine*'s guns as thirty-four.]

. . . " In that paper—as after I was informed by my two Irish interpreters (the friars)—there was set down the number of our ships, their burden, men, munition, victuals, captains, etc., as perfect as we ourselves had them in England.

' Of what strength,' quoth another Duke, ' is the fort at Plymouth ? ' I answered, ' Very strong.' ' What ordnance in it ? ' ' Fifty,' said I. ' That is not so,' said he, ' there are but seventeen. How many soldiers are in the fort ? ' I answered, ' Two hundred.' ' That is not so,' quoth a Conde, ' there are but twenty.'

The Marquis Alquemenez asked me ' Of what strength the little island was before Plymouth ? ' I told him I knew not. ' Then,' quoth he, ' we do.'

' Is Plymouth a walled town ? ' ' Yes, my Lords.' ' And a good wall ? ' ' Yes,' said I, ' a very good wall.' ' True,' says a Duke, ' to leap over with a staff.' ' And hath the town,' said the Duke of Medina, ' strong gates ? ' ' Yes.' ' But,' quoth he, ' there was no wood nor iron to those gates but two days before your fleet came away.' "

[Peeke then stops to explain that the two Irish confessors had been in England during the summer and seen the preparations for the Expedition at Plymouth.]

" ' How did it chance,' said the Duke Giron, ' that you did not in all this bravery of the fleet take Cadiz as you took Puntal ? ' I replied that the Lord General might easily have taken Cadiz, for he had near a thousand scaling ladders to set up and a thousand men to lose ; but he was loth to rob an almshouse, having a better market to go to. ' Cadiz,' I told them, ' was held poor, unmanned, and unmunitioned.' ' What better market ? ' said Medina. I told them Genoa or Lisbon. And as I heard there was instantly, upon this, an army of six thousand soldiers sent to Lisbon.

' Then,' quoth one of the Earls, ' when thou meetest me in Plymouth, wilt thou bid me welcome ? ' I modestly told him I could wish they would not hastily

come to Plymouth, for they would find it another manner of place than as now they slighted it.

Many others questions were put to me by those great dons, which so well as God would enable me I answered. They speaking in Spanish, and their words being interpreted to me by those two Irishmen before spoken of, who also related my several answers to the Lords."

This Court of Inquiry was held in public, and though Peeke was guarded by a hundred musketeers and his person was safe, he was subjected all through by the common people to many jeerings, mockeries, scorns, and bitter jests flung at himself and his country. His ignorance of Spanish protected him from most of this ill-disciplined annoyance, but the members of the Court were affected by it, and presently tempers began to grow hot. After the interchange of some rather poor jests about soldiers and hens the Duke of Medina —who hitherto had treated Peeke with courtesy— asked him if he would dare fight with "one of these Spanish pullets." Peeke, who had seen trouble coming, was prepared with an adroit and bold answer:

"Oh, my Lord," said I, "I am a prisoner and my life at stake, and therefore dare not be so bold to adventure upon any such action. There were here of us English some fourteen thousand, in which number there were above twelve thousand better and stouter men than ever I shall be. Yet with the licence of this Princely Assembly I dare hazard the breaking of a rapier." Peeke added in the best style of the historical romancer: "He is unworthy of the name of Englishman that should refuse to fight with one man of any nation whatsoever."

They took him at his word, ordered his bonds to be cast off, and gave him the approved weapons, rapier and dagger, to make good his boast. A Spanish champion, one Señor Tiago, was put up to maintain the honour of Spain. It was a fight scrupulously fair, in which Peeke was quickly victorious. In fencing with rapier and dagger, the long dagger held point upwards in the left hand took the place of the old-fashioned buckler—it was the main guard of the body. The steel basket hilt was furnished with two prongs, or bars, with which an adroit fencer caught his opponent's rapier blade and deftly twisting snapped it short off. It was in this fashion that Peeke disarmed the Spanish champion and delivered up his weapons to the Dukes. Meanwhile his escort of musketeers held the ring clear from disturbance by the ill-mannered crowd.

Peeke was pressed to fight another Spanish champion, yet persisted in his refusal. He knew, he says, the Spanish pride and feared revenge, "implacable, mortal, and bloody." He realised that if he were set to fight a succession of champions, one down another come on, he must presently be defeated and slain. Yet fearing to displease the princely Assembly and seeing his life in the Lion's paw, he made a famous offer to play a game against odds from which he might be sure to win respect if not safety. If, said Peeke, he were permitted to play at his own country weapon, the quarter staff, he was ready to meet anyone they cared to call forth.

He was handed the steel shaft of a halberd from which the head had been unscrewed. At the butt end of this staff Peeke observed a useful spike. With this weapon, strange to his opponents though in his own skilled hands of terrible efficiency, Peeke stood forth and challenged all.comers. We will resume his own story:

"At the last a handsome and well spirited Spaniard steps forth with his rapier and poniard. They asked me what I said to him. I told them I had a sure friend in my hand, that never failed me, and therefore made little account of that one to play with, and should show them no sport. Then a second (armed as before) presents himself. I demanded if there would come no more? The Dukes asked how many I desired. I told them any number under six. Which resolution of mine they smiling at in a kind of scorn, held it not manly (it seemed) nor fit for their own honours, and glory of their Nation, to worry one man with a multitude. And therefore appointed three only (so weaponed) to enter into the lists.

"Now, Gentlemen, if here you condemn me, for plucking with mine own hands so assured danger upon mine own head, accept of these reasons for excuse:

"To die I thought it most certain, but to die basely I would not. For three to kill one had been to me no dishonour; to them (weapons considered) no glory. An honourable subjection I esteemed better than an ignoble conquest. Upon these thoughts I fell to it."

Peeke's halberd staff of steel, armed at the butt end with a stout spike, was a much more formidable weapon than the English quarter staff of oak or ash. Held near the middle, with hands some eighteen inches apart, it formed an almost perfect guard against a rapier, and swung with both hands together from the right or from the left it could not be parried with a light sword. Take a six-foot crowbar and try a swipe with it. Further Peeke, by letting go with one hand, and thrusting spike forward in bayonet fashion, had nearly double the reach of a man with a rapier. He was not swaggering when he described a fight with his halberd shaft against one man as "no sport," and even against three he could hold his own, provided that no one of them edged round against his undefended back while he was engaging the other two. His great danger lay in being tired out by the three lightly armed and equipped men, who could keep him moving at pleasure. Had the three Spaniards bided their time they must have slain Peeke, but being Spaniards and hot-headed fighters they allowed Peeke to get within thrust and swing of them and to put forth assaults against which they had no guard.

We can reconstruct the whole scene from Peeke's simple description. On one side sat the rows of Dukes, Condes and Marquises on benches. The other three sides of the ring were held by the musketeers. Beyond and trying to get a glimpse of the sport, surged the rabble of common folk. The three Spaniards, unversed in quarter staff play, yet suspecting that there was more in it than met the eye, kept moving and drawing Peeke after them. He also acting with caution seems to have kept in reserve the most dangerous strokes in his bag, and contented himself with parrying any attempts to get close in with the rapiers. "Shouts echoed to Heaven to encourage the Spaniards; not a shout nor hand to

hearten the poor Englishman. Only Heaven I had in mine eye, the honour of my Country in my heart, my Fame at the stake, my Life on a narrow bridge, and Death before me and behind me."

Peeke's tactics began to bear fruit. The Spaniards, who had kept him traversing the ground while they tried out the capabilities of his strange weapon, and urged on no doubt by the howls of the mob to go in and win, went in at Peeke all together. That was exactly what our Dick wanted, and, though wearied, was able to throw into action his full strength and the deadly strokes of his steel shaft. A bayonet thrust, spike forwards, caught one opponent and slew him outright, and rapid swings to right and left struck the swords out of the hands of the others. All was over in a moment; the two remaining Spaniards fled for their lives from that horrid bar of steel, one gaining safety behind the benches of grandees and the other seeking shelter with the musketeers.

It was at this moment of highly unpopular victory that Peeke reached his moment of greatest peril. The crowd thirsted for his blood, and signified their disapproval of him in the manner of crowds; the soldiers "bit their thumbs" angrily and looked to their officers for orders. Orders came in a fashion which is to the eternal glory of Spanish chivalry. The Duke of Medina (the son of the Armada's Admiral) instantly called Peeke to his side, and caused a Proclamation to be made threatening immediate death to any one who should interfere with him. The other grandees, the Dukes, and the Condes and the Marquises—whose titles Peeke rolls out with gusto—backed up Medina, so that within a few minutes Peeke had passed from the status of prisoner under shadow of death to that of an honoured guest.

After that it was roses all the way. The members of the Princely Assembly collected and handed over four pounds ten shillings sterling in gold (multiply by twelve for the difference in values between 1625 and 1925); the Marquis Alquemenez, a youthful enthusiast, added as much more on his own account, and plucking a russet cloak from one of his soldiers, bestowed the garment ("which I still wear") upon Peeke. This cloak, together with a clean band and cuffs, set up the war-stained Peeke, and we can picture him, thus clad, seated among the grandees and trying to exchange compliments in Spanish. The Irish friars, who had threatened him with death and tried to get him to argue about the Pope, are no more heard of.

Thence onward, until he left Spain under Royal protection, Dick Peeke had the time of his life. He lodged in the household of his new friend, the Marquis Alquemenez, who lavished upon him truly Spanish hospitality. Accompanied by four members of the Marquis's household, Dick was taken to the King of Spain at Madrid, and on the way was allowed twenty shillings a day travelling money when he moved, and ten shillings a day when he lay at rest. A multiplication by twelve suggests that he was handsomely done by. At Madrid in the mansion of the Marquis the lady Marchioness made much of him, and so did the lady of that Don Juan by whom he had been so shamefully mishandled. His reception by the King, Philip IV, a young man just turned twenty-one, on Christmas Day marked the culmination of his brief career as a silken Courtier. He was offered service with Spain, but when he elected to remain subject to his own Sovereign of England, Philip most handsomely granted him a safe conduct to depart, together with the equivalent of some £300 in our present currency. What with the rich clothes, the money, and the jewels which were showered upon him, Peeke must have returned to Tavistock a rich man.

And thus ended what he calls his Spanish pilgrimage. Three hundred years have passed since he wrote that pamphlet of his and addressed it to King Charles's Majesty. By that pamphlet he has lived, and will live so long as Dead Men's Tales are read and retold.

BOLSHEVIK PROPAGANDA.

The Bolsheviks have failed in most things, but they have shown genius in propaganda. The chief characteristics of Bolshevik propaganda are dogmatic affirmation and constant repetition.

One of the first institutions established in Moscow, under the Bolshevik régime, was the "Propaganda School." It had two objects. The first was to educate Russia, and especially the rising generation, in the tenets of Bolshevism. The second was to spread throughout the world, outside Russia, the Bolshevik intention of causing a world revolution against the sovereignty of States, and against Capitalism, Imperialism, and the existing order of things.

In order to get hold of the rising generation the Soviet Government encourages a widely-spread organisation known as the "Young Communist League." The Communists are making every effort to instil their principles into all young people with whom they come into contact both at home and abroad. The following extract from the Daily Press, of 7th July, 1924, is interesting.

> They are smuggling into this country literature printed in Germany. One magazine called the "Internationale of Youth" has been suppressed in Germany, but is still being printed there in English and brought to London for distribution. In the current issue there is an article boasting of the progress of Communism in Britain in the last six months.
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> For months past Communists have been at work in every industrial centre in Great Britain, establishing branches in shops and factories. They are also trying to undermine the Services, and claim to have established a branch in Portsmouth.
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> An organisation called the Young Communist League is declared to be "in a position to carry on a widespread campaign among not only the unorganised youth, but also among the rank and file of the Labour Party and the trade unions.

In Russia eating houses for children abound, wherein the children are well fed; but this is only part of a large and cunning scheme to get the children away from their mothers and make them regard themselves as children of the State, not bound by ties of affection to any man or woman. Children who spend all day in school get one free meal; those who spend day and night in the school get three good meals, and are well clothed and cared for.

Propaganda Points.

What are known as "Propaganda Points," exist in every station along the Siberian line. At each end of the platform is painted a huge notice ordering all Commanding Officers to bring their men without fail to the "Propaganda Point" and to apply there for newspapers and literature. These "Points" are large halls. Over the entrance is painted in big letters the text, "If any man would not work, neither let him eat," while inside, on every wall, is the well-known catchphrase of Karl Marx, "Workers of the world unite! You have only your chains to lose." The pictures and cartoons with which the whole interior is covered can be divided into several groups:—

(i) Those praising the Red Army, and calculated to foster a military spirit.

(ii) Those condemning capitalists, priests and militarists.

(iii) Those flattering the workman, and promising him the overlordship of the world.

(iv) Those exciting anger against foreign countries, particularly France and England.

The workman is always represented as young, brawny, triumphant; neck and arms bare, a hammer in his hand and the world at his feet. Some posters deal with British rule in India—soldiers shooting down Hindoos, or blowing them from the mouth of cannon; sahibs in solar topees, ploughing with natives instead of with horses. The most prominent object in these halls, however, is the Red Star of Bolshevism, a huge construction of red glass with a light inside, fixed high up near the ceiling.

The Employment of Agents.

The employment of agents of various types is an important part of Bolshevik propaganda, and great psychological insight is shown in placing their agents so as to obtain the best results. The educated Bolsheviks are largely used for this work. In the shipyards, in the factories, on the oil fields, among the skilled workmen, and among the labourers, Bolshevik agents are distributed according to type. The system is based on the principle of putting an agent to work among men of his own class. There are no meetings, no speeches; the agents do their work insidiously. The individual confidential conversation does its work better than any tub-thumping.

So much for agents in Russia itself. On the same principle the Bolsheviks consider that the best agent to influence a foreign people is one of that people's nationality. Consequently, the advantages of the Moscow school of Propaganda are at the disposal of the Chinese, Persians, Afghans, Indians, etc. They do not wait for their foreign friends to avail themselves of these privileges; they invite them as guests and maintain them at their own expense.

Hence, in Turkestan, there is now a depot of these specially trained propagandists. To every caravan that crosses the frontiers towards Afghanistan or to Persia, there is detailed a propagandist mission. The minimum is two for a small caravan, and the caravans take with them to Persia, Persian Bolshevik enthusiasts; Afghan enthusiasts go to Afghanistan, and across Afghanistan are sent Indian agitators, specially trained in anti-British arguments. In the recent Afghan war the propagandists succeeded in influencing the Ameer himself.

Journalists.

Bolshevik Russia possesses a great fascination for adventurous journalists. The Communists are well aware of this and make use of it for their propaganda. They only allow into Russia foreign correspondents who have written in favour of them or against their enemies. No Foreign Office in the world keeps such a careful, voluminous, and up to date record of newspaper writers, as the Russian Commissariat of Foreign Affairs. They have so contrived that journalists who enter Russia will only be able to send out Russian propaganda. A correspondent is allowed into Russia for three weeks only, and that fact is stated on his permit. If he does not write something favourable about the Bolsheviks in those three weeks, his permit will not be renewed. Each correspondent has attached to him an interpreter, guide, and warder, all in one—a reliable Bolshevik in the service of the Foreign Office—who speaks the language of the correspondent as well as Russian. This functionary reports every movement of his charge, keeps undesirable people at a distance, translates the right sort of matter from the Bolshevik newspapers, gives the right sort of information, makes the proper explanations, and keeps the correspondent in proper circles. The foreign correspondents are not kept together, but are distributed very carefully among the various guest houses.

The Rosta.

The most remarkable work which the Bolsheviks have done is the organisation of their news service for propaganda. This organisation is centred in an institution known as the Rosta, a word formed out of the initials of the phrase "Russian Socialist Telegraphic Agency." The Rosta is under the direct control of the Communist Executive Committee.

Out of 125 million people in Russia, only 604 thousand are Bolshevik. But on the principle that charity begins at home, the Bolsheviks are striving to make Russia Communist before turning the full force of their propaganda on to the rest of the world. The Rosta does all the telegraphic work, and sends out to all the newspapers, news articles, reviews of books, literary articles, stories and poetry. The pooling of all journalistic talent under Government supervision enables the smallest papers in remote parts of Russia to publish excellent articles and reviews, to use catch headings, and to issue striking posters.

The publicity which attends the various agitational cries is done in the same way. Thus, for instance, Trotsky might order the Director of the Rosta to start "a cry of horror at the White Terror in India." The Director would pass on this order to his news editors and poets and, forthwith, the whole Russian Press

would resound with roars of indignation and with lurid descriptions of Governmental repression. Similar cries have been raised about Egypt, Ireland, Finland, Poland and Hungary. More reasonable cries have been raised in connection with cleanliness, typhus, education, repair of transport, collection of arms for the Red Army, hair cutting, and the support of the Red Army hospitals.

The whole press being nationalised, all news, home and foreign, goes first to the Rosta to be cooked and peppered. It is then sent, by W/T, to correspondents throughout Russia, who give it to the local press. Even contents bills, headings of articles, and summaries of news, are prepared with great journalistic skill in Moscow by the expert editors of the Rosta, and sent by W/T all over Russia. Owing to its flatness, Russia is an ideal place for the use of W/T, and it is used much more extensively for journalistic purposes than it is in England. The Bolsheviks look forward to the time when the Rosta will be like a vast megaphone, dictating policies and opinions to the remotest confines of Russia.

The Rosta not only supplies telegrams and articles to the Russian Press; it also publishes over 400 newspapers of its own, and a still greater number of small sheets, called " wall papers," which are posted up on hoardings and at railway stations.

The great Russian Press Machine is supplemented by theatres and concerts, and it works in harmony with the Commissariat of Education, and with the Propaganda Department. It caters for the illiterate by means of cinemas and posters. The appeal of the poster is particularly strong, because all private advertising has been abolished.

Charts and diagrams of the work of the Rosta are kept, which show at a glance its various activities. A very accurate record is kept on these charts of the reception which its literary efforts meet with in the provincial press. The names of the writers of articles are given, and the exact number of times each article is used. Thus, the Director of the Rosta can gauge with scientific precision whether any particular journalist is progressing or not; his exact popularity is stated in figures, to two places of decimals, and there are minute cross references from the articles to the " talent chart " of the writer.

Similarly, the agents of the Rosta are expected to furnish periodical statistical reports of their activities. There is no rhetoric in these reports; they contain only facts and figures. The chiefs of the Rosta weigh the idealism and energy of their subordinates with a detachment that could not be excelled by the president of a Chicago Meat Packing Company.

The danger of the Bolshevik propaganda consists in the idea of anti-nationalism. Their theory enables them to find accomplices and allies in most unexpected places outside Russia—in battle ships, wireless stations, military barracks, post offices, consulates, hotels, and mansions. The Bolshevik theory has a seductive appeal to that large number of people in every land who are convinced that they have never had a fair chance owing to the faulty construction of the society in which they live.

THE WILD BOAR OF ASIA MINOR.

Apropos of a certain Editorial note last month, I should like to remark that there is, after all, a certain similarity between the " bore " and the " boar "; one disgruntles you and tires you, the other grunts at you and tears you.

The great thing in hunting a wild boar is not to let him catch you. It might be well, first, to describe the manners and characteristics of the boar. Manners are quickly disposed of—it has none. Its character is complex; it is shy and morose, yet, when cornered, lively and savage. Though it somewhat resembles an elderly Aberdeen terrier in appearance, a boar cannot be taught tricks. It appears to do nothing to keep itself fit, yet it can run amazingly fast.

As might be imagined, in Turkey, the boar is unpreserved; it's only possible use could be truffle hunting, if truffles grew in Turkey, which they do not. Anyway, there is no close season for hunting boars, or even sows for that matter; this is a great advantage to the Naval sportsmen, who cannot, as a rule, select the right spot at the right season. I doubt if there is a close season for anything in Turkey. Anyhow, to continue a bald and unconvincing narrative.

During the summer of 1921, H.M.S. " C " happened to drop, or let go, an anchor, in the beautiful bay of Makrahassan, having captured vast stores of guns which certain of our Allies intended for the Turks in case the latter went to war with us. This is not the place to discuss the political aspect, but the aspect of the beach from the ship was wonderful. All the sportsmen dusted and emery-papered their guns, and told stories of the big bags they got in the Levant in the old days. Perhaps their average age was 25?

A consultation with the local Bey, in the little manufacturing town of Adzibere, elicited the fact that, besides cocky-olly birds, there were " plenty Honk Honk " in the thickly-wooded hills around; so we decided to shoot the honkers the following day. As is usual with naval sporting expeditions, we were handicapped by the fact that we could only obtain afternoon leave, whereas the only possible chance of getting a shot would be in the early morning. However, we were not deterred by this, and hope springs eternal—luckily. A hot discussion ensued that evening as to the efficaciousness of No. 6 shot against a charging tusker; one fellow remarked, " anyway, a charge of shot would put his eyes out—then you could easily dodge him," and it took hours to convince him that a tusker had a strong intake scent, as well as an output one. The result was that we decided on 2440 M.V. express rifles, and realising that the sporting way to kill a boar is to stick him from

a horse, we decided on the combination of bullet and bayonet in lieu of horse and lance. Revolvers were to be carried as a secondary armament, but their use was to be restricted to isolated sportsmen only. To perfect the organisation, and to facilitate transport and food arrangements, three or four W.R.A.'s were selected, after due reference to their drill history sheets. They were similarly armed, but plus bayonet and minus revolver.

Dress ordered was helmet, shirt, trousers, boots, belt (for bayonet or revolver), and bathing costume. Ammunition to be carried in the tea basket.

In all, the party numbered 4 officers and 4 W.R.A.s at the start. It was joined later by Ahmed (alias George), a Turk, and Enos, a Greek, both self-invited, but tolerated. Incidentally they proved utterly useless as guides, interpreters, or anything else. Food arrangements were left to the Doctor, who was alleged to be an old hand at sporting exploits. The chief items in his arrangements were three dozen beer, two bottles of Johnnie Walker, one dozen large sodas, two tins of Gold Flake. A suitable supply of tea, milk, sugar, etc., was also taken, and proved a benefit for George later on. Most of the stores, among which were 1 cwt. of crockery and glass, kettles, frying pans, tin openers, corkscrews, blow-lamps, semaphore flags, Very's lights, beakers of water (which were not used), and a ½-inch map of Asia Minor, were left at the landing place, as an afterthought; but this arrangement fitted in very excellently with the development of our expedition.

Fortunately, the whole party, together with stores, fitted into one whaler, while the Commander murmured something about swimming, pandemonium, clowns, and other such words of encouragement. There was trouble at the start, owing to some of the party wanting to sail ashore, others wanting to get ashore before sunset (the hour we were due to return), and nobody wanting to row. However, the motor-boat somehow or other got started, and the Engineer was so unwilling to stop it again that he gave us a tow ashore; then, of course, it broke down, but that's outside this story.

By 2 p.m. we were landed and in bathing clothes on the beach, at the foot of the great heights of Mustafal Dagh.

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At 4 p.m. no great progress had been made, but most of the party were awake, and by that time George and Enos had arrived, and, had taken up an O.P. near the supply dump. Thinking these gentlemen might assist us in our great stalk, I opened up conversation thus-wise: "Buenos Saira George plenty Honk Honk ici, yes, no?" But when he began playing with a small scimitar I realised he had mistaken my meaning, and pointed skywards, added, "You savvy tweet, bang, bang?" At that he smiled that delightful Turkish smile, and said something sounding like, "Yez, yez, planty oomp baa baa." Of course that might have meant we could go and shoot a goat or two, but as it was hard to tell which were private goats and which were public, we avoided getting involved with a whole vilayet full of Turks, and decided on sticking to pigs.

A scheme for a round-up in the neighbouring bush was immediately evolved and then altered, owing to a remark about the long trajectory of the modern bullet. A crescent-shaped formation was finally adopted.

A likely looking area of scrub and juniper trees was selected, on steeply rising ground, as the chances were that the boar would charge down hill in order to save himself trouble. It contained patches of clearing and crag rocks, and in these the recent presence of our quarry was easily detected. Scrapes, where it had been rooting, and other signs were plentiful. There was distinct excitement prevailing, drinks were swallowed, pipes lit, guns loaded, and the party formed up—four officers in the front rank, with a second rank of W.R.A.'s in support, with fixed bayonets. George and Enos followed up in rear, wondering what these perfidious Inglises were playing at.

After an hour or so we had advanced 150 yards inland, and our aneroid registered 50 feet above sea level. The scramble up Mustafal Dagh was beginning to tell, when—there was a crash in the bush immediately ahead! Quietness and stealth had been strictly enjoined—so everyone shouted, "look out, he's coming," and charged in towards the spot whence the crash had come. Pandemonium reigned, rifles were discarded for revolvers, ammunition was dropped everywhere, bayonet-men rushed on in front of the muzzles of revolvers, and with yells of "yoicks," "atta boy," etc., everyone closed in on our outraged-looking quarry, which pluckily stood its ground—having literally got to "the end of its tether."

As a matter of fact it wasn't a boar; but George very nearly lost his pet goat! George had signs of "wind up," but, after all, Britain won the war—and it was natural she should confiscate his flock—Kismet! But Britain gave him back his goat, together with ½lb. of tea, and a tin of milk.

And so peace was established in Asia Minor.

As for ourselves, we **did** capture a very fine specimen of moth, before returning on board.

N. B. SHIKARI.

ELIZABETH HOPKINS.

Among War Office documents preserved in the Record Office is the following application for an allowance from the Compassionate Fund from a woman who was first married to a Sergeant, John Jasper, of the Marines and, at his death, to Samuel Woodward, a soldier. It is not quite clear how he came to his end, but she was married a third time to Sergeant Jeremiah Hopkins of the 104th Regiment, whose wife she was at the time she forwarded her petition to the Secretary at War.

From the side lights which this document throws

upon the campaigning conditions " per mare, per terram " at the time, I cannot but think that it will be of interest to the readers of the " Globe and Laurel "!

" To the Right Honourable the Secretary at War, &c., &c., &c.

The Memorial of Elizabeth Hopkins, wife of Jeremiah Hopkins, Sergeant of the 104th (New Brunswick) Regiment of Foot.

Most humbly sheweth

That she was born of British Parents at Philadelphia, in the year 1761, has her husband, six sons, and son-in-law, as per margin[1] serving His Majesty in the Hundred and fourth; and during the course of her life, from her zeal and attachment to her King and Country, she has encountered more hardships than commonly fall to the lot of her sex.

That in the year 1776, being with her first husband (John Jasper), a serjeant of Marines, on board the Brig " Stanley," tender to the " Roebuck," she was wounded in her left leg in an engagement with three French vessels, when she was actually working at the guns.

That the Marines having been landed at Cape May in America, her husband was taken prisoner by a Captain Plunkett of the Rebel Army, near mud fort, tried and sentenced to suffer death, that by her means he was enabled to escape, with 22 American deserters, to whom she served arms, and ammunition, and on their way to join the Army, the Party was attacked by the Enemy's Light Horse. She was fired at, and wounded in her left arm, but undismayed, took a loaded firelock, shot the rebel, and brought his horse to Philadelphia (the Head Quarters of the Army), which she was permitted to sell to one of General Sir William How's Aid de Camps.

That after many fatigues and campaigns, her first husband died, and she married (Samuel Woodward), a soldier in Coll: Chalmer's Corps, was with the troops under the command of General Campbell, taken at Pensacola, having however, during the siege, served at the Guns, and tore her very clothes for waddings.

That having been exchanged at the peace of 1783, from attachment to the Royal cause, she embarked on board a transport with part of Delancey's and Chalmer's Corps, was shipwrecked on Seal Island in the Bay of Fundy, when near three hundred men, and numbers of the women and children were lost, that she suffered unparalleled distress, being pregnant, with a child in her arms; remained there for three days on the wreck, was taken up, with her husband and child by Fishermen of Marble Head, and shortly after being landed, delivered of three sons; two of whom are in the 104th, the other dead; lastly that she had the honour of being the mother of twenty-two children; viz.: 18 sons, and 4 daughters, seven of the former being alive, and three of the latter.

That Memorialist humbly prays, that you may consider her a fit object for some allowance from the Compassionate fund towards her maintenance in her old age; having lost all her property, and as a reward for her long and faithful service to her King, and as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

E. HOPKINS.

Fredericton, New Brunswick.
12th April, 1811.
(Endorsed).

In consideration of the very extraordinary circumstances stated and although it is a departure from the general rules by which the fund is governed allow £8 per ann.

(Signed) P.,[2] 20th June, 1811."

Eight pounds a year does not seem a very large allowance when we consider the pluck and determination of this gallant soldier's wife and the dangers and perils of various kinds which she victoriously surmounted, but it must be remembered that £8 in 1811 represented a far larger amount of money than eight of the " Bradbury's " of to-day. Though, unlike the more famous Hannah Snell, she did not masquerade as a man, it would appear that her fighting record, in the Marine Corps alone, far eclipsed that of the well-known " Female Marine "—to say nothing of her later exploits.

C.F.

[1] Jeremh. Hopkins (Husband).
Sons.— Saml. Woodward, Timy. Woodward, Robt. Woodward, Nathall. Woodward, Archd. Woodward, Richd. Hopkins. Jas. McDonough (son-in-law).

[2] Lord Palmerston. The Reference number of this very " Human Document," is " War Office Records 25/3097."

SOME EXPERIENCES OF A MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

On the 16th of February, 1924, H.M.S. " Constance " arrived at Puerto Mexico to relieve H.M.S. " Curlew," and to act as a safeguard to British lives and property at the Minatitlan Oil Refinery. Minatitlan is about 30 miles up the Coatzacoalcos River from Puerto Mexico.

My first impression of Puerto Mexico was a long line of rotting wharves (the timbers of which were apparently held together by the railway lines that ran along them), crowded by a picturesque mob of rebel soldiery; some had the remnants of a uniform, most were wearing dungaree or khaki trousers, surmounted by various brilliant-hued shirts and neck cloths. All were bristling with ammunition, guns and knives, and with their high-crowned straw hats might have stepped out of an American " bandit " film. One expected to see a sheriff and his " posse " come along at any moment to round them up!

We stayed at Puerto Mexico long enough to get our orders and to have a précis of the situation turned over to us by "Curlew," and then steamed 30 miles up river to Minatitlan.

The Refinery at Minatitlan occupies all the high ground. The village, which accommodates most of the Mexican employees of the Refinery, lies to the West of it. The river bounds it on the South, and to the East and North are almost impassable swamps and "monte," the local name for "bush". It is connected by a branch line with the Trans-Continental Railway from Puerto Mexico to Selina Cruz and also with the line running North to Mexico City, the junction being at Carmen, about 6½ kilometres away. The only other communications are the Coatzacoalcos River, and very rough mule tracks through the "monte."

When we arrived opposite the village, the inhabitants very carefully hoisted a white flag to indicate that they were friendly. The Britishers in the Refinery were very glad to see us, because they were desperately afraid of being left without a British man-of-war over night, on account of the stray bands of robbers that were about, and the detached parties of soldiery, both Rebel and Federal, who look on foreigners as fair game.

All the English women were sent away in an oil-tanker on the 18th February. For two days nothing of note happened. Then part of the Rebel Navy, an old American submarine chaser, came up river, landed some troops for about two hours and went away again. On the 21st February a Rebel gunboat, the "Saragoza," anchored off Minatitlan, and sent about 30 soldiers to garrison the village. She was a quaint-looking craft with a single funnel and a terrific ram, and incredibly filthy. Her armament consisted of five 4-inch guns. I was very amused during the night to see all her lights go out, and then, after about two minutes, a very feeble searchlight commence to burn; she obviously could not light the ship and burn her searchlight at the same time.

We heard that the Federals had reached the junction at Carmen on the 21st February; and evidently the Rebels had heard this, too, because General Torruco, the Rebel leader in this area, after a presumably very good dinner at the local inn, rang up Carmen and managed to get on to Colonel Beltran, the Federal leader, and the two proceeded to hurl insults at each other over the telephone. Beltran was so incensed by this conversation that he did a forced march on the morning of the 22nd, and arrived at Minatitlan about 11 am with about 500 infantry and 100 cavalry.

The first warning we had of the battle was the hurried embarkation of the Rebels in the "Saragoza," who then proceeded to weigh anchor with all speed and to turn her so that her bow gun could be trained up the main street of the village. Then commenced a "battle" that really surpassed anything one sees at a cinema. The "Saragoza" did not fire her guns, but blazed away some hundreds of rounds of rifle and machine gun ammunition. The Federals streamed out of the main street and ran along the bank of the river, firing wildly at the "Saragoza," and shouting and cheering for all they were worth. They were in no sort of formation; mounted officers and cavalry were brandishing and firing revolvers and rifles in the most approved wild west fashion.

By this time the "Saragoza" was steaming slowly down river past the "Constance." Our position was decidedly unpleasant, because, although we were directly in the line of fire, neither side was sufficiently under control to cease fire whilst they passed us. Bullets were singing over us; a few hit the ship's side, and one poor unfortunate signal boy was seriously wounded in the head.

By this time a cheering mob of Federals was streaming through the Refinery past the ship, and our First Lieutenant, thoroughly angry because of our casualty, went out and stopped the battle until they produced the officer commanding! Colonel Beltran came along eventually, and was profusely apologetic about the regrettable accident, but he said, quite truly, that it was impossible to tell who fired the shot that hit our man; and so, of course, nothing more could be done.

This man Beltran was the finest specimen we had seen. Dressed in well-fitting khaki breeches and gaiters and khaki shirt, with a real uniform forage cap of the French type, he impressed one very favourably; I will say more about him later on.

The "Saragoza" steamed down to Puerto Mexico and the Federals had occupied the village by noon; the estimated casualties were five, of which one was our unfortunate signal boy, and one a civilian who was accidentally killed in the main street because he could not get out of the line of fire quickly enough. The Federals settled down in the village to dig some very primitive "half-hour shelter trenches" along the river bank west of the Refinery, and Colonel Beltran brought General Cordona, the Cavalry Commander, to call on our Captain. I believe that during their interview the Captain warned them that the Refinery had to be regarded as neutral, and that no fighting whatever was to take place within its limits. They agreed to this quite readily, although, if the Rebels had chosen to ignore the warning, they could have occupied high ground and fired into the Federals' backs.

General Cordona was a small, dark, fat man, who affected a "wideawake" felt hat, a brilliant red neck-cloth, and carried a small armoury on his person. He seemed very much afraid of coming on board one of H.M. ships, especially when he was relieved of his firearms by the sentry on the gangway.

The same evening, a wireless signal arrived from the Rebels, worded something like this:—

"Generals Torruco and Villars intend to attack Minatitlan at 6 am to-morrow with 5 warships and 800 men. If Federals agree to same arrangements, they will regard Refinery grounds as neutral, and civilians should be inside them by 6 am; no arms are to be taken therein."

At 4 am next morning a stream of refugees commenced to pour into the Refinery, whilst the peasants living on the opposite bank packed all their valuables, and fled into the "monte." It was a pitiful sight to see women and children, all dressed in their best clothes (because that was the easiest way to carry them), with parrots, enormous bundles, and parcels of food. Their men-folk carried the heavier

articles, such as tables and chairs, and even sewing machines. These people camped in all sorts of corners in the Refinery, and just waited patiently until the trouble was over.

Nothing happened until 9.30, when the masts of four ships were seen coming slowly up river. At 10.30 they came round the bend, and the " Saragoza " anchored about 300 yards to the westward of us and opened fire on the village with her bow gun. In the meantime the Federals had got an ancient little 2-pounder into position at the bottom of the main street in the village. They evidently wanted to surprise the Rebels with this, as they did not open fire until the " Saragoza " anchored.

The shooting of the Rebels was vile ; their first round burst at least 2,000 yards beyond the village. Each side only fired about 10 rounds with their artillery. The Federals obtained two hits on the " Saragoza," one direct and one ricochet ; the Rebels merely raised a few clouds of dust in the village. The latter had not played the game, however, having anchored in such a position that they were almost entirely protected by the " Constance," with the result that Beltran did not dare to use his rifles for fear of hitting us. Eventually he became so exasperated that he sent the following message :—

" Colonel Beltran complains that the Rebel ships are taking cover behind H.M.S. ' Constance,' and requests ' Constance ' to order them into midstream." The man obviously had the right ideas ! !

Meanwhile the Rebels blazed away a few hundred rounds of small arm ammunition at some Federal Cavalry they had seen about 2,000 yards to the north. At about 11.30 the Rebel ships weighed anchor and steamed down the river again. So ended the second " Battle of Minatitlan."

Nothing further of note happened until the 25th February, when Colonel Beltran came on board to see the Captain, and we entertained him in the Wardroom until the Captain was disengaged.

He is a well-educated and very interesting man of about 40, who has been in the Mexican standing army for 22 years, and is justly proud of the fact that in every revolution during that time he has fought on the side of the Federals. Apparently he graduated as an artilleryman at the French Artillery College at Fontainebleau. During periods of non-service (*i.e.*, after a revolution when the Federals had been beaten), he worked as a civil engineer both on the railways of Mexico and in the Southern States of America, and at the end of the European War was in the American Army, lecturing to young officers on artillery.

His first remark on arriving in the wardroom was, " It is very pleasant down here, but I would not like to be a sailor—No ! " We asked him why not. He replied, " In the navy you fight two enemies—the bullets of the enemy, and the sea. In the army I only fight one foe, the bullets of the enemy, and if they are too much for me I have my two legs—and I can use them.—Oh ! I have had many pleasant victories, but I also have had some thrashings, and I have used my legs—Oh ! *very* fast ! "

Someone then asked if General Domingues, who was in command of the whole of the Federals on this particular front, was a regular soldier. Beltran answered, " *Now* he is a regular because he is a brave man—but he is really what we call a ' finger general.' " We asked him to explain, and he said, " When a revolution breaks out, a lot of ranchers and citizens get together, and the one who is the richest, or strongest, or biggest, takes command. He points his finger to each in turn saying, ' You will be a Captain, you Major, you Colonel—and ME ' "—pointing his finger to his so manly chest, and putting his hat on one side—so—" ' I am the Boss—the General.' Therefore we call them ' finger generals ' ! "

He seemed to have a very real affection for his men, but was rather contemptuous of his officers. " My soldiers, they are good—but they are like children. They have been fighting for two and a half months without pay, and without proper food. I can only get them meat by taking it from the civilians, but what will you have ? It is a Mexican revolution, and they are used to it. These soldiers of mine are ignorant, and therefore have no fear. If I tell a man to stop in a hole until he is shot, he will stay there. It is the duty of me and my officers to take advantage of this ignorant bravery, and, by leading them well—what do you call it ?—' shoot up ' the Rebels. But my officers, pah !—They have nothing here," tapping his forehead. " Intelligence—Zero ! They are like toys that children play with. You wind them up—so ! and they run along the ground until the spring stops. I tell them everything, and then they know nothing. But that is Mexico. If you see an officer wearing four cartridge belts, several revolvers, and a rifle, he is Zero—a coward. He carries the guns of an army because he thinks he frightens the enemy ; but fight ?—No ! he uses his two legs very well indeed."

When we asked about the Rebels, he said, " Pah !—they have for every ten soldiers, two Generals, four Colonels, six Majors, and eight Captains ; so when they come to battle they have no one to fight—all the officers run away." Unfortunately the Captain sent down to say he could see Beltran at this moment, and he left us.

On the 26th February, the third " battle " of Minatitlan commenced at about 10.15 am. The " Saragoza" and an armed trawler came and anchored about a mile to the eastward of the village, in such a position that the Federals could not fire because of the danger of hitting the " Constance." The " Saragoza " fired a few rounds of rifle ammunition at some Federal cavalry over a mile away from them, and steamed down the river again. By this time we were accustomed to these funny little " battles," and were getting rather bored with them.

We were soon interested again, though. At 9.30 am on the 27th February, the " Saragoza," the " Agua Prietas," two armed trawlers, and a tramp steamer carrying troops, steamed up river with so little warning that very few of the civilian inhabitants had time to take refuge in the Refinery.

The " Agua Prietas," a very ancient gun-boat, came past first, followed at about 200 yards by the two trawlers. The " Saragoza " remained about a mile and a half down river and assisted in landing the troops from the tramp steamer.

As the " Agua Prietas " passed us we could see

very few people in her, as she had her decks protected with plates of sheet iron and sandbags, and most of the Rebels were under cover. There was, however, one sailor on the poop, nursing his rifle across his chest, and having a little dance quite by himself, in full view of the Federals, who were then only about 200 yards away. We soon saw the reason for this bravery, for he dodged behind a deckhouse and took a long drink from a bottle that a friend passed to him. His friend was not so brave, nor so drunk ; he stayed behind the deckhouse.

As each ship passed clear of the " Constance " she opened fire on the village with her guns and rifles, and the Federals returned their fire with the little 2-pounder, rifles, and machine-guns. The guns of the Rebel ships did very little damage, so little indeed, that the Federals gallantly ran their little field gun out into the open so as to get a better field of fire.

The " Agua Prietas " had anchored about half a mile from the village, and from this position proceeded to bombard the town at the rate of about one round every ten minutes. Meanwhile the trawlers steamed two or three times up and down past the village, firing wildly with rifles. Neither of the trawlers used their guns, the one, because her bow gun had been disabled by the Federal field gun, and the other because the gun's crew had apparently been knocked out.

Then the Saragoza steamed up river, and opened fire with her 4-inch guns. When about 150 yards from the Federals' field gun, which had been returned to its emplacement, the starboard forward sponson gun got a direct hit on the little weapon and destroyed it and its gallant crew. This left the Federals without any artillery of any description, but they stuck to their trenches, although the odds were decidedly against them.

At 12.35 the " Agua Prietas " came slowly down stream and suddenly put her helm over to starboard and went fast aground on the northern bank of the river, right at the end of the main street of the village. We imagined that her helmsman had been shot. This placed her in an excellent position for enfilading the Federal trenches with her bow gun, but everyone on board retired below decks, and contented themselves with wild, unaimed musketry fire from portholes. Shortly after this some Rebel soldiers were seen creeping under cover of the " Agua Prietas," along the northern bank of the river, towards the Federal trenches ; many of them waded up to their necks in the river. As far as could be seen, none of the Rebels got any farther than the " Agua Prietas," several being killed or wounded in the river and on the bank.

We were informed at this time that the Rebels had arrived at the north gate of the Refinery. These were evidently troops that had been disembarked further down river during the morning.

For the rest of the day this quaint " dog-fight" went on. The trawlers steamed occasionally past the Federal trenches, firing with rifles only, for either their guns were disabled or they had run out of ammunition. During the afternoon a little black auxiliary schooner came chugging up river laden with stores and ammunition for the Rebels. She steamed nonchalantly past the village under a hail of fire, the crew merely taking cover on the lee side of their craft.

Then a large oil lighter, with barrels of cement round her gunwales, came past us and made fast alongside another small auxiliary schooner. We thought at first that this was going to be run ashore so as to form a sort of pier for the Rebels to land by, but she backed down river again, and eventually turned out to be a Red Cross barge. There were one or two attempts made by trawlers to tow off the " Agua Prietas," but at each attempt the hawser parted. I was informed by one of the Refinery officials, that, with the Rebels at the North Gate, he saw an ex-German officer, complete in field grey uniform and tin hat, and with one of the old, " turn the handle " German machine guns, that one was so familiar with during the War.

At about 9 pm Beltran came along to the bank abreast the ship, and pointed out that by keeping his promise to regard the Refinery as neutral, he had left his left flank rear entirely exposed. He asked if we would take steps to ensure that the Rebels were also respecting the neutral ground. He said that his chief fear was that the Rebels would occupy the high ground in the Refinery during the night and open fire on his back at daylight. Accordingly, about an hour before dawn, we sent out two officers with the Marine Superintendent as interpreter, to this same high ground, with instructions to order any troops out of the Refinery. None, however, were seen.

When daylight came, we were surprised to find that the " Agua Prietas " had been towed off the bank during the night, and was anchored in midstream opposite the village. Desultory firing had been going on all night, and we learnt that there were one or two raids made by both sides ; but as cold steel played the biggest part in these, we heard nothing of them at the time. About 11 am on the 28th February the Rebels withdrew down the river. So ended the fourth Battle of Minatitlan. Everything was very quiet after this. In fact, we saw no more fighting.

I must record our admiration of the conduct of General Beltran, whom we could see plainly during most of the fight. He was perfectly cool, and, regardless of personal danger, was encouraging his men under what, to them, was very heavy fire. I saw the trenches afterwards, and they must certainly have been unpleasant to stay in, in spite of the inaccurate firing, while the emplacement of the poor little field gun was an absolute wreck.

I think what pleased us most about Beltran was to see him turned out as well as ever after about 24 hours' fighting, with leggings and boots highly polished, and cap placed jauntily over one eye. The only thing he'd not been able to do was to shave. He'd obviously had a thorough clean up during the night.

On the 2nd March at 3 am the Federals suddenly evacuated Minatitlan. We gathered that this was due to their lines of communication having been threatened by fighting elsewhere. On the 10th March the " Constance " was relieved by H.M.S. " Valerian," and we returned to Jamaica.

I only hope that some day, preferably in time of peace, if that is possible in Mexico, I may meet General Beltran again, because he's full of what we vulgarly call " guts," and has all the right ideas.

A. B. WOODHALL.



CORRADINO. MALTA.

R.N. and R.M.

FENCING.

The R.N. and R.M. Fencing Association was beaten by the Army Fencing Union at Bertrand's Academy, London, on 22nd November. The fencing throughout was excellent. The R.N. and R.M. won the épée, 5—4, and the bayonet, 6—3, but lost the foil, 7—2, and the sabre, 5—3.

Corpl. Clarke scored two wins at foils, one at épée, three at sabres, and Sergt. Millar one win at bayonets.

The R.N. and R.M. defeated Bertrand's at Hanover Square on Nov. 29th. The R.N. and R.M. won the foil, 7—2, and the sabre, 5—4, but lost the épée, 6—3.

Corpl. Clarke scored five wins.

The R.N. and R.M. beat the Inns of Court School of Arms at Lincoln's Inn on the 10th Dec.

The R.N. and R.M. won the foil and sabre contest both by 7—2, and the épée by 5—4.

Corpl. Jerred's performance was splendid; in his nine fights he was only defeated once.

The R.N. and R.M. Fencing Association beat the Imperial College Union at South Kensington on the 15th Dec.

S.M. Board, Q.M.S.I. W. Chalkley, and Corpl. Jerred were in the R.N. and R.M. team, and won all their fights except one.

FOOTBALL.

An eleven of the Football Association beat the R.N. and R.M. at Portsmouth on the 3rd Dec. The game went against the Navy and Marines from the start and, although they made several determined attacks, they could only once break through their opponents' excellent defence. Sergt. Lawrence and Corpl. Walker were in the R.N. and R.M. team.

Corpl. Wheatley and Mne. Robotham were selected to play for the R.N. and R.M. against Guernsey, at Guernsey.

HOCKEY.

The Oxford University beat the R.N. and R.M. XI at Chatham by 3—1. The University was faster and combined better than the R.N. and R.M., but their defence was perhaps not quite so strong. The game, on the whole, was a good one.

A match was fixed for 17th Dec. against Tulse Hill, but was cancelled owing to the state of the ground. Our team was to have included the international players, Major R. A. D. Brooks, Surg.-Lieut. Phillips, and Lieut. Fleet.

GOLF.

At Bunhill on the 25th Nov. the R.N. and R.M. Golfing Society beat the Bunhill Club by seven matches to four.

CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL.

On the 15th November we played our Amateur Cup tie at Bostall Heath. Although we scored first, we were beaten by 3—1. Bostall's first goal came from a penalty, which on the first time of being taken was well saved by Wheatley and was played by a number of players, but the referee ordered it to be retaken. A second and third goal followed, with the result that we left Bostall as stated above.

The R.N. and R.M. team which defeated Kent County on the 19th contained seven of our team, and they all fully justified their selection. The two goals were scored by Corpl. Forrester and Mne. Killian.

On the 29th Woolwich visited us and lost two Kent League points by 3—0. The game was really too one-sided to be interesting; the outstanding features were the brilliant play of the Woolwich goal-keeper and the hopeless way our forwards missed the target, probably because of the muddy ground.

On the 6th December we travelled to Grays to meet the Athletic there. Although we led at one time by 2—1, we finally lost 3—2. Briscoe, our right back, hurt his ankle and could not do much afterwards.

On the 13th Margate drew with us in the Kent League at home, 2—2.

Our most important match was on the 15th, the Port Final (Navy Cup). The game should have been played on the 10th but a thick fog necessitated its being postponed. The conditions were very bad. A bitter cold wind and driving rain and sleet made the game most unpleasant, but it was interesting and played in the friendliest of spirits. The R.N. Depot won the toss and kicked with the wind. In the first five minutes Corpl. Wheatley brought off a succession of very clever saves; after this the play was very even. In twenty minutes Corpl. Forrester scored by a good individual effort; the Navy goal-keeper was completely beaten by his cross-shot. After fighting hard the Depot levelled the score; Clarke, their centre-forward, got away and shot; Wheatley got to the ball but could not turn it over the cross-bar. It struck just inside the net. At half-time the score was one all, and our chances seemed good, as we should have the wind and rain behind us after the interval. In about ten minutes Killian got the winning goal with a hard drive, which slipped out of the

goal-keeper's hands. About ten minutes before time the Depot almost drew level; Wheatley pushed a good shot over the bar. Before this our forwards had not been idle and had given the opposing goal-keeper plenty of work. Full time was very welcome to both sides, as several players were exhausted with the cold and rain.

On the 20th December we played the Royal Warwicks at home. Result—Marines, 6; Royal Warwicks, 2. This game is described in a cartoon on the next page.

The results of second team games are as follows:—

17th Nov. R.N. Hospital (Mid Kent and Wednesday League), 2—2.
26th ,, Rainham Wednesday (Mid Kent and Wednesday League), 3—1.
3rd Dec. British and A. Meat Co. (Mid Kent and Wednesday League), 3—1.
6th ,, Murston Rangers (New Brompton and District League), 2—3.

BOXING.

The Novices' competition at the R.N. Barracks, on the 17th Dec., saw some very good fights. In a six-rounds contest Mne. Piddock was just beaten by A.B. Marshall, a boxer whose defence Piddock found it very difficult to penetrate. Bugler Jones knocked out his opponent in the second of a six-rounds contest.

Mne. Booth has been very active of late. He boxed a tie at Margate on the 28th Nov.; on the 2nd Dec. he won at the Sub. Depot at Sheerness, and on the 3rd Dec. he won his fight for the R.N. and R.M. v. the Royal Corps of Signals, against Signalman Fee.

TUG-OF-WAR.

An inter-company Tug-of-War League has been arranged to take place at the end of January. It is hoped that the new trench, which has been constructed in the area in front of the Sergeants' Mess, will be found suitable for the competition.

PORTSMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

RESULTS.

12th Nov. (U.S. League, Div. 1). v. R.A.F. Won, 2—1.
15th ,, (Hants League). v. Thornycroft (W.). Won, 4—0.
15th ,, (Hants Intermediate Cup). v. Emsworth. Won, 4—0.
19th ,, (Portsmouth Senior Cup). v. R.A. Portsmouth. Won, 7—2.
22nd ,, (Hants League). v. Cowes. Lost, 1—3.
22nd ,, (Gosport League). v. Burrfield Park. Won, 4—2.
25th ,, (U.S. League, Div. 1). v. P. of W. Vols. Lost, 3—4.
26th ,, (U.S. League, Div. 1). v. P. of W. Vols. Won, 4—0.
29th ,, (Hants Senior Cup). v. Portsea Gas Co. Lost, 1—4.
29th Nov. (Gosport League). .v Gosport Athletic. Won, 9—1.
1st Dec. (U.S. League Div. 1). v. R.N. Depot. Draw, 2—2.
1st ,, (U.S. League, Div. 2). v. R.N. Depot. Draw, 1—1.
3rd ,, (U.S. League, Div. 1). v. Vernon. Won, 1—0.
3rd ,, (U.S. League, Div. 2). v. Vernon. Lost, 1—3.
6th ,, (Hants League). v. Bournemouth. Won, 3—2.
6th ,, (Hants Intermediate Cup). v. Gosport T. Won, 2—0.
10th ,, (U.S. Challenge Cup). v. A. and S. Highlanders. Won, 2—1 (after extra time).

CUP DRAWS.

3rd Jan. Amateur Cup v. Bournemouth. Away.
17th ,, Portsmouth Senior Cup 3rd Rd. v. Gosport Ath. (Home).
28th ,, U.S. Charity Cup 3rd Rd. v. P. of W. Vols. (Home).
14th Feb. Gosport Hospital Cup v. Gosport Ath. (Home).

COMPANY CUP.

A competition on the League system will be started next month. Companies to play each other three times. Should two Companies finish with the same number of points, a deciding match will be played.

PORT MARATHON RACE.

A R.M. team was fifth in this race on the 9th December. "Revenge" was 1st, R.N.B., 2nd; Whale Island, 3rd; "Revenge II," 4th.

Although the majority of our team were more or less beginners, they ran well. The individual results were: L. S. Burtoft, 39mins. 34secs.; A. B. Humphries, 40mins. 2secs.; Mne. Rock, 40mins. 8secs.; Mne. Pavey, 40mins. 12secs.

PLYMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

On the 17th November, on the Brickfields, we played the Somerset Light Infantry. The ground was very soft and muddy, and made handling and an open game next to impossible. Play opened at a fast rate, and the earlier part was chiefly noticeable for forward rushes on both sides. The Marines were superior in the scrums, but there was little to choose between the two packs in the loose. Outside the scrum, the Somersets showed to advantage. Tries were scored for the Marines by Penfold, Jordan and Archdall, Affleck converting one. The last-named fared badly with two penalty kicks in front of goal. The Somersets had bad luck in not scoring on one occasion, when there was a general mix-up on the Marines line.

ROYAL MARINES TROUNCE ROYAL WARWICKS.



Rochester, Chatham, and Gillingham Observer.

For the Marines, Gardner and 2nd-Lieuts. Penfold and Archdall were always prominent; while Corporal Clark was very good at the line out and in a few rushes. 2nd-Lieut. Edmondson played a very sound game at scrum half, but was not at all well backed up by the other outsides.

For the Somersets, Lieuts. McMurtrie and Snow were always prominent in the pack, while great credit was due to the full back and right wing for their excellent fielding and kicking. The game throughout was fought very keenly, and in the best Rugby spirit.

2nd Lieut. G. A. Hayward, who was injured in this match, was picked to play for Devon on the 3rd December when the County met the Royal Navy, but was unable to turn out. He is a great loss to the Devonport Services XV. Mne. E. R. Gardner is playing as well as ever, has figured in many important matches, and on the 13th December was included in the Combined Services XV. against the " All Blacks." He has also been selected to play in the next International Trial. Gardner enlisted 21 years ago and will go to pension next October 6th, on his 39th birthday. He is thus a fine example to the Corps of how a man of his age can keep fit. He played for England from 1921—23, and for the Navy from 1920-24. We are proud of Mne. Gardner.

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On the 4th December Seale-Hayne College and the Royal Marines met at Newton Abbot, but the conditions were so bad that good football was out of the question.

The College were handicapped in the second half, Gebbie being injured and having to leave the field. During the closing stages the Marines were very persistent with their forward rushes. Gardner scored two tries, one of which was converted by Affleck, the Marines winning by 1 goal 1 try (8 points) to nil.

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On the 6th December, our team journeyed to Teignmouth, and lost by 6 points to 5. We had all the play, South scoring in the first half for Affleck to convert. A try was scored by South in the second half but disallowed on second thoughts by the referee. We hope, however, to reverse the result when we meet for the return match on the Longroom ground.

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On 13th December, Plymouth Albion Reserves, with a weakened team, played the Royal Marines at Beacon Park. In the early stages it seemed as if they would lose their ground record. Soon after the start the home side lost Gosling, their scrum worker, who had to retire through injury. Whilst the Marines were only dangerous on a few occasions, the Reserves missed one or two good chances through lack of finish, and when they did come near scoring, Affleck, full back for the Marines, was always reliable; his touch-finding was very accurate. As the game progressed, however, Albion improved, and it was during a breakaway by the Marines that Mills intercepted a pass and, giving Affleck the " dummy," got over between the uprights. His clever try was converted by Dow. Half-time: Plymouth Albion Res., 1 goal (5 points); Royal Marines, nil.

Early on the resumption the Marines were aggressive, but in spite of the fact that Albion were still a man short they more than held their own, and play was quickly transferred to the Marines' territory, where for the most part the rest of the game was fought out. A second try for Albion was scored by Hingston, the left winger, who, after a brilliant 30 yards' run, touched down in a favourable position, Rowe converting. Rain, which had fallen incessantly during this half, made handling almost impossible, and it was from a succession of drop passes that the Marines came near scoring. From touch within five yards of the line they tried a neat passing movement, but it came to nothing through one of the Albion men touching down in time. Result: Plymouth Albion Res. 2 goals (10 points), Royal Marines nil.

ASSOCIATION.

The following were selected from this Division to play for the R.N. and R.M. against Cornwall:—

Cartwright (goal), Brood (half), and Shewbrook (forward).

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On 19th November we met the 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment in a P. & D. League fixture, and a thrilling struggle was witnessed. Early in the game, from a clever opening made by Shewbrook, Stokes headed a fine goal. Crompton equalised for the Staffordshire's, but ten minutes from the end, Skipper scored the winning goal. It was the soldiers' first defeat this season.

On the 22nd November, the second replay of the Devon Senior Cup tie versus the Green Waves, was fought out in fine weather, before a gate of nearly 1,500 spectators. The Marines at once became aggressive, and Shewbrook scored a brilliant goal. Injuries were frequent and Horn was off the field for the greater part of the game. Skipper was a source of danger, and from one of his speedy runs Shewbrook placed the ball well out of the Waves' goalkeeper's reach. The Waves scored in a breakaway, but Hight made the game secure by scoring number three. All the Marines team are to be congratulated on their splendid display, and we now meet the holders, Oreston Rovers, at the Longroom, on the 13th December.

On the 29th November, in bad weather, against Woodland Villa, Skipper was tried at centre-forward, in place of Horn (injured), but was not a success. Vincent, Stokes, Skipper, and Shewbrook scored for us, the Villa replied with two goals.

In the Divisional Final of the Navy Cup, we were drawn against the Royal Naval Depot, at Devonport, and lost by 6 goals to 2.

Mne. Shewbrook was selected to play for the Royal Navy against Oxford University, at Chatham. The Navy eleven were beaten by 4 goals to 1. Shrewbrook scored the Navy's solitary goal; he has also been selected to play for the Navy in their coming tour in the Channel Islands.

The Royal Marine Reserves are to be congratulated on their splendid win over the Devon Motor Co. A.F.C., in the 2nd Round of Devon Wednesday Cup, on their opponents' ground, by 3 goals to 2. Graham, Parsons, and Clements were the scorers.

In the Devon Senior Cup, on 13th December, at Longroom, with a strong wind in their favour, Oreston Rovers were the first to become dangerous, and following two rapid raids, Whear opened the scoring from 30 yards' range, while a few moments later the same player missed by inches only. Stung by this early reverse the Marines retaliated, and a clever header from Broad just missed, but the Rovers came again, and Finch, beating Stratton in a race for possession, increased the lead. Shrewbroow broke away on the home left, and after beating three of the opposition sent across a perfect centre, but the pass went begging. A spell of even play followed, relieved just before the interval by a neat movement between Stokes and Horne, but the latter's shot went wide, while at the other end Milford missed an open goal. Half-time: Oreston Rovers 2, Royal Marines 0.

Just after the restart, the Marines reduced the lead. Broad obtained possession in mid-field, and beating R. Ellis sent on to Shrewbrook, who, without hesitation, netted with a good shot. The Rovers retaliated, and a clever movement, in which the whole line participated, gave Milford a great chance, but he ballooned over. A "free" against Cartwright for carrying, however, put them still further ahead, for Whear tipped the ball to Finch, who scored with ease. A spirited effort by Skipper on the home right nearly brought reward, but his centre was cleared in the nick of time, while a moment later Hancock saved well from Horne. The Rovers got going again. About ten minutes before the end Milford sent a perfect pass across the goalmouth, where the waiting Finch sent into the net. Result: Oreston Rovers 4, Royal Marines 1.

BOXING.

A Novices' Boxing Meeting was held in the Drill Shed on 20th Nov.

The programme was augmented by the Drummers' Inter-Room Competition, 6 fights, of which two were by Royal Marines other than novices, and four were by members of the R.M. Cadet Corps.

The result of the meeting was very encouraging, as there were more entries than usual; all the fights were fought out, with plenty of hard hitting, well given and taken.

The result of the competitions was as follows :—

MEN'S WEIGHTS (FINALS).

FEATHER-WEIGHT.—Mne. Whatmore beat Mne. Thomas on points.

LIGHT-WEIGHT.—Mne. Levesley beat Mne. Jackson on points.

WELTER-WEIGHT.—Mne. Bullard beat Mne. Barfield on points.

LIGHT-HEAVY-WEIGHT.—Mne. Praill beat Mne. Stevens on points.

DRUMMERS' INTER-ROOM COMPETITION

WINNERS, 6-STONE SERIES.—
35 Room, Bugler Hughes, 2 points.
33 Room, Bugler Townsend, 2 points.

WINNERS, 7-STONE SERIES.—
33 Room, Bugler Davey, 2 points.
33 Room, Bugler Marsh, 2 points.

WINNERS, 8-STONE SERIES.—
35 Room, Bugler Lyndon, 2 points.
35 Room, Bugler Descombe, 2 points.

The result of this Competition ended in a draw between the two Drummers' Rooms.

CADETS' CONTESTS.

Cadet Dingle beat Cadet Preece.
Cadet Duncan beat Cadet Hutchinson.
Cadet Arscott beat Cadet C.S.M. Sare.
Cadet Fry beat Cadet Gunton.

MEN'S CONTEST.

Mne. Weston beat Mne. Allen on points after a very hard fight.

"No contest" was declared in the fight between Mne. Bray and Mne. Westlake in the second round, as neither seemed to be fighting their hardest.

The prizes were presented at the conclusion of the meeting by Colonel-Commandant F. C. Edwards.

PORT R.N. AND R.N. MEETING.

The second Port R.N. and R.M. Boxing Meeting for the year was held in the R.N. Barracks Gymnasium on 3rd and 4th December. The conditions were that no winners of Port, or similar Championships, were eligible to enter.

In the "Fly-Weight" series Buglr. Hare was beaten by Ord. Seam. Lewis after a very plucky fight. Hare retired at the end of the second round.

In the "Bantam-Weights" Buglr. Descombe was beaten on points by Boy Haley, H.M.S. "Resolution."

"Feather-Weight."—Mne. Whatmore was beaten on points, after a splendid fight, by A.B. Tucker, the eventual runner-up in his weight.

"Welter-Weight."—In the 1st round of this series, Mne. Bates beat Mne. Stroud after a rather one-sided fight.

In the semi-final round, Mne. Bates beat Mne. Weston, after a splendid fight; an extra round was necessary.

In the Final, after a stiff fight, Mne. Bates beat Boy Hodges.

" Light-Weight."—There were only two entries for this weight, and Mne. Smith beat A.B. Ogilvie, a much bigger man, after a rather uninteresting fight.

Mne. Weston was awarded a " Good Loser's " Prize.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING.

Thanks very largely to the energy and keen interest of its Hon. Secretary, Q.M.S. Instr. C. H. Cross, the Miniature Rifle Club is now making very good progress. New members are always welcome, and all information will be furnished as to rules and procedure of the Club on application to the Hon. Secretary.

Four League matches and one friendly have been shot, the Depot, R.M., beating us in the friendly by 37 points. The other matches were also lost, but when a few new rifles have been procured, it is hoped that victories, and not defeats, will be generally recorded! Up to the present the use of only old and much worn rifles has been a serious handicap when meeting local Clubs, whose members are much better equipped in this respect. The Committees of the Sergeants' Mess and the Divisional Recreation Room have each voted the presentation of a rifle for the use of members of the Club, who highly appreciate this very generous action. The gift of these two rifles at the present time is particularly encouraging.

The S.M.R.C. Bronze Medal (Roberts) was won by Sergt. N. G. Stacey (97 pts.).

The " Bell " Medal was won by Mne. H. Hill with 95 pts. This medal is presented annually by the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs to each affiliated club. The winner is entitled to compete without entrance fee for the " Bell " trophy, which is shot for annually under the auspices of the S.M.R.C. Each club may make its own conditions for the medal; on this occasion there were 2 sighting shots, not to count, and 10 shots to count. Target, a " Roberts " 5-bull decimal, at 25 yds.; the possible was 100.

The " Times " certificate was won by Capt. C. Sergeant, D.S.C. (91 pts.), and the " Daily Telegraph " certificate by Sergt. N. G. Stacey (94 pts.). The Monthly Spoon Shoot resulted as follows:—S.M. J. H. Wilson, 1st Spoon (99 pts.); Q.M.S. Instr. C. H. Cross, 2nd Spoon (94 pts.); Sergt. R. Stapleton, 3rd Spoon (92 pts.). Four " booby " prizes, each a small bronze medal awarded to the lowest scorer for the period 11th Nov. to 11th Dec., have been presented to Lieut.-Col. M. F. Bennett, Corpl. J. Sare, Corpl. A. Ward and Mne. A. Bellchambers.

INTER-COMPANY MINIATURE RIFLE CUP.

The Cup was won by " C " Company with 1082 points. Second, " G " Company with 1015 points.

Medal for the highest individual, Sergt. Stapleton, " G " Co., with 131 pts. out of 140 pts.

Medal for the highest Sergt. or above: Sergt. Stapleton.

Medal for the highest Corporal: Corpl. Sare, " A " Co., with 113 pts.

Medal for the highest soldier over 4 years' Service: Mne. H. Hill, " A " Co., with 126 pts.

Medal for the highest soldier under 4 years' Service: Mne. Chambers, " C " Co., with 109 pts.

THE " TROTMAN " CUP.

ROYAL MARINES' MARCHING COMPETITION.

The inter-company competition for the General Trotman Cup, was held on the 9th December. This trophy has been presented by General Sir C. N. Trotman, who is the Honorary Col.-Commandant of the Division, with the object of encouraging correct and rapid marching; the competition was the first held since it was inaugurated.

Each company was allowed to enter as many platoons as possible, and it was also permitted to enter one " broken " or incomplete platoon, in order to include as many competitors as possible. Each platoon consisted of 30 non-commissioned officers and men, with one officer, warrant officer, or non-commissioned officer, in addition, as platoon commander. The dress was fighting order, service dress, with caps, and no ammunition.

The route was: Royal Marine Barracks, Halfpenny Bridge, King's Road, Milehouse, St. Budeaux, Woodland Fort, Crownhill, Milehouse, North Road, R.N. Hospital, Millbay Road to R.M. Barracks, the distance being eleven miles. There were three compulsory halting places at fixed points on the route, where all teams halted for ten minutes.

Points were awarded for marching and time; and officers were stationed at the halting places and at four or more unknown points on the route.

Eleven teams competed, and after inspection the first marched out of Barracks at eight o'clock, the remaining ten teams leaving at intervals of a quarter of an hour.

The teams and the times in which they completed the march were as follows, arranged in the order in which they commenced the march:—

" A " Co. (1), 3h. 13m. 26s.; " C " Co. (1), 3h. 17m. 52s.; " G " Co. (1) 3h. 20m. 35s.; " E " Co. (1), 3h. 19m. 32s.; " E " Co. (2), 3h. 19m. 25s.; " G " Co. (2), 3h. 16m. 55s.; " A " Co. (2), 3h. 9m. 10s.; " C " Co. (2), 3h. 3m. 12s.; " G " Co. (3), 3h. 11m. 30s.; " C " Co. (3), 3h. 8m. 55s.; " A " Co. (3), 3h. 17m. 36s. " E " (1) team took the wrong route.

The result was as follows:—

Winners of the cup, " C " Co., 36.5 points; 2, " G " Co., 37.9; 3, " A " Co., 36.9; 4, " E " Co., 36.1.

At a special parade on the 12th Dec., and after a brief speech, General Sir Charles Trotman, K.C.B., presented the cup to Captain C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C., Commander of " C " Company.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

So far we have had a fairly successful season. We started badly, but after a few matches the team began

to settle down, and we have held our own against most of our opponents.

We have a fairly heavy, useful pack who can generally hold their own, but we lack any good hookers. We are therefore, often liable to lose the ball in the scrums. The three-quarters are a promising set. Our chief failing is the halves.

Our best games have always been on wet days. The best matches, so far, have been against Wye College, at Wye, when we lost by 5 points to 0; the Thanet Wanderers, with whom we drew, there being no score at all; and the King's Own Regiment, who beat us on their own ground by 14 points (1 goal and 3 tries) to 11 points (1 goal and 2 tries). This was probably the best game that we have had, the issue being uncertain right up to the end of the match.

The results up to date are as follows:—

Depot R.M. v. Sir Roger Manwood's School, won 32—0; v. Wye College, lost 5—0; v. Thanet Wanderers, draw 0—0; v. Wye College, lost 29—0; v. S.A. School, Hythe, lost 23—0; v. R.A.F., Manston, lost, 19—3; v. Sir Roger Manwood's School, won 19—0; v. Northants Regt., won, 25—0; v. King's Own Regt., lost 14—11; v. Tank Corps, won 11—0.

The following have played for the Depot team:—

Back—2nd Lieut. Woods, Mne. Berry; Three-quarter—Lt. Shackleton, 2nd Lieuts. Baker, Martin, Mne. Hole, Rct. Roberts; Halves—Corpl. Pollitt, Mnes. Popple, Potter; Forwards—Capts. Lamplough, Shephard, Lieut. Scott, 2nd Lieut. Woods, Sergts. Mills, Lyle, Paddon, Mnes. Wilkinson, Lyness, Trinder, Murphy, Rcts. Smith, McCormick.

BOXING.

13th November:—Corpl. Moyse and Mne. Davis won contests at Manston against opponents from the R.A.F.

21st November:—Corpl. Moyse beat L.-Corpl. Mahoney, welter-weight champion of the Army, 1923, at Ashford.

23rd November:—Mne. Davis beat Billy Burns, of London, on points, at Manor Hall, in 8 rounds.

15th December:—Mne. Trinder beat Paul Journée, one time heavy-weight champion of France, in the 12th round of a 15-round contest, at the Liverpool stadium.

FORTHCOMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The following fixtures are scheduled for 1925:—R.N. and R.M. Boxing Championship, at Portsmouth, on 6th, 7th and 8th April.

I.S.B.A. Championship at Portsmouth, 29th, 30th April and 1st May, or 6th, 7th, 8th May (provisional dates).

Inter-Services Amateur Championship Meeting at Liverpool Stadium on 12th March.

SHOOTING.

MINIATURE POST MATCHES.

Depot, R.M., v. Plymouth Divn., shot on 25th Nov., 8 shots, best 6 scores to count.

Depot, R.M.—Sergt. Owens 97, Corpl. Calverley 97, Q.M.S.I. Jardine 96, Sergt. Paddon 96, Sergt. Phillips 94, Capt. Leech Porter 93.—Total 573.

Plymouth Division.—Capt. Sergeant 91, Sergt. Stacey 90, Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard 90, Clr.-Sergt. Hiscock 89, Mne. Hill 89, Q.M.S. Crawley 88.—Total 537.

Depot won by 36 points.

Depot R.M. v. Small Arms School, Hythe, 11th Dec. 10 shots, 8 best scores to count.

Depot, R.M.—Corpl. Calverley 99, Sergt. Owens 97, Sergt. Paddon 97, Sergt. Henwood 97, Sergt. Walker 95, Captain Leech Porter 95, Q.M.S.I. Jardine 94, Sergt. Phillips 87.—Total 761.

S.A.S., Hythe.—Q.M.S.I. Turnbull 98, Sergt. Instr. Austin 97, Sergt. Instr. Goddard 97, Q.M.S.I. Lee 95, Sergt. Instr. Mapp 95, Arm. S. Sergt. Warren 94, Sergt. Instr. Spence 91, Sergt. Instr. Acton 90.—Total 757.

Depot won by 4 points.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The Boys' Team met the Prince of Wales' Volunteers on the 29th November, in the U.S. League, Div. IV. and defeated them by no less than 10 goals to nil.

The Men's second team has won two of the three games played this month. The first team has suffered badly; several members have been so severely hurt that it is unlikely that they will be able to play again this season. This is particularly hard on a team like the School's, with so few to draw from.

Our chances of winning the U.S. Challenge Cup were shattered on the 29th, when the "Excellent" scored seven goals to nil against us. The School tried hard but was not up to full strength.

We have more optimistic views, however, for the New Year, when we have had our Christmas leave. We hope then to be able to report some more double figure scores in our favour.

The matches played during the month were:—

Nov. 15th.—(U.S. League Div. I.), Lost 3—1, R.A.O.C.
,, 15th.—(U.S. League Div. II.), Lost 4—1, R.A.O.C.
,, 22nd.—(U.S. League Div. II.), Won 3—1, Artificer Apprentices.
,, 25th.—(U.S. League Div. I), Drew 1—1, R.A., Gosport.
,, 29th.—(U.S. Challenge Cup), Lost 7—0, H.M.S. "Excellent."
,, 29th.—(U.S. League Div. IV.), Won 10—0, Prince of Wales' Volunteers.
Dec. 3rd.—(U.S. League Div. I.), Lost 5—2, R.A.O.C.
,, 6th.—(U.S. League Div. I.), Lost 3—0, Prince of Wales' Volunteers.
,, 6th.—(U.S. League Div. II.), Won 4—1
,, 13th.—(U.S. League Div. II.), Lost 3—1, Signal School.
,, 13th.—(U.S. League Div. IV.), Lost 5—0, R.A.O.C.



CORPS GAZETTE

AWARDS.

A revolver has been awarded to Prob. Lieut. K. L. M. Cooper, for having obtained the highest number of marks in his batch during the probationary courses of instruction.

Corpl. C. F. Bowden has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Prob. 2nd Lieutenants to Prob. Lieutenants:—K. L. M. Cooper, R. Garrett, W. S. North, J. F. M. Moulton, J. M. Phillips, P. Phillipps, P. H. O. L. Penfold, R. D. Sims, F. A. Milliken, H. A. Tracey, J. G. Godwin, G. B. O. Farrington, M. Marchant, A. H. R. Buckley, J. O. G. Hayter, J. L. R. Pym.

Major (and Bt. Lieut.-Col.) G. P. Orde is appointed to H.M.S. "Centurion" (and as Squadron R.M. Officer), vice Williams, to disembark to Headquarters. Date of joining.

Major E. Cheesman, Sup. List, R.M., apptd. to H.M.S. "Cormorant" (addl.), for W.T. Duties on Staff of R.A., Gibraltar, and charge of W.T. Station, vice Garrett, 15.2.25.

Capt. Quill apptd. P. and R.T. Instructor (Tempy.), vice Brooks, at Portsmouth.

Capt. C. Brooke-Short apptd. Adjutant at Portsmouth, vice J. G. Johnstone, 9.1.25, and borne supy. to establishment.

Capt. J. G. Johnstone is Absd., vice Brooke-Short, 9.1.25.

Lieut. L. Wrangham, M.C., placed on Seconded List for Employment under Sudan Government.

Lieut. Thomas E. N. Knox, R.M., is apptd. to H.M.S. "President" addl., for 4 months' study in France. 26.1.1925.

The undermentioned officers will be attached to the R.A.F., for period "A," as laid down in A.F.O. 1058/24, as from 12th January, 1925, and they are to join No. 1 Flying Training School, Netheravon, Wilts., p.m. on that date. Lieuts. Alfred B. Woodhall, R.M., Reginald H. S. Teek, R.M., Thomas L. G. Bryan, R.M., Cecil F. L. Holford, R.M., Owen C. Jones, R.M.

Capt. L. Wilkinson to "Repulse.

Capt. D. B. Carter to "Dauntless," vice Clayton.

Lieut. C. Scott to "Canterbury," vice Fell.

Proby. Lieut. J. Cordeaux to "Royal Oak," vice Robinson.

Proby. 2nd. Lieuts. K. Cooper to "Queen Elizabeth," vice Giles; R. Garrett to "Iron Duke," vice Westall; J. Phillips to "Barham," vice Salter; Sims to "Valiant," vice Hill; P. Penfold to "Malaya," vice Holford; J. Pym to "Malaya," vice Hill; J. Hayter to "Emperor of India," vice Balls; J. Godwin to "Benbow," vice Barcroft; M. Marchant to "Benbow," vice Donaldson; G. Farrington to "Marlborough," vice Blandford; A. Buckley to "Hood," vice Dykes; J. Moulton to "Resolution," vice Moxham; H. Tracey to "Ramillies," vice Grey; P. Phillipps to "Royal Sovereign," vice Wright; W. North to "Royal Sovereign," vice Hawkins; F. Milliken to "Repulse," vice Ransome.

Lieut. A. G. Stone, M.C. (Special Reserve of Officers), relinquishes appointment, 13.11.24.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. E. Brockman and Lieut. W. Nonweiler qualified (distinguished) at the S.A.S., Hythe, Qualifying Course (Rifle and Light Automatic Wings), 14.11.24.

The Adjutant-General, R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by these officers.

Capts. F. W. Dewhurst and A. Cornish, Lieuts. C. H. Kitchin and C. L. Edwards, qualified (First Class) at the S.A.S., Hythe, Qualifying Course (Rifle and Light Automatic Wings), 14.11.24.

The undermentioned Officers are appointed to H.M.S. "President," addltional for a course of instruction at R.N. College, Greenwich: Proby. 2nd Lieuts. W. F. Edds, C. R. Hardy, M. Archdall, G. K. Martyn, H. D. Fellowes, J. L. Moulton, A. J. Harvey, R. W. B. Simonds, J. P. Phillipps, G. F. Burnett, 1st Jan., 1925.

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

The undermentioned officers are qualified for promotion to the rank of Major, under the provisions of Instructions for R.M. Divisions, Art. 10:—Capts. E. T. N. Farmer, R.M., E. J. Hughes, O.B.E., R.M., A. Rendell, R.M.—20th Nov., 1924.

Capt. F. W. Dewhurst, R.M., Lieuts. W. I. Nonweiler, R.M., C. L. Edwards.—14th No., 1924.

Capt. F. R. Hamer, R.M., passed in subject (d) for promotion to the rank of Major at the examination held in October, 1924.

ALTERATIONS IN CORPS ESTABLISHMENT.

The following alterations have been made to the Establishment of the Corps :—

	Chatham	Portsmouth	Plymouth	Deal	Total
Sergeant ...	153	183	180	1	517
Corporal ...	230	259	252	2	743
Bugler ...	52	64	52	—	168
Musician ...	25	25	25	25	100
Marines ...	2164	2483	2607	40	7294

Promotion of N.C.O.'s with the exception of Clr.-Sergts., may now be resumed in vacancies.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeants.—Corpls. H. Laughton "**Diagon,**" W. F. Jeavons **Depot, R.M.**, W. T. Whitmore "**Eagle,**" A. C. Hutton "**Eagle,**" W. E. Elliott **H.Q.**

To be Corporals.—Musn. G. A. Blackmore **H.Q.**, Mnes. A. V. Sears **E. of I.**, W. E. J. Crane **H.Q.**, W. A. Sewell **H.Q.**, H. Carter **H.Q.**, W. G. Williams "**Marlborough,**" J. A. Kemp **R.N. College,** T. Carter "**Constance,**" L. F. W. Kirby **H.Q.**, D. J. Millar "**Hawkins,**" N. R. Willcox **H.Q.**, W. D. Ives **H.Q.**, H. Waine "**Hawkins,**" N. Waters **Depot, R.M.**, L. P. Staunton **H.Q.**, A. J. Jones **H.Q.**, H. V. Hesketh "**Diomede,**" W. J. Rootes **H.Q.**, A. C. R. Humphrey **H.Q.**, F. L. Quilter **H.Q.**

APPOINTMENTS.

Parade Staff, M.T.I.—Sergt. H. E. Tucker.

Works Department.—(Caulker) Mne. J. Newman, (Painter) W. Hossack, (Cook) Mne. H. Bailey.

Pay Office.—(Nominated Ledger Clerk) Sergt. C. A. Lyons.

Officers' Mess.—Mne. G. Buchan.

Sergts' Mess Cook.—Mne. J. E. E. Jones.

Dining Hall Attendants.—Mnes. W. G. Buckingham, R. C. Wallace.

Cook Officers' Mess.—(Nominated) Mne. F. G. Prince.

Fatigue Man, Sergts' Mess.—Mne. G. Lyons.

Training as Clerk.—Mne. J. Tilsley.

Ledger Clerk, Pay Office.—(Appointed) Sergt. W. T. Attwood.

Shoemaker's Shop.—Mnes. H. E. Tunsley (Attached), S. Pyatt.

Assistant Divisional Gardener.—Mne. L. K. Kelly.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Hecla,**" Corpls. W. T. Green, R. J. Joyce, J. Mayes, Clr.-Sergt. F. H. Wyld; "**Pembroke,**" Mne. G. C. Kingdom; "**Vulcan,**" Corpls. J. S. Cristol, G. E. Hayman; "**Royal Oak,**" Sergt. L. F. Lynham, Mnes. W. A. Bryans, A. W. C. Pratt, W. H. Coleman; "**Ajax,**" Corpl. W. T. Cooper, Mnes. A. W. Waters, L. W. Briggs; "**Blenheim,**" Mne. H. Purkins; "**Royal Sovereign,**" Mne. G. Case; "**Cyclops,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. A. McLean, Sergt. W. T. Attwood; "**Canterbury,**" Mne. J. A. Willerton; "**Birmingham,**" Mne. A. J. Macklin.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Corpl. J. W. Bowden, Mnes. W. R. Dent, J. Such: "**Blenheim,**" Mne. W. D. Williams; "**Canterbury,**" Mne. J. Tilsley; "**Caledon,**" Mne. A. Carlisle; "**Ceres,**" Mnes. G. S. Neate, F. Wall; "**Comus,**" Corpl. H. Moizer, Mnes. L. R. Clarke, B. G. Linge, A. H. Pennie, J. R. Fallon, R. L. Smithies, A. J. Smith, G. Fisher, G. F. Turner, H. A. Watson, C. C. Marley, W. J. Green, S. J. Glass, G. Whitmore, H. P. Richardson, C. F. Kennedy, G. Johns; "**Cyclops,**" Mne. W. Wright: "**Egmont,**" Mnes. H. Howes, S. Sharpe; "**Hecla,**" Corpls. V. J. Haines, W. G. Barnes; "**Malabar,**" Corpl. S. J. Barker, Mnes. C. W. Mead, W. S. Jones, W. G. Gillingham, G. Stuart, W. Dolamore, D. A. Tipper; "**Pembroke,**" Mnes. H. Brinkworth, H. Bailey, J. W. Cullodin; "**Repulse,**" Sergt. T. Lee; "**Royal Oak,**" Sergt. W. Clarke, Mne. R. J. Slator; "**Shotley, T.E.,**" Corpls. A. G. William, F. J. Gabriel, S. E. Gibb, W. Staley, A. L. Rix, Mne. H. J. Ham; "**Tiger,**" Mne. A. E. Herbert; "**Vulcan,**" Corpls. H. H. Wills, J. H. Franks, J. Millar.

DISCHARGES.

Pension.—Mnes. J. H. Parfitt, J. G. Hudson, H. F. Hales, H. Collins.

1st Period of Engagement.—Mnes. B. Cole, L. W. F. Tidball.

Invalided.—Mnes R. Rogers, J. A. Hall, J. Such, W. G. Packer, H. J. Channon, H. Kaye.

Purchase.—Mnes. F. Slaney, C. F. W. Pocklington.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeants.—Corpls. Henry Starkey, Samuel Kay, W. G. Millard, William Rogers, Broster Piggott, G. T. Burgess, A. W. Peck, S. W. Wyatt, H. S. R. Mansbridge, H. V. Gerrey, H. E. Norris (28.11.24).

EMBARKATIONS.

To "**Hermes,**" Mne. Henry Rayner; "**Argus,**" Corpls. Leonard Todd, Sidney Guttridge, Mne. E. M. Jacobs; "**Centurion,**" Mnes. S. A. Buttler, Henry Fowler, Charles Johnson, W. C. Bosley, Alfred Waller; "**Dryad,**" Mnes. J. W. Thorne, A. E. Partridge; "**Victory,**" Corpl. P. J. Hunter, Mne. Frank Gibson; "**Dolphin,**" Buglr. C. A. E. Shotton, Mne. G. H. Harvey; "**Egmont,**" Mne. F. H. Taylor; "**Hood,**" Mne. Fred Holmes; "**Assistance,**" Corpl. E. J. Baldwin; "**Tiger,**" Sergt. Herbert Hill; "**Centurion,**" Mnes. Frank Bell, W. A. Warren.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

From "**Fisgard,** Mne. A. E. C. Hoy (in R.N. Hospital, Haslar); "**Castor,**" Corpl. W. E. Lewington; "**Hermes,**" Mne. Stanley Skinner (in R.N. Hospital, Haslar); "**Fisgard,**" Mne. R. W. Gent; "**Victory,**" Corpl. Stanley Shortman; "**Dolphin,**" Buglr. F. H. Bungay; "**Centurion,**" Mnes. F. G. Penny, S. I. Russell, A. R. Simpson; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Mne. H. E. Weale; "**Egmont,**" Sergt. W. E. Buckley, Mnes. A. J. Budden, E. F. Matthews, W. C. Allen, W. G. Peters, A. E. Payne, C. S. Payne, G. T. Ford (in R.N. Hospital, Plymouth); "**Malabar,**" Mne. E. C. Harper; "**Iron Duke,**" Mnes. H. S. Hillier, W. H. **Freemantle** (in R.N. Hospital, Plymouth); "**Hecla,**" Clr.-Sergt. R. C. Burt; "**Assistance,**" Corpl. George Maughan; "**Royal Oak,**" Mne. A. E. Kearns; "**Dryad,**" Mne. E. H. G. Spindler; "**Dolphin,**" Mne. John Reynolds; "**Victoria and Albert,**" Mne. John Creese; "**Hood,**" Sergt. H. C. B. Glasspole; "**Castor,**" Mne. W. T. A. Balmond; "**Yarmouth,**" Sergt. A. W. F. Cawte, Corpls. I. W. Kent, Alfred Gee, Mnes. E. P. Layzell, G. E. Hamp, G. E. Faithful, Thomas West, L. H. Betsworth, William Smith, G. V. Cornelious, H. E. Wilkinson, S. G. Shafford, E. E. Bacon, F. E. Branson, Gilbert Davies, P. G. H. Bailey, W. S. Hill, H. J. Flanagan, H. W. E. Marsh, Herbert Neal; "**Argus,**" Sergts. P. A. Adams; "**Cyclops,**" Clr.-Sergt. Oscar Perkins; "**Centurion,**" Mnes. Sidney Webb, F. W. Kind.

TRANSFERS.

To Plymouth.—Mnes. E. D. Oates (from "Yarmouth"), Charles Braven, G. C. Harding.

From Plymouth.—Sergt. James Bowie, Mnes. Charles Shemeld, B. H. Saunders.

To Chatham.—Mne. E. R. Tucker.

From Chatham.—Clr.-Sergt. Oscar Perkins, R. C. Burt, Mnes. E. N. Hallford, W. G. Edwards, Alexander Quigley, Harold Gould.

From "Dryad" to "Argus," Mne. S. McGurley; "**Centurion,**" to "**Argus,**" Mnes. L. G. Farrow, Robert Watmore.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Mnes. W. J. Hine, Charles Weaver, J. F. Waters, G. E. Waller, W. W. Legg, Arthur Revall, Fredk. Smith.

Termination of Engagement.—Mne. (Pensr.) John Creese.

Invalided.—Mnes. Arthur Crowe, George Harrop, W. H. Anderson, E. W. F. Gillett, E. H. G. Spindler, Joseph Poole.

Purchase.—Mne Leonard Taylor.

Not likely to become efficient.—Mnes. James Crosby, C. W. Cozens, E. G. Parsonage.

S.N.L.R.—Mne. F. A. Bromwell.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergeants:—C. H. Spinner, F. J. Oakes, S. J. March, C. C. Folland, J. R. Slocombe, J. Boyle; Corporals:—N. V. Bishop, Wm. Dickman, G. Oliver, H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, W. J. C. Osborne.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Caradoc,**" Mne. Nolan; "**Ramillies,**" Mnes. Wellington, Ellis, Lawrence; "**Malaya,**" Mne. Gregg; "**Royal Sovereign,**" Mne. Bonegal; "**Vivid,**" Sergt. Norris; "**Maidstone,**" Sergt. Burbidge; "**Impregnable,**" Mnes. Hopson, Chant, Wilson, Knapton, Bug, Rush; "**Woolwich,**" Mne. Ross; "**Depot, R.M., Deal,**" Mnes. Tucker, Pinwell, Hutchison, Wright; "**Thunderer,**" Mnes. Turner, Major, Boxall, Webster, Wright, Forward, Hill; "**Delhi,**" Sergt. Barks, Mnes. Towner, Brown, Smith, Wooders, Newton, Bethell, Edmonds, Harvey, Mckendrick, Allen, Fowler, Weaver, Pope, Rampton, Hartwill; "**On Command, Portsmouth,**" Sergts. Bulley, Elliott, Precious, Maclaine, Smith, Corpls. Graham, Comstive, Mnes. Healey, Endacott, Nadin, Davidson, Griffiths, Dallow, Elliott, Simmonds, Furneaux.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Delhi,**" Clr.-Sergt. Smart, Mnes. Hine, Radford, McRae, Hall, Parkinson, Wimble, Pritchard, Norton, Ricketts, Hefferon; "**Cairo,**" Mne. Mather; "**Egmont,**" Mnes. Adams, Leigh; "**Calypso,**" Mne. Hinton; "**Malabar,**" Mne. Alexander; "**Warspite,**" Mne. Boxall; "**Woolwich,**" Mne. Kerslake; "**Impregnable,**" Mnes. Murdock, Castlehouse, Lawrence, Bug, Woodward, Clark; "**Hood,**" Corpl. Willson; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Mne. Hogg; "**Maidstone,**" Sergt. Ralph; "**Yarmouth,**" Mne. Oates; "**Thunderer,**" Mnes. Shaw, Perkins, Johns; "**Tamar,**" Mnes. Strawford, Ford; "**Depot, R.M., Deal,**" Sergt. Mills, Mnes. Bourton, Perry; "**Ramillies,**" Mne. Snocken.

DEPOT.

AWARDS.

The King's Badge for the best all-round recruit in the 93rd Squad has been awarded to Mne. K. A. McLean.

The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal has been awarded to Clr.-Sergt. J. C. O. Beynon.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. F. W. Reynolds, Coalmeter Man; Corpl. T. H. Buckley, M.T.I., 2nd Class (P.); Mne. J. C. Redford, Clerk, Staff Office; Sergt. G. T. J. Harrison, W.O.'s Mess Steward; Mne. W. J. Grace, Attd. to Major H. G. W. Beard; Mne. A. Walker, Range Marker; Mne. R. Watson, Range Marker; Mne. R. S. Bowie, Range Marker; Corpl. C. Still, Armourer, Small Arms; Mne. J. A. Yates, Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s; Sergt. T. J. Underhill, Postman; Mne. G. J. Dixon, Attd. to Suptg. Clerk, Watkiss; Mne. A. McNamara, Recreation-room Attendant; Mne. A. E. Tull, School Orderly; Mne. G. Spree, Attd. to Capt. Lamplough.

PROMOTIONS.

Corpl. W. F. Jeavons, to Sergeant; Mne. H. Waters, to Corporal.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.—Clr.-Sergt. A. Dunster, Clr.-Sergt. G. A. Mead, Corpl. F. Frost, for Anti-Gas Course. Mne. T. Adam, Mne. C. Dowling, Mne. J. H. Phillips, Corpl. E. E. A. Rigsby, Rejoining. Mne. M. Watson, for Anti-Gas Course.

To Portsmouth.—Mne. J. C. Redford, for Instructional Course. Corpl. A. G. Crowther, Rejoining.

To Plymouth.—Sergt. C. C. Mills, on Appointment as Q.M.S.I.P. & R.T. Mne. A. H. Bourton, Mne. J. Perry, Rejoining.

The 93rd (King's) Squad passed for duty on Saturday, the 13th December, but will not proceed to their Headquarters until Wednesday, 7th January, 1925.

DISCHARGES.

Clr.-Sergt. R. Hill, to Pension; Mne. J. Crosby, "Not Likely to become Efficient"; Mne. F. A. Bromwell, S.N.L.R.; Mne. J. Archer, to Pension; Mne. L. Taylor, by Purchase; Mne. E. Mc Donald, by Purchase.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

Musician S. G. Walkiden to Band Corporal.

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 Corporal).—J. H. Matthews, R. H. Mortimer, D. W. Green, P. D. Evans, W. C. Owens.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys L. M. Summers, B. W. Marsh, and M. H. E. Herod, to Musicians.

EXAMINATIONS.

The following N.C.O.'s qualified as Musical Instructors on the 18th November:—Bandmasters Fredk. Skidmore, H. E. Hardy, Herbert Wright, Band Corporal W. F. Overbury.

The following N.C.O.'s were successful at the examination held at the School on the 11th, 12th and 13th November, 1924, for promotion to Bandmaster, 1st Class: Bandmasters, 2nd Class, G. C. Holloway (86.8), M. H. Lane (83.5), Walter Pryce (83.3), Samuel Ellick (82.1), Arthur Eames (81.5).

The Superintendent has nominated Bandmaster G. C. Holloway to receive the Gold Medal presented annually to the best student of the year by the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The following N.C.O.'s commenced a course of instruction to qualify for promotion to Bandmaster, 2nd Class, on the 1st December, 1924: Band Corporals Percival Johnson, E. J. Hills, A. C. Black, C. W. Fitch, A. G. Foskett, J. G. Prior, W. A. Attrill, F. C. Frost.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Tiger,**" Musn. James Williams; "**Hood,**" Band Corpl. Hugh McConnell, Musns. F. L. Pickering, C. A. Potter, Albert Wicker; "**Repulse,**" Musn. A. L. Perratt; "**Pembroke,**" (R.N.B.) Bandmaster 1st Class E. J. M. Watson, Band Corpl. W. R. Moore, Musns. A. C. P. D. Norris, Frank Wilkinson, J. W. Fairs, W. D. Read, A. V. Knights, Vernon Furneaux, G. T. Pullinger, Jack Stimpson, B. H. Smith, A. G. Yeats, W. J. Wilson, F. J. Harwood, F. H. Stoner, Roland Page; "**Pembroke,**" (C. in C.), Musn. James Watts; "**Revenge,**" Musn. E. G. B. Bulbeck; "**Resolution,**" Bandmaster 1st Class Fredk. Skidmore; "**Ramillies,**" Band Corpl. E. R. Long, Musn. J. H. Sholl.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Tiger,**" Musn. John Wilson; "**Repulse,**" Band Corpl. J. G. Prior; "**Ramillies,**" Band Corpl. F. C. Frost; "**Hood,**" Band Corpl. T. H. Lawrence, Musns. F. W. Budden, Jack Woodcock, C. J. Kimpton; "**Pembroke**" (R.N.B.), Bandmaster 1st Class Henry Robson, Band Corpl. E. R. Long, Musns. Wm. Meadows, H. J. Read, A. E. T. Ball, G. L. King, Joseph Dean, G. H. Chism, W. T. Brand, W. L. Golden, William Mills, E. R. Hardy, W. T. Lockhart, Cecil Wratten, S. J. Knight, William Pearson; "**Pembroke**" (C. in C.), Band Corpl. S. G. Walkiden; "**Revenge,**" Musn. G. A. Bayton; "**Resolution,**" Bandmaster 1st Class H. J. T. Taylor.

DISCHARGES.

Bandmaster 2nd Class Sydney Selby to Pension, Musn. F. C. Rawling "Invalided," Musn. John Wilson, Termination of his first period of engagement.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer, "Globe and Laurel," acknowledges, with thanks, the following amounts received from 19th December, 1924, to 19th January, 1925 :—

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The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel C. Field's History of the Royal Marines :—

£2,254 10s. 6d., previously acknowledged ; £13 3s., interest on Deposit Account for 1924 ; £2, Lieut. R. F. Cornwall ; £1 5s., Mr. W. C. Pantry ; £1, Major A. D. Welch, Captains J. S. Tuppen, W. Bashall, A. St. C. Morford, Lieut. B. W. O'Donnell ; 15s., Lieut. H. E. F. Shackleton, Rev. A. Limpens, Sergts.' Mess, Depot, R.M. ; 12s., Capt. A. H. Reading ; 10s., Colonel J. A. Tupman, Lt.-Col. G. L. Raikes, Major D. J. Gowney, Capt. H. W. Simpson, Clr.-Sergt. J. Casey, Sergt. J. Beynon ; 7s. 6d., Colonel R. C. Temple, Lt.-Cols. H. Channer, C. L. Mayhew, Major R. Sinclair, Captains E. T. N. Farmer, W. F. Lukis, R. C. Mackenzie, J. E. Leech Porter, Lieut. C. H. C. Masters, Officers' Mess, Plymouth, Lady Mercer ; 5s., Capt. A. M. Craig, Lieuts. A. F. C. Dykes, H. R. D. Woods, J. S. Martin, M. F. Rogers, Mne. R. Havercroft, Mr. T. J. Atkins ; 3s., Captain D. B. Carter ; 2s. 6d., Messrs. G. Lloyd, J. E. Giles, H. Gardner, Captain S. J. Tracéy ; 2s., Lieut. S. G. Cutler. Total, £2,288 8s.

We have a quantity of spare plates of : Drill Order and Service Kit, 1856–1914 ; Mess Dress, 1859–1914 ; Uniform, 1914 ; at 1s. each, postage extra.

15.1.25. J. A. TUPMAN, Colonel,
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary.

"BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS" FUND, VOL. III.

The undermentioned amounts have been received as guarantee for General Sir H. E. Blumberg's History of the Great War :—

£44 3s. 6d., previously acknowledged (not £45 3s. 6d., as reported) ; £5, Lady Mercer ; £2 2s., Colonel L. S. T. Halliday ; £2, Major A. D. Welch, Div. Library, Plymouth ; £1 10s., Captain A. H. Reading ; £1, Generals Sir A. Paris, Sir W. Adair, Colonels H. D. O'Sullivan, P. Molloy, H. L. Darley, R. C. Temple, C. Clarke, J. A. Tupman, Lieut.-Colonels A. H. French, H. Channer, C. d'O. Harmer, G. L. Raikes, C. L. Mayhew, J. Hazel, Majors T. Hunton, H. G. W. Beard, A. G. Bourne, P. Owen, H. L. Benett, A. L. Foster, W. A. Jolly, E. Bamford, M. R. Yeo, Captains J. S. Tuppen, A. Eden Smith, H. W. Simpson, F. W. Dewhurst, G. F. Haszard, C. B. Conybeare, C. R. Lamplough, J. A. Dixon, A. St. C. Morford, E. C. Heathcote, J. H. Haddon, L. C. Hollis, D. A. Shephard, F. R. Jones, W. Bashall, J. E. Leech Porter, Brooke-Short, Lieuts. R. F. Cornwall, H. E. F. Shackleton, C. J. Savill, G. Beazley, S. G. Cutler, C. N. S. Smith, R. W. Gordon, C. R. L. Scott, J. Woodington, J. S. Martin, C. H. C. Masters, Sergt.-Major G. E. Wills, Warrant Officer's Mess, Depot R.M., Officers' Mess, Plymouth, Sergeants' Mess, Depot, Wardroom Mess, R.N. Barracks, Plymouth, Sergt. J. Beynon, Revs. F. Robinson, A. Limpens, Messrs. P. Cowlin, A. Fairbrother, Surg.-Commander J. B. Ronaldson ; 12s. 6d., Captain G. P. Y. Mascall ; 10s., Colonel J. R. Garrett, Major A. E. Syson, Mr. S. Isaacson ; 5s., Captain R. D. Hale, Mr. C. W. Pantry ; 1s. 1d., interest on Deposit, 1924. Total, £121 9s. 1d.

There are now 154 subscribers ; we want at least 1,000.

15.1.25. J. A. TUPMAN, Colonel,
Hon. Treasurer.

EXAMINATION OF ARMY OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION.

The new edition of Field Service Regulations, Vol. II (Operations), 1924, will be taken as the official regulations in dealing with questions set at the examination of officers for promotion to be held next April. But as the new edition may not reach many stations abroad in time for candidates to study it before the examination, the work of candidates stationed abroad whose answers are based on the 1920 volume will receive full consideration.

In the paper on Military History for the examination of October, 1925, and April, 1926, the period of study of the "Russo-Japanese War, 1904," will be as follows :—

"**General Period.** From 1st May, 1904 (Battle of the Yalu), to 5th September, 1904, both dates inclusive. **Special Period.** From 23rd August to 5th September, 1904 (Battle of Liao Yang)."

PAY AND PENSIONS.

THE Admiralty announce that the rates of extra duty pay, at present authorised for Royal Marines qualified and employed as cooks, are to be increased as follows :—Sergeant-cook, 1s. a day ; cook, 6d. ; company cook (only if general messing is in force), 6d.

Pensioner warrant officers and ratings and ranks of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines granted temporary commissions in the Army during the Great War, if they have not been discharged for misconduct, etc., are to receive, in lieu of the pensions previously awarded, retired pay on the following scale :—

Lieutenant or any higher rank—Maximum, £300 ; minimum, £250 ; addition, £6 for each complete year's service in these ranks up to seven years, and £8 for the eighth year.

Second-lieutenant.—Maximum, £250 ; minimum, £200 ; addition, £5 for each complete year's service in the rank.

ROYAL MARINE OFFICERS' SPORTS FUND.

BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY—DECEMBER, 1924.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance Credit, 1.1.24	3	10	2½
Per Subscriptions, 1.1.24—31.12.24	68	12	0
Interest on Deposit Account	0	15	3
Transferred from Deposit Account	40	0	0
	£112	17	5½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Printing	0	5	6
Boxing—Corps Championships, Deal, viz., Train Fares	6	16	5
Cricket—Train Fares, Ground Expenses, Cricket Balls (Corps Week)	41	8	11
Transferred to Deposit Account	40	0	0
Postage, Telegrams, etc.	0	10	5
Balance Credit	23	16	2½
	£112	17	5½

Money on Deposit, £20.

Audited and found correct,
W. P. ARBUTHNOT,
Lt.-Col., Examiner of Accounts.
19th January, 1925.

H. D. WEIR,
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President, R.M. Officers' Sports Fund.

ROYAL MARINES' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1924.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward—						
War Loan	83	0	0			
Deposit Account	58	3	11			
Current Account	25	5	8			
Cash	1	12	2½			
				168	1	9½
Annual Subscriptions, Divisions and Depot	200	0	0	200	0	0
Entrance Fees, Officers' Events	4	14	0	4	14	0
Voluntary Subscriptions and Donations—						
Individual	18	15	6	18	15	6
Collective: Chatham Division	13	10	0			
Portsmouth ,,	9	17	0			
Plymouth ,,	25	2	6			
Depot, Deal	31	10	0			
				79	19	6
R.M. Detachments—H.M. Ships—						
"Diomede"	1	10	0			
"Carysfort"	0	10	0			
"Ajax"	3	1	6			
"Ganges" (Shotley)	1	10	0			
"Malabar"	1	12	0			
"Birmingham"	4	9	0			
"Valiant"	1	8	6			
"Ceres"	3	0	0			
"Malaya"	4	0	0			
"Barham"	1	10	0			
"Coventry"	1	5	0			
"Centurion"	1	13	0			
"Victory" (ship)	1	13	4			
"Dryad"	1	12	0			
"Fisgard"	1	10	0			
"Victoria and Albert"	0	6	9			
"Dolphin"	0	2	6			
				30	13	7
R.M.O. Staff	1	10	0	1	10	0
R.M. Staff, Ghain Tuffieha	1	19	6	1	19	6
R.M. Small Arms School	1	6	6	1	6	6
H.Q. Mess, 8th R.M. Battalion (Special)	17	11	2	17	11	2
Grant from R.N. and R.M. Sports Fund	15	0	0	15	0	0
Miscellaneous	7	15	9	7	15	9
Interest on War Loan	3	17	6	3	17	6
,, ,, Deposit Account	1	9	0	1	9	0
Value of Medals and Badges in Stock	36	10	1	36	10	1
				£589	3	10½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
R.M.R.A. Annual Meetings	113	9	1	113	9	1
Medals, Cups, and Badges	146	15	11	146	15	11
National Rifle Association—						
Annual Meeting, Bisley	39	12	4			
Entrance Fees	15	10	0			
Annual Subscription	10	0	0			
Journal for 1925	0	7	0			
				65	9	4
Insurance of Trophies and Cups	8	2	5	8	2	5
Stationery	0	17	9½	0	17	9½
Travelling Expenses of Committee	23	0	8	23	0	8
Printing Rules for 1924	10	0	0	10	0	0
Sundries includes loan of £3 to Mne. Barrett	11	6	4	11	6	4
Postage	2	18	0½	2	18	0½
				381	19	7
Balance—						
War Loan	83	0	0			
Deposit Account	59	12	11			
Current Account	27	10	6			
Medals, etc., in Stock	36	10	1			
Cash	0	10	9½			
				207	4	3½
				£589	3	10½

Audited and found correct this 14th day of January, 1925.
L. NORCOCK,
Major, R.M.

14.1.25.

I certify that the above is a true statement up to and including 31st December, 1924, and that there are no outstanding liabilities.
M. FILMER BENNETT,
Lieut.-Colonel, R.M.,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, R.M.R.A.

1st January, 1925.

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Admiral Lord St Vincent.



Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

NOTES AND NEWS.

It is probable that a sense of disappointment may be felt by many of the readers of this journal when they find that the current number is on a smaller scale than that of last month.

If we may judge by letters received, the swan-song of the late Editor was indeed a success.

But the fact must be faced that even if the necessary material were forthcoming our funds do not admit of the production of such a bulky number except on very rare occasions.

If other journals produce a special Christmas number why not the "G. & L."? (Contrary to the usual procedure, however, our special effort appeared during the Christmas season instead of many weeks beforehand.)

Apparently the only man who thoroughly disapproved of this innovation was the Hon. Treasurer, whose remarks may be summed up in the words "I will let you off this time—but see that it does not occur again."

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The sports pages of the "G. & L." are usually well filled. It is not surprising to find that there is an unwonted dearth of news under this heading. The serious occupation of Christmas leave has not only interfered with sport itself but has also distracted the attention of some of our usual contributors.

However, no one will grudge the space devoted to accounts of Christmas parties and other festivities which, during the past season, have loomed so largely in the lives of Young England. All ranks of Royal Marines devote themselves whole-heartedly to the welfare of the youngsters, and we believe that this labour of love bears fruit in after years by the perpetuation of that splendid spirit of cameraderie which is traditional in our Corps.

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Our readers have been reminded more than once that the financial assistance derived from advertisements is essential for the satisfactory production of this journal. There is, however, another source of income which receives but scanty recognition in these columns. We refer to those thoughtful and generous people who do not confine their subscriptions to the bare minimum which will ensure their receipt of the "Globe and Laurel" for one year.

May we take this opportunity of thanking those concerned for their welcome assistance in carrying on the good work?

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Major Malden's timely warning to those about to start in civil life (see page 12, January issue "G. & L.") has brought us several letters with reference to the subject of unemployment.

Our correspondents urge upon us the necessity of warning all those who contemplate leaving the service of the difficulties they will encounter in their search for work.

The idea that there is work waiting for those who genuinely seek it is a fallacy; no man should leave the service voluntarily unless he is absolutely sure that there is definite employment awaiting him.

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CARTOON.

As our Artist " Col." is on the sick list, the Cartoon is held over until next month.

This being the personal experience of our correspondents, we commend the advice to the careful consideration of all our readers.

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Quite a considerable number of photographs of Detachments, etc., are received with requests that they may be published in this journal. We think it is not fully realised that each photograph which appears in our pages is a serious drain on our funds. We gladly publish photographs which may be considered to be of general interest to the Corps, and are duly grateful to the senders. Other photographs will be published, when space permits, if accompanied by a guarantee that the cost of printing will be refunded to the Hon. Treasurer.

An exception to this rule has been made in favour of the good ship "Caledon," whose relatively small detachment is one of the best supporters of the "G. & L."

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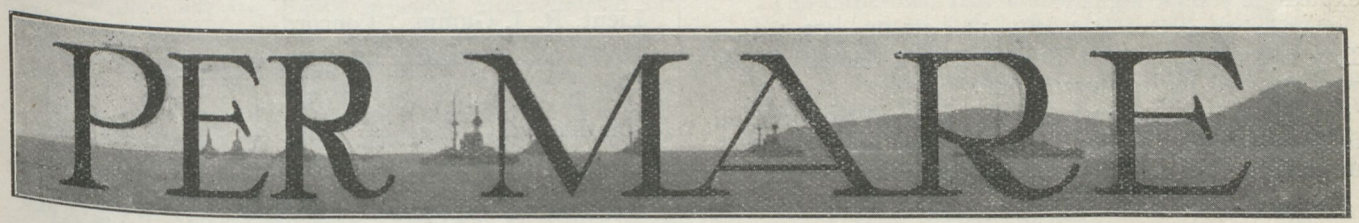
If our readers will kindly glance at the page opposite headed "Editorial Staff," they will see that there are many blank spaces waiting to be filled. We trust that candidates for these places will not be backward in coming forward.

In a Corps like ours, whose tentacles are spread around the globe itself, there is a wealth of material latent which few other services have such opportunities of bringing to light.

Incidents and experiences which may seem trivial to "the man on the spot" are often full of interest to readers in other parts of the world, and especially to those stay-at-homes whose occupation does not lead them to do their business in great waters.

We ask *all* to bear in mind that an Editor's duties are both *de*structive and *con*structive. Destructive in that he eliminates everything which may appear to be lacking in interest to his subscribers, and constructive in the attempt to collect news and embody it in the pages of his paper. To those who are prevented from contributing by a fear that their news is not wanted we say, "Send without fear; if any cutting is to be done, leave that to us, and whatever you may send—good, bad or indifferent—will be gratefully received by your friend,

THE EDITOR."



POLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC.

"Revenge."

There is very little news this month except that we have all been enjoying Christmas leave.

On the 9th December the Portsmouth Port Marathon was run. The "Revenge" entered two teams, which secured first and fourth places.

The Marines running for the "Revenge" came in as follows:—

10th, Mne. Willis.
15th, Cpl. G. W. P. Nason.
23rd, Mne. E. Ayling.
47th, Mne. Clark.
69th, Mne. E. W. Biles.

"Calliope."

There is an apology due for an error made last month. "Cleopatra" is relieving "Canterbury," not "Cambrian," in the 2nd C.S.

The Fleet is at present engaged in gunnery exercises, but expects before long to sail on the spring cruise.

There have been no sporting events lately, but we hope to be able to record some in the near future.

"Ramillies."

Now that long leave is ended, we are looking forward to a busy time during the spring cruise.

The first few weeks will be devoted to a gunnery programme, and, after the 23rd we sail for "Gib."

We are looking forward to a lot of "working up" for all sorts of sport, and competitions with the Mediterranean Fleet. Being optimists, we anticipate the "ascendency of our football star." Tug-of-war and boat pulling will also be in the list.

A New Year, New Cruise, and New Resolutions make the horizon somewhat clearer after a "foggy" Christmas.

Laughter was caused in the "Barracks" the other day when one of the detachment looked at himself in the mirror at one bell, shook his fist, and said audibly to his reflection, "You are the —— who drinks my tot every day."

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Caradoc."

"Caradoc" left Malta on the 22nd November for Dragomesti Bay, and after a very rough trip arrived there at noon on the 24th, but we were not able to stop long. We left again at 6.15 p.m. for Port Suez.

During the trip down all preparations were made for landing, but up to the present we have not done so.

On the 29th we were very busy taking out our 4 saluting guns, 5 sub-calibres and 2 torpedoes, to make more room, and as little top weight as possible, as we were to take troops to Port Sudan on their arrival here from Cairo. When they arrived that night at 10.45 p.m. we found that we had to load up with 2 armoured cars, 1 motor lorry, 1 field kitchen, 4 field guns, limbers, stores and 500 shells, and about 190 officers and men.

The hands worked hard all night, and at 6 a.m. we were doing 20 knots for Port Sudan.

That day our Band played to the troops and we also gave them a movie show.

Monday, 1st December, saw us in No. 6's, as it had become so hot. We arrived at Port Sudan at 4.30 p.m. More work as soon as we came alongside the jetty, but by 9 p.m. everything had been unloaded, and the troops were on the train *en route* for Khartoum.

During the 11 days we were at Port Sudan our football team won three matches against the sloops "Cornflower" and "Clematis," and, in a rifle match against the 9th Sudanese troops, we won by 53 points.

Some of the troops came on board, and were most interested in all they were shown.

Everything is quiet here at present, but all leave expires at 7 p.m. nightly.

On Christmas Eve we had a whist drive, on Christmas Day a concert, and on Boxing Day a dance. Music was supplied by our jazz band.

We have just received orders to proceed to Port Said on Monday, 5th January, and are expecting to be back in Malta by the 15th January for our annual refit.

GhainTuffieha.

Football is in full swing, although heavy rain has interfered with play, the ground having been water-logged on several occasions.

Matches have been arranged with Detachments, and the Permanent Staff, resulting as follows :—

Staff *v.* "Benbow," won 1—0.
,, *v.* "Benbow" and "Ceres", won 1—0.
,, *v.* "Concord," won 2—0.
,, *v.* "Barham," won 1—0.
,, *v.* "Barham," lost 2—0.
,, *v.* R.A.S.C., lost 2—1, short time played.
,, *v.* "Cardiff," lost 2—1.
,, *v.* "Queen Elizabeth," won 1—0.
,, *v.* "Cardiff," won 1—0.
,, *v.* R.A.S.C., lost 2—1.

In a shooting match against the "Barham's" Detachment, seven rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, the Staff were beaten by 40 points, but took their revenge in a return match of 10 rounds at 300 and 600 yards, winning by 13 points.

The "Hungerford Cup," competed for by the Staff annually, was won by Capt. A. P. Dawson, R.M. The conditions were 7 rounds at 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards. Scores were as follows :—

Capt. Dawson, 125 ; Sergt. Gasson, 117 ; Q.M.S.I. Sloman, 116 ; Mne. Bond, 113 ; Sergt. Bowie, 110 ; Mne. Brooks, 109 ; Mne. Lamb, 105 ; Sergt. Taylor, 100 ; Sergt. Walsh, 99 ; Sergt. Flaherty, 99 ; Sergt. Shrive, 98 ; Mne. Matthews, 94 ; Mne. Cook, 90 ; Mne. Penny, 83 ; Sergt. Lovelock, 78 ; S.B.A. Askew, 33.

RESULTS OBTAINED BY DETACHMENTS DURING THE PRESENT WEAPON TRAINING SEASON.

Ship.	*Rifle.* Aver.	No. Ex.	*Light Automatic.* Aver.	No. Ex.	*Revolver.* Aver.	No. Ex.
"Benbow" ...	126·7	84	180·8	13	99·2	14
"Ceres" ...	133	26	157	3	102·5	4
"Barham" ...	130	93	163·5	11	102·3	14
"Concord" ...	131·9	26	157·8	3	133·2	4
"Qn. Elizabeth"	133·5	97	161·5	9	109·7	11
"Cardiff" ...	146·2	28	146·3	3	103	3

BEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

Rifle.

Pl./15853 Cpl. F. Burnett, "Queen Elizabeth" ... 187

Light Automatic.

Po./216992 Mne. B. Kendle, "Barham" 216

Revolver.

Lieut. R. J. Gumm, "Concord" 148

TOTAL NUMBER EXERCISED.

Rifle.

Marksmen.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Total.
135	122	88	9	354

Light Automatic.

1st.	2nd.	Un.	Total.
21	18	3	42

Revolver.

Marksmen.	1st.	2nd.	Fd.	Total.
3	9	29	9	50

"Frobisher."

A very exciting and keenly-contested football match took place at Trevol, on January 12th, Royal Marines, H.M.S. "Frobisher," *versus* Ship's Company, H.M.S. "Canterbury."

Playing down wind in the first half, Corpl. Wilkie scored the first goal for the Marines from a splendid centre by Douglas. On changing ends Mne. Rand added a goal to our score, leaving us the victors by two goals to *nil*.

The Detachment has opened a Sports Fund, which is well supported by all ranks. We anticipate a very enjoyable commission.

EAST INDIES.

"Chatham."

We have just arrived at Bombay after our cruise in the Persian Gulf, and are shortly returning to Colombo. Before we started our cruise we had an opportunity of seeing the M.C.C. XI (which is visiting Australia) play Ceylon, it was a very close and interesting match.

Our first "port of call" on leaving Colombo was Karachi, a large straggling city full of sand, dust and

camels. We stayed there five days and the detachment was able to arrange a football match with the Royal Corps of Signals, and a cricket match with a company of the York and Lancs. Regiment.

We then went on to Muscat, a very pieturesque place from the sea, but in reality dirty and squalid. From there we entered the Persian Gulf and called at Henjam, Bushire, and Koweit, spending a day or two at each of these places which are very similar, and consist of rock and sand with little or no vegetation. Henjam is the base for the Gulf Sloops, and boasts a golf course and cricket ground, so at least they are called; it also possesses more flies to the square inch than any other place known.

After Koweit we proceeded up the Shat-el-Arab to Abadan, where the Anglo Persian Oil Company have their outlet and refinery, the latter being the largest combined refinery in the world and covering a large area of land leased from the Persian Government. Our stay there was made quite interesting by the Company allowing parties of men to be shown over the works. The actual oil wells are about 160 miles away and pipe lines run the whole of the distance, the local land owners all being paid to guard them from being cut.

We then left for Basra, passing Mohammerah on the way; incidentally the Sheik of Mohammerah was, and still is, having a small war with the Persian Government. The river we were in, the combined Tigris and Euphrates, became quite narrow here and the banks were thick with green date palms, a welcome relief after the places in the Persian Gulf. We spent about a fortnight at Basra, which was delightfully cool at night. During our stay, the Royal Air Force were very hospitable and several cricket, hockey and football matches were arranged. Group Captain Courtney, who commands at Basra, is an old Royal Marine Officer.

On Armistice Day representatives of the Navy, Royal Marines, Army and Air Force, with the Band of H.M.S. "Chatham," attended the unveiling of a War Memorial to the Services.

On leaving Basra we went to Bahrein where we were joined by the "Cairo" and "Colombo," with three of the Sloops, and held the Squadron Regatta.

The "Chatham" was an easy first, winning a large number of events, the final points being:—

"Chatham" 73
"Cairo" 33
"Colombo" 28

The "Marines Whalers" resulted in "Chatham" 1st, "Cairo" 2nd, "Chatham" 3rd, each Ship entering two crews. The race was pulled in very choppy weather.

After the Regatta the three cruisers left for Bombay, where we are to attend the opening of the Gateway of India, by the Viceroy.

The cruise was very interesting, although, at times, extremely hot and uncomfortable.

CHINA.

"Tamar."

For the second year in succession the "Despatch" has won the R.M. Cutter's race. She has also won the R.M. Whalers and R.M. Officers Cup this year.

Capt. Sturges has been sent up to take command of the Marines at Wei-Hai-Wei. These consist of "Durban's" detachment under Capt. Boyd, "Ambrose's" detachment, and a half platoon from "Hawkins."

"Despatch" is at Takubar, a winter resort with a splendid anchorage, out of sight of all land. Lieut. Smythe, with some of "Carlisle's" detachment, is also there. "Foxglove" is at Tientsin with a half platoon from "Hawkins" under Sergt. Wood. Capt. Puckle, with "Diomede's" detachment, is in the "Carlisle" at Shanghai.

AFRICA.

"Birmingham."

During the whole of December the R. Marines of the "Birmingham" have been up at the Sanatorium at Simonstown carrying out the Annual Range Practices in two parties. The results have been fairly satisfactory, though strong winds during some of the classification practices disappointed some who were on the verge of becoming Marksmen. Out of a complement of 30, 27 have completed the course. The average of the detachment in Part IV is 120.05.

The Capetown Highlanders came down to spend the day with us on the 13th. They had to climb about 400 steps to reach the Rifle Range, but in spite of this their A team defeated our A team by 14 points. Conditions—Bisley targets at 200 and 500 yds., seven and ten shots to count respectively. Possible 85.

Scores:—

Capetown Highlanders.

S.Sergt. Cloudsley	80
C.S.M. Hawtrey	79
R.S.M. Windrum	75
Capt. Hearn	71
Sergt. Morrison	69
Lieut. Wolhuter	67
R.Q.M.S. Strachan	66
Capt. Barnard	66
Total ...	573

H.M.S. "Birmingham."

Major Trench	74
C. E. A. Grey	72
Clr.-Sergt. Lee	72
E. A. Johnston	71
C.P.O. Humphrey	71
Mne. Bartholomew	67
Bd.-Master Clayton	66
P.O. Fyson	66
Total ...	559

Silver spoons were presented by each team to the highest scorers.

The Cross-Country Race took place at the end of November. The "Birmingham" won the shield. Marines Brown and Emerson were well up at the finish.

The "Dublin" leaves Simonstown on the 29th for a three months' cruise up the West Coast. She is to go as far as Dakar, the northern limits of the station.



ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

CHATHAM.

At the conclusion of Christmas leave several large drafts have left Headquarters. Amongst these may be mentioned the new detachment for H.M.S. " Repulse," and we all envy them the prospect of an enjoyable and interesting cruise.

A series of band concerts has taken place in the R.M. Theatre, under the able bâton of Dr. C. Hoby. A novel and exceedingly popular item in the programme has been provided by the introduction of short lectures on the various instruments and their particular functions, with practical illustration by the orchestra.

A complete set of new curtains for use on the stage during the concerts, in place of the usual stage scenery, has been provided. This, supplemented by tastefully arranged palms and shrubs, provides a setting more worthy of the music which delights the crowded audiences.

A tug-of-war training trench has recently been constructed in the main barracks. Full use is made of this, and we are hoping for practical proof of its utility during the forthcoming season.

The Division, being now affiliated to the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, has received the Society's medal, Bell medal, " Daily Telegraph," " Daily Mail " and " Times " certificates for competition. Shoots for these awards are being arranged.

The wireless craze is spreading to all ranks. It is rumoured that the Officers' Mess is having a set rigged in the billiard room to while away the time of opponents whilst a well-known artist is making some of his famous breaks.

Absent members of the Division will sympathise with us when they hear that the fogs this year are worse than ever. Not only is the fog bad out of doors but it also penetrates into houses as well. The density may be judged from the fact that recently, in the beer canteen, a man accidentally put his hand on a chum's glass and swallowed the contents before the owner realised what was happening.

Improvements are being made to the officers' pavilion in the Garrison Gardens. The building is being enlarged and a proper dressing-room provided.

The United Service football ground is also being greatly improved, a refreshment room is being erected and the seating accommodation greatly enlarged.

There is no truth in the rumour that the officer, who was seen to return to barracks one afternoon with muddy clothes and a crushed hat, is now trying to give away his horse.

JUNIOR N.C.O.s' CLUB.

A concert was held in the J.N.C.O.s' Club on the 14th January to celebrate the wedding of Cpl. Ashton (steward of the J.N.C.O.s' Club). The following members contributed to a very enjoyable evening. :—Lce.-Cpl. Ward, Corpl. Flack, Mr. A. Sym, Corpl. Millar, Corpl. Smith, Miss B. Sym, Corpl. French, Mrs. J. Ashton, Mrs. Mullett, Corpl. Onions. The Juniors' " war-cry " was sung at 10.30, the remainder of the time being devoted to dancing. Mr. F. Daniels was at the piano and Lce.-Corpl. Ward played the flute.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

On New Year's Eve a very successful dance was held in the Mess for members and their wives, a large number attended, and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The midnight hour was signalled by wireless from London, and the New Year was danced in to the strains of the Savoy orchestra. Great praise is due to Col.-Sergt. Stuart, and the floor was in the capable hands of Col.-Sergt. Dean.

On Saturday, January 10th, a children's party was held, which was attended by over 150 children, and about 80 parents. Amusement was provided by a lively jazz band, and many games were played. Much amusement was caused by the two clowns, Sergts. Dean and Groves. Each child was given a suitable present, and at the end of the evening they also received a bag of sweets, and an orange. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Col.-Sergt. Stuart and his committee a very happy and successful evening was spent.

FAIRYLAND IN CHATHAM.

By A. Guest.

Officers of this Division must have felt well rewarded by the result of their efforts on January 17th, when a hundred or so children responded to their invitation to a party in the Officers' Mess. The moment we found ourselves in the warm, snug hall, we felt that this was to be the culmination of everything in the way of festivities for this Christmas season. We had entered into an atmosphere of real, light-hearted fun and frolic which was to be the key-note of the whole afternoon.

We wended our way through the ante-room where we had our first thrill, for the ceiling had the effect of magic clouds of the most delicate colouring, beneath which part of the band was playing delightful elfin tunes. On we passed into the Mess-room, which was converted into a veritable fairyland. There, for the first hour (seemingly ten minutes) we were entertained by " Benbow," whose sleight of hand, charming voice and appearance, combined with a capacity for producing eggs, animals, boxes, and miles of paper from astonishing portions of his own and our anatomy was simply

marvellous. His tenderness towards "Harold," whose nerves failed him when he tried to warble a favourite ballad, touched all hearts.

It was then that a voice was heard from the gallery, announcing the pioneer party who were to escort the little ones to the library for tea; and down the twin chute, amidst roars of applause, assisted by the din of policemen's rattles, tin trumpets and what-nots, came the complete male portion of the Harlequinade; Harlequin, two clowns, pantaloons, and policeman. It was just splendid fun to see them marching in to tea surrounded and followed by herds of little fairies, pierrots, pirates, brigands and one tiny corporal of Marines, for I forgot to say before that the beautiful invitations sent out for this party were marked "Fancy dress optional," and many and various were the costumes which were the result of these kindly words.

I have already called the Mess-room a fairyland, so I ought to use some other word to describe the Library, but it is difficult indeed to find one. Both rooms were so charmingly and cleverly decorated that they conveyed the essence of gaiety without in any way taking from the dignity of these fine rooms. The tea can only be described as the dream of a healthy boy towards the end of the Christmas term. It had justice done it! The daughters of the Division were invited to help care for the kiddies at tea and conduct them back to the Mess-room when the last cracker had been dealt with.

The clowns were now found presiding over bran tubs in which the children all found the most attractive parcels if they dived energetically. Time flew fast and furiously while a never-ending stream of enthusiasts wended their way up to the top of the chutes, to swoop deliriously to the floor again. A tame donkey joined the revellers on the floor, and a party of excellent shots enjoyed themselves throwing streamers of every imaginable size and colour, rattles, balls, balloons and whistles from the gallery to the throng below. When the fun was at its height another call came for silence, and we were told of a telegram received from Father Christmas, who was determined to be present, and was even then hastening on his way. Then he arrived, followed by his faithful pal the polar bear, each hung about with sacks of a deliciously bulky nature. They stood a moment on the rail of the balcony for all to admire, then slid gracefully to the ground among us and distributed the presents, which seemed in every case to be the very thing the recipient had longed for. For fear that to stay longer might break the spell of the most complete contentment I have ever known, we then slipped away, and I think the afternoon had been so perfect that the rest of the guests also felt this to be the wisest move.

True art is said to lie in concealing art, and the same, I think, applies to organisation, of which fact this party was a splendid instance; for there was not a trace of such a thing the whole time; yet without organisation, how could this most beautiful afternoon ever have happened?

NEW YEAR'S EVE MESS DINNER.

The customary dinner in the Officers' Mess was attended by sixty-four guests and hosts, the guests being the officers' wives and families.

The table decorations were exceptionally fine. After dinner the Mess was cleared for dancing, which continued until midnight was announced by the youngest guest.

Bowls of punch were circulated, and, after a toast to the New Year, the dancing was continued until the early hours.

It is hoped that this good old custom may long continue to flourish. Reunions of this kind have done much to foster that friendly spirit which has ever made the officers of the Chatham Division a real "happy family."

PORTSMOUTH.

All news from Portsmouth will be found under "Sports" and "Gazette."

PLYMOUTH.

This month there is little interesting news to record. Christmas and the New Year, with general leave, put an end temporarily to sports and recreation. However, we are all back in harness now, and games, etc., have started again.

The Royal Marine Officers' Dramatic Club presented on the 29th, 30th, and 31st January, "The Dover Road," a three-act comedy by A. A. Milne. The cast included Major and Mrs. Hickson, Miss Norcock, Capt., Sergeant, Lieuts. Hanson and Leicester, and Surgeon-Lieut.-Commander Brown—all of these Barracks—and other ladies and officers of the port. We hope to be able to publish an account of the play next month. No doubt the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association will benefit substantially from the proceeds.

CHILDREN'S PARTIES.

A very enjoyable children's party was given in the Officers' Mess on the 7th January. The programme was full of variety, and comprised the usual popular chute, a bran pie, Aunt Sally, an electric bath in which pennies attracted the unwary, and an original entertainment given by Surgeon-Captain G. Duncan, O.B.E., formerly Senior Medical Officer at the Plymouth Division, but now retired and residing at Yelverton.

Those who have had the pleasure of serving with him at Headquarters, or in earlier days at the Depot, will recall his ability as an actor and social entertainer. On this occasion his impersonation of an Oriental snake charmer was a very clever character study. The hooded cobra, which slowly rose as it uncoiled itself from its basket prison and swayed gracefully in perfect time to the notes of its master's music, held the audience spell-bound. From his first dramatic entry, when with the voluble explanations in an unknown tongue, aided by much gesticulation, he arrested the attention of all present, until the reptile had been persuaded to sink back once again into its basket, Surgeon-Captain Duncan's performance was realistic to a degree. "Grown-ups," as well as children, were enthralled.

Musical chairs and dancing were followed by the arrival of Felix, a white cat, and a monkey, impersonated

by Miss Norcock, Miss Penfold and Lieut. Jones. Their antics added greatly to the amusement of all the children and their popularity was still further increased when the trio distributed boxes of chocolates. No Mess party at Christmas would be complete without the clowns, and, as such, Q.M.S.I. Hawes and Mne. Drouett contributed very greatly to the success of the afternoon. They were untiring in their efforts, and afforded endless amusement by their quaint and original play.

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A very successful party for the children of the N.C.O.'s and men of the Division was held on 20th December. The following donations are gratefully acknowledged by the Committee: Canteen—£30; Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and Recreation Room, each, £5; Junior N.C.O.s' Club, £1.

A Christmas tree, 18ft. in height, was kindly given by Lieut.-Colonel Craven Hoyle, T.D., of Gnaton Hall, Yealmpton. A portion of the Drill Shed was screened off, and very prettily decorated with flags, coloured paper, balloons and coloured lights. The lighting of the Drill Shed and illumination of the tree were carried out by the electricians. Amusements included a chute, see-saws, gondolas and games. Mne. Leaworthy officiated at the piano. Mne. Drouett and a friend were capital clowns. There were about 300 children; each received a present, oranges, apples, chocolates and a small toy. Mrs. Edwards, wife of the Commandant, kindly distributed the presents to the elder children. The younger ones received their gifts from Father Christmas (Q.M.S. Hawes), who, accompanied by a bugler, arrived in a beautifully decorated chariot. Tea, arranged by the Chaplain, Q.M.S. Wild, Sergt.-Cook Ogbourne, and a number of ladies, was provided in two dining rooms. Games were organised by the Committee, with the assistance of Officers' wives. Many officers and their families looked in during the afternoon.

The Committee consisted of: Lieut.-Colonel Filmer Bennett (President), Rev. C. J. Peshall, D.S.O., Q.M.S.I. Hawes, Sergts. Coker and Ogbourne, Corpls. Lester (hon. secretary) and Osborne, Mnes. Burridge and Graham.

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The Buglers gave a children's party on the 18th December, to which some 40 guests were invited. This was a great success, thanks to the interest and forethought of Drum-Major Dyer and Mrs. Dyer.

GIRLS' AMBULANCE COMPANY AND CADET CORPS.

On December 15th Mrs. Edwards presented the prizes to the Girls' Ambulance Company, and the Cadet Corps in the Globe Theatre. Col.-Commandant F. C. Edwards addressed the crowded audience, and Capt. N. K. Jolley, the Commanding Officer, reported on the work done during the year. The strength of the Cadet Corps had increased by ten; attendance and conduct had been good; twenty-four boys had completed a course of miniature shooting, and great keenness and skill had been shown in the competition for the Col.-Commandant's prize; but success in other competitions had not been so great owing to considerable disadvantage in age-limit conditions.

In the Ambulance Company, attendance and conduct had been excellent, and its efficiency had been splendidly maintained. Many girls had done well in gaining swimming certificates.

The two units gave an entertainment, a very interesting feature being a representation of "An evening with the Cadet Corps in camp at Scraesdon."

At the end of the concert, the two units mustered on the stage, and, on behalf of the Cadet Corps and Girls' Ambulance Company, Capt. Jolley thanked Q.M.S.I. Hawes for his work. It was the wish of the boys and girls that Q.M.S. Hawes should possess some small souvenir when he leaves the service next February to remind him of the high esteem in which he was held by members of the two organisations.

A member of the Girls' Ambulance Company then presented Q.M.S. Hawes with a tea-tray, and a Cadet presented a tea-set, both suitably engraved.

Q.M.S. Hawes in an excellent speech thanked all for their kindness, and stated how much he had enjoyed his work with the two units.

The prize list included the following:—Cadet Corps.—Commandant's prize and Canopus Cup for best shot of the year—Cadet G. Rutherford; 2, C.S.M. Sare; 3, Cadet R. Riorden. Commanding Officer's medal and prize—C.S.M. F. Sare; 2, Cadet E. Dingle. Special prize for work in Cadet Corps displays—Cadet E. Fry. Challenge Cup, for winning section in games—No. IV. Section (seniors). Signalling prize—Cadet W. Perritt; 2, C.S.M. F. Sare; 3, Cadet S. Hutchinson. General Meade Challenge Shield and prize—Sergt. F. Read. Girls' Ambulance Company.—General efficiency—Clr.-Sergt. O. Milton (silver medal and book); 2, Pte. Dorothy Vaughan (silver medal and book). Special prize—Pte. D. Bull.

DEPOT.

CADET CORPS CONCERT AND DISPLAY.

Additional interest attached this year to this always popular function owing to the splendid success of our local cadets in shooting, they having won the King's Shield, the Schomberg and Portsmouth Cups, and the Sir Charles Warren Shield, and there was a record house at the Globe Theatre on Thursday evening, December 11th. There was, as usual, a very fine programme. Cadets and instructors may come and go, but that remarkable efficiency which is a tradition of the Depot, promises to go on for ever. The cadets carried out their gymnastic display and arm drill with a fine precision, and they received very hearty applause. Good-bye was said to their popular and enthusiastic Commandant (Capt. Webber), who on Saturday, 10th December, took up his appointment with the Artists' Rifles.

During an interval in the programme, the prizes for regular attendance and general efficiency—which consisted of books—and medals for long service and good conduct, and for shooting, were presented by Mrs. Halliday, wife of the Commandant of the Depot, R.M., who was presented with two bouquets. Those who received books were Sergts. Howard, Wighton and G. Robinson, Corpls. F. Stentiford, S. G. Lock and Black, Cadets R. E. Smith, McManus, R. A. Lock, J. E. Robinson, R. W. Smith, E. C. Randall, R. Ratcliffe, J. Arnold, C. Atkins, P. Stentiford, W. Jackson, A. B.

Smith, Tucker, A. Jole, Cooper, Pannell, and Hockley. Empire marksmen awards went to Cadets Dixon, M. Howard, E. Williams, Flynn, Brazier, J. Wall, L. Milstead, and J. Macey. Medals for long service and good conduct were awarded to Cadet Sergt.-Maj. S. G. Ratcliffe (who also received the commanding officer's medal for the best all-round cadet), Sergts. W. Wighton and G. H. Robinson, and Cadet K. W. Smith. Medals in connection with the Portsmouth Cup went to Cadets Brazier, Rich, Fouracre, Flynn and Milstead. The Schomberg Cup medals were presented to Cadets S. Brazier, Flynn, and Milstead, and the awards as Empire 1st Class Shots went to Cadets Bailey, Cozens, F. Huxtable, A. McManus, and Q.M.S. R. Heard.

Capt. Webber expressed his thanks to Mrs. Halliday for her unfailing interest in the Cadet Corps, and paid a well-deserved tribute to the excellent work done by the Instructors.

Colonel Halliday, V.C., in a very interesting speech, stated that they would soon be losing Capt. Webber, and the Adjutant (Q.M.S.I. Joel). He referred to the interest taken by H.M. the King in the Shield and in the Depot, and expressed his appreciation of the assistance given by the Ladies' Shooting Club. He endorsed Capt. Webber's remarks as to the devoted service of the Instructors, to whose efforts the high standard of efficiency was mainly due, and in conclusion he wished Capt. Webber a happy time with the Artists' Rifles.

An excellent programme included gymnastic, boxing and ju-jitsu displays, arm drill and a humorous sketch, "The Crystal Gazer." Enjoyable selections were rendered by the orchestra, and vocal numbers by Miss M. Watts, Mr. Snoswell, and Cpl. Hallahan.

The entertainment concluded with the stirring song "Britannia and her Sons," which, with the National Anthem, made a fitting finale to a fine display.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.

At the first annual supper of the Greenwich branch at the Prince of Orange Hotel, Mr. G. H. Pearce presided, supported by Captain T. Swain, R.M., Mr. Niel Hamilton, Mr. J. Mallard (hon. secretary), and 100 members and friends.

After the loyal toast the Chairman proposed "The Association, absent old comrades and friends." Mr. Mallard replied. He thanked the chairman and committee for their support during the brief existence of the branch, and the members and friends for helping to make the evening so successful.

Major Sinclair, the President, was not present, but he sent messages of greeting to the members.

The musical programme was supplied by Messrs. J. Erdill, H. Smith, G. Callum, D. J. Eveshott, J. Addis, W. K. Sinnett, C. J. Watts, A. Presland and W. Anderson.

The Greenwich branch was started last February, by seven comrades, and since then has grown to about 50.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Under this heading we publish, when space permits, letters of general interest.

Other letters are dealt with under the title of "Answers to Correspondents."

As a rule, correspondents initials only are published instead of the full name, but this latter should always be appended to any communication to the Editor in addition to any nom-de-plume which the correspondent may wish to use. Owing to the limited space at the Editor's disposal it may not be possible to acknowledge or comment upon all communications received, but every effort will be made to do so as soon as possible after their receipt.

20th December, 1924.

Dear Sir,

I notice, not without wonderment, that no letters of appreciation of the work done by the editorial staff appear in your columns. If this is owing to a lack of the same I sincerely trust that, space permitting, you will grant me publicity.

As an enthusiastic and keenly interested reader, I cannot help expressing my admiration for the untiring efforts on the part of the staff in their endeavour, despite immense odds, to make the journal as bright as possible. Yet it is with a feeling of deep regret that I read from time to time of the utter lack of support, so essential to success in an enterprise of this kind.

As you have repeatedly said, that just as the major portion of the Corps are serving afloat, so likewise must the majority of support emanate from this source. But, considering the numbers borne, the support is far from what it should be. I know of several ships wherein is published a ship's magazine; these are, like the "Globe and Laurel," monthly publications, and, incidentally, contain no more news, but instead of selling for threepence like our own modest journal, they sell for roughly four times the amount; at any rate, well past the shilling mark. The price, however, I am not concerned with, but the fact that they receive more support, not only from the ship's company as a whole, *but in the R.M. Detachment*, not only concerns but absolutely astounds me to the point of calling forth righteous indignation.

VIGILO.

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To the Editor, "Globe and Laurel."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C.B.—Many thanks—will find room for it.

ATLANTIC.—We venture to disagree.

P.C.—No! dear sir. The Editor receives no salary—not even an extra unit of free electric light. His only reward is the receipt of letters such as yours, the value of which is above rubies.

F. (2ND C.S.).—A very pretty jest. But, as the "G. & L." penetrates into many a home circle, we have, reluctantly, passed the blue pencil over the merry lines.

B.A.—Your idea that our journal should run a short financial article each month leaves us absolutely cold; just as cold, in fact, as you would soon be if we carried out the idea and you acted on our advice.

M.M. (PORTSMOUTH).—"Try it on the dog, and if he laughs the matter is suitable for insertion." This excellent advice was given us by the late Editor *apropos* of the suitability of contributions for insertion in the "G. & L." No dog being handy, we tried your story on the office cat; he fled from the office and spent the night on the tiles. Your contribution was promptly relegated to the W.P.B.

ARNO.—Chestnuts? No, old sport, we do not deal in them as a rule. Sometimes one may find its way by accident into the choice basket of Rare and Refreshing Fruit which we retail at threepence a time; just at present, too, they are seasonable, so you have nothing to growl about. Not that we mind growls every now and then; any correspondence is better than none—and at the worst it gives us something to write about in this column.

VIGILO.—You will observe that we have published an extract from your letter. Pray do not worry over the non-publication of letters on this subject. Let it suffice to say that we **do** receive them every now and then; they are locked away in a secret drawer and are produced for private perusal at those black times of depression with which even the greatest of editorial staffs are occasionally afflicted. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support and for your literary contributions?

H.C.P.—Thanks for your note. We look forward to receiving at an early date the list of co-respon—we mean correspondents, to which you refer.

A.C.S.—You are correct. Date has been amended.

SEVERAL CONTRIBUTORS.—Thanks for your experiences of Osteopathy. Space prevents us from printing them all, and where each is so interesting it would be invidious to select any particular letter for insertion.

H.C. (PLYMOUTH).—Yes; he certainly deserves the thanks of all readers for brightening up the paper. You will remember that he divided Editors into three classes. *We*, on the contrary, divide them into two only, viz., those people who are born-editors, and those Editors who wish they had never been born.

H.J.L.N.—Opinions are divided. The majority favours the new style. We are tied to it by golden chains (perhaps "paper chains" would be more accurate) for twelve months.

H.C.E.—The matter to which you refer is in the hands of the R.M.O.

BALACLAVA.—Will the writer of an article on this subject kindly send the Editor his address?

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES.
(AND OTHERS).

AS SHE IS WROTE.

"Dear Sirs,—We only receive your letter of 9th instant and thank you very much for your inquiry. That letter has suffered a late because it as been sent to the precedent home of Mrs. R——. It has been handed to its actual residence, from where he is missing being diseased, and it has followed him where he lived at the present time."

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EXTRACT FROM REGIMENTAL ORDER OF THE 100TH REGIMENT INDIAN ARMY.

"As the Spring is approaching, at which season of the year, according to the poets, 'young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love,' the following is published for information and guidance:—

"Subalterns must not marry.
"Captains may marry.
"Majors should marry.
"C.O.'s must be married!"

"Sprig of Shillelagh."

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Officer: "Now, Sergeant, what sections would you send to picket those two hills?"

Sergeant: "Numbers two and three, sir."

Officer: "Why?"

Sergeant: "Because I'm in number one, sir."

"The Red Hackle."

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A RICH MAN'S ADVICE.

A man once complained to Baron Rothschild that he could not get back a loan of £100 from a debtor. Being advised to sue, the unlucky creditor had to confess that he held no written acknowledgment of the debt. "Write to him," counselled the astute financier, "and tell him that you must have your £150 back at once." "But it was only £100." "Exactly. He will write back and tell you so, and then you will have your acknowledgment."

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One day last Summer a "Royal" was riding a donkey on Weymouth beach during a spell of liberty, when a Bluejacket accosted him with the remark, "What speed yer goin,' Royal?"

Our hero looked down from the "bridge" with a superior air, and, elevating the animal's rudder, remarked, "Speak to me through the voice-pipe; I'm the skipper of this ship."

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NOT TOLD OF THE MARINES.

In a territorial camp in the West of England the orderly officer of the day was inspecting the cooking. Affecting his most serious manner, he turned to a copper of water and asked: "Why is that water only boiling at the edges?"

But the cook was equal to the occasion. "The water round the edge, sir, is for the men on guard. They have their meal half an hour earlier than the rest," he replied.—"Faugh-a-Ballagh."

CATTLE-MUSTERING IN THE BACK OF BEYOND.

By N. U. Chum.

What a fascination there is, to most British lads, in the words "The Backblocks of Australia." Imagination runs riot, and as we read of the vast rolling plains, the mighty gorges, and the great rivers—beside which the Thames becomes a mere trickling stream—we see dimly the forms of those grand old pioneers who, overcoming nature's defences of drought and flood, made straight the paths for rising generations.

We see the Bushrangers, the famous Starlight and the infamous Kelly, and his gang—and then that picture fades away and we see a land at peace. Where once the roving Aboriginal strayed, master of the desert wastes, we find great flocks of sheep, cattle by the thousand graze peacefully over limitless tracts, and bright homesteads smile a welcome to all whose business or pleasure leads them thither.

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The "Australian Station" being now a thing of the past, in so far as officers and men of the British Navy are concerned, the opportunity to visit a cattle station and bear a hand at the work and play has passed.

Shooting of all sorts was at your door, and, best of sports, kangaroo hunting awaited him whose heart was stout and whose seat in the saddle firm.

But the picture that lingers in the mind of the writer was all part of the day's work at the station—cattle-mustering.

At the time of which we write the country was held in large areas of 100,000 acres or more by the cattle kings, but since the advent of population these great stations have disappeared, and the country is held in smaller areas by settlers whose main industry is dairy farming.

In Northern Queensland the stations run into a million acres or more, all unfenced except for one paddock to hold the horses. The musterers do not see the head station for three months or so at a time—a rough but healthy life for the real bushman upon whose ears the call of the city falls in vain.

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The Back of Beyond—well, so it seemed to me as I made the first of many journeys to good friends in the far north-east of New South Wales. To an older man the journey must have been full of interest and incident. Is it a matter of wonder, then, that to a youth it was enthralling?

But my business now is with cattle-mustering, and I must pass lightly over the long railway run, the start at dawn in the quaint old five-horsed coach which was my home for twenty-four hours without a break, the little township where a saddlehorse, and a packhorse for my kit, awaited me, and the glorious ride from sunrise to sunset over grass with no obstacle save an occasional slip-rail which my horse took in his stride.

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At daylight on a spring morning the head stockman roused one of the black fellows whose job it was to catch the "night-horse" *i.e.*, one that had been shut up in the yards all night to round up the horses for the day's work. As soon as they were yarded each man caught his own—the older men the trained horses, and the roughriders and blacks the younger ones. (Being a "new chum," I was given the honorary rank of an "older man.")

Salt beef, damper and tea were soon disposed of, and all hands mounted, some to the accompaniment of bucks that would have rejoiced the heart of a Wembley audience.

After an eight-mile ride we came to the portion of country to be mustered. It was the head of a creek, and consisted of small flats with very broken and scrubby gullies running back into steep ranges.

Here the camp was formed, and each man was told off to search a portion and drive in all the cattle he could find.

The "Boss," one of the stockmen carrying a rifle, and a black fellow went to the head of the creek hoping to drop across some of the wild cattle (brumbies) that ran there. Luckily we saw eight before they spotted us, and by making a wide detour we cut them off from their haunts.

As soon as they saw us they were off, and, keeping them going at full gallop, we ran them down the creek into a mob of quiet cattle. Driving them slowly back towards our camp, we picked up other mobs, and, on reaching a spot where we could hold them, the brumbies were shot by the stockman. We then moved on to camp, where we found other mobs had been assembled.

Leaving the black fellows to surround the cattle to prevent them straying, we watered our horses, off-saddled, and boiled our billies.

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Broadly speaking there are two main objects of a muster, either to draft out calves and young animals for branding, or to select beasts for sale. The scene is much the same except that in selecting beasts for sale cows and young calves are allowed to break away from the mobs as they are driven to camp.

But how to bring the scene before you is no easy matter. Long years have passed, but I still see the cloudless sky, and feel the sun's rays beating down; I see the limitless bushland with the blue gums and scrub, and nearby I see the great mob of sweating, stamping, roaring cattle, surrounded by alert stockmen, mounted on equally alert horses.

A thrill runs through me as I think of the sudden break away of an infuriated animal, and the mad dash of horse and rider to turn the beast—I hear the sharp crack of the stockwhip as its curling lash, guided to a hair's breadth, controls the galloping steer, and I think, in admiration, of the wonderful way the head stockman rides in that seething mob to "cut out" the unwilling victim.

On this occasion we are after calves; so, our billies having boiled, dinner being over, and horses saddled, we will once more return to work.

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The first business was to draft out the cows with

calves in order that the latter might be branded. This may sound simple enough, but if you have grasped my picture you will see in your mind's eye hundreds of pairs of tossing horns, wild eyes and straining bodies. To penetrate this mass and drive out certain beasts, without causing a stampede, is work of the highest skill.

Now and again a beast *does* break away, and off goes the nearest stockman in hot pursuit.

When all the calves that could walk were drafted they were driven to the yards, where they were penned up, horses unsaddled and turned off to graze. The next job was to run all the cattle through a race, when the calves were separated from their mothers.

The throwers then set to work, each calf requiring two men to throw and hold, while it was being marked with the station brand and the number of the year.

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And now the sun has set, the camp disperses to its well-earned rest, little mobs of cattle disappear into the gloom, for already it is dark—twilight being here unknown.

The stars seem to rush out to their appointed places in the sky, the strange sounds of an Australian bush night begin, and, after the day's heat, the air is chill.

Far off a light streams from an open door, bringing its promise of rest and warmth to a tired boy, who dreamily feels that once again a Red Letter Day has seared its impression on his Calendar of Life.

WIRELESS WIT.

(By Millie Amp.)

"Yes, my old dad will soon have another wife to support."

"What! You don't mean to say he's going to turn bigamist?"

"No. I'm going to get married."

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Father was selecting cloth for his new suit from some samples.

"That's the cloth I like; what do you think, Willie?" he said to his little son, passing him the samples.

Willie selected quite a different cloth and said that was the one he wanted his father to have.

"Why, you are looking at the wrong side, you little duffer," said Father. "No, I am not; that's the only side I am likely to be interested in," said Willie sadly.

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Three friends were paying their last respects to an old crony lying in his coffin.

"He was a right good fellow," said the Englishman, "I will give him 10s. to help him on his way in the next world," and he placed a treasury note in the coffin.

Not to be behindhand in generosity the Irishman followed suit.

The Scotsman said it was against his principles to give money away, but that as the man had been such a bonny lad he would also contribute 10s.; so, taking the two treasury notes out of the coffin he replaced them by a cheque, payable to bearer, for 30s.

They then departed, feeling that they had done all they could for their late friend.

Some time later the Scotsman, on looking through his pass-book, was surprised to find that his cheque had been cashed, and rushed off to see his friends about it.

It was not till then that the three remembered that the undertaker was a Welshman.

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Friend: "I say, Patrick, why are you in such a hurry with your painting?"

Patrick: "Well, you see, I want to finish this fence before the paint gives out."

Father (solemnly): "My boy, suppose I were to die suddenly, what would become of you?"

Son: "Why, that's obvious, dad; I should be left here. The question is, what would become of you?"

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A temperance orator was holding forth on the evils of drink to an enthusiastic audience. He concluded his speech with the words, "Oh, my friends, my friends, would that I could sweep the whole of the filthy stuff into hell."

The dramatic pause which followed was broken by a husky voice from the back of the hall. "Yus, Guv', and you bet there's many millions down below who wish it, too."

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A farmer's barn was accidentally burnt down. He claimed compensation from the insurance company concerned, who replied that they did not pay actual cash on claims submitted, but only replaced the house or whatever it might be. They were quite prepared to build him a new barn.

The farmer pondered on the matter, and wrote to the company as follows:—"I do not like your terms. Please cancel the policy on my wife's life."

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A Scotty and his wife decided to have a joy-ride in a 'plane. They were told the charge would be five pounds.

"Too much," said Jock.

"Two pounds to you," said the pilot, "but every time you speak there will be a fine of five shillings."

"Agreed," said Jock.

After a thrilling ride, during which the pilot performed his best stunts, they reached the ground. The pilot called out, "Well done, there are no fines."

"No, I did not speak, but I nearly did once," replied our hero.

"When was that?" asked the pilot.

"When you made your first steep bank, and my wife fell out," said Jock, searching in his pocket for the bawbees.

MARINE SHERLOCK BLOGGS.

By Jack Courtenay.

There is some period in the life of every one of us when we think we were born to take the place of Sherlock Holmes. But have any of us have actually tried any amateur sleuthing? And, if so, how many have made a complete ham of it?

When I came across Marine Harris J. Bloggs, a curved pipe in his mouth and the eyepiece of an old telescope in his paw, crawling about the floor of the canteen, to the silent joy of Marine Snooks, his sole audience, I thought he had been mixing detective stories with his beer. But, as soon as he spoke to me, I knew it.

"Pray enter," he greeted me. "I observes as it is snowin' outside, but not in 'ere, an' as 'ow you don't like the fog. I further observes as it is colder to-day than wot it was yesterday, an' also as your corns 'as bin troublin' you again."

I thought I'd humour the lunatic.

"Quite true, O Bloggs," I agreed. "Pray tell me how you arrived at these indisputable facts."

"Powers o' seduction, my dear Courtenay," he replied. "It's all so simple. When you first come in 'ere you 'ad snow on your 'at. After you'd bin in 'ere two minutes the snow 'ad melted an' 'adn't bin replaced. Therefore it must be snowin' outside, but not in 'ere. Then again, when a bloke comes in out o' the fog coughin', I gathers as 'e don't like the fog."

"Very clever," I remarked. "And, without resorting to the simple expedient of reading a thermometer or the *Daily Mail*, how may we deduce that it is colder to-day than yesterday?"

"Yesterday," he expounded, "you was wearin' kid gloves. To-day you wears fur ones."

"And the corns?" I asked, shuddering as I remembered them.

"Simple, my dear Wats——, I mean Courtenay. Although the snow lays thick upon the ground, you wears your oldest boots. Why, unless your corns is at it again?"

"Very pretty, Mr. Sherlock Bloggs; but why this sudden quickening of your observant powers?"

"Noticin' things," he began, "is one ——"

"Oh yes, I've heard all that before," I interrupted. "But it doesn't answer my question."

"Now just take a look at old Snooks over there," he evaded. "Wot do you notice about 'im?"

Beyond the fact that that gentleman was thirsty enough to consume three pints of beer in as many minutes, and that he was reading the paper upside down and listening intently to our conversation from behind it, I noticed nothing out of the ordinary. I admitted as much, in an undertone.

"Well," observed Bloggs, aloud. "If you takes a further glance at 'im you may notice as 'is company commander picked 'im up on parade this mornin' for 'air cut, that 'e's goin' on leaf to-morrow, an' 'e wears other chaps' clothes."

The portion of Snooks's face visible above the paper reddened perceptibly.

"An' that's just as easy," Bloggs explained. "You notice as 'is 'air's respectably short—just bin cut, in fac'; an' the only thing as 'd make Snooks get 'is 'air cut is for 'is company commander to give 'im a extra parade. Then, to-day is Toosday. Pay day's Friday. If our friend can afford to buy three pints o' beer any time between Saturday an' the followin' Friday, it must be as 'e's 'ad an advance o' pay to go on leaf. Nobody wouldn't lend 'im nothin'. As for 'is clothes, that there serge belongs to me. I laid it down accidental like on a plate of 'ashed mutton yesterday, an' there's the mark still on the sleeve."

There was a rustle of paper, and the unfortunate Snooks was gone like a flash, without even waiting to finish his fourth pint.

"Now we're alone," said Bloggs quietly, "I can answer your question. You knows Poppy at the 'Pink Crow?'"

"I seem to remember," I remarked with a wink, "your asking me that once before."

"Well, as you knows, I ain't too popular with that there fairy just as the moment. But I've thought of a way to regain 'er esteem, congratulations an' thanks, all at the same time."

"I suppose," I suggested, "you are about to propose to her again; or perhaps you are merely going to teach her how to shingle her hair in the latest fashion?"

"Nothin' o' the sort," he returned. "I'm agoin' to rid the 'Pink Crow' of a thievin' scoundrel wot's bin frightenin' all 'er customers away. There's a pickpocket bin at work at that there pub for weeks now. 'E's baffled the p'lice, an' even the London tec wot's come down don't seem to be able to do nothin'. Between you an' me I don't think as 'e's takin' much trouble. I never seen 'im on the premises up to date."

"So you're going to give yourself up for Poppy's sake?" I asked. "I'm sure it would be quite as effective, and very nearly as quick, to wait till you're caught. Poppy wouldn't care either way."

"But they can't fool 'Arris J. Bloggs," he went on, ignoring my rough attempt at sarcasm. "I've studied the methods o' Sherlock 'Olmes till, as you've seen, I got 'em off pat. I've waited, an' watched—an' won. I've found the pickpocket."

"Really? Have you got him on you? I should like to see him before you send him to the Zoo."

"You laughs now," he reproached. "But you wait till the scoundrel's arrested this evenin'. I'm goin' up to fetch the p'lice an' take 'em to 'im."

"Suppose you tell me how you discovered the monster."

"Just by me own simple methods. I suspected 'im from the moment I first see 'im, about a week past, an' 'e's bin 'angin' around there ever since. Nasty, sly-lookin' blighter 'e is. I watched 'im. First thing I noticed was 'is 'ands. Long, slim 'ands, always twitchin'. 'Them's pickpockets' 'ands!' says I right away.

"Then I noticed as 'e never called for a drink when

'e first come in. 'E got in among the crowd an' got talkin', an' sometimes it'd be 'alf an hour before 'e'd order anythink. Wot does that tell you? Why, that 'e 'ad to pick somebody's pocket before 'e could pay for a drink.

"Then, after 'e'd 'ad a couple, 'e'd shuffle off to the corner near the fireplace an' watch the crowd round the bar. There 'e'd sit, with 'is 'ands in 'is pockets, an' just stare, first at one bloke, then at another. Wot was 'e doin' of? Why, watchin' 'is opportunity to get at the pockets.

"But wot put the bloomin' tin lid on it was the night when I lost 'alf a dollar. I 'appened to remember the date on it. Brand new it was—1924. Not five minutes after I discovered me loss, up 'e comes, cool as a blinkin' coocumber, an' pays for a drink with a 1924 'alf-dollar!"

"The mint *may* have turned out two half-crowns last year," I observed.

"You wait till this evenin'. At six o'clock I goes for the p'lice. By ten past we ought to be at the "Pink Crow" an' me quarry arrested. An' you can bet 'is pockets 'll be full o' other blokes' money."

Shortly after six o'clock I sauntered down to the "Pink Crow" to see what sort of damfool Bloggs was going to make of himself. As it happened I timed it nicely, for we arrived at the door at precisely the same moment. Bloggs was accompanied by a big, friendly-looking policeman, who seemed benignly sceptical and appeared to regard Bloggs as harmless but amusing.

The "Pink Crow" was empty, save for a dirty, unshaven, half-starved looking slab of human flesh, who sat huddled up in a corner watching the empty grate and a tankard of stout. He looked the picture of misery and poverty. I wondered how he had paid for his stout, for previous experience of Poppy left no doubts in my mind that paid for it he had!

Bloggs's face beamed like the sun recovering from an eclipse, when he saw him. He puffed out his chest and turned to the policeman, waving an arm toward the huddled heap of humanity.

"There you are, constable," he announced in his most lordly tone. "Take your man."

But the policeman took nothing, except a deep breath of surprise. Then he emitted a spluttering noise, like one who tried to sneeze but had forgotten how, followed by a fit of uncontrolled laughter.

It was at this moment that I noticed the scallywag's feet. They were large feet, taking cover in larger boots—brand new boots—strangely out of keeping with the rest of his attire. Then I tumbled to it—and I spluttered too.

"That!" choked the policeman. "That! That ain't no pickpocket; that's the detective from London, that is!"

"SAILING INSTRUCTIONS."

The following letter is not guaranteed to be official. The names of the writer and the addressee have been deleted, but it may be said that the former was a well-known officer of high rank at the time of his death. It was sent us by a Naval Officer who delights in telling things to the Marines.

From The Capt of H.M.S. ——

To the —— of ——

My Lord,

In reply to your letter, there is nothing laid down in the Admiralty Instructions as regards Naval Officers riding in charge of a Battalion of Seamen.

Their Lordships have, hitherto, left it to the discretion of the Officers themselves, whether they ride or walk, and it was hoped that Naval Officers would not ride unless they were capable of withstanding the cup and ball motion which is so closely connected with equestrian exercise.

This hope, however, has not always been realised, and the disappearance into the big drum of the Grenadiers made by the Commanding Officer of the Naval Brigade on the occasion of a review at Windsor, together with a record made by a midshipman from Whitehall to Hyde Park Corner, at the Jubilee Review, has not encouraged their Lordships to issue an order that Naval Officers should be mounted.

On such occasions as I have seen Naval Officers mounted, the uniform has been breeches and boots, but there is no mention of these articles in the uniform regulations.

I enclose a photograph of saddlery supplied, or otherwise obtained by this establishment, for the use of Naval Officers at functions. The extreme height of the pommel and crupper of the saddle is to give extra stability to the Officers while in the perilous position of being balanced astride the horse.

The only instructions issued here with regard to equestrian drill are that rolling and pitching should be avoided as much as possible; the animal's way should be checked while rounding corners, and extreme deflection never applied except at low speeds; in mounting and dismounting the port side only is used, and spurs are not to be used to hold on by.

If not under control, four red lights need not be hoisted—placing the hand behind the back is sufficient warning to the next astern not to close.

The animal is steered in the same way as a boat, i.e., with a yoke, except that whereas in a boat the yoke is in the stern, with a horse it is in the bows; the yoke lines are called reins. As the initial velocity of the animal depends upon the mark and upon the food given, great care must be exercised by the Naval Officer in getting into the saddle.

——*CAPTAIN.*

NOTES ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF MACHINE-GUNS.

(Page 19, "Globe and Laurel," January issue).

CORRECTIONS.

In all places where seconds (") appeared, read minutes (').

In FIRE ORDER (last paragraph) the order LOAD should precede the order ELEVATION 7° 40'.

We publish below the photograph of Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon, whose successes at Bisley last year will be well remembered. He is the son of Staff Sergt. George Bacon, whom some may recall as one of the shining lights in Corps cricket.

Q.M.S. Bacon enlisted as a bugler in 1900, since when he has devoted himself whole-heartedly to the Corps, and especially to Corps sports as a player and organiser.

Success has attended him through many years, but it was last year that he reached his zenith, by winning the National Rifle Association's three best prizes; the Prince of Wales' prize (badge and £100), the *Daily Telegraph* Cup, and the Grand Aggregate—Canada Shield and Gold Cross. He proved the most successful competitor at Bisley, against all the Empire's marksmen.

His most treasured possession is the England Team Badge, for being selected to shoot for the Mackinnon



Photo by Howe, Chatham.

Now, towards the end of his service career, his spare time is largely devoted to billiards and to the Rifle Range. At billiards he can still outplay most service men, and his breaks have been known to run into three figures. At rifle and revolver shooting he has risen to fame, not only in the Service but throughout the Empire.

He candidly calls himself a pot-hunter, and he is certainly a successful one, as may be gathered from this photograph of him with "a few" of his trophies.

Cup last year. His other trophies include Corps VIII badges for rifle and revolver, Kent County silver and bronze crosses, Napier Challenge Cup (Kent County) Divisional Challenge Cups, Earl of Darnley's Miniature Rifle Cup and Gold Medal and Divisional Miniature Rifle Gold and Bronze Medals.

Q.M.S. Bacon is leaving us this year. His loss will be deeply felt, and we all wish him luck and prosperity in civil life.

THE DUD.

It was before the Great War, and the scene was laid in one of H.M. light cruisers.

A combination of circumstances had made it imperative to carry out the Annual Gunlayers' Test on a particular day. As the weather promised to be none too good, the Captain ordered that firing should commence as early as possible, so directly after breakfast a start was made—gun's crews were closed up at their guns, and men not required immediately were left to clear up messes, and prepare the dinner. (This being in the days before general messing came into force.)

This story particularly concerns one of the Marine gun crews—No. 5, 4in. B.L. in the starboard battery. Immediately behind the gun was the ship's galley, alongside of which was the uptake for the supply of ammunition from the magazine and shell room to the upper deck, and from which the loading numbers at the gun received their ammunition direct.

The gun's crew were much as usual—The gunlayer, who last commission won all the prize money and put six rounds "through the same 'ole, sonny," and was "going to show 'em what's what, not 'arf"; and No. 2, who was so quick that he usually reported "Ready" before the tube was in the vent. The only weak spot was the cartridge number, No. 6, who had reported sick, and whose place had been taken by a recruit who had yet to receive his baptism of fire—never having seen anything larger than a 3-pounder fired before, and who consequently was rather "windy." However, each member of the gun's crew had made it his business to take him on one side and instruct him in his job, and so he should have been all right.

The vicinity of the gun was a swarming hive of industry. Recording parties were grouped picturesquely round the gun, with stop watches, pencils and paper, and sufficient cotton wool between them to make a first-class eiderdown quilt.

They were somewhat hampered by the fact that as an Army marches, so the Navy steams—on its stomach, and for the reception of the various mess's vegetables a huge tub had been placed outside the galley door. Not the one with "God save the King" inscribed thereon, but one "which in its time played many parts." Cocoa in the morning, vegetables at noon, and (let it be said in a whisper) it was a combined bath and washtub, when not otherwise required, for the ship's cooks.

The critical moment arrived, and apart from the fact that No. 2 had fired a tube, when testing circuit, with the tampion in, everything was on top line.

Stand by!

Commence!

Bang!

The gun flew back in its cradle, and No. 2 seized the B.M. lever like a ship's corporal seizing an ordinary seaman late turning out of his hammock. The breech yawned open, and No. 3, assisted by No. 5, rammed home the projectile that No. 5 had put in the chamber. No. 6, the cartridge No., half-blinded by smoke and totally dazed by the concussion, stumbled forward, put one foot in the tub of water, the other on his cap, which had fallen off, and the cartridge—more by luck than judgment—in the chamber. Then, assisted by No. 2's kindly prompting, rushed to the uptake for another cartridge.

Bang!

The second round followed the first, and a repetition of the previous loading performance took place.

"Ready," yelled No. 2.

"Still!" barked the gunlayer, "misfire—carry on!"

No. 2, disdaining the mystic rites and ceremonies as laid down in the Gunnery Drill Book for this particular contretemps, forthwith shifted lock and tube and went into percussion firing.

All to no avail, for the gun resolutely failed to fire, and the combined efforts of the gun's crew could not make it.

The gunlayer's time was up, so the Gunnery Officer ordered the gun's crew to fall out in rear. When the stipulated time had elapsed, taken by a reliable officer with a responsible watch—I mean a responsible officer with a reliable watch—the breech was opened and the Gunnery Officer took out the cartridge, when the cause of the gun's failing to fire immediately became apparent.

No. 6, in his confused excitement, instead of going to the uptake, had veered a little in his course, and brought up at the tub outside the galley; there he had seized what he thought was a cartridge handed up to him, but what was in reality No. 4 Mess's "afters"—and thus we had the spectacle of a gun loaded with a huge **boiled duff**, made hammock fashion, seven turns and all, to the intense delight of the dear old Admiral and the glorification of the British Navy.

E.H.B.

"A FIRE WORSHIPPER."

From a Hindu temple some little distance down the street comes the eerie beat of tom-toms. The street is lonely, and as I try to pierce the intense dark I see the dim and shadowy outlines of native buildings. Overhead in India's sky twinkles here and there a star.

I am alone; but no! There goes an old man in tattered garb, leaning heavily on his staff. He is making for the temple and, compelled by curiosity but careful to avoid his seeing me, I follow.

In true Hindu fashion, he casts his shoes and bathes his feet in the fountain which plays before the carved arch. Thus prepared he steps on to the marble slab at the entrance of the doorway; then solemnly taps his forehead with clenched knuckles, as though to awaken his super-conscious spirit to the sacred moment.

For a full minute he stands motionless, gazing into the temple. Next, crossing his arms across his hairy chest, he covers his ears with the palms of his withered hands. The preparation is complete and the connection with the worldly is broken.

I work my way forward to gain a glimpse of the interior. One long chamber constitutes the temple, at the far end of which is a raised altar. Before the latter hangs a curtain heavily embroidered with gold, and

here a soft glow of light pervades the gloom, accentuating the velvet shadows which shroud the silent walls and corners.

As the old man enters, the priest, in his strange robes and head-gear, commences the most dismal chant I have ever heard, and the tom-toms break out anew. There is something wild about these drums—something irresistible. How the drummers sway to the rhythm! Watch them, as faster and still more fast the time beats quicker until with excitement at fever pitch, a climax is at last reached in a deafening crash of cymbals.

In an instant the curtain is flung aside, and—whissh! ! !—from the centre of the altar leap and dart the sharp fangs of a white flame. Then silence . . . . The old man prostrates himself with outstretched hands upon the matted floor.

By the portico, feeling rather shamefaced, I murmur "A fire worshipper." Somehow I breathe more freely as I move silently and rapidly away from that temple and toward the centre of the town. Colombo has other attractions.

J.C.C.

A MOAN.

(The Author apologises for his apparently pessimistic outlook upon life and trusts that the readers of his "Moan" will remember that things are not always so black as they are painted.)

We commissioned this 'ooker at Bombay, I think,
An' we reckoned as 'ow we'd caught up a drink,
For what with the 'eat, the flies an' the stink;
Absolutely.

There were guns an' torpedoes, depth charges too,
Which brought terrible words from all of the crew—
An' turned the surrounding atmosphere blue;
Absolutely.

Then we left for a cruise round Africa's shore;
If that's called a cruise we don't want any more,
For the sights we beheld made your blinkin' eyes sore;
Absolutely.

We returned from the cruise back to our base,
Then guns an' torpedoes were once more the case,
While we dashed round like 'ounds 'ot in the chase;
Absolutely.

Then "Admiral's" took place, an' for three solid days
We talked about Admirals an' Admirals' ways,
An' called the old feller a few words of praise;
Absolutely.

We got over that an' went cruisin' once more,
An' they told us a really royal time was in store,
But cackle like that never gets beyond **jaw**;
Absolutely.

VIGILO.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

A SHIP doing convoy duty during the War was crossing the western ocean. The Commander, seeing two apparently unsophisticated officers, the captain R.M.L.I. and a young Surgeon-Lieutenant, on the quarterdeck, came aft rubbing his hands.

"Well, soldier," he demanded, "what would you do if I fell overboard?"

"Drop the lifebuoy and pass the buzz to the bridge," returned the Captain of Marines at once.

"Wouldn't you go in after me?"

"No fear," was the cautious reply, "I'm no swimmer."

Turning to the young medico, the Commander asked: "And what would you do, young doc.?"

"Me?" answered the doctor, "why, I'd drop a ruddy depth charge."

R.C.S.

R.M. DETACHMENT, H.M.S. "CALEDON."



THIS MONTH'S TRUE STORY.

Telegram from Mne. ——— to Company Commander: "Request one week's extension. Father dead."

(*Scene*: Orderly room, a few days later.)

OFFICER: "You requested a week's extension on account of your father's death. Enquiries show that no death has recently occurred in your family. What have you to say?"

MNE.: "Well, Sir, I asked for a week's extension, and my father **is** dead, that's all."

OFFICER: "* ! * ! * ! ."

There was a young man of the Tyne
Put his head on the South-Eastern line.
But he died of ennui,
For the 5·53
Didn't come till a quarter-past nine.

(The point of the above sad little story will be appreciated by the mighty army of Chathamites whose brows are furrowed by much study of time-tables, but who find—too often, alas—that their labour is altogether vanity).

There was a faith-healer of Deal,
Who said "Although pain isn't real,
If I sit on a pin
And it punctures my skin
I dislike what I fancy I feel."

(The Office Staff nearly came to blows over the proper place for insertion of this limerick, the Minority Party, headed by the office boy, insisting on it being placed under news from the Depot).



CORRADINO. MALTA.

R.N. and R.M.

SPORTS CONTROL BOARD.

The following changes of constitution have taken place on the R.N. and R.M. Sports Control Board: Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour to be President; Rear-Admiral A. G. Hotham and Capt. F. G. C. Chilton, R.N., to be members.

N.R.A.

Lieut.-Colonel M. Filmer Bennett has succeeded Colonel J. B. Finlaison on the Council of the National Rifle Association.

BOXING.

The Royal Navy and Royal Marines' Boxing Championship meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 6th, 7th and 8th. Subject to the concurrence of the Army and Royal Air Force it has also been decided to hold the Imperial Services Boxing Association Championships at Portsmouth on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 29th and 30th, and May 1st.

GOLF.

The annual golf meeting of the R.N. and R.M. Golfing Society will take place on the West Hill Golf Club course, Brookwood, from April 27th to 30th inclusive.

FOOTBALL.

The following home fixtures of the U.S. (Chatham) Rugby and Association F.C. have been arranged:—

RUGBY.

Feb. 7th.	R.M.C.
,, 18th.	R.M.A.
,, 28th.	London Welsh.
Mar. 14th.	Richmond "A."
,, 18th.	Woolwich Garrison.
,, 21st.	London Hospital.
,, 28th.	Richmond.

ASSOCIATION.

Feb. 4th.	R.N. and R.M. (Inter-port).
Mar. 11th.	R.N. and R.M. *v.* Spartan League.
Apr. 8th.	Royal Navy Cup Final.
,, 29th.	Inter-port Final.

CHATHAM.

Our programme since the last report has been small, owing to Christmas leave.

The first team has played two matches:

Sat., 10th Jan., Kent League Div. I., *v.* Catford South End, won 2—0.

Sat., 17th Jan., Kent League Div. I., *v.* Northfleet, lost 0—7.

Against Catford, Clr.-Sergt. Hibben was introduced at left back, and played a sterling game. On the run of the play we fully deserved to win, and with more steadiness in front of goal, might have considerably improved our goal average.

We suffered a serious reverse at Northfleet on the 17th. The score, however, in no way reflects the superiority of the home side, who had one of their lucky days, whereas nothing seemed to go right for us.

Two second team matches have been played, in two different competitions:

Wed., 7th Jan., Mid Kent League, *v.* Gillingham Wednesday, lost 2—5.

Wed., 14th Jan., U.S. League Div. II., *v.* R.N. Depot Res., won 2—1.

We have been drawn against Bromley, at home, in the 2nd round of the Kent Amateur Cup.

BOXING.

On the 14th Jan., Mne. Piddock and Bugler Jones each fought a six-rounds contest at the R.N. Sports Club, Sheerness. Mne. Piddock won a good fight on points. Bugler Jones was knocked out by a more experienced opponent in the 2nd round.

The R.N. Sports Club at Sheerness is a new venture, and we wish it the very best of luck.

FENCING.

There have been no Port fixtures this month. An Officers' Fencing Class has been started in the Division. Two evenings a week are devoted to this.

HOCKEY.

We opened our post-Christmas fixtures on the 10th Jan. with a match at home against the Royal Engineers "A". It was a very well-contested game, and ended in a victory for us by 5 goals to 2. Our goals were scored by Capt. Weir (2), Lieut. Moxham (2), and Bugler Swift (1).

THE MALDEN CUP.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances no competition was held in 1924 for this cup. Arrangements will be made for its inclusion at the next Divisional Rifle Meeting. Extracts from the rules governing the competition are reprinted, and we shall hope to see a large entry.

This silver cup was presented in 1924 by Major Malden (retired) "to be competed for by Commissioned Royal Marine Officers who are members of the Officers' Mess of the Chatham Division.

The cup is to be competed for annually at the Divisional Rifle Meeting or otherwise at the discretion of the Commandant, Chatham Division, Royal Marines, under the 'Whitehead' conditions prevailing at the time."

The weapons to be used are pistols or revolvers taking service ammunition, the pull-off being in accordance with N.R.A. rules.

PORTSMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

Following is a list of results of matches for 1924 :—

Opponents.	*Result.*	*Points* F.	A.
1st XV.			
United Services V.	Won ...	6	3
United Services IV.	Lost ...	0	8
H.M.S. "Excellent"	Won ...	11	5
H.M.S. "Vernon"	Won ...	11	0
E.R.A.s (Portsmouth)	Drawn	8	8
The Duke of Wellington's Regt.	Won ...	15	8
United Services V.	Won ...	38	3
H.M.S. "Fisgard"	Lost ...	0	3
The Trojans	Won ...	10	3
Fareham	Won ...	11	3
"A" XV.			
United Services VII.	Lost ...	3	20
Royal Engineers, Haslar	Lost ...	6	10
Royal Naval Barracks	Lost ...	0	7
Casuals "A"	Won ...	20	0
2nd XV.			
H.M.A.S. "Adelaide"	Lost ...	6	18
The Duke of Wellington's 2nd ...	Won ...	10	6
H.M.A.S. "Adelaide"	Lost ...	10	11

Caps.

1st XV "caps" have been awarded to the following :—Lieuts. Tollemache and Warren, 2nd-Lieuts. Penfold, Cooper, Hardy, Martyn and Fellowes, Sergts. Jones and Symons, Mnes. Merckel, Bennett, Green, Muir and Wall.

We are now resting on our laurels during the Christmas leave and are nervously surveying our depleted ranks. The sea has recently claimed many of its own, and several men who have been playing for us, while undergoing courses here, have been claimed by their respective divisions. But more old stagers are sure to turn up, and the practice games for novices should soon bear fruit, so we are hoping that the second part of the season will be at least as successful as the first.

SHOOTING.

In the Portsmouth and District Rifle League we met with very little success, and, having lost four matches, have dropped to 5th place.

In other competitions we have done better. We reached the final of the "Woolgar Challenge Shield," but were beaten by the "Victory." This shoot is a rapid firing competition, on the knock-out system.

In the "Arthur Lee Cup" we have beaten the Portsmouth Borough Rifle Club and the Prince of Wales Volunteers, thus qualifying for the third round. Our next match is against the Railway Rifle Club.

PLYMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the Christmas leave we only played two matches, one in the Devon Wednesday League and the other in the Plymouth and District League.

The first was at home, between our reserve team and Torquay Wednesday, on the 7th January, the other between our first team and Truro City, at Truro on the 10th.

The home fixture against Looe, which should have been played on the 3rd January, was cancelled as the ground was unfit.

The Reserves won their match against Torquay Wednesday on the Longroom by 5 goals to *nil*. Our most conspicuous players were Armstrong, Graham and Davidson ; Armstrong did the hat trick, whilst Dodge and Parsons scored one each.

Our first team was beaten at Truro by 3 goals to *nil*. The ground was in a very bad condition. In this match Lawrence was tried in goal, with great success. He achieved some brilliant saves. Shewbrook was our only forward with any dash, but Skipper made a couple of good runs on the right wing. Stratton defended in his usual fearless manner, but his partner was not quite so good.

The points in the Football League up to date are as follows :—

Coy.	*P.*	*W.*	*L.*	*D.*	*Goals* F.	A.	*Pts.*
"A"	3	2	1	0	10	8	4
"C"	2	2	0	0	18	2	4
"E"	2	1	1	0	6	4	2
"G"	3	0	3	0	2	21	0

RUGBY.

Penryn *v.* Royal Marines.

This match was played on the 10th January at Penryn. Kicking off down the hill, the visitors started what was to prove an exhilarating game.

After several excellent attempts Penryn took the lead through Sheppard, who scored a clever try, which Jago failed to improve upon. Ensuing play favoured the Marines, who were awarded a penalty, but they failed to turn it to account.

After a fine bout of passing C. Jago touched down for an unconverted try ; to which Boylin replied with a clever try for the Marines. G. Jago, however, scored two tries in quick succession, both of which he converted.

In the second half the Marines opened well, but G. Jago added one more unconverted try to Penryn's score. Nothing daunted, the visitors again pressed and were rewarded with a cleverly dropped goal by South. One more unconverted try was added by G. Jago after a pretty bout of interpassing between the brothers, the game ending with the following result :—Penryn, 2 goals, 4 tries (22 points) ; Royal Marines, 1 dropped goal, 1 try (7 points).

SHOOTING.

The following Plymouth Division Royal Marines are entitled to wear the badge for the best shot of the

year :—Sergeants and above—Sergt. J. J. Manfield. Corporals and Marines—Mne. A. G. Chambers (who made scores of 191 in rifle and 216 in Lewis gun).

The result of a miniature rifle club shoot at Devonport between service and civilian teams was as follows :—1, Devonport, 584 ; 2, R.N. Barracks, 582 ; 3, Torpoint, 576 ; 4, Royal Marine Barracks, 559. The high standard of the shooting is indicated by the fact that the average of the Royal Marine team was 93·1.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

After a three weeks' suspension of firing, the Miniature Rifle Club reopened on the 6th Jan. The first practice was to decide the team to represent the Club in the Plymouth and District League. The two new rifles recently presented to the Club were used for the first time on this occasion. The shooting was a great deal better. On the 8th January we fired our League shoot. We lost, but our team averaged 93·3 points per man, an improvement of 3 points on any previous shoot. The match for the "*Sunday Times* Certificate" took place on the 13th January, and, after a very tight shoot, Corpl. A. Ward won the "Certificate" with a score of 98 points. Our next match took place at the R.N. Barracks on the 22nd January. An account will appear in our next issue.

TUCKEY CUP.

The points up to date in this competition are as follows :—

Game.	*A Coy.*	*C Coy.*	*E Coy.*	*G Coy.*
Cricket	–	1	2	–
Tug-of-war ...	–	–	1	2
Boat Pulling ...	–	1	–	2
Cross-country ...	1	2	–	–
Shooting (min.) ...	–	2	–	1
Shooting (ball) ...	–	–	1	2
Trotman Cup ...	–	2	–	1
	1	8	4	8

Competitions yet to be decided are :—Bowling, Billiards, Bayonet Fighting, and Football.

BUGLERS.

The inter-room games competition, which included miniature shooting (indoor and outdoor), football, R.T. games, marathon, swimming, and boxing, was concluded early in December. A cup provided by the Divisional Games Fund was presented by the Colonel-Commandant to No. 33 Room, the winners.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL.

Results of matches played up to date :—

Opponents.	*Result.*	*Goals* F.	A.
1st XI.			
Dover (Dover Hospital Cup) ...	Won ...	11	1
R.A.F. (U.S. League)	Won ...	3	2
Deal Town (Friendly)	Won ...	3	0
Canterbury Waverley (Friendly)	Won ...	3	1
Dover Marine (Folkestone League)	Lost ...	2	3
2nd XI.			
43rd Regt. (U.S. League) ...	Won ...	1	0
R.A.F. (U.S. League)	Won ...	1	0
Minor XI.			
Ramsgate Old Georgians (Kent Minor Cup, 2nd round) ...	Won ...	7	1

HOCKEY.

Results of matches :—

Opponents.	*Result.*	*Goals* F.	A.
Folkestone and District	Won ...	6	1
Canterbury and District	Won ...	8	1
2nd Worcestershire Regt. ...	Won ...	2	1
S.A. School, Hythe	Won ...	4	1
43rd Light Infantry	Won ...	7	1
43rd Light Infantry	Draw ...	3	3
Canterbury and District	Draw ...	2	2
R.A.F., Manston	Won ...	3	0

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

There is very little to report this month, as the majority of the teams have been on Christmas leave. Up to the present the first team have had small chance of justifying our expectations for the New Year, for the only match played was lost. The second team have helped to cheer us up a bit, for *their* only match they won. The boys' teams have not yet made a start on their New Year's programme.

The following are the results of the matches played :
10th Jan. *v.* R.A.O.C. (U.S. League, Div. II), won, 2—1.
14th ,, *v.* R.A.F., Gosport (U.S. Charity Cup and U.S. League, Div. I), lost, 4—0.

BOXING.

The Boys' Boxing Championships will be held about the middle of February. The entries will be divided into five weights, and will compete for silver cups and medals. Judging by the standard shown at last year's competition, there should be an excellent sporting show, with the addition of the new blood that has been enlisted during the year.

PERSONAL.

Cpl. A. W. Stokes, Portsmouth Division (H.M.S. "Ramillies"), would be glad to hear from a Plymouth Corporal willing to change Divisions with him.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following :—"The Sapper," "The Sprig of Shillelagh," "The London Scottish Gazette," "The Snapper," "The R.M.A. Magazine," "The Army Quarterly," "St. George's Gazette," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "The Red Hackle," "Journal of the Honourable Artillery Company," "The Wire," "The Gunner," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "Faugh-a-Ballagh," "The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette," "Our Own Gazette."



CORPS GAZETTE

Major-General H. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Adjutant-General, Royal Marines), had the honour of being received by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace on December 20th, 1924.

PROMOTIONS.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) R. Foster, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Secd. List), promoted to Lieut.-Col. for good service, under O. in C. of 15.1.78, clause 6. 31.12.24.

APPOINTMENTS.

Capt. E. Noyes returned to Corps Duty from Seconded List, and is borne supy. to Establishment and posted to Portsmouth, 21.12.24.

The following officers are apptd. to the Depot, Deal, for Duty: Capt. M. Webb-Bowen, Capt. W. Quianlan, Lieut. G. Beazey, and Lieut. H. Balls.

Capt. E. Noyes (supy.) absorbed *vice* Haszard, 21.1.25.

Lieut. C. Edwards apptd. Assistant Instructor (unpaid), S.A.S., Browndown for six months.

Lieut. C. Smith apptd. P. and R.T. Instructor at Plymouth *vice* Sergeant, 22.2.25.

Lieut. B. Reiss-Smith apptd. Signalling Instructor (unpaid), Central Signal School, Chatham, for three months.

Lieuts. A. Woodhall, R. Teek, C. Fell, T. Bryan, C. Holford, and O. Jones to Seconded List for service with the Fleet Air Arm, 12.1.25.

Lieut. R. A. Storr, R.N., H.M.S. "Victory," is appointed to H.M.S. "Chatham II," addl. as from 1st Feb., 1925, and for charge of Matara W/T Station, *vice* Major Edward H. Ward Supernumerary List R.M. (W/T), as from date of joining.

Lieut. Patrick Horgan, R.N. (retd,). is apptd. Recruiting Staff Officer, R.N. and R.M., Manchester, *vice* Major John Hammond, Qrmr. R.M. (retd.), 1st Feb., 1925.

EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION.

The following officers passed for promotion in Subject (c) at the examination held at Shorncliffe on 20th November, 1924:—Capt. and Brevet-Major H. M. Franks, Capt. A. M. Craig, O.B.E., Capt. H. T. Newman (obtained ·8 marks), Capt. S. A. Field, Capt. J. H. Haddon, Capt. J. E. Leech Porter, Capt. G. F. Haszard, O.B.E., D.S.C., Capt. L. C. Hollis.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Majors (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) H. Ozanne, D.S.O., and P. Sandilands, D.S.O., completed the Senior Officers' Course, Sheerness, 20.12.24.

Majors G. Hickson, C.B.E., and G. Mathew have been selected to attend the 17th course at the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, starting 17th February and ending 15th May, 1925.

Lieut. W. Dean to H.M.S. "Victory," for P. and R.T. Course.

Lieuts. N. Lennox and B. Leicester qualified as P. and R.T. Officers, 18.12.24.

Lieut. B. Mitchell qualified (special) at School of Signals, Maresfield, 43rd Refresher Course, on 11th December, 1924. The Adjutant-General notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

Lieuts. A. Wright, J. Hume, G. Hawkins, to H.M.S. "President," addl. for Intelligence Course, 13.1.25.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to undergo a 4 weeks' course of instruction in equitation at the 12th Royal Lancers, Tidworth, commencing 2nd February, 1925:—Capt. E. E. Johnson, Capt. W. G. Quianlan, Capt. E. St. J. Brockman, Capt. S. A. Field, Lieut. S. G. B. Paine, and Lieut. S. S. Appleyard.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) G. Orde to H.M.S. "Centurion" (and as Squadron R.M. Officer), *vice* Williams, to disembark to Headquarters.

Major M. Yeo to H.M.S. "Birmingham" (and as Fleet R.M. Officer), *vice* Trench, to Headquarters.

Major H. Bird to H.M.S. "Cardiff," *vice* Mullins, to Headquarters.

Capt. H. Newman to H.M.S. "Diomede," *vice* Puckle to Headquarters.

Lieut. A. Warren to H.M.S. "Calypso," on re-commissioning.

Lieut. A. Clanchy (in ship) to H.M.S. "Caledon," on re-commissioning.

Lieut. G. Walton to transfer from H.M.S. "Dublin" to H.M.S. "Lowestoft" on that ship re-commissioning.

Lieut. C. Scott to H.M.S. "Cleopatra."

Lieut. Martini to H.M.S. "Sandhurst," *vice* Bramall, to Headquarters.

Lieut. Lennox to H.M.S. "Curlew," *vice* Morris, to Headquarters.

R.M. Gunner F. Botterill, M.B.E., to H.M.S. "Repulse," *vice* Hoile.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergeant.—Corpl. N. Welton "**Constance.**"

Confirmed in rank of Coy. Sergt.-Major.—C.S.M. E. V. Pipe.

To be Corporals.—Mne. N. Todhunter "**Marlborough,**" Mne. E. G. Riddiford H.Q.

APPOINTMENTS.

Dispenser.—Sergt. C. Potter.

Librarian, Recreation Room.—Mne. S. Homewood.

Carpenter.—Mne. C. T. Chapman.

Divn. Games-room Storeman.—Mne. A. W. G. Ward.

Instructors on Gun Battery Staff.—Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Hibben, Clr.-Sergt. M. Henderson, Sergt. F. Robinson.

Duty Signal School.—Mne. S. J. Barker.

Steward, Sergts.' Mess.—Sergt. W. Clarke.

Ledger Clerk, Pay Office.—Sergt. C. A. Lyons.

Training as Printer.—Mne. L. T. Carpenter.

Labourer, Works Department.—Mne. G. A. Woodrow.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mne. H. Brinkworth; "**Blenheim,**" Mne. E. B. Willey, Corpl. D. Cook; "**Benbow,**" Mne. W. Watson; "**Cleopatra,**" Mne. W. A. Turner; "**Calypso,**" Corpl. E. E. A. Rigsby; "**Calliope,**" Sergt. S. G. F. Bourner, Mnes. E. Snowball, H. Eldridge; "**Caledon,**" Mnes. E. J. Davey, A. Burton, Corpl. L. F. Pond, Mnes. A. J. Cheverton, G. A. Yates, R. J. Slator, J. Smith; "**Hecla,**" Mne. W. A. Sullens, Corpl. H. Madelaine; **Shotley T.E.,** Mnes. F. G. Glister, F. Stanley, Sergt. F. W. Jordan; "**Royal Oak,**" Mnes. W. Harper, B. Powell, J. T. Stokes, L. S. Shilton, T. W. Evans; "**Royal Sovereign,**" Mnes. G. H. Wilby, L. Shore, P. H. Loveday, Sergt. G. Rushworth, Mne. H. P. Richardson; "**Pembroke,**" Corpl. E. L. Critten, Mnes. J. E. Collins, W. H. Franklin, P. H. Heele, J. C. Rooskey, W. F. Harper, H. V. Redman, H. G. Sampson; "**Repulse,**" Mnes. F. Antrobus, W. C. Grinsell, A. Stretton, F. Rogers, W. G. Clapson, D. R. Ross, J. Condon, A. W. Rice, W. A. Harwood, W. Pettinger, T. H. Tuff, G. Johns, L. R. Clark, G. F. Turner, B. G. Linge, J. R. Owen, J. Inman, G. W. Haley, R. F. Richards, F. E. Limb, E. H. Barty, F. H. Fraser, V. L. Rappe, S. Brooksbank, A. C. Wisdom, F. Green, J. G. Brown, C. H. Evans, E. Graham, H. F. Pilcher, S. T. Speeke, C. W. L. Busby, C. H. Smith, G. Whitmore, G. E. L. Long, P. G. Linge, J. Harrison, A. J. Smith, G. E. Groves, G. Fisher, J. C. Wheeler, J. Lawrence, H. Fry, A. H. Haynes, H. F. Willats, W. Bimlott, J. Newton, M. Bazeley, G. N. Durrant, W. Stepney, W. Naylor, C. F. Nicholass, L. Loadley, J. H. Warner, M. Styles, H. B. Marlow, W. J. Hook, P. J. Howard, G. C. Clark, S. Armstrong, F. Jefferies, L. G. Norton, F. H. Fordor, H. J. Tims, E. W. Ryves, H. A. Watson, J. Rumary, A. V. Eldridge, W. J. Turner, J. H. Reid, D. B. McCarry, S. O. Allen, J. C. Clarke, M. A. Townsend, A. E. Spratt, A. G. Capon, J. A. Perks, J. K. McMullam, W. S. Bushell, C. F. Kennedy, F. J. Lawlor, T. C. Ward, Clr.-Sergt. H. E. Fitzgerald, Sergt. R. F. Miller, J. F. Barnett, Corpls. S. E. Gibb, W. Staley, A. T. Monk, W. G. Barnes, J. Millar, Buglers H. W. Chitty, L. A. Mann, Mnes. E. J. Stoter, W. H. Corbett, S. G. Dubery, E. Smith, J. Newman, F. H. Bugler, A. E. Drake, G. Smith, P. Baker, S. A. D. Barrett, H. C. C. Hillier, J. E. W. Solley; "**Marlborough,**" Mne. J. E. W. O'Rourke; "**Valiant,**" Mne. T. Boyle; "**Cyclops,**" Corpls. F. J. Gabriel, A. C. R. Humphrey, Mnes. A. H. Pennie, T. Adam, G. A. Walker, A. E. Jenkins, S. J. R. Baker; "**Canterbury,**" Mne. G. E. Haley; "**Danae,**" Corpls. A. T. Craddock, V. J. Haines, Mnes. G. E. Langford, W. T. King, P. G. Setter, E. C. Holland, G. A. Brown, F. C. Stone, S. F. Hall, W. Brown, T. Bell, J. F. Bickley, R. J. Allen, G. W. Brown, J. Shaw, H. F. Carless, C. K. Kirk, E. C. Saunders, H. J. Ashmore, C. H. Hill, G. Attryde, G. R. Martin-Flynn, F. E. Lines, A. G. Barrett, Bugler E. K. Bastin, Mnes. W. A. Gisby, L. Levine; "**Dragon,**" Sergt. W. G. F. Lightfoot, Corpls. A. G. Williams, J. H. Franks, Mnes. J. G. Newstead, J. B. Smith, C. S. Neve, F. C. Mason, J. W. List, T. H. Russell, R. G. Johnson, Bugler W. J. Goodchild, Mnes. E. Thacker, A. E. Allen, H. Briggs, J. Malvenna, C. G. Wells, F. Lewis, G. R. Andrews, R. Montgomery, R. C. Hamblin, J. A. Caulfield, E. E. Wade, G. McQuillan, E. C. Weaver, H. C. Hollands, S. A. Ruddlesdin, F. S. Parr, R. Hewes, A. E. Hughes, A. W. Palmer.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mne. R. W. Coe; "**Birmingham,**" Mne. V. H. Ellis; "**Blenheim,**" Mne. F. Baker, Corpl. F. C. Kent; "**Calypso,**" Corpl. D. Elvin; "**Calliope,**" Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Hibben, Mnes. L. S. Shilton, T. W. Evans, E. F. Frid, G. F. Greenwood; "**Constance,**" Mne. A. E. Francis; "**Cyclops,**" Corpls. A. C. Smith, H. G. Waring, Mnes. F. G. Glister, R. J. Foster, A. W. Strong, M. V. Redman, F. M. Talbot; "**Danae,**" Bugler H. W. Lewis, Corpl. E. L. Critten, Mnes. L. Shore, J. W. Roberts, J. W. J. Beadle, W. Proctor, C. Groves, E. J. Swinnock, W. H. J. Goldstone, T. C. Hall, L. J. Hall, S. J. Watts, E. Lankshear, Corpl. G. F. Camberland, Mnes. H. Deitz, A. H. Norfolk, H. C. New, E. E. Burr, A. W. G. Ward, A. Sault, C. T. Sergent, F. Stanley, H. G. Simpkins, G. J. Baldry, W. P. Kelham; "**Caledon,**" Corpl. J. Onions, Mnes. W. J. Goddin, J. Burrows, B. Powell, J. T. Stokes, F. Shephard; "**Hecla,**" Corpl. R. J. Joyce; "**Pembroke,**" Sergt. J. F. Barnett; "**Emperor of India,**" Sergt. F. Bessant, Corpls. V. N. Rootes, A. V. Sears, Mnes. F. C. James, A. G. Bodman, J. Bright, I. Collinson, A. Holland, G. Tull, A. W. Gardiner, L. Harris, T. D. Land, J. C. Harrison, P. Cake, E. G. Hambridge; "**Malaya,**" Mne. H. King; **Shotley T.E.,** Corpl. H. Haynes, Mnes. A. W. Clarke, E. E. Jones; "**President,**" Mne. C. Coulter; "**Hood,**" Corpls. H. C. Flack, R. K. Webb, Mnes. H. J. Young, R. S. Camp, H. Watthey, J. F. Bettles, A. V. W. Moore, G. C. Harvey, A. E. Stubbington, W. A. S. Lewis, J. F. Howes, R. Hawkes, E. W. H. Andrews, A. Hubbard, W. H. Hinson, W. H. Parsons; "**Dragon,**" Clr.-Sergt. M. Henderson, Sergt. H. Laughton, Corpl. N. H. Hall, Bugler F. N. Barndon, Mnes. W. Omar, R. E. Page, B. G. Footman, A. E. Pye, W. Connell, A. V. Hudson, S. V. Homewood, E. A. Gammon, S. C. Gabriel, A. J. Page, J. C. Rooskey, J. Barton, J. E. Mansey, J. Hackett, T. J. Tedbury, G. C. Brain, T. French, G. A. Woodrow, C. Birley, H. J. Roberts, W. Panting, H. G. Sampson, M. F. Barker, W. Bishop, S. Floyd, W. H. T. Walker; "**Repulse,**" Mnes. F. Corbin, H. A. Harn, J. E. Farmer, W. J. Stevenson, E. Streathfield, T. Donegan, O. J. Beard, W. Cain, A. Harper, F. Wilkinson, E. Markson, F. E. Smith, H. T. Elmer, F. J. Williams, W. A. Sullens, F. G. Keywood, J. McRea, J. L. Little, A. Bracken, F. Caplehorn, W. Clark, W. C. Spence, H. S. Mitchell, F. J. Glead, E. G. A. Jarvis, W. A. C. Andrews, Corpl. B. Oakley, Mnes. F. E. Clements, J. Wilson, J. E. Frewin, J. Bell, P. H. Heele, C. T. Chapman, L. P. Lillycrap, E. Easterbrook, J. F. Kibble, Corpls. T. A. Grant, H. J. Macey, Mnes. E. J. Anderson, E. J. Prescott, L. C. Clifford, L. T. Carpenter, T. H. Hooper, W. R. Jackman, A. J. McD. McJ. Nutley, F. C. Bailey, A. J. Kempster, Bugler S. H. Peters, Mnes. E. Coveney, F. G. Wells, S. W. Trappitt, W. J. Pready, W. C. Paice, J. E. Collins, W. H. Franklin, R. Collins, J. H. Carter, P. E. Lines, H. W. Harris, Clr.-Sergt. C. F. Beet,

Corpls. P. D. Langley, G. B. Silver, R. A. Butler, V. G. Dunn, E. Morgan, L. Whittle, W. J. Collender; **"Royal Sovereign,"** Mne. W. F. Harper, Sergt. C. A. Lyons, Mnes. J. Barton, G. E. Marlow, A. T. Goode, E. A. Mullings; **"Resolution,"** Mne. E. T. L. Player; **"Royal Oak,"** Mnes. C. G. Edwards, R. S. Demaine, H. C. Howard, H. J. Flynn, Sergt. R. Fisher, Mnes. T. G. Haynes, E. C. Scragge, W. H. Coulson, Sergt. M. M. McCalpin; **"Marlborough,"** Mne. F. W. L. Branson; **"Malabar,"** Mne. F. Wickens; **"Canterbury,"** Mne. H. G. Morris; **"Dauntless,"** Mne. J. Parker; **"Chrysanthemum,"** Corpl. E. Arnold; **"Douglas,"** Mne. J. E. G. Rintoul; **"Ceres,"** Mne. W. Veevers.

DISCHARGES.

Pension.—Clr.-Sergt. E. J. Baker, Mnes. H. J. Lasham, W. D. Williams, Corpl. J. W. Bowden, Mnes. W. R. Dent, F. W. L. Slator, H. W. Perfit, R. J. Buxton.

1st Period of Engagement.—Mnes. G. F. Greenwood, J. T. Jeffery, E. E. Jones.

Invalided.—Mnes. C. Chaplin, S. A. Wickens, A. C. Welford, J. W. J. Beadle, F. H. Talbot, J. Mc.J. Griffiths.

Compassionate Grounds.—Mne. J. H. Young.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The four senior N.C.O.s and Marines in each rank who have passed the examination for promotion:—

Sergts. J. Bowie, J. Viney, L. Coppin, G. Waskett.

Corpls. A. Watts, J. Owen, H. Bignell, C. Perry.

Mnes. N. May, J. Pangbourn, W. Peters, C. Cripps.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Queen Elizabeth," Mne. J. Whitfield; **"Iron Duke,"** Sergt. W. Clements, Mne. J. Duncan; **"Barham,"** Mne. A. Passell; **"Benbow,"** Mne. J. Morgan; **"Malaya,"** Mne. E. Stares; **"Emperor of India,"** Mne. W. Faringside; **"Victory,"** Mnes. J. Ford, G. Faithful; **"President,"** Mne. W. Marsh; **"Repulse,"** Mnes. P. Torrington, J. Thick; **"Hood,"** Mne. E. Knight; **"Argus,"** Mnes. A. Knowlton, H. Harrison, I. Ford; **"Princess Margaret,"** Corpl. C. Mitchard, Mne. P. Ruffles; **"Tiger,"** Corpl. H. Mizen, Mnes. E. Poole, P. Bailey; **"Castor,"** Mne. F. Penny; **"Revenge,"** Sergt. R. Bent, Corpl. W. Millard, Mnes. D. White, A. Lewis, C. Wood, H. Tyler, C. Holmes, T. Neill; **"Curacoa,"** Corpl. F. Gifford, Mnes. G. Jefferson, R. Trevett, A. Crick, H. Arnold; **"Dido,"** Corpls. P. Couzens, F. Woodland; **"Dolphin,"** Mnes. E. Matthews, E. Harper, G. Vanstone, J. Moore, G. Davies; **"Fisgard,"** Corpl. J. Owen; **"Revenge,"** Mne. L. Baker; **"Egmont,"** Sergt. W. Hutchins; **"Adamant,"** Mnes. W. Wayland, R. Edwards, A. Head, L. Waters, A. Drake, C. Allport; **"Lucia,"** Sergt. G. Patchett, Corpls. W. Everett, H. Churchman, S. Shortman, F. Blanchard, Mnes. W. Gamble, T. Barnett, G. Gagie, S. Russell, A. Simpson, S. Peddlesden, W. Archer, E. Moore, Bugler F. Bungay.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Hood," Clr.-Sergt. C. Budd, Corpls. A. McTurk, H. Starkey, Mnes. W. Edwards, R. Stapleton, W. Christopher, C. Davey, G. Horrocks, W. Cardy, H. Gough, H. Brooks, E. Ham, C. Hamilton, G. Hill, K. Churchill, F. Lidbetter, S. Corbett, F. Eames, H. Woodford, A. Privett, A. Fletcher, G. Jarman, D. Allen, C. Rose, W. Snoxall, Bugler F. Chapman; **"Lucia,"** Sergt. C. Millward, Clr.-Sergt. A. Dixon, Corpls. P. Beel, B. Smith, J. Johns, H. Tulliett, W. Hanham, W. Parsons, Mnes. S. Fawcett, C. Haines, C. Matthews, H. Sawford, T. Steppens, H. Collis, H. Warwick, T. Thrower, E. Whitehorn, V. Sweet, H. Brown; **"Fisgard,"** Corpl. L. Lock, Mne. J. Webb; **"Dido,"** Corpls. W. Fowler, H. Pook; **"Princess Margaret,"** Sergt. W. Cheeriman; **"Dolphin,"** Mnes. F. Sampson, G. Coombs; **"Revenge,"** Sergt. A. Golding, Corpls. W. Avery, Mnes. R. Jones, G. Payne, G. Flinn, L. Tunnicliffe, R. Harris, S. Roberts; **"Impregnable,"** Corpl. Brinkman; **"Ramillies,"** Mne. P. Rideout; **"Argus,"** Mnes. E. Parsons, R. Ashby; **"Victory II,"** Mne. F. Gibson; **"Hawkins,"** Mnes. M. Brown, D. Young; **"Malaya,"** Corpl. F. Chivers; **"Egmont,"** Mne. C. Sims; **"Barham,"** Mnes. S. Hayes, W. May; **"Valiant,"** Mne. D. Marshal; **"Danae,"** Mnes. A. Caplehorn.

PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

R.A.F. Base, Leuchars, Mnes. Hoskings, Gregory, Kent, Mills, Foxhall; **"Hood,"** Clr.-Sergt. Fletcher, Sergts. Carn, Coker; Corpls. J. Matthews, McMaster, Horn, Bugler Marsh, Soper, Mnes. Turner, Elkins, Arnull, Howell, O'Brien, Clayton, Clark, Morgan, Smith, Woodrow, Gill, Denby, Griffiths, Hill, Hollobon, Russell, Harriman, Whatmore, Dashwood, Williams, Hobson, Coles, Lightfoot, Guy, Garrod, Shepherd, Hunt, Webster, Humphries, Collins, Robbins, Ransom, Murphy, Hide, Stevens, Oates, Matthews, J. Clark, Martin, Savage, Newnham, Green, Westlake, Fleck, Barrat, Jackson, Delabautauche; **"Impregnable,"** Sergt. Ralph, Corpl. Mellor, Mnes. Leacock, Coxon, Trippick; **"Delhi,"** Corpls. Kelley, Cory, Mnes. Clark, Dowse, Hunter, Beasor, Osborne, Woolway, Porter, Evans, Hayward, Winterbottom; **"Resolution,"** Sergt. Lewthwaite, Corpl. Williams, Mnes. Bourton, Mallett, Pitt, Monk, Walsh, Kingsford, Holloway; **"Diligence,"** Clr.-Sergt. Shill, Mnes. Bray, Radford, Ricketts, McChesney, Adams, Leigh; **"Thunderer,"** Mnes. Walker, Hughes, Thomas; **On Command, Ports.,** Sergt. Clancy, Mnes. Field, Davidson, Harris, Endacott, Bell; **"Dauntless,"** Sergt. Dixon, Corpl. Bryant, Mnes. Hulstone, Wilson, Crawley, Cox, Prothero, Ellerby, Drewitt, Bugler Descombe; **"King George V,"** Sergt. West, Mnes. McCarthy, McCracken, Bowlcott; **"Woolwich,"** Mne. Freeman; **"Frobisher,"** Corpl. Feeney, Mnes. Fletcher, Spencer, Shaw, Brimilow; **"Alecto,"** Mne. Norton; **"Osprey,"** Sergt. Baker; **"Carysfort,"** Sergt. Convery, Mnes. Randall, Cooper, Crowe, Broadhurst, Barfield, Edmonds, Dempster, Hine; **"Vivid,"** Sergts. Gane, Radford; **"Ramillies,"** Clr.-Sergt. Dursley, Sergt. C. H. Smith, Corpl. Clayton, Mnes. Thyer, Smith, Lewis, Simkins; **"Repulse,"** Mne. Beddington; **"Colossus,"** Sergt. Tavener; **"Caradoc,"** Mne. Nolan; **"Ganges,"** Corpl. Clark; **Depot, R.M., Deal,** Mne. Parkinson; **On Command, Chat.,** Mnes. Brown, Dyer; **"Emperor of India,"** Sergt. Norgrove, Corpls. Sheppherd, Lavers, Bugler Blackman, Mnes. Comstock, Jones, Smith, Long, Meadows, Bullard, Johnson, Gooderham, Hatherall, Baylan, Beaumont, Wesson, Apsey, McLachlan, Levesley, Fullalove, Evans, Sillence, Discombe, Dudley, Haydon, Bright, Pascoe, Burridge, Marks, Moran, Courtney, Thomas, Dixon, Vosper, Lawless, Clark, Brumby, Christie.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Ramillies," Mnes. Milligan, Hammond; **"Impregnable,"** Sergt. Dixon, Mnes. McClusky, Foxhall; **"Queen Elizabeth,"** Clr.-Sergt. Dursley, Mne. Shipp; **"Flora,"** Corpls. Attwood, Allen, Mnes. Gooden, Butler; **"Colossus,"** Sergt. Burnett; **"Hood,"** Sergts. Radcliffe, Knill, Potter, Corpls. Johnson, Berry, Mnes. Davidson, Dyer, Garbutt, Burnett, Jenkins, Bugler Short; **"King George V,"** Clr.-Sergt. Watkins, Mnes. Dempster, Grove, Gill; **"Repulse,"** Sergt. McEwan, Mne. Endacott; **"Chatham,"** Corpl. Doidge; **"Thunderer,"** Mnes. Hill, Simpson, Mills, Kent; **"Delhi,"** Corpl. Kelley, Mne. Brown; **"Dauntless,"** Sergt. Radford, Corpls. Cook, Wilson, Bugler Smith, Mnes. Rowe, Bell, Hughes, Surgeoner, Monk, Bowlcott; **"Resolution,"** Sergt. Dean, Mnes. Peppard, Quigley, Sims; **"Frobisher,"** Corpl. Hayter, Mnes. Pitcher, Johns, Weir; **"Woolwich,"** Mne. W. Dew; **"Diomede,"** Mne. W. Payne; **"Emperor of India,"** Corpls. C. Bennett, G. Merrell, Mnes. A. Robertson, W. Davey, G. Thorn, J. Hayward, A. Clarke, S. Prince-Cox, J. Towers, F. Mellor, S. Lally; **"Tiger,"** Corpl. H. Moss; **"Repulse,"** Sergts. A. Bentley, A. House, Corpls. J. Bidwell, A. Bartram, Mnes. A. Freeman, A. Franklin, C. Goss, G. Mead, J. Green, J. Cawlan, F. Dunn, C. Pierson, A. Patmore, F. Jones, W. Priestly, H. Silver, H. Budd, P. Luce, J. Appleby, P. Simmonds, A. Bowley, G. Turner, W. Mears, H. Silk, W. Clack, A. Dewey, J. Jackson, R. Smith, J. Ingram, J. Harrison, V. Allatt, F. Hawkins, F. Rogers, Bugler R. Newman.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period of Engagement.—Mnes. A. Hillier, A. Payne.

2nd Period of Engagement.—Corpl. F. Harper, Mnes. H. Warmon, G. Thompson, R. Childs, F. Higginson, C. Jenvey.

Invalided.—Mnes. A. Carr, G. Ford, G. Payne.

By Purchase, within 3 months of Attestation.—Mne. E. McDonald.

Pearson; "**Carysfort,**" Sergt. Lucas, Mnes. Trippick, Aspin, Parsley, Shillabeer, Pitt, Norris, Challoner; "**Diligence,**" Clr.-Sergt. Wilson, Mnes. Cummings, Walker, Bell, Coxon, Walsh, Kingdom; "**Ramillies,**" Clr.-Sergt. Munford, Sergt. Clancy, Corpl. Hillabey, Mnes. Owen, Cooper; "**Osprey,**" Clr.-Sergt. Beck; **Depot, R.M., Deal,** Clr.-Sergt. Shill, Mnes. Kingsford, Platt; "**Emperor of India,**" Mnes. Walker, Thorn, Hannaford, Barratt, Smyth, Edwards, Jeffery, Parker, Northcott, Withers; "**Vivid,**" Corpl. Norris, Mnes. Gibbons, Stonehouse, Powell, Burrows.

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

M.T.I., 1st Class.—Sergt. M. McCalpin.
M.T.I. (P.), 1st Class.—Sergt. F. B. Reeland.
Clerk, 1st, Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. J. A. Yates.
Typecutter.—Mne. E. G. Wells.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.—Sergt. W. J. Barril, Mnes. A. E. Chapman, R. P. Rogers, W. E. Sweetingham, A. H. Line, H. Grindrod.

To Portsmouth.—Sergt. P. T. Bond, Mnes. T. White, W. J. Painter, C. Ladd, Corpls. H. M. Keet, A. G. G. Laker.

To Plymouth.—Clr.-Sergt. F. Shill, Sergt. W. G. Hawke, Mnes. H. P. Kingsford, H. Platt, G. E. Askew.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Corpl. F. Frost, Mne. H. A. Jutnes.

Invalided.—Q.M.S. G. E. Beard, Mnes. J. McI. Griffiths, M. Lewins, F. W. A. Dan.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

Bandmasters 2nd Class Francis Kirkby and G. W. Hooper to Bandmasters 1st Class.

Musicians E. T. Evered, J. H. Matthews and R. H. Mortimer to Band Corporal.

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).—T. J. Cope, Edgar Robertson, G. C. Keen, F. T. Rose, Sidney Rendell, T. A. Murray.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—A. F. Bartlett, Sidney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler, V. C. Joyce.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporals).—D. W. Green, P. D. Evans, W. C. Owens, Richard Wicker, G. P. Wiseman, B. H. Smith.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following N.C.O.s have been appointed Musical Instructors:—Bandmaster 1st Class Samuel Taylor, L.R.A.M., and Band Corporal T. H. Lawrence.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The following N.C.O.s have been selected for a course of instruction for promotion to Warrant Officer, which commenced on 6th January, 1925:—Bandmaster 1st Class C. J. L. Hamilton and Bandmaster 2nd Class Herbert Wright.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Vivid,**" Bandmaster 1st Class W. J. Papworth; "**Emperor of India,**" Band Boy Frank Gibbons; "**Repulse,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class Walter Pryce, Band Corporal H. W. Ford, Musicians Frank Upstell, H. C. Wright, G. H. Collins, E. C. Blaney, Albert Selway, P. C. Tanner, William Brooks, F. G. Horscroft, Montague Barker, W. W. Searle, John Thompson; "**Frobisher,**" Musician Cecil Wratten; "**Impregnable,**" Musicians Samuel Bray, G. W. Averley, Jack Ayles, R. R. Hunt, W. H. Chapman, A. F. Daniels, Joseph Ginns, J. E. Baker, W. P. Tams, J. H. Gregory, F. T. Cottrell, Henry Rotherham; "**Ganges,**" Musician W. D. Wilmot.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ramillies,**" Musician F. D. Wood; "**Vivid,**" Bandmaster Samuel Taylor, L.R.A.M.; "**Eagle,**" Band Corporal James Shuter; "**Iron Duke,**" Musician Fredk. Dyer; "**Repulse,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class F. T. Rose, Musicians George Jackson, H. E. Hewitt, P. Flewer, I. F. Marcussohn, P. E. Cole, C. J. Harris, William Gorridge, Arthur Gage, Joseph Rouse, P. G. Boxall, Jasper Gilbert, T. J. Davies, F. L. Walker; "**Frobisher,**" Musician W. F. J. Milsom; "**Emperor of India,**" Band Corporal T. A. Webb; "**Impregnable,**" Musicians A. T. Neale, J. B. Cann, G. C. Creber, E. H. Boxall, H. C. Ricketts, A. R. Eggleston, W. A. Battista, W. P. Juene, H. G. Rule.

REVERSIONS.

Bandmasters 2nd Class A. A. Mansfield, George Winsor and Henry Smith to Band Corporal, "having failed to qualify at the recent examination for Bandmaster 2nd Class."

DISCHARGES.

Bandmasters 1st Class A. W. Sharpe, Arthur Pinhorne, Musicians Geo. Woodhams and M. H. McRae, to Pension.

Band Corporal James Shuter and Musician Henry Allen, "Invalided."

Band Corporal L. A. Smith and Musician H. T. Chilcott, "termination of their first period of engagement."

ENGAGEMENT.

MONEY-COUTTS—COURTENAY-THOMPSON.—The engagement is announced between the Hon. Thomas Burdett Money-Coutts, eldest son of Lord Latymer, and Patience Margaret, step-daughter of Major-General H. C. Money, C.B., late Royal Marine Light Infantry.

BIRTHS.

ATTWOOD.—On 12th December, 1924, to Major and Mrs. Attwood, R.M. Barracks, Chatham, a daughter.

HADDON.—On 22nd January, 1925, at St. Clare Cottage, Upper Walmer, to Captain and Mrs. Haddon, twin daughters.

WOOLLEY.—On the 9th December, at Mowbray, Capetown, to Eva, wife of C. H. F. Woolley, late Captain (temporary), R.M.—a son.

DEATHS.

COWDREY.—Musn. W. T. Cowdrey, serving at H.M.T.E., Shotley.

MOYNEHAM.—On 22nd December, Ch. 20835 Cpl. V. G. Moyneham, R.M. (invalided).

NICHOLAS.—Musn. H. S. Nicholas, serving in H.M.S. "Eagle."

Royal Marine pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st December, 1924:—

BAYLESS.—Mne. R. Bayless, R.M.A., 27.12.24.

BRIGGS.—Bgr. G. W. Briggs, R.M.A., 10.12.24.

BROOKE.—Cpl. A. L. Brooke, R.M.A., 11.12.24.

COPELAND.—Sergt. C. G. Copeland, Ports., 27.12.24.

FITZGERALD.—Sergt. H. E. Fitzgerald, R.M.A., 17.12.24.

MATTHEWS.—Mne. R. Matthews, R.M.A., 12.12.24.

MATTHEWS.—Mne. W. Matthews, R.M.A., 27.12.24.

PETMAN.—Mne. R. Petman, Chat., 18.12.24.

SHEARMAN.—Mne. J. Shearman, Ports., 15.12.24.

SHUTT.—Mne. W. Shutt, Ply., 27.12.24.

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Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Before writing the Editorial Notes last month we spent a certain amount of time in reading the remarks of editors similarly placed to ourselves; that is to say, the remarks of editors producing their first number.

We found that the usual custom was to apologise in advance for the shortcomings of their firstborn, and to plead ignorance of all matters appertaining to the mystic rites of editorship.

Realising our utter lack of knowledge of the subject, we considered it best not to draw attention to it; and we decided to plunge into the business, do our best and reserve our defence for the next issue.

And so, all too conscious of its many weaknesses, we launched our little ship upon the troubled waters of Criticism.

We knew that, here and there, the frame was weak, that the rigging in parts was frayed, and that the imperfection of many rivets had escaped the eye of the amateur master-shipwright.

But we trusted that the wind of public opinion would be tempered to our craft, and that, piloted by kind indulgence, she would reach her moorings in safety.

And what of the merchants, our customers, to whom the ship was consigned?

We think the lines of Mrs. Manley aptly describe their attitude:—

"Smile on the work, be to her merits kind,
And to her faults, whate'er they are, be blind."

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In a recent issue of the "Globe and Laurel" there appeared two stories, written respectively by Bennet Copplestone and Jack Courtenay.

It may not be unique, but it is certainly unusual for contributions from the pen of father and son to appear simultaneously in the same journal.

That Bennet Copplestone should take sufficient interest in the Corps paper to send us first-hand matter, which, to put it crudely, could have found a ready market elsewhere, is highly satisfactory. We feel that our readers would wish to join in our openly expressed thanks to him.

Jack Courtenay has yet to win his spurs; but our regular subscribers, who have enjoyed his numerous amusing stories, will be interested to hear that his yarns have attracted the attention of "People Who Matter" in the literary world.

The "Globe and Laurel" is pleased to have been the vehicle by means of which the work of this young author has been brought to light. Good luck to him.

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The R.M.O.C.A. continues to flourish and expand.

We have received a letter from Maj. A. K. Evans—the president and founder of the Liverpool branch—dealing with the objects of the Association, and giving an account of the social gatherings and other activities of his branch.

We heard a man say recently, "Why should I pay 3d. for a *Globe and Laurel* when I can buy a *Times* for 1½d.?"

To those whose sense of *esprit de corps* has reached a similarly high stage of development, the R.M.O.C.A. will probably carry little appeal.

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CARTOON.

Colonel-Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., the President of the R.M. Officers' Sports Fund, received his first Commission in September, 1890. He reached Field Rank in October, 1908, and was appointed to the command of the Chatham Division, Royal Marines, on the 21st June, 1924. Colonel Morgan served in South Africa during the years 1899-1900, and was present at the battles of Magersfontein, Paardeberg, Poplar Grove and Dreifontien, and was awarded the Queen's Medal with three clasps. Among his appointments have been those of Instructor of Gunnery (Chatham Division), General Staff Officer 1st Grade (China, 1916-1918), Director of Naval Recruiting. He commanded the 11th Battalion R.M., in Ireland, received the G.S.P. in June, 1924, and was appointed an A.D.C. to H.M. The King, on the 8th July last.

But there are some people who like meeting their old comrades-in-arms; who like to keep in touch with those who have left the Corps, and who are still serving in it; who value the privilege of appearing at civic, or other functions, as a corporate body; who appreciate cheery gatherings; who understand the advantages of having at their back a society which is ever ready to hold out a helping hand to its members, if in distress.

To those Marines, retired or about to retire, who may value all or any of the above advantages, we offer the suggestion that they should get into touch with a branch of the R.M.O.C.A., should there be one in the vicinity.

Several circumstances have conspired to delay slightly the issue of our March number.

Twenty-eight-day February has robbed us of time at the busy end of the month, which, to make matters worse, ends on a Saturday; (our printers, being only human, do not encourage business during the week-end).

Correspondence from the sea has been delayed, owing to the absence of ships on the spring cruise.

Certain other matters, small in themselves but weighty in the aggregate, have contributed to the lack of punctuality in issue, which we trust is not so annoying to our readers as it is to . THE EDITOR.



POLLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC.

"Revenge."

After the ship had re-commissioned, on Aug. 14th, the detachment settled down very quickly, as the majority had turned over together from the "Q.E." They soon proved their mettle by winning the biggest gunnery event of the Summer Cruise—the Turret Shield. This is the only gunnery competition that has yet been held. The 6in. Competitive Shoot is not fired until the Spring Cruise. Up to the present, however, the Marines, who have the four after guns in the port battery, have more than held their own in the loading average.

The detachment has also done quite well at sport, winning both events in the Inter-Part Competitions. The first success was for the Assault-at-Arms Shield, which was won by the Marathon team, ably captained and trained by Corpl. Nason. Meanwhile the football teams—"A" and "B"—had been steadily winning matches in the Inter-Part Football Competition; the nicely-balanced "A" team rather surprised the ship's company by winning the final against the Stokers by 3—1. The Marines' Tug-of-War team, trained by Corpl. Chadwick, earned the right to represent the Fleet at the Highland Games held at Inverness. Pulling against teams about 15 stones heavier than themselves, they managed, by strategy, to secure 3rd prize.

The ship proved what strict training could accomplish, when she beat all-comers in the Portsmouth Port Marathon last December. The first Marines of the winning team to reach home were Mne. Willis (10th), Corpl. Nason (15th), Mne. Ayling (231d). At football the "Revenge" has excelled herself by winning the 2nd Battle Squadron Cup and King's Cup. She has also 8 players in the team which beat R.N. Barracks, Devonport, in the semi-final of the Navy Cup; of these eight, Ayling, at centre, is the only Marine.

Rumour has it that there will be no Inter-Fleet Regatta at Pollensa Bay this year. We hope that this rumour is not correct, as, from all appearances, the detachment is as keen on boat-pulling as on any other sport.

Second Report—Gibraltar.

The first few days at Gibraltar have been devoted solely to gunnery. In the 15in. Competitive firing the Marines' Turret has retained the Turret Shield, being run very close by B Turret, Foretop Division.

In the 6in. Competition, we regret to say that the Battery Shield has changed sides, and now belongs to the starboard battery.

The ship now runs a volunteer band, as well as the ordinary ship's band, and we are very lucky to have the requisite number of ex-buglers to make it a success. Bugler Brand has brought the bugles, drums and fifes up to a very good standard.

Our football team has just been knocked out of the Squadron Royal Marines' Football Competition by "Royal Sovereign's" Marines.

There has been a fair amount of rifle shooting lately, with the object of selecting a team to take part in the R.M.R.A. Competitions later in the year. The best shots in the detachment have come to the top.

Mnes. Jago, Willis and Bethell are consistently near the head of the list, and have been chosen to shoot for the ship against "Ramillies" and the 1st Battalion the Suffolk Regiment in a triangular contest on the 7th February on the North Front Range.

Assault-at-Arms training is still in full swing, but we are working under difficulties, as there is not enough gear in the ship to allow for the keenness shown.

We sail on Monday, 9th February, for Cartagena.

"Resolution."

We did not join the Squadron at Portland until the 10th January owing to our refit at Devonport. When we arrived our first activity was Weapon Training.

Parties went to the range each Saturday, and put in some valuable practice. The registers of these shoots will be useful in selecting a team to shoot against other units.

A miniature rifle range has been set up on board through the good offices of the Detachment Fund, and we hope to foster a love of shooting and to keep the "old timers" in form. Prizes for competitions will be given, and records kept of all firings.

Bayonet fighting has many devotees at present, who are preparing for the Tournament. We have an experienced instructor in Major Gillespie, who is ably seconded by Corpl. McCone.

We also have a few exponents of boxing under training for the same tournament.

Boat-pulling has claimed our attention, and both cutters' and whalers' crews have been formed—but more anon.

Tug-of-war teams, both heavy and light, have been formed, and are well in training under the able tuition R.M.G. Vickery.

"Rugger" has not been played owing to scarcity of grounds. We have, however, played several minor games of "Soccer." We have to record one defeat, at the hands of the Royal Tank Corps at Wool Camp, Dorset. Heavy rain made the ground like a quagmire, and our opponents succeeded in dragging us through it to the extent of 8—0. We thoroughly enjoyed it, however, especially the aftermath—a real "tuck in." Our hosts provided conveyances to and from the station.

"Calliope."

The 2nd C.S. left Portland to begin the Spring Cruise on the 26th January, and, after a "mixed" passage, reached Ferrol on the 29th. We had a spell of very fine weather during our stay, and managed to fix up a few football matches with the local teams:—

Jan. 31st. Squadron *v.* Ferrol Racing Club. Lost, 3—1.

Feb. 1st. Squadron *v.* Ferrol Racing Club. Lost, 4—0.

Feb. 4th. Squadron *v.* Ferrol (Cup match). Lost, 4—1.

The Spanish teams seem to be very keen, and, although their ideas are not quite the same as ours, their play is rapidly improving, and the game seems to be ousting the bull-fight as a national sport.

On Feb. 2nd the detachment played the Blue Division in the final for the Inter-Part Shield, and won by four goals to *nil.*

The Indoor Games League is causing much rivalry between the different parts of the ship. Up to date we are shaping well in the darts, dominoes, and draughts, but have to acknowledge a defeat in the renowned game of shove-halfpenny by the Signalmen, 3—1. This has been attributed to the fact that the game was held away from home, on a strange ground (or slate). The general opinion expressed after the match was that the Signalmen had all misspent their youth, as opposed to the blameless lives which our team had lived.

The boxing, bayonets, etc., championships, are being held soon, and training is going strong.

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Frobisher."

At a meeting of the R.N. and R.M. Boxing Association, held at the R.N. Barracks, Devonport, Mne. Wales beat A.B. Patterson (runner-up of the Lightweight Championship of the Mediterranean). Wales conceded a stone to his opponent, who was eventually disqualified. The Marines lost a rifle match at the R.N. Barracks by one point. There were nine competing teams. This is most encouraging, considering the fact that we have only recently formed our Club.

The ship sails shortly to join the 1st C.S. We hope not only to take the "Flag," but also the "Cockerel" for sport.

"Valiant."

On the 5th January, 110 of the detachment from "Valiant," together with 19 from the detachment of "Greenwich," proceeded to Ghain Tuffieha for the Aunnal Range Course and Field Training.

The results obtained were very good. Mne. R. W. Meadon had the distinction of beating the Range record, which previously stood at 190, by returning a score of 192, out of a possible 215. The returns for the two detachments showed that out of 129 men firing the Course, 61 were classified as Marksmen, the averages for the ships being: "Valiant," 136.7, and "Greenwich," 142.5. "Valiant" score is the best average, up to date, for a battleship.

On the last Sunday in camp, athletic sports were held, and some very good performances were put up. Points were awarded for wins and places in each event, so that an Inter-Platoon Competition could be run. At the end of the day No. 2 Platoon won easily from No. 1 Platoon by 51 points to 20, the other three platoons being a long way further behind. Mrs. Dawson, wife of the Instructor of Small Arms at Ghain Tuffieha, very kindly presented the prizes to the winners.

100 Yards Flat Race.—Time, 10¼ secs. 1, Mne. G. H. Wells; 2, Mne. F. G. Ball.

440 Yards Flat Race.—1, Sergt. H. Smith; 2, Mne. P. J. Parsons.

Relay Race (one mile).—Sergt. H. Smith, Mnes. C. E. McIlgrew, F. G. Ball, G. H. Wells.

Obstacle Race.—1, Mne. P. J. Parsons; 2, Mne. H. Hansford.

Three Mile Race.—1, Mne. C. E. McIlgrew; 2, Mne. A. Fraser.

High Jump (4 ft. 10 in.).—1, Mne. G. C. Kelson; 2, Mne. W. Howard.

Long Jump (15 ft. 3 in.).—1, Mne. G. C. Kelson; 2, Mne. S. J. Bonning.

Tug-of-War (Final).—No. 1 Platoon beat No. 3 Platoon by two pulls to none.

Special Prize presented by Mrs. Dawson for the man scoring the biggest number of points.—Mne. G. C. Kelson.

Consolation Prize.—Mne. L. J. Powlesland.

Ghain Tuffieha.

The R.M. football team from "Benbow" visited us on 8th February. The Ghain Tuffieha Staff team was strengthened by several men from "Caradoc."

During the first half, play favoured the home side,

but "Benbow's" Marines eventually won a keenly contested and enjoyable game by 3 goals to 2; in spite of the fact that their team was not at full strength.

EAST INDIES.

"Chatham."

On our return from the Persian Gulf early in December, we spent about 10 days at Bombay in company with "Colombo" and "Cairo," and took part in the opening of "The Gateway of India" by H.E. the Viceroy; we sailed for Ceylon on the 11th of December.

After a few days in Colombo, coaling and provisioning, we left for Trincomali, and from thence to Calcutta, where we appreciated the cooler climate.

Our friends, from our former visit last January, soon came off to see us, and we found that a large and most hospitable programme had been arranged for entertaining the Ships' Companies during their fortnight's stay.

At Calcutta four days' leave was given to each watch, and this enabled those who had not gone on the Delhi trip to see Calcutta thoroughly, and to enjoy the hospitality of the local inhabitants.

The Detachment and Band played the Band of the South Wales Borderers at football, but lost 1—2.

At a shooting match between the P.O.'s and N.C.O.'s of "Chatham" v. Sergeants' Mess of South Wales Borderers, Sergt. Gray ("Chatham") was 1st (spoon), and Sergt. Cross ("Chatham"), 2nd.

The Ship was visited by H.E. the Viceroy, and by the Governor of Bengal, Lord Lytton.

On New Year's Day the annual Military Proclamation Parade took place before the Viceroy. It was a most impressive spectacle. This Parade commemorates the crowning of Queen Victoria as Empress of India.

All good things come to an end, and on the 10th of January we sailed for Rangoon after a very enjoyable stay.

"Colombo."

November.

In due course we arrived at Bahrein, Persian Gulf, in company with the remainder of the East Indies Squadron.

Our Annual Regatta was held here, about which the less said the better, so far as we are concerned. Everything seemed to be against us—it could not have been through lack of training, because we had been going away twice a day for the previous six weeks—so let us blame the boats!

We arrived at Karachi on 22nd Nov., and were inundated with sports fixtures. The most notable of these was a rugger match between a combined team from "Cairo" and ourselves, against the Army. It ended in a draw; neither side was able to cross the line. Everyone thought it the best game they had had for many years. The detachment landed for drill on the 25th.

On the 27th we took 14 Army officers from the Staff College, Quetta, including the Colonel-Commandant, to Bombay. We carried out a full-calibre "throw off shoot" at the "Cairo" during a full-speed trial on the way; we also did two torpedo runs—all this interested the Army officers very much.

December.

While at Bombay, our detachment managed to get a soccer match with the "Cairo's" detachment, which we won 2—1.

We left Bombay for Colombo on the 9th, arriving on the 12th.

On the 14th we left for Trincomali, where we spent only two days, getting in stores before going on to Calcutta for Christmas.

We arrived at Calcutta on 22nd Dec., and, after spending a really cheery Christmas, things began to move pretty rapidly. The next day a party of 150 men from H.M.S. "Chatham," and ourselves, went on a very interesting tour of N.E. India, of which I enclose a narrative by Corpl. Flinton, who was one of the party—unfortunately he went sick with pneumonia half way through the trip, but managed to complete the narrative with the aid of others who were there.

January.

At the Gymkhana on 2nd Jan. nine Marines attended and seven came away with prizes. A combined R.M. tug-of-war team, from "Chatham" and ourselves, took on all comers, and won. Teams were: One Seamen's team from "Chatham," one from "Colombo," and a third team of the Bengal Nagpur Railway people.

Our ship's company gave a dance ashore on the night of the 7th, which was a great success.

The 9th was a gala day aboard. The ship's company gave a children's party in the afternoon, followed by a dance. Both these events were very much appreciated by the people ashore.

On the night of the 8th, the Cameron Highlanders had the finals of their Company boxing, and, in addition, Mne. Clark ("Colombo") fought A.B. Merryfield ("Chatham"); Mne. Clark won, and was presented with a silver cup.

With heavy hearts we steamed from Calcutta on the 12th Jan. for Chittagong, arriving on the 13th.

The majority of people here were doing their annual training in camp, and had arranged sports for us every day, on the principle of Navy *v.* Army. They also put a train at our disposal, for conveyance to and from camp.

On the first day there was a shooting match between the ship and the Army, which was won by the Army—our seamen had never fired their rifles before. This was followed by a hockey match, which the Army also won by 2 goals to *nil*.

Next day there were team sports (each team consisting of 2 officers, 4 C.P.O.s, P.O.s, or Sergts., and 8 other ratings), which we won. In the evening there was a dance and billiard tournament at the local Institute.

On the 16th Jan. about 100 of the ship's company (with field guns) and the detachment, went for a route march with the Army. In the afternoon a team from the detachment had a shooting match against the Army. The Royal Marines' team consisted of:—Lieut. Lordon, Sergts. Wilson and Brown, Corpl. Stevens, Mnes. Trewick, Lally, Stevenson, Varney, Upton and Crisp. The practices were:—(1) 10 rounds rapid at a Wantage Application Target; (2) 10 rounds snap shooting at Wantage discs, 4 seconds' exposure.

The prize was one bottle of beer per man in the winning team. The first practice was tied, each team scoring 90 points.

The second practice was very exciting; we fired first and scored 100 points. The Army then fired and scored 104 points, getting 12 bulls and 12 inners on the last target, thus winning by 4 points. It was impossible to keep individual scores, as there were only two targets in the first practice, five firing on each target at the same time. In the last practice there were five targets, and one could fire at any one of the five.

The same afternoon there was a cricket match, "Colombo" *v.* The Army, which we won by 50 runs.

In the evening was held the semi-final of the open boxing. The following Marines fought:—Mne. Robey, Mne. Ing, Mne. Trewick, Mne. Clark, Mne. Cromack. Mne. Clark and Mne. Ing were left in the final.

On the 17th there was a football match against the Army, which we won by 5 goals to *nil.*

In the evening the finals of the open boxing took place. Mnes. Ing and Clark won their fights, and were presented with silver cups.

On the 20th we sailed for Akyab. We remained at Akyab one day only, and are now on our way to Madras for the Naval and Military Tournament.

The N.E. Indian Tour.

(From Corpl. F. G. Flinton)

A party of about 150 men from "Chatham" and "Colombo" left Calcutta on Boxing Night for a historical and sightseeing tour of N.E. India. This party included 8 R.M.s from "Chatham" and 6 from "Colombo."

The night was spent in travelling. Halts were made the following day at Mokameh, Patra, and Moghalsarai. About 8.30 p.m. we stopped for nearly an hour at Benares. Nearly every English person in the town was at the station to greet us. We settled down in the train for a night in rather lively spirits.

Lucknow was reached at dawn on the 28th, and by 8 a.m. we were settling down to a substantial breakfast. A short lecture on the Mutiny, as it particularly affected Lucknow, was then given, and the whole party was conducted round the remains of the Residency by 3 officers whose ancestors had taken part in the defence.

Games were played in the afternoon, and an impromptu concert was afterwards held in the canteen of the Lincolnshire Regiment. The night was spent in the railway coaches, which we retained throughout the trip.

Next morning we left for Cawnpore, arriving there about 9 a.m. We spent the morning looking at places connected with the Massacre. The most interesting was the Ghat, and the well down which 206 women and children were thrown after being butchered in Massacre House. Again games were played during the afternoon. We finished by holding a sing-song with the Durhams.

We left at 10.30 p.m. for Agra, where we arrived the following morning. That day and the next we were quartered by the Somerset Light Infantry. The old city of Agra was visited. The entrance is through a very fine old gateway, one of the largest in India. The chief object of interest in the city is the Taj Mahal (Temple of Love).

New Year's Day saw us at Delhi; we looked round the old fort in the morning, and had a ride through the town in the afternoon, followed by an evening concert.

The following morning was filled by a ride out to the Kashmir Gate, and in the afternoon we picnicked at Kutab. The Devons gave us a hearty send-off for our return journey.

At Allahabad we parted with the Army officers, who had acted with great patience as our guides, throughout the trip. Calcutta was reached on the morning of the 4th.

We all consider ourselves very fortunate indeed in being given the opportunity of enjoying such a trip; our thanks are gratefully extended to the English residents of Calcutta, and to the Army authorities, who made all arrangements for us.

CHINA.

"Tamar."

The Fleet is now nearly complete at Hong Kong. At present there are, with the flagship, "Despatch," "Titania," "Ambrose," and several sloops. "Durban" (Captain Spicer, R.M.), sailed on Jan. 12th for her southern cruise, and "Diomede" (Captain Puckle, R.M.) for Wei-hai-wei. We miss them both, but have little doubt that they will thoroughly enjoy themselves. In exchange we are expecting "Carlisle."

On December 19th we carried out a combined route march with the 1st Batt. East Surrey Regt. through the streets of Hong Kong. By special request of the C.O. East Surreys, we turned out in "blues"; as it happened to be rather a warm day it was somewhat hot work. However, the detachments, organised as a Company under Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel Cantrell, looked A1, and won the highest praise from the G.O.C. China, General Fowler, and also from the Colonel-Commanding the East Surreys. It was a great day, and did much to cement the old friendships between the East Surreys and ourselves.

We all spent a most enjoyable Christmas and New Year. On New Year's Eve most of us went to a ball given by the Chief P.O.s and P.O.s—a great success, much enjoyed by all. On Jan. 6th and 7th the Navy played the annual cricket match against the Army. Colonel Cantrell and Captain West represented the Corps, and it was largely due to Colonel Cantrell's bowling that we won an exciting match by 41 runs.

On January 9th the Corps afloat played the East Surrey Regt. at soccer. Considering it was the first time they had played together, they did very well, and a good game ended in a draw, 1—1.

The following are the final results of the weapon training for 1924:—

Rifle Detachment Averages:		L.A. Averages:	
(1) "Tamar"	135·7	(1) "Ambrose"	190·1
(2) "Despatch"	133·9	(2) "Hawkins"	175
(3) "Ambrose"	132·0	(3) "Tamar"	131·9
(4) "Titania"	123·1	(4) "Despatch"	123·9
(5) "Hawkins"	122·3	(5) "Titania"	108·7
(6) "Carlisle"	119·3	(6) "Carlisle"	100·3



ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

CHATHAM.

Lower Barracks are now empty, the Warwicks having left for Shorncliffe, and the gates are all banged, bolted and barred. We miss our neighbours from over the way, and our parade—and all that thereon is—misses the daily shower bath from their refuse-destructor.

An interesting experiment took place recently in the Chatham High Street. The object was to ascertain what would happen to a car, if driven at about twenty miles an hour against an immovable object.

Up to the time of going to press the result has not been announced; but we hear that at least one valuable lesson has been learnt from a study of the *débris* of the car.

J.N.C.O.s' MESS.

On February 11th the J.N.C.O.s held a farewell supper, followed by a concert, for several of the members who were embarking to "Hawkins" (China). Corpl. Tarbotton made a very good speech on *esprit-de-corps*, and toasted the J.N.C.O.s. Corpl. Millar responded. The Supper Committee, Corpls. Hallahan and Millar, and Lce.-Corpl. Ward, were thanked for the excellent way in which the arrangements were carried out. After the concert a verse all round of "It ain't gonna rain" was sung. To conclude a very happy evening the National Anthem was sung at 11 p.m.

R.M. CADET CORPS.

JUNIOR ROLL OF MARKMANSHIP SHIELD.

For the third year in succession the Corps has won the shield.

We owe much praise to Q.M.S. French, the team coach. He has been in charge of the shooting for some years, and by hard work, tact, and patience has set up a very high standard and has seen a large number of successes gained during his term of office. We regret to record that he is resigning from the miniature work; but fully agree that, considering he has spent, on an average, five evenings a week with the boys through the past shooting season, he has earned a rest. Fortunately we shall still have his valuable advice and keen interest.

PORTSMOUTH.

All news from Portsmouth will be found under "Sports" and "Gazette."

PLYMOUTH.

THEATRICALS.

We mentioned last month that "The Dover Road" was played in the Globe Theatre on the 29th, 30th and 31st Jan. by the R.M. Officers' Dramatic Club. To avoid the possible accusation of any "partiality, favour or affection," we give an extract from a report which appeared in the *Western Morning News*.

"Perhaps the most exacting *rôle* is that of Mr. Latimer, the wise and genial host; and the part was admirably filled, and with splendid restraint, by Surgeon Lieut.-Commander Brown, R.N. As Leonard, one of the runaways, Major Hickson made the most of a part which demanded careful playing; and, as Eustasia, Mrs. Hickson was in every way suited to the part. Captain Sergeant, as Nicholas, was especially good in repentant mood. Miss P. Norcock, Miss M. Penfold, Lieuts. Hanson and Dykes were also excellent." In the opinion of those who have for a number of years witnessed the plays produced at the Divisional Theatre, none have quite reached the high standard attained by "The Dover Road." Without question, the acting was astonishingly good and the staging admirable.

Major G. S. Hickson, C.B.E., delivered a most interesting lecture on the 5th February in the Officers' Mess on "The World Cruise," describing very vividly the incidents which occurred at various ports, the personalities met and many amusing details of the voyage. The lecture was extremely instructive and greatly appreciated.

DEPOT.

All news from Deal will be found under "Sports" and "Gazette."

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The Annual Christmas Party for the children of comrades, past and present, took place on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at the headquarters of the Artists' Rifles, Euston Road, lent by the courtesy of the Officer

Commanding, Lieut.-Colonel H. J. Shirley, C.M.G., T.D.

A large gathering attended, numbering over three hundred, which included a hundred children, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Tea was served to the children on their arrival, and full justice was done to the good things provided. An entertainment followed, provided by our old friend, " Eugene," which included living marionettes, conjuring, and juggling. The children then went down to the Drill Hall, where they were received by Father Christmas, in the person of Comrade A. E. Elworthy, who distributed toys and gifts to them. After this, games of all kinds were played. An abundance of apples, oranges, sweets, balloons, paper hats, etc., all helped to add to the gaiety of the children, whose happy laughter will long be remembered by those who were present. During tea, the Adjutant-General, Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Major-General H. S. N. White, C.B., M.V.O., Lieut.-Colonel H. Gritton, and Capt. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., Adjutant, Artists' Rifles, arrived, and remained for a long time watching the entertainment. Before leaving, the Adjutant-General expressed his pleasure at being present, and wished everybody a happy evening. Dancing was kept up to a late hour, to the music of an excellent jazz band. The singing of God Save the King brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENTS FOR 1925.

Monthly Meetings.—2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, and 8th June, dances; 6th July, concert; 10th Aug., billiard handicap; 7th Sept., concert; 5th Oct., 2nd Nov., and 7th Dec., dances.

Quarterly Meetings.—1st May, leg of mutton supper; 18th July, annual outing; 20th Sept., church parade; 24th Oct., annual dinner; 20th Nov., leg of mutton supper.

These events are liable to alteration, notice of which will be given in the Sunday newspapers, " Comrades' Calendar."

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Chairman and Committee have much pleasure in submitting their report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1924, and wish to thank all the Patrons and Comrades for their continued support, especially the N.C.O.'s and Men of Plymouth Division for the handsome donation they have once again sent us.

A large number of social functions have been carried out during the year and have been very successful, this being due to the energy and initiative of our Entertainment Secretary, Comrade R. G. Mullan, and his Committee.

We are pleased to record the fact that the Gosport Branch of the R,M.O.C. have become affiliated to us, and trust it will be for our mutual benefit.

Reports from Liverpool, Hong Kong and Greenwich Branches show that they are in a flourishing condition, and have increased in membership during the year.

Our thanks are due to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, and the Royal Marines Help Society, for their prompt and sympathetic consideration of cases of distress submitted by us during the year.

Will those of our Patrons whose subscriptions are paid through their Banks, and whose names do not appear in the list, kindly notify the Hon. Sec. in order that their names may be included in future?

We have to record, with regret, the loss of the following Patrons and Comrades:—Major-General A. E. Marchant, C.B., Major E. H. Barr, D.S.O., Major W. S. Blackman, O.B.E., Comrades C. W. Lawrence, C. J. Neale and H. E. Norman.

Subscriptions and Donations for 1925 will be gladly received by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. E. Marshall, 132, Rosebery Square, Rosebery Avenue, E.C.1. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed " Barclay's Bank."

HONG KONG AND SOUTH CHINA BRANCH.

On Dec. 20th, 1924, the second Annual Dinner of the R.M.O.C.A. was held. The following R.M. officers were present:—Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel A. S. Cantrell (President), Captains Sturges, Puckle, Broadwood and West. A letter from Captain Neville was read stating that, owing to duty, he was unable to attend. The guest of the evening, Lieut.-Colonel F. S. Montague-Bates, commanding the East Surrey Regt., was also unable to attend, owing to a fall from his horse. He was represented by Major Drake, who, in a short and breezy speech, said many kind things about us all. The evening was a great success. Owing to the united efforts of Captain Sturges, Chief Inspector Kent, and Mr. Frith, the branch is going strong.

LIVERPOOL.

The Annual Dinner of the Liverpool Branch of the R.M.O.C.A. will take place at the St. George's Restaurant, Redcross Street, Liverpool, on Saturday, 25th April.

The service on board the " Royal Iris " in memory of the raid on Zeebrugge will be held on Sunday, 26th April.

ROYAL MARINE POLICE, CROMBIE.

SUCCESSFUL EXAMINATION.

The whole of the Police at Crombie have been attending a course of lectures in first-aid and ambulance work, under the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.

The following is an extract from the Report of Examination at the end of the course.

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Remarks: Very much above the average first year; in fact, very good second-year standard.

Practical work: Excellent.

Transport of Injured: Very good.

Of the total entered, seven obtained 100% points.

We congratulate the R.M.P. (Crombie) on the exceptionally satisfactory result of their voluntary efforts.

[Editor]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Under this heading we publish, when space permits, letters of general interest.

Other letters are dealt with under the title of "Answers to Correspondents."

As a rule, correspondents' initials only are published instead of the full name, but this latter should always be appended to any communication to the Editor in addition to any nom-de-plume which the correspondent may wish to use. Owing to the limited space at the Editor's disposal it may not be possible to acknowledge or comment upon all communications received, but every effort will be made to do so, as soon as possible after their receipt.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Our Own Gazette" (H.M.S. Resolution.)—Dear Baby Brother,—Thanks for your amusing letter and "phlattering frases." For such a youngster you are indeed a precocious infant. Our most hearty congratulations on your enterprise. If you pursue your course with Resolution we shall have to remove the Laurel from our title. (Forgive us if we say you are not the only one who can make bad jokes.)

Cynic.—"For such a small place Chatham occupies a lot of the G. & L." Too true. Chatham *is* a small place. (But for a more full description of Chatham see "The Pickwick Papers" by Mr. Charles Dickens; if you have not read it you will be amused.) Little Chatham only occupies that amount of space in our journal which is not required by the rest of the world. So now you see how the rest of the world clamours for space in the "Globe and Laurel."

F.G.D.—We have grave doubts about this matter (as the Englishman said when the Haggis was placed before him).

L.D.—If your object in sending us your storyette was that it might be published in the "G. & L." we beg to remind you that we are "The Blue 'Un," not "The Pink 'Un." If your object was to make the staff chuckle, please note that you have scored a pool bull.

J.C.S.—If an Editor could please everybody what a pretty little pair of wings he would deserve.

G.P.O.—Coming from you, we are highly honoured.

A.M.—Sorry we can't tell you. Try a public library.

Joey.—Thanks very much. Had there been a prize for the tenth man to point out that little slip, *you* would have been the lucky fellow.

G.T.W.—Thanks. We have used some of it here and there.

Anxious.—On the authority of our secretary, who works in the Allotment Office, we can assure you that a "housewife" is no "domestic relation," and no allotment is necessary.

H.M.G.—The whole of the editorial staff is still in residence at the R.M. Barracks, Chatham; although the actual dens in which they work are very far apart.

C.F.—Many thanks for the photographs. We are just going to press, but the matter will be gone into during the close season next month.

Numerous Correspondents.—Your contributions are welcomed with becoming gratitude. But oh! with what greater joy would they be received by the Acting Assistant Sub-editor if you would write on one side of the paper only, leave space between the lines, and leave a margin.

R.D.H.L.—No improvement could be possible in your contributions. You keep to the golden mean. Please continue in the same strain.

Tishy.—My dear, dear sir,—How can we possibly tell you the winner of the 1925 Grand National? Our own modest 1s. went long ago on Patsey V (quite enough to dish that horse's chances), but please see our reply to L.D.

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

(and others).

Two little brothers had parted brass-rags. Mother tried her hardest to persuade them to make it up, but without success.

After they had gone to bed, she said to the eldest, "Just think, dear, if your little brother were to die in the night how wretched you would feel to-morrow."

This final appeal touched the young hopeful's heart. Crossing over to his brother's bed he kissed him a loving "Good-night"; and as he went over to his own little bunk he murmured, "And if you're not dead to-morrow morning—just you look out for yourself."

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Mick and Pat were having a snack together.

Horse-radish sauce was a novelty to Mick, and he helped himself not wisely but too well.

"Why are your eyes full of tears, Mick?" said Pat.

"I was just thinking of my poor brother who was hanged a year ago to-day," said Mick; "try some of this lovely rice pudding."

Pat helped himself freely, and wept full sore.

"Why are you crying, Pat?" asked Mick.

"I was just thinking what a pity it was you were not hanged with your brother," replied Pat.

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The Sole Survivor.

On leaving the harbour, the ship ran into a nasty, half-pitching, choppy sea, which was especially noticeable as the twenty-five passengers at the captain's table sat down to their Christmas dinner.

"I hope that all you will remember this Xmas Day," said the captain, as the roast beef and turkey appeared, "and that this little assembly of—of twenty-three will be more happy and prosperous during the coming year. I look upon these—er—twenty smiling faces as a father would upon his family, for I am responsible for this little group of—of seventeen.

"I hope that all—fourteen—of you will join me in drinking to the coming year. I believe that we—er—eight—are most congenial, and I applaud the judgment which chose you—three for my table. You and I, my dear sir, are——. Here, steward, clear away these plates and bring me the pudding."—"On the March."

A scientist woke up one night to find a man in his room, and a revolver pointed at his head. Said he, "But, my good man, I'm only a poor professor!"

"I know that!" returned the intruder. "Tell me a word with seven letters meaning 'microlithic.'"

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A young Marine being visited by his mother while at Quantico, thought to impress her by showing her about the camp. The dear old lady was very anxious to make her boy think she understood everything.

"Over there, Mother," said the son, "are our future polo fields."

"Ah," sighed the old lady, "what is there that is nicer than fields of waving polo?"—"The Leatherneck."

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AN ENJOYABLE CONVERSATION.

He: Dear, you are lovelier to-night than I ever believed possible.

She: Why, what do you mean?

He: I mean your beauty is not overdone in the least.

She: Wretch!

He: What I wanted to say was that you are as lovely as anyone could possibly be in that gown.

She: How dare you insult me.

He: Listen, please. I say I love you in spite of what you wear.

She: Here, sir, is your ring.

He (going down for third time): Let me explain, dear. I said that even without your gorgeous clothes I would love you just as much.

(Expires).—"The Leatherneck."

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AN OLD HAND'S ADVICE TO THE YOUNG MARINE.

When the corporal kindly calls you in the morning, and politely invites you to "Rise and shine," don't curse him for not bringing your letters and the daily paper.

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A man was showing a friend over his new house. While doing so he referred to it several times as a bungalow. "Why do you call this a bungalow?" said the friend, "it is just an ordinary house."

"It's a bungalow, right enough," replied the man. "The builder has made a bungle of it, and I owe him the money."

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ANYTHING TO OBLIGE.

A number of children from the slums of a big town were being entertained to a Christmas dinner. A hearty meal was thoroughly enjoyed, and when the healthy appetites of the little ones had been satisfied each was asked to sing, or give a recitation. All went well until it came to Billy Brown's turn.

"Come now, Billy, we would like to hear you sing," said a lady, encouragingly. After a moment's pause the young guest answered:

"I can't sing, me lady."

"Then what can you do?"

"Well," replied Billy Brown, getting up and preparing to take off his ragged coat, "I aren't useter singing or a-speaking much, but I'll fight any one of the other kids in the room."—"On the March."

ECHOES FROM THE PAST.

EXTRACT FROM THE "ST. JAMES'S CHRONICLE" OF 2ND JULY, 1778.

A VERY considerable Augmentation of the Channel Fleet, under the Command of Admiral Keppel, is ordered to be immediately prepared, and, as there are not sufficient Marines to give each ship the proper Complement according to its Rate, some of the Marching Regiments are to embark and act on board the Fleet as Marines.

THE ISSUE OF BREAD 100 YEARS AGO.

Each soldier is to receive as his allowance for four days a well baked loaf, weighing six pounds, made with flour prepared with a twelve shilling seamed cloth from good wheat; for which the soldier is to be charged five pence.

Servants, not being soldiers, and washerwomen for each company, in the proportion of one to every twenty men, are permitted to receive bread at the same price.

THIS MONTH'S "TRUE STORY."

A Marine began to be rather queer in his ways. Amongst other peculiarities he developed a mania for chasing bits of paper.

This became so marked that he was sent up to the Infirmary for medical observation. As nothing seemed to be the matter with him he went back to duty.

"Commandant's inspection" was proceeding as smoothly as is usual on these occasions, when suddenly our friend grounded his rifle and sprinted across the parade after a bit of paper.

What the Commandant said is neither here nor there, but up went the Marine to the Infirmary again, and in due course approval for his discharge came down from the R.M.O.

The Commandant handed the man his discharge with a few well-chosen words. The ex-Marine beamed: "This is the piece of paper I have been chasing for the last three months," he said.

3rd CLASS CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The following answers were adjudged incorrect:—

B.Sc. stands for Boy Scout.

A blizzard is the inside of a fowl.

Conscription is what is written on a tombstone.

A brute is an imperfect beast; man is a perfect beast.

In India a man out of a cask may not marry a woman out of another cask.

An ibex is where you look in the back part of a book to see what is in the beginning.

There was a young lady named Psyche
Who was heard to ejaculate "Pcryche!"
For, when riding her pbych
She ran over a ptych,
And fell on some rails that were pspyche.

Mary had a little lamb,
Her father shot it dead,
And now it goes to school each day
Between two bits of bread.

DON JACK,

OR

A COMPENSATION CLAIMANT IN EVERY PORT.*

Being a series of extracts from the letter bag of Messrs. Long, Suffering & Co., employers of the late Mr. Jack Tarrybreeks, A.B., deceased.

*(With acknowledgments to the Editor, "Fairplay.")

Popler, 1st January, 19–

Deer Sirs,—

My late usband havin lorst his life abord your ship "Turtledove" through stepping onto a atchcover wich wasn't there he being as you mite say a trifel glorious at the time but not sufishent to justiffy your carlessness in leaving the atchway open i shal be glad if you will send me his compensashun by retturn of post otherwise must take legul procedins i have eleven children.

Yours afectionately to command

MATILDA TARRYBREEKS.

Liverpool, 2nd January, 19–

Dear Genntlemen,

I rite on be½ of my neighber Mrs. Susan Tarrybreeks, she not being quite up-to-dick in the edyucation line. She have been informed that her late lamentid husbind fell down a natchway on bord the s.s. "Turtledove" and shortly expired leeving her a widdo with seven children and a lodger. Pleese send her compensation money at once, also Jack Tarrybreek's close wich will fit the lodger, at least we think so.

Yours respektfully,

JANE JABBERY.

Kingston, Jamaica,
January 14, 19–

Dear Massas,

My ole man Jack hab gone to glory down de hatch ob de "Turtledub." Dam de "Turtledub." I ain't got nuffin for to keep my piccaninnies wid, now dat my ole man Jack have hopped de twig. Wha's de compinsashun for his lubbing wife and fambly? You send it quick, massas, or dis chile come and kick up dam awful bobbery.

Your lubbly nigger gal,

DINAH TARRYBREEKS.

Hong Kong,
February 10, 19–

Say Johnnies,

You welly long time send munny for John Tallybleeks' his missee. Me wantchee welly much. John he fall down steamer topside, no get up again, you pay dollars for missee and plenty chesai, buy um chow. When John he makee die, how can lil missee makee dollars? How can do?

MA-TEE TALLYBLEEKS.

P.M.

TASMANIA AND THE ROYAL MARINES.

The following extract from *The Mercury* [Hobart] is an interesting reminder of the important part played by one of the Corps in the foundation of the very flourishing State of Tasmania.

Hobart is a fine town with broad streets and handsome buildings.

How the heart of Colonel Collins would have rejoiced, in the times of his depression, could he but have been given a glimpse of the present progressive town of which he was the founder.

FIRST SETTLEMENT.

"The first settlement of Tasmania was caused by international jealousy. The Governor in chief at Sydney, fearing that France would establish a settlement here, sent an expedition under Lieutenant John Bowen, who established himself at Risdon, in the River Derwent, in September of 1803. The inglorious story of Bowen's settlement is short, for a larger expedition under Colonel David Collins, of the Royal Marines, was even then ploughing its way across the Southern Ocean to form a new establishment. Collins, having stayed at Port Phillip for a few months, came on to the Derwent, and, being dissatisfied with Bowen's conditions, commenced his settlement on the site of Hobart. It was on the 17th of February, 1804, that his ship, the Ocean, was warped to a position in Sullivan's Cove, near the present position of the end of Ocean Pier. Collins suffered many disabilities, chief among which was an utter and inexplicable neglect by the English Government, which, during the whole course of Collins's governorship of six years, never once replied to his despatches or favoured him with any instructions. It is scarcely to be wondered at that Collins's activities were limited, and no doubt this official neglect contributed to Collins's death on the 24th March, 1810."

BEAR STORIES.

BY THE BOS'N.

As far as I know him, the Sloth Bear of India is harmless enough, unless one unfortunately comes suddenly upon a mother with her family, or meets a single animal when he wants to bolt in the direction where you happen to be. Then look out !

Natives I knew in the Travancore Hills, who had survived attacks by these animals, were not pleasant to look upon.

The idea that a bear hugs you—I am talking of the fellow I know, not of the American species—is, in my experience, a fallacy. This chap makes one wild rush straight at the person who comes upon him without warning and, unwittingly, scares him ; and, at the last second, rises on his hind legs and delivers a terrible downward sweep with his heavily armed forepaws. You have only to see the size of his claws to realize what a really frightful mess he can make of his opponent. Every man I've come across who has been attacked like this has had his face and chest literally torn out of all recognition.

The Mudavans, who live in the Hills of Travancore, seem to have no fear of any of the numerous animals there except the bear, and yet they frequently get into trouble by walking carelessly into some thicket to chop firewood or bamboos. Before they know what has happened, they are rushed by an irate animal who has been taken by surprise. Then there is usually a funeral in that particular village.

Never shoot at a bear on a slope above you ; that is one of the first rules you will hear from anyone who knows them at all ; for unless they are killed on the spot they are down on their aggressor like a flash—and he's " for it."

A friend of mine, who shall be nameless, had to take his meals off the mantelpiece for several weeks through forgetting this advice. I called on him one morning on my way to the centre of civilization in the hills, and found him unable to sit down, and very unhappy. It transpired that some weeks previously he had been out from his camp after elephant. On the way back he was walking through some scrub, across a narrow ravine, when he spotted a bear feeding above him.

Bang went his old ·577, and *Bump* came the bear into him, carrying him off his legs. He hung on the bear for all he was worth, to escape the clawing he expected, and he and Bruin rolled down to the bottom of the ravine in a close and smelly embrace—now the bear, now my friend, on top, as they bumped and rolled over and over down the steep slope. On reaching the bottom, it was the bear's turn on top, but he contented himself with biting his assailant severely through the tail of his shirt, and bolting. A fortunate, though very painful experience.

I was out with another pal one evening in the " Cardamom Hills," with glasses and rifles, and we sat down above a small precipice to watch a herd of 39 elephants feeding below us. Neither of us had at that time bagged a bear, so we were both naturally anxious to bring this off. We had not been very long in our front row seats when over the hill came two huge ears, and there was a fine big bear within a few hundred yards of us.

We decided to remain where we were, and see how close he would feed towards us. Along he came in the usual aimless way a bear has—I've never seen one move on a straight line unless it is frightened. When he arrived right opposite us and directly above the elephants, he sat up on his tail end, with his hind legs spread out at a wide angle, and seemed to be taking in the view, occasionally scratching himself and grubbing in the ground by his side, like a child at the seaside.

Suddenly he " tucked in his tuppenny " and rolled down the hill at the rate of knots. He went off at a good pace, too, though I've never yet discovered how he managed to do so, for apparently no two of his legs worked on any one system of propulsion ; but we distinctly recognized a gallop, run, trot and canter, all at the same time.

He saved his bacon, however, for we were both laughing so much that our bullets went nowhere near him. As the elephants were by then in a very bad temper, we made our way back along the ridge to my friend's bungalow as quickly as we could in the failing light.

Since that day I have seen a good many bears, and shot a few, but only once have I been really close to a real live 'un. And that was too close to be pleasant. I was walking through some very tall grass, on a narrow, winding track, when my terriers got on to what I took to be a boar, in the long grass above me. Having only a little ·410 gun with me, I tried to call them off, but the row got closer and closer, till out rushed a bear, slap between my legs, and over I went in a perfect catherine wheel. Luckily Bruin must have been as surprised as I was, for, not stopping to apologise or fight, he bolted, and, to tell the truth, so did I—in the opposite direction.

Another day I was mounting my pony, a restive little Arab, when a bear rushed across the path in front of his nose. I scarcely saw him, for I had come down *bump* on to the pommel of the saddle, and was, for the moment, in too much pain to see anything clearly. Added to this, " Sandow " took a bit of sitting for some time, and seemed very anxious to part company with me and get along back to his stables by the shortest route.

At certain seasons of the year, bears were a perfect nuisance. They dug great holes in the roads hunting for white ants' nests ; and, as the soil was in most places very dark, one was liable to have a nasty spill when riding home after sunset. We escaped, however, with only a few minor tosses, and no bones broken or ponies hurt.

Anyone who happens to see this scrawl, and who ever gets a chance to shoot bear, should remember that I am talking of the " Sloth," in S. India. He has a very thick mane over his shoulders, so to get his heart, *shoot low*, just behind the shoulder. But if by any chance you can get him to sit or stand up facing you, to see what you are, then the white " horseshoe " on his chest makes a most perfect bullseye, and a bullet in the centre of this drops him dead every time.

Use a rifle you know well and can trust, with soft-nosed bullets.

A VOYAGE TO THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

(BEING SOME NOTES FROM THE DIARY OF AN UNSOPHISTICATED YOUTH).

By N. U. Chum.

I.—Our Arrival at Noumea.

"Thank the Lord that's the last we shall see of the Flag for six months." With these words the Old Man left the bridge and made for the Cuddy, as we rounded the North Head at the entrance to Sydney Harbour, and shaped our course for Noumea.

Now the remark quoted above was not really what the Old Man said. It is what might be termed The Revised Version.

It was utterly impossible for him to have made a simple statement like this, as he was a master of invective, and took no trouble to conceal this fact when speaking to or of a person or thing.

But, as so often found, his bark was worse than his bite, and a better captain I have never met during the long period in which I have been an ornament to H.M. Service.

The events of which I write took place more years ago than I care to think about—before the days of wireless, anyhow.

Our ship has long since been removed from the Navy List, and, for that matter, from off the face of the waters. A quaint little box of tricks, even in those days, but the joy and pride of all who sailed in her.

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We chugged merrily along at eight knots, this being our "economical speed"—an abstruse term freely employed by engineers when they wish to delay our arrival at some festive port—but our No. 1 was a restless spirit, and whether to shake the hands, or to show that he was *bona fide* salt-horse, he conceived the brilliant idea of making plain sail.

Two triangular bits of canvas, which he called stay-sails, were dug out of some obscure part of the ship, and after three days of "clear lower deck," we were as smart a looking auxiliary sail cruiser as might have been found anywhere within ten miles.

These sails were destined to be the joy of the "day-men and idlers," who were piped up with commendable frequency to veer or haul on the bits of rope, which, to some extent, restrained the flapping of the unruly aids to our coal bunkers.

The Matlows proper were far too busy at their lawful occasions of cleaning wooden brightwork to attend to such sordid duties. (I have since learnt that the correct term is "wood and brightwork," but I write of these things as I saw them in those early days).

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We had not been at sea very long when the buzz went round the Wardroom that a volunteer was required for a job with the imposing title of "Secretary to the joint Naval Commission."

(Strictly speaking, this little matter was one of the Pusser's perks. But he was a man with only two real pashes in life. One was to make his dinner off a bottle of olives, secreted in the fastnesses of his cabin, the other was to make life a burden to the Dusty-boy.)

As far as could be gathered, the only essential qualification for this honourable appointment was a thorough knowledge of the French language; and not a soul in the W.R. had the vaguest idea of parleyvoo.

It was obvious that something had to be done, and, as there were no volunteers, my thoughtful messmates decided that **I** was a volunteer, and my name was duly taken aft as such, in spite of my protestations that my knowledge of French might be easily crowded into the limited space occupied by a guinea-pig's tail.

Our Livery Member introduced a nasty note into the proceedings by saying that, what with the Chief's old rattlebox and No. 1's sails, I should have lots of time to learn all the French I wanted before we got to Noumea.

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We arrived on a "make and mend" day at about 2.30 p.m. (It is wonderful how often this used to happen, and is obviously an excellent arrangement.)

Somebody in the Wardroom had—or said they had—a birthday. No one, then, will accuse me of being idle when I say that at the time of arrival I was wrapped in such slumber as the double event demanded.

A light tap on my door—such as might be heard if the Cornish express ran full tilt into the buffers at Paddington—was followed by a voice telling me the Captain wanted to see me on the bridge "to wonst."

Long habit enabled me to place my hand on my white tunic without opening my eyes, and I hastily donned this garment, which charitably covered a multitude of sins.

A pith helmet well rammed down assisted my tunic to give me an air of respectability, and I groped my way to the bridge, trying to think which of my many little failings had attracted the unpleasant attention of the Old Man.

"Here you, etc., etc., ask this etc., etc., froggy where the etc., etc., anchorage is."

The perspiration, induced by gentle rest in my steerage flat cabin, but fanned away by the cooling breezes of the upper deck, broke out anew; to gain time I leaned forward over the bridge-screen and gazed at a gesticulating object in a small boat. Still feeling a little unbalanced I seized the nearest convenient handle and leant on it. An unholy din, as of bells, started in the engine room and was wafted through open uptakes to the bridge. Realizing that something untoward might be happening, I hastily replaced gear, although rather uncertain of the exact spot into which said gear wished to be replaced.

A deeper roar came up from the depths of the engine room, and off went the Chief's pets at full speed ahead.

The din of the engines was drowned by the murmur of an altercation between the Old Man and the Navigator, each of whom suspected the other of playing fanny-nanny with the engine-room telegraph. As one irate officer was on Monkey's Island and the other on the

bridge, their mutual compliments and thanks enabled me to turn my attention to the matter in hand.

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There is no doubt that, given an elementary knowledge of the art of gesticulation, the rest of the French language is easy enough.

Stringing together a series of words, which must have been as unintelligible to my friend (whom we were rapidly leaving astern) as they were meaningless to me, I gesticulated with the vehemence of two French porters fighting over the laborious task of carrying a handbag. The fat little gentleman's remarks were lost in the wash of our screw, but had they been as clear as Gabriel's trumpet their value to me would have been just as much as nothing at all.

Sadly resigning myself to my fate, I turned and said in my most dignified manner, " You can anchor just here, sir." " Let her go, Tanky," said the O.M., and the best bower cable rattled through the hawse-pipe.

I walked aft, wondering which of the Articles of War would suit this particular offence.

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Later in the day, when the usual tribe of gilded and decorated heroes, which streams aboard a man-o'-war in a foreign port, had left the ship, I was summoned aft.

Pondering on the question as to whether the Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions permitted an officer to be placed in a foreign gaol, I entered the Cuddy.

There I was met with a beaming smile. " Splendid! we are right on the spot, the best anchorage in the harbour; we can ride here through anything. I will admit I had strong suspicions of you and your French, but I take it all back. What do you say to a bitters?" Thus the dear Old Man; but, as I was leaving, he said: " From enquiries made when things had quieted down, I fancy you, for a brief period, took charge of the ship; its all right this time, but don't make a habit of it."

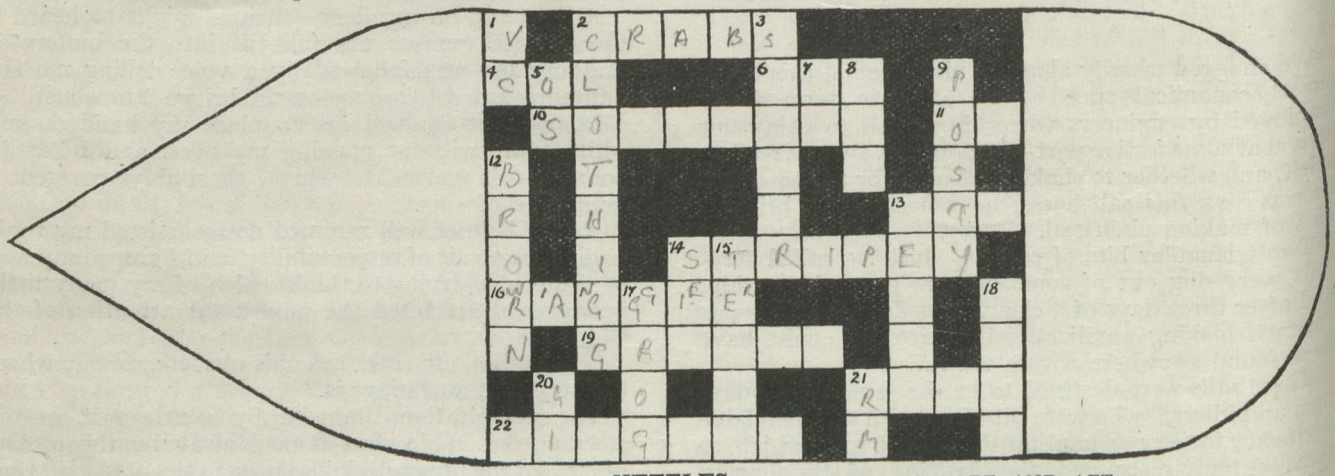
A NAUTICAL CROSS-WORD.

No paper—daily or otherwise—can be considered up to date unless it provides its readers with healthy mental recreation in the form of a " cross-word puzzle."

The Chatham Sergeants' Mess has sent us the specimen published herewith.

The puzzle is certainly original. Our readers may form their own opinion as to any other merits it may possess. And whatever our readers may say or think, the Sergeants' Mess will pursue, unruffled, the even tenor of its way.

As the originator kindly sent us not only the puzzle but its solution, we beg that those who think they have found the answer will keep it to themselves. We don't want to know it.



NETTLES.

ATHWARTSHIPS.

1. What we hope we will get.
2. A great difficulty in borrowing to muster.
3. One of the Black Hand gang.
5. Always being chased.
7. Naval expression (abbrev.).
8. Seven beller.
9. Sells everything but stamps.
12. Scores four at Snooker.
13. What we ask for but seldom get.
14. Hardly ever after one bell.
15. Seldom caught.
17. What the Sergeant-Major gives away each day.
18. Nature's gentleman.
20. Gait and gaiters.
21. A man of many parts.

FORE AND AFT.

2. Shellfish.
4. " G. & L." Cartoonist.
6. Mighty atom.
10. The kennel.
11. Helps the cheese down.
13. Never found when wanted.
14. Related to the zebra.
16. Sailor's chum.
19. Purveyor of meat.
21. R.P.O.'s target.
22. How we turn out in the morning.

THE DREAM OF THE SAILOR.

BY COMMANDER DUNCAN ROE, R.N.

By kind permission of the Editor, "Evening News" (London).

As Doctor Johnson said, "No man will be a sailor who has contrivance enough to get himself into a jail"; and yet people talk of the sailor's love for the sea.

You have only to hear a sailor talk to know that he hates the sea and everything to do with it—which is rather odd, when you come to think of it, because men aren't usually much good in a job they hate.

However, officers and men are all alike, just looking forward to their white-washed cottage and a little mild farming, for it is well known at sea that all a farmer has to do is to walk round in breeches and gaiters and watch other people work. And every sailor knows he is a born farmer.

Of course, the retired men who rejoined for the war were a cheery crowd. The older they were the cheerier they seemed to be, and the cheeriest of all was a full admiral who got a job in command of a "Q" ship, hunting submarines. As he never worked his engines at anything except "full speed," ahead or astern, and didn't trouble to read Admiralty letters, he got plenty of fun out of it.

But then, perhaps, he felt that he was never likely to see such a good war again. Anyhow, he got one submarine.

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Some people get rather a wrong idea from hearing sailors talk. An East End parson, a very earnest man, was one of them. He came on a visit to us in a battleship of the Mediterranean Fleet, and, as a mark of civility to a guest, was invited to address the ship's company one evening.

The quarter-deck was packed, and there was an appreciative titter when he opened his address with "Now, why did you lads run away to sea?"—parsons with a sense of humour are rare in the Navy—but you could have heard a pin drop when he continued, "Because your parents drink."

That just about put the hat on it, but it must be placed to the credit of that ship's discipline that the men listened quietly to the end of an address that would have been fairly suitable in a convict prison. The trouble about that parson was that he took the sailor too seriously.

However that may be, one and all look forward to the day when the sea will be a thing of the past.

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We ought to be satisfied. The old game of "pillar to post" is done with for ever; the days of squeezing families into expensive, uncomfortable seaport lodgings are over; the tedious round of Fleet exercises off the ends of the earth concerns us no longer; we can take a house and know we shall live in it; we are even getting to know our own wives.

We have settled down, each to his own little job, pig-breeding, market-gardening, selling motor-cars and wireless sets, running petrol pumps and antique shops, directorships of companies—mostly duds, these—commercial travelling in anything from collar-studs to a new rat poison—pretty well anything, in fact, except making money.

When we meet, there is a good deal of the old "shop" talked, of old messmates, and old ships, all scrapped now through the wisdom of the politicians. Everyone seems to be getting along somehow, and we don't say very much about our new work; but, if words mean anything, each has the job after his own heart and is well quit of the sea for ever.

Do we mean it?

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It is odd that fine weather brings no message to us from the sea. But when the house shakes to the gale and the rain rattles on the window-panes and we lie snug in bed, we think of the poor devils on the deep, and memory has a trick of going back to a plunging destroyer hard driven in a heavy sea, to a cranky sloop hove-to off the Fastnet in the teeth of a sou'-west gale, to the biting cold of a rain-soaked bridge, to the faint flash of the coast-wise lights seen through the driving scud, to the sickly green light as the wardroom scuttles dip under. . . . "Who wouldn't sell a farm and go to sea?"

But they caught us young, and the sea is in the blood. Would we go back? I wonder.

A SABBATARIAN.

By E.H.B.

We have all met him and marvelled at his wonderfully fertile imagination—the man who is always in trouble yet always has an excuse; and the less likelihood there seems of a loophole of escape, the more plausible and ingenious becomes the narrative he unfolds.

Smith undoubtedly had a wonderful stock of excuses and handled the truth very carelessly. Occasionally he tried to get away with a "chestnut," as when he appeared unshaved, and tried to excuse himself by saying that it was a small mirror and a big crowd shaving at the time, so that he must have shaved someone else's face.

His one big failure was the affair of the Commander's dog, the very apple of his eye, and perhaps for that very reason cordially detested on the mess deck.

The Commander was discovered one day foaming at the mouth with rage, the carpet in his cabin and various articles of furniture splashed and streaked with white enamel paint. When he further discovered that the long and bushy tail of his beautiful dog was also plentifully bedaubed with paint, his fury bordered on the apoplectic, and the Marine sentry was afterwards heard to declare that the language could only be compared to

that used by the sergeant-major when he upset his tot on coal-ship day.

The state of the dog's tail accounted for the paint in the cabin, but how had the dog come by its somewhat unusual decoration ?

With the gift Commanders have of solving such mysteries in a subtle and delicate manner, and knowing that only the Marines were using enamel paint at that time, he promptly stopped the leave of the Marine working party until some light was thrown on the matter.

It may have been some inward prompting, but more probably the promptings of the remainder of the party who had seen what occurred, which caused Smith to admit the responsibility for the dog's condition.

His excuse, that he had defended himself with the paint brush when attacked ferociously by the dog, was quite feasible, but its weakness was his inability to convince the Commander that the beast flew at him tail first.

Shortly after this our friend Smith was again in trouble. Cleaning his gear one Saturday night for next morning's Divisions, he discovered that his bayonet had disappeared from its scabbard in the mysterious manner such things have at times.

Confident that it would eventually turn up, and not relishing the gentle homily he would receive from the sergeant-major if he reported the loss of his bayonet, by a brilliant brain-wave and the mortgaging of his issue of rum for the next month, he persuaded a " chippy chap " to get busy and to manufacture for him a wooden bayonet which was really a masterpiece of workmanship. Stained and painted, it looked near enough to the real thing to pass muster if not too closely inspected ; and, with comparatively a clear conscience, Smith occupied his usual place in the rear rank.

Unfortunately for Smith, the Marine officer noticed that the handle of the bayonet left something to be desired ; and, wishing to subject it to a closer scrutiny, ordered him to draw his bayonet from its scabbard.

Something had to be done and done quickly, so assuming as virtuous an expression as he was able, Smith said, " Please, sir, I can't."

" Why not ? " asked the Marine officer.

" Well, sir, it's like this 'ere. My poor old mother was very funny in her ideas, and made me promise never to handle fire-arms on a Sunday, since father went to prison for shooting a policeman."

" Well, what has that to do with it ? "

" Well, sir, bayonets is fire-arms, and to-day's Sunday."

" Oh nonsense, draw your bayonet."

" Well, sir, if you insist, all I can say is—may it turn into a wooden one ! "

So saying, he drew the wooden bayonet from its scabbard, and—but why recall painful scenes ? I am certain that it was not really the cause of the sergeant-major becoming a teetotaller, as so many inferred. It was merely a coincidence.

SAILOR-SOLDIERS.

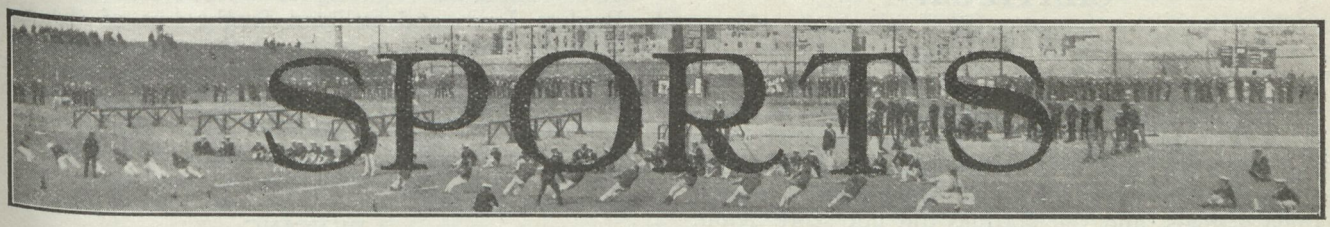
We publish below an extract from a letter written by Capt. J. M. Enochs, U.S. Navy, to " The Leatherneck."

This paper might be described as the " opposite number " to the " Globe and Laurel," being the journal of the U.S. Marines.

Early in 1914 we had the opportunity to study the organisation of the expeditionary force of U.S. Marines at the time of the bombardment and occupation of Vera Cruz (Mexico) ; the efficiency and attention to detail greatly impressed us, and we can appreciate the force of Capt. Enochs' remarks about our friends over the water.

" I have always referred to the Marines as " sailor-soldiers," than which there is no better combination anywhere in the world—the handiness and cleanliness of the one, combined with the ready, quick, and spontaneous obedience to orders of the other. There is nothing better than the manual of arms and military drills to develop the latter. Ordinary work and ordinary drills aboard ship, while not requiring this snappy response to an order, do develop the *handy, resourceful, and self-reliant qualities of a sailorman.* An ideal Marine *is a combination of the two* and for this reason, to my mind, the Marine Corps is, and has been for many years, the most efficient military organisation in the world.

The *Chaumont*, my good ship, lately had the good fortune to transport fifteen hundred Marines with baggage, accoutrement, camp equipment, and whatnot from Quantico to Culebra. For the reception of the complete party on board the Navy Department allowed four or five days. I knew it could be done in about one day and so requested in official correspondence. All of the stores and equipment, consisting of about thirteen hundred cubic tons, were put on board in one day. In one forenoon the fifteen hundred officers and men came aboard, and we shoved off and sailed away. No doubt the preparation for this expedition had required considerable time and thought, and no doubt should such an expedition be undertaken during the next winter manœuvres there would be less equipment and less work required in other directions. We learn from experience, and the Marines' experience and our experience on this last trip will enable us to shorten the required time for the next one ; yet, considering the time stated in receiving this force on board, and the time required to land them and their stores in Culebra —less than twenty-four hours—it doesn't appear that there is much to be improved upon. It might all be summed up by saying they came on board and we sailed merrily away ; similarly they left us, and once more we proceeded on our way. You don't do things in this manner *unless you prepare for it and think over it.*"



CORRADINO. MALTA.

R.N. AND R.M.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

R.N. and R.M. *v.* OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—In spite of the fact that the R.N. and R.M. were very much under strength they put up a good fight against Oxford University on January 21st, and were only beaten by two goals to none. Both goals were scored in the first half, and though the Navy seemed to tire during the second half, so well did their defence play that they were able to prevent the Oxonians adding to their score.

ASSOCIATION.

R.N. and R.M. *v.* HAMPSHIRE.—Royal Navy and Royal Marines defeated Hampshire in a hard game at Portsmouth by two goals to one. The turf was heavy, but the play was fast, the Services' half-backs showing to great advantage in breaking up the close-passing movements of the Hampshire forwards, who, however, failed to utilise a number of good openings.

The home side were the first to gain the lead with a good goal by Davidson, but Hampshire got on terms before the interval, Strivett scoring.

The Services again drew ahead five minutes after the change of ends, and though the County tried hard to get on terms, they were always kept in check by stubborn defence.

HOCKEY.

R.N. AND R.M. *v.* CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

Cambridge University showed impressive form on January 28th, when they defeated the R.N. and R.M. by 4—0. The Cambridge team combined admirably, whereas the Navy and Marines, who were below full strength, were speedy without keeping well together.

BOXING.

At the Liverpool Stadium on 15th January, the chief contest was of 15 rounds between Marine Trinder (Chatham) and Frank Fowler (York). In the early rounds they exchanged heavy punches, but in the fourth Trinder appeared to tire, and Fowler, in the fifth, with a right hook to the jaw, sent Trinder down for a long count. Shortly afterwards Trinder was again down, and the referee stopped the bout.

BOXING (*cont.*)

A meeting of the Port Boxing Committee was held on the 21st Jan. It was decided to hold the Port Championships on 10th and 24th March.

FENCING.

Cambridge University Fencing Club defeated the R.N. and R.M. Fencing Association by 15 victories to 12 on January 28th, 1925. Results:—

Foil.—Cambridge: Count A. Dru de Mongelaz, 2 victories, 1 defeat; J. E. Lloyd, 2 victories, 1 defeat; W. Leigh, 2 victories, 1 defeat. Royal Navy and Royal Marines: Comdr. Kekewich, R.N., 1 victory, 2 defeats; Lieut. Whitaker, R.N., 3 defeats; Cpl. Clarke, R.M., 2 victories, 1 defeat. Cambridge won by 6 victories to 3.

ÉPÉE.—Cambridge University: Count Dru de Mongelaz, 1 victory, 2 defeats; W. Consolo, 1 victory, 2 defeats; W. Leigh, 2 victories, 1 defeat. R.N. and R.M.: Comdr. Kekewich, 2 victories, 1 defeat; Cpl. Clarke, 2 victories, 1 defeat; Lieut. Weir, R.N., 1 victory, 2 defeats. The R.N. and R.M. won by 5 victories to 4.

SABRE.—Cambridge University: J. E. Malcolm, 2 victories, 1 defeat; W. Leigh, 2 victories, 1 defeat; J. Garrus, 1 victory, 2 defeats. R.N. and R.M.: Cpl. Clarke, 3 victories; Lieut. Whitaker, 3 defeats; Lieut. Weir, 1 victory, 2 defeats. Cambridge won by 5 victories to 4.

GOLF.

A R.N. and R.M. team visited Beaconsfield on January 31st, and halved with the home club, on singles and foursomes, each side winning six matches.

CRICKET.

The following Cricket Matches have been arranged for 1925:—

July 17th and 18th, Royal Marines *v.* Harlequins, at Chatham.

R.M. Corps Cricket Week:—

July 20th and 21st, Royal Marines *v.* I Zingari, at Eastney.

July 22nd and 23rd, Royal Marines *v.* Quidnuncs, at Eastney.

July 24th and 25th, Royal Marines *v.* Harrow Wanderers, at Eastney.

July 31st and August 1st, Royal Marines *v.* R.E. on R.E. ground, at Chatham.

Mead Cup Week:—

July 6th to 11th, at Deal.

CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

R.M. v. Dartford.—This match was played at Dartford on February 7th. In the first half the R.M. more than held their own, and at the interval led by 1—0. Killian scored. However, in the second half Dartford gained 3 goals, and the Marines did not score again. Result, Dartford, 3; R.M. 1.

R.M. v. Bostall Heath.—In the first round of the Woolwich War Memorial Hospital Cup the R.M. played Bostall Heath. The match took place on January 31st at Harrow Manorway. The result was a goalless draw, after playing half an hour's extra time.

R.M. v. Bromley.—The Royal Marines, at home on February 7th to Bromley in the Kent Amateur Cup Competition, were losing 3—0 at the interval, but with the help of the wind in the second half they brought the score to 3—3 and also wasted several opportunities which should have given them the victory. Ten minutes from the start Wheatley was surprised and beaten by a dropping shot from Rule, Bromley's centre forward. After failing from a centre by Record, Colwell snapped up another opportunity to score Bromley's second goal. Before half time, with a swift cross shot, Morris made the score 3—0. Soon after the resumption the same player was ruled offside after netting, but now it was the Marines' turn, and after Challis had turned aside an effort by Killian, Tilsley beat him with a low shot. It was not long before the same player added another, heading in from a centre by Cobb. A long shot from Green was touched over the bar by Challis and from the corner kick, well taken by Barlow, Killian secured the equaliser. The Marines maintained the pressure to the end, but could not take the lead, Challis making some good saves. Result: R.M., 3; Bromley, 3.

ATHLETIC SHIELD.

At a meeting of the Central Sports Committee held on the 4th Feb., a proposal was passed for inter-company athletics during the year. These will consist of all sports, including boxing, bayonet fencing, tug-of-war, cross-country running, football, swimming, etc. Marks will be allotted on a set basis, the company with the largest number of points in the year to have its name inscribed on the Athletic Shield.

TUG-OF-WAR.

An Inter-Company Tug-of-War, in league form, was held on the 27th, 29th and 30th Jan. This was for the cup presented by Sergt. Franks. The teams had to be under 90 stone.

The cup was won by "C" Company, with a team of seven, trained by Sergt. Franks. The other companies had eight in their teams, but the members of "C" Company team all had previous experience.

BOXING.

On the 27th Jan. our buglers fought the boys of "M" Company, R.E. Owing to the large numbers available among the R.E., they picked weights to match ours. There were eight fights under 16, and two others. Buglers Jones and Sullivan fought two of the R.E. Training Battalion to make up the programme. The result was 6 wins to 4 against us. All the fights were well contested, but our boys generally lacked the experience of their opponents. It is hoped that a return match will be arranged soon.

FENCING.

Training in all branches is going on steadily; the number who attend for bayonet fencing is very satisfactory. A large number of recruits are showing great promise.

Phase I for the Royal Tournament will be held on the 6th March. Corpls. Clarke and Jerred will both be taking part here, and some interesting bouts should take place.

Phase II is being held on the 10th March, when the Depôt will be up to compete for places at the Royal Tournament.

CADET CORPS.

FOOTBALL.

The Corps has joined a local junior league.

RESULT OF GAMES.

Played 5, won 5, goals for 24, against 4.

This result would almost suggest that our opponents belong to blind schools, but we have some very sturdy lads, who have benefited by the physical work of the Corps.

PORTSMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

17th Jan.	(Amateur Cup) v. Nunhead.	Lost, 0—2.
21st ,,	(U.S.L., Div. I) v. R.N.S. of M.	Lost, 0—3.
21st ,,	(U.S.L., Div. II) v. R.N.S. of M.	Won, 1—0.
31st ,,	(Gosport Hospital, 3rd round) v. Gosport Athletic.	Won, 2—1.
7th Feb.	(Portsmouth Senior Cup) v. Gosport Athletic.	Won, 2—1.
11th ,,	(U.S. Charity Cup) v. R.A.F. (semi-final).	Won, 4—1.

We shall now have to meet the winners of "Excellent" v. "Vernon" in the final.

In the semi-final of the Gosport Hospital Cup we meet Portsea Gas Co.

In the semi-final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup we meet Havant Rovers.

In the semi-final of U.S. Challenge Cup we meet "Excellent."

SHOOTING.

Progress has been made in the Portsmouth and District Miniature Rifle League. Although we have lost three out of the four matches, our scores have been

up to the average of the Club's winning scores this season. Results since last month's report :—

v. R.E.(T.), won, 10 points.
v. Borough Police, lost, 10 points.
v. Fareham R.C., lost, 6 points.
v. " Victory," lost, 6 points.

Postal match *v.* the Depot R.C. (twelve aside, ten to count) was won by the Divisional team. Scores : Portsmouth Div., R.C., 971 ; Depot (Deal) R.C., 949.

The following " possibles " have been registered during the season :—

Sergt. Hadley, 4.
Sergt. Crosby, 2.
Mne. Shearwood, 2.
Q.M.S.I. Foster, 1.
Clr.-Sergt. Lee, 1.
Sergt. Paget, 1.

Sergt. Paget has been selected to shoot for the Town in an Inter-towns Match.

PLYMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

17th Jan. R.M. v. Paignton Reserves.

This match was played at Paignton. Bad weather had made the ground very heavy and muddy, which did not augur much outside play. However, despite the adverse conditions, both sides did their best to open out the game whenever possible, with the result that it was a fine sporting match.

Paignton led at half-time by two tries to *nil*. Both sides had, up to this point, shared the play, although our opponents had done all the scoring. In the second half, however, the Marines had the game much their own way, keeping the home team penned in their own half practically the whole time. Affleck started our scoring with a fine penalty goal, which was soon followed by an unconverted try by Boylan. This was the full extent of the scoring, for, although we had several other chances, none of them came to anything, and we had to be content with a draw. Result : Royal Marines, 6 points ; Paignton Reserves, 6 points.

21st Jan. R.M. v. The Somerset Light Infantry.

This was played at the Longroom, our native heath, after a long series of away matches.

The game was, for the most part, a battle between the forwards, with very little outside play. But let it not be imagined from this that the game was uninteresting ; far from it, for the play ranged continually from one end of the field to the other, and only the most stubborn defence by both sides kept the others out. Half time arrived with no score for either team.

Early in the second half the Marines went ahead with a try by Liddington. Gathering the ball in the line-out he swerved round the end of the line and, cutting through the three-quarters, gave the back a dummy and scored to the right of the posts. A very fine try, but the goal kick was not successful.

This was all the scoring, though the Marines had rather the better of the game during this half. The game was played in a very sporting spirit, and was very much enjoyed by the spectators as well as those playing. Result : Royal Marines, 3 points ; Somerset L.I., *nil*.

31st Jan. R.M. v. Kingsteignton.

Played on the Longroom and won by the Marines (6—5). Play opened with an attack by the Marines, who took the ball up into the visitors' twenty-five, and several times appeared to be on the point of scoring. The game had not been long in progress when a heavy shower fell, and play had to be discontinued for a short time. When the game began again with a scrum, the ball came out to the Marines' halves, who passed out to the right wing, and the movement resulted in Boylan picking the ball up at his feet and touching down. This try was unconverted. Play after this was very even ; both sides attacked vigorously. The Kingsteignton three-quarters started several good movements, but all were unsuccessful, probably because of the state of the ball. Shortly after half-time the Marines' forwards made a fine rush, and Stapleton touched down. This try was also unconverted. About ten minutes before close of play, the ball went from a line-out to the visiting three-quarters who, after some neat interpassing and a short run, scored out on the right ; the try was converted by a fine kick. There was no further score on either side. The game was even throughout ; the Marine forwards, perhaps, were more dashing and enterprising than those of the opposing team, but the Kingsteignton three-quarter line were superior ; many times they looked dangerous, and were only just prevented from scoring. The match was an excellent one ; it is only to be regretted that the game was spoiled by weather conditions ; rain and a high wind made good play almost impossible.

4th Feb. R.M. v. Royal Berkshire Regt.

This match was played on the Longroom, and was one of the best games we have had this season. The game was very fast throughout. In the first half our forwards had the better of the formed scrums, and gave our outsides plenty of opportunities. The defence of the Berkshires, however, was very sound, and it was not until just before half-time that Liddington opened the scoring with a good try not far from the posts. Affleck converted.

After the interval, the soldiers, mainly through the efforts of their fast forwards, tried hard to break through, but our defence was sound, and most of the remainder of the game was confined to midfield. Result : Royal Marines, 1 goal (5 points) ; Royal Berks, *nil*.

7th Feb. R.M. v. Paignton Reserves.

This match was played on the Longroom, and produced another very close struggle. During the first half the Marines kept in their opponents' end, and had several chances which came to nothing through poor finishing. Just before half-time the Marines were awarded a free kick for a scrum infringement. Affleck, with a good kick, made no mistake.

Shortly after half-time the Marines went further ahead ; Armstrong, after a good bout of passing, scored in the corner. The kick failed. Following this reverse Paignton attacked hotly, and maintained the pressure until the end, but only managed to score one unconverted try, by Rowe, after a fine run.

Result : Royal Marines, 1 penalty goal, 1 try (6 points) ; Paignton Reserves, 1 try (3 points).

Plymouth readers may be interested to know that our Rugby team has not been beaten on the Longroom since *3rd Nov.*, 1923.

Our record for this season is :—

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
24	13	3	8

ASSOCIATION.

Jan. 17th. R.M. v. St. Austell, at Longroom.

The Marines were the first to attack, and Horne had two brilliant shots charged down. Rowe carried the play to the home end, and Stratton cleared splendidly. The Marines' front line advanced by means of clever passing, and Stokes hit the cross-bar. Subsequent attacks were repelled by the St. Austell defence ; Shewbrook once got to close quarters, but his shot went wide. At the interval there was no score.

On resuming, both goals had narrow escapes. Hight and Vincent had bad luck with good efforts, and Martin (St. Austell) missed an open goal. From a free kick taken by Vincent, Shewbrook headed a clever goal ; but our success was short-lived, for St. Austell retaliated hotly and, after Lawrence had twice saved cleverly, Richards broke through and equalised. Afterwards, through a neat passing movement between the St. Austell forwards, the Saints' centre-forward drove past Lawrence into the net. The Marines made frequent efforts to draw level, but were kept at bay until about three minutes from the end, when Shewbrook converted a centre from Skipper.

Result :—Royal Marines, 2 ; St. Austell, 2.

Jan. 17th. R.M. v. Woodland Villa, at Honicknowle.

A hard-fought game resulted in a win for the Villa by one goal to *nil*. Lawrence let in a very simple shot late in the game. Broad and Vincent played splendidly in defence, and Shewbrook was the best of the forwards. Tulip (deputising for Skipper, who was played for the P. and D. League *versus* Plymouth Argyll) gave a very good exhibition, but had hard luck several times.

Feb. 7th. R.M. v. St. Austell, at St. Austell.

For this match there was a record gate.

The Marines were aggressive from the start, and Skipper, after a brilliant run, centred for Hight to convert with a splendid shot. In the second half, St. Austell equalised. One minute from time they got the winning goal from a *mêlée* in front of goal. Pennell was the best half-back on the field, and Skipper, Hight and Horn played one of their best games of the season.

The Reserves continue to give a good account of themselves in the Devon Wednesday League ; they brought back a valuable League point from Saltash (*versus* " Defiance "). Tulip scored a brilliant goal. Graham at centre-half defended in his usual clever way, and Davidson was safe in goal.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

In the P. and D. League at the R.N. Barracks, our team shot considerably better than before. We lost a friendly match with the Depôt, R.M., by 6 points.

The shoot for the " Bell " Medal on the 10th was won, after some brilliant shooting, by Captain C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C., with a score of 100. This is the first possible yet made in the life of the club. There is a great improvement all round ; the practice undoubtedly is of real value to members, even if it be only to add to their " holding power."

The League match on the 12th resulted in a tie between R.N. Barracks and Devonport for first place, each with a score of 582. Torpoint and our team also tied with 576. Highest scores in our team were made by Lieut.-Colonel Bennett and Marine Hill, both 98. Team average, 96.

The " booby " prize for February was awarded to Mne. A. G. Chambers with 86. Until comparatively recently, scores in the region of 60 usually qualified for this prize ; this score, therefore, shows how the general standard of shooting has improved, and calls for congratulations to supporters of the club.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

Jan. 31st. v. Thanet Wanderers. Score, 6—6.
Feb. 7th. v. Green Howards. For, 3 ; against, 23
Feb. 14th. v. Thanet Wanderers. Score, for, 3 ; against, 13.

SHOOTING.

The following Miniature Rifle matches have taken place at the Depot.

Jan. 15th. Deal and District Rifle Club, 578 ; Depot, R.M., 581. Won.
Jan. 22nd. Dover Rifle Club, 775 ; Depot, R.M., 770. Lost.
Jan. 23rd. Deal and District Rifle Club, 757 ; Depot, R.M., 748. Lost.
Jan. 29th. Deal and District Rifle Club, 765 ; Depot, R.M., 748. Lost.
Feb. 3rd. Plymouth Division, R.M., 565 ; Depot, R.M., 570. Won.
Feb. 5th. Portsmouth Division, R.M., 971 ; Depot, R.M., 949. Lost.

During the season we have fired eight matches—won four and lost four. The average of the team for these eight matches being 95.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

Matches played during the month :—

U.S.L., Div. I.—*v.* " Excellent." Lost, 2—0.
,, ,, II.—*v.* " Excellent." Lost, 6—2.
,, ,, I.—*v.* Ports. Div. R.M.s. Won, 3—0.
,, ,, II.—*v.* Ports. Div. R.M.s. Lost, 1—0.
,, ,, I.—*v.* " Vernon." Lost, 3—2.
,, ,, II.—*v.* " Vernon." Won, 2—0.
,, ,, I.—*v.* R.A., Ports. Lost, 3—2.
,, ,, I.—*v.* R.N. Depôt. Lost, 2—0.
,, ,, II.—*v.* R.N. Depôt. Lost, 3—1.
,, ,, II.—*v.* Art Apprentices. Won, 1—0.
,, ,, II.—*v.* R.A., Ports. Lost, 2—1.

The match of the month was undoubtedly the one played on the 21st January, the " local Derby," which, as usual, provided an exciting afternoon's sport for the

respective supporters. It was a " red letter " day for the School, as they won for the first time for several years. Neither team turned out at full strength ; three of the Marines' team had been selected to play in the Naval representative match, and several of the School's team were out of action. In the early stages of the game Davis fought his way through and took a shot at goal, but the Marines' goalie ran out and booted hard ; unfortunately for the Marines the ball struck one of their players and rebounded into the net, giving the School rather an unexpected lead. Sullivan, the School's goalie, frustrated several fine attempts of the Marines to equalise during the first half. Soon after the interval Marcusshon was responsible for increasing the School's lead, and Davis headed a third from a corner. Although the Marines pressed hotly to the end they were unable to gain advantage over the School's defence. Harding, after having an argument with an opponent's boot, was forced to retire, leaving the School with ten men to finish the game.

BIRTH.

RAVENSHAW.—On the 4th February, at the Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth, the wife of Captain H. E. Ravenshaw, Royal Marines, a son.

DEATHS.

ATTWOOD.—On the 3rd February, very suddenly, at the Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham, Dorothy Attwood, the wife of Major C. Attwood, Royal Marines.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st January, 1925.

ALDERSON.—Mne. J. Alderson, Ply., 23.12.24.
BARKER.—Mne. G. Barker,, Ports., 2.1.25.
BILLING.—Mne. C. Billing, Ports., 22.1.25.
BOLT.—Mne. S. Bolt, Ply., 24.1.25.
COLLINSON.—Mne. H. Collinson, Ports., 19.1.25.
DAVIES.—Mne. G. Davies, Ply., 24.1.25.
EADE.—Cpl. R. Eade, Chat., 2.1.25.
FIELD.—Mne. H. Field, Ports., 2.1.25.
FINCH.—Sergt. G. Finch, R.M.A., 2.1.25.
FROST.—Mne. W. H. C. Frost, Ply., 26.12.24.
HICKS.—Mne. J. Hicks, Ports., 17.1.25.
HUTCHINSON.—Sergt. D. Hutchinson, Ports., 22.1.25.
McELLIGOTT.—Mne. J. J. McElligott, Ports., 31.12.24.
PIKE.—Gnr. W. Pike, R.M.A., 5.1.25.
PORTER.—Mne. J. Porter, Ports., 27.1.25.
SELWOOD.—Mne. W. Selwood, Ply., 16.1.25.
SMALE.—Clr.-Sergt. S. J. Smale, Ply., 19.1.25.
TUCKER.—Mne. G. A. Tucker, Chat., 7.1.25.
OSBORNE.—C.S.M. H. Osborne, R.M.A., 31.12.24.
WELCH.—Mne. A. Welch, Ports., 3.1.23.
WELLSTEAD.—Mne. E. Wellstead, Chat., 25.12.24.
WHIPP.—Sergt. E. S. Whipp, Ports., 26.1.25.
WILDISH.—Mne. R. Wildish, Chat., 29.12.24.
WISE.—Mne. T. W. Wise, Ply. 2.1.25.

OBITUARY.

LIEUT.-COLONEL FRANCIS C. KENDLE.

We regret to announce the death of Lieut.-Col. Francis C. Kendle, R.M. (retired).

The late Col. Kendle was born on the 27th July, 1878, received his first commission in September, 1896, and was promoted to Lieut.-Colonel (retired) in August, 1923.

Among the appointments held by him were those of Adjutant, Suffolk R.G.A. (Mil.), and Instructor of Gunnery at Eastney.

He was retired, medically unfit, in March, 1919, and died on the 27th January last, at Davos.

All who knew him will remember him as a keen cricketer, first-rate officer, and a good messmate.

MAJOR ROBERT E. MONTGOMERY.

We also announce, with regret, the death of Maj. R. E. Montgomery, R.M. (Retd.), which occurred at Hastings, on the 14th ult. This officer joined the Corps in June, 1863, and was promoted to Major in September, 1884.

He held the appointment of A.M.I., at Chatham, and was Musketry Instructor at Plymouth during 1885-7.

Although qualified as Adjutant he was not employed as such during his service.

Major Montgomery took part in the operations in the Malay Peninsula, from May, 1874, to December of the same year.

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CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTION.

2nd-Lieut. V. Deane promoted to Proby. Lieut., 31.1.25.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut. J. Wills apptd. Assistant Instructor of Land Artillery, *vice* Johnson, 16.2.25.

Lieut. B. Mitchell apptd. Instructor of Signalling, *vice* Wills, 16.2.25.

Lieut. H. Lumley apptd. Assistant Instructor of Gunnery, Plymouth, *vice* Hughes, 2.3.25.

Surg.-Lieut. R. Anthony, M.B.R.N., apptd. to "Vivid," addl. for Plymouth Division, *vice* Brown, 28.1.25.

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

The following officers passed for promotion in the subjects and sub-heads stated :—

Subject (*d*) :—

Capt. Walter R. P. Boultbee, R.M.
Capt. Evan J. Hughes, O.B.E., R.M.
Capt. Thomas G. Hungerford, R.M.
Capt. Cecil S. Goldingham, R.M.
Capt. Charles Q. Parsons, R.M.

Subject (*d*), *Sub-head* (*d*) (*iv*) :—

Capt. Harold E. Ravenshaw, R.M.
(This officer has already passed in other sub-heads of Subject (d).)

Subject (*d*), *Sub-head* (*d*) (*i*), *Part II* :—

Capt. Mostyn H. W. Webb-Bowen, R.M.
(This officer has yet to pass in subject (d), sub-head (d) (i), Part I, before being qualified in that subject for promotion.)

Subject (*b*), *Sub-head* (*b*) (*iv*) :—

Lieut. Sidney G. B. Paine, R.M.
(This officer has already passed in other sub-heads of Subject (b).)

Subject (*a*) :—

Lieut. Charles N. S. Smith, R.M.

Subject (*b*), *Sub-head* (*b*) (*iv*) :—

Lieut. George H. Morris, R.M.
(This officer has already passed in other sub-heads of Subject (b).)

Subject (*b*), *Sub-head* (*b*) (*i*), *Part II* :—

Lieut. Robert H. Donaldson, R.M.
(This officer has already passed in other sub-heads of Subject (b).)

At Portsmouth, 22–23 *Jan.*, 1925 :—

Capt. Eric L. N. Bishop, R.M. Subject (c).

At Devonport, 20–21 *Jan.*, 1925 :—

Lieut. Charles L. Edwards, R.M. Subject (a).

At Portsmouth, 20–21 *Jan.*, 1925 :—

Lieut. William P. N. Dean, R.M. Subject (a).

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. J. Haddon to "Emperor of India," *vice* Reading to hospital.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Corporal.—Mne. A. J. Aldous (**Royal Sovereign**).

ADVANCEMENTS.

To be Marines.—Buglers N. G. Snelling (**Despatch**), W. Rose (**Hawkins**).

SENIORITY LIST

Sergeants.—Sergts. C. Dixon, H. J. Milton, F. Bessant, W. Morey.

Corporals.—Corpls. R. H. Keir, A. W. F. Putman, H. Tarbotton, G. Campbell.

APPOINTMENTS.

Works Dept.—Mnes. E. Anderson, N. Whittle, E. C. Scragge, A. Holland, A. Carlisle.
Pioneer.—Mne. V. H. Ellis.
Motor Transport Driver.—Mne. W. Callis.
Steward, Junior N.C.O.s' Club.—Cpl. W. H. Hallahan.
Secretary, Recreation Room.—Sergt. H. A. Branson.
Clerk, Military Instructor's Dept., Deal.—Mne. L. L. Wells.
Attendant, Dining Hall.—Mne. W. Lewis.
Q.M.S.I. of Infantry, Deal (nominated).—Clr.-Sergt. R. Taylor.
Shoemaker.—Mne. W. J. Nash.
Training as Clerk.—Mne. V. G. Radford.
Clerk, 1st Qrmr. Dept.—Mne. E. L. Barker.
Armourer, Small Arms.—Mne. J. E. Collins.
Attendant, Lieut. Beazley.—Mne. E. Morgan.
Cook.—Mne. S. H. Jordan.
Storeman, 3rd Qrmr. Dept.—Mne. B. Parsons.
Gun Armourer.—Cpl. R. Anderson.
Attendant, Officers' Mess.—Mne. T. W. Humphrey.
Attendant, Sergeants' Mess.—Mne. F. C. James.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mne. C. F. Coulson. "**Ark Royal,**" Mne. W. H. Gillingham. "**Calypso,**" Sergt. S. J. Dunk; Cpls. H. Moizer, C. W. G. Howard; Bugler G. R. Way; Mnes. J. L. Edwards, A. Badrick, F. J. Croom, C. C. Marley, C. F. Dowling, A. E. O. Dyer, D. E. Felton, W. Wright, J. Cooper, S. Catlow, F. W. Tunnacliffe, R. W. Ruskin, L. J. Mitchell, E. A. Bennett, C. E. Allen, W. J. Green, S. J. Glass, R. H. Bullen, W. Clark, T. Warren, A. E. Herbert, C. T. Sargent, T. C. Hall, A. E. Pye, F. J. Gleed, A. J. Kempster. "**Constance,**" Mne. M. Storer. "**Emperor of India,**" Mne. A. Wood. "**Hawkins,**" Cpls. H. Tarbotton, A. G. Limbrick, G. Watts, J. L. Ferneyhough; Mnes. A. F. Hicks, R. A. Morton, W. J. Gilliam, W. Robson, B. G. Nobbe, A. Robinson, E. J. Piper, F. W. Tomlin, P. J. Dyke, J. P. Connell, I. W. S. Ballett, W. D. D. Patterson, W. J. Royse, J. H. Phillips, T. Mahoney, J. J. B. Atkinson. "**Hecla,**" Corpl. R. K. Webb; Mne. W. A. Sullens. "**Malabar,**" Mne. F. V. West. "**Pembroke,**" Mne. H. Watthey,; Sergt. K. Mackenzie; Mne. G. A. Chapman; Corpls. R. P. Parker, G. F. Cumberland, J. T. Collins; Sergt. J. Rowe; Cpl. V. M. Rootes, P. M. Ives, G. E. Collis. "**Royal Sovereign,**" Mne. S. Sharpe; "**Repulse,**" Mne. Chas. Groves. "**Vulcan,**" Mne. W. Dolamore.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mne. F. A. Perry. "**Ark Royal,**" Mne. E. E. Rouse. "**Calypso,**" Clr.-Sergt. S. P. Herbert, Sergt. W. E. Garrard, Corpl. A. R. C. Berry, Bugler F. W. West, Mnes. V. A. Sandys, F. C. Shakespeare, H. G. Bridger, H. C. Smith, G. E. Sitton, G. J. Mitchell, A. R. Hawkes, W. G. Tondup, G. Hinkley, T. J. Hewitt, C. R. Corne, H. T. Everett, Ll. Jennings, E. C. Lilford, W. Shaw, L. F. Head, A. A. H. Chettell, S. Glinn, W. Coombs, A. H. D. Chattless, T. H. Hayes, W. E. Smith, E. H. Stredwick, C. C. Clifford, W. G. Copestake, S. F. Botley, S. W. Galsworthy. "**Cardiff,**" Mne. R. G. Hatton. "**Constance,**" Mne. Chas. Heath. "**Hecla,**" Mne. N. B. Hunt. "**Malaya,**" Mne. G. A. Brackley. "**Pembroke,**" Mnes. B. Parsons, S. H. Jordan, Corpl. R. Anderson, Sergt. C. E. Price. "**Royal Oak,**" Mne. C. S. Ford, V. A. A. Benham, C. Kneller, J. S. Thorpe. "**Royal Sovereign,**" Mnes. F. Stamps, T. Rice, V. G. H. Radford. **Shotley T.E.,** Mne. J. E. Judge. "**Tamar,**" Mne. G. J. Mitchell. "**Vulcan,**" Mnes. G. Bishop.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Mne. G. L. Beaumont, Clr.-Sergt. S. H. Harrop, Corpl. F. C. Kent, Mne. C. Coulter, S. G. Johnson, G. Maskell, Clr.-Sergt. G. A. Mead, Clr.-Sergt. A. Dunster.
First Period of Engagement.—Mnes. J. Judge, J. S. Thorpe, W. Briggs, W. E. Sandell, G. Bishop, A. B. Cook.
Invalided.—Mnes. F. G. Brown, W. H. Henson, A. E. A. Harvey, V. A. A. Benham, S. T. Dennett, B. F. Frid, Bugler S. H. Peters, E. J. Ward.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. G. Wright, J. Bowie.
To be Sergeant.—Corpls. A. Gee, A. Bartram, A. Watts, H. Bignell, G. Merrell.
To be Corporal.—Mnes. W. Betteridge, E. Giles, N. May, J. Pangbourne, A. Hopkins, W. Peters, C. Cripps, C. Clifford.
To be Acting Corporal.—Mne. W. Dean.

Senior Candidates who have passed the prescribed examination for promotion.—Sergts. J. C. Viney, Leslie Coppin, G. H. A. Waskett, F. J. Hancock; Corpls. J. W. Owen, C. W. Perry, Richard Gardiner, F. C. Richardson; Mnes. G. A. V. Brown, D. E. Sprackling, Wm. Aiken, F. Green.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Tiger,**" Sergt. H. Hill, Mnes. J. Dyer, G. Hamp, R. Jurd, C. Jones. "**Victory,**" Sergt. A. George, Mne. H. Mitchell, Bugler H. Harlow. "**Argus,**" Mnes. A. Blacker, G. Cornelious, J. McLaverty. "**Agamemnon,**" Mne. G. Pitt. "**Cardiff,**" Mne. G. Lever. "**Centurion,**" Mnes. S. Shafford, G. Pearce, P. Smith, C. Haines. "**Dido,**" Corpl. J. Johns, Mne. J. Humphries. "**Lucia,**" Mne. S. Webb. "**Iron Duke,**" Mne. F. Richards. "**Pembroke,**" Mne. H. Cooksey. "**Barham,**" Mne. E. Noble.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Victoria and Albert,**" Mne. H. Castley. "**Adamant,**" Mnes. C. Webb, J. Humphries, W. Edbrooke, F. Likely, J. Atkinson, B. Hansell. "**Curacoa,**" Sergt. W. Hatfield, Corpls. W. Preston, H. Gerry, Mnes. W. Hardy, F. Farmery, G. Sherratt, F. Booker. "**Benbow,**" Mnes. J. Hughes, B. Chinnery. "**Dolphin,**" Mne. F. Collyer. "**Tiger,**" Sergt. G. Vaughan, Mnes. G. Pasley, S. Bark, J. Willcocks. "**Hood,**" Mne. D. Fraser. "**Agamemnon,**" Mne. W. Moss. "**Lucia,**" Mne. F. Cronin. "**Centurion,**" Corpl. C. Clifford, Mnes. V. Legg, S. Whitaker, A. Charlton. "**Dido,**" Corpl. D. Newman. "**Victory II,**" Mne. E. Allen, Bugler A. Wilson. "**Castor,**" Mne. B. Hillier. "**Victory,**" Sergt. S. Bowey, Mne. E. Young. "**Argus,**" Mnes. C. Elsey, H. George. "**Emperor of India,**" Mne. W. Pizer.

TRANSFERS.

From Bugler.—Mnes. C. Pilgrim, J. Collins.
From Marine.—Musn. C. Warwick, Buglers R. Bryant, H. Stevens.
From Army.—Mne. F. Derrick.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of first period of engagement.—Mnes. S. Hayes, T. McCain, J. Willcocks, S. Slade, A. Dewey.
Termination of second period of engagement.—Sergts. W. Last, R. Hibberd, H. Kimber, Corpls. T. Hill, Mnes. A. Waltham, R. Sennett, M. Watson, R. Gregory, W. Scaife, Musn. G. Parker.
Invalided.—Corpls. F. Chivers, G. Hinds, Mnes. M. Lewins, F. Dann, J. Jackson.

PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

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DISEMBARKATIONS.

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ADVANCEMENTS.

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APPOINTMENTS.

Bandmaster 1st Class Samuel Taylor, L.R.A.M., has been nominated for the appointment of Co. Sergt.-Major in a vacancy occurring on the 6th May, 1925, and is appointed on probation for 3 months, commencing 6.2.25.

Musn. E. W. Cleeton appointed Assistant Mechanician.

Bandmaster 2nd Class G. C. Keen appointed Musical Instructor *vice* B.M.I. Samuel Taylor, L.R.A.M.

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23rd APRIL, 1918, ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

To remind the readers of "The Globe and Laurel" that this month brings with it the anniversary of the Zeebrugge raid is almost superfluous.

Shortly before Colonel Elliott embarked for his great enterprise, we said to him, "Well, Elliott, I suppose you and your battalion are going to win the war for us." He replied, "Perhaps not exactly that, but if we bring off the scheme which we are on, we hope to do something which may compare with the capture of Gibraltar."

Two hundred and twenty-one years have passed since the capture of the Rock, whose name is emblazoned on our Regimental Colour and on our Corps crest.

To many, this word "Gibraltar" is but a name; the details of the exploit are, to a great extent, forgotten; and, perchance, the great feat which gave us the key to the Mediterranean Sea would itself have passed from our memories, if the name were not constantly before us in the proud position above referred to.

And what of Zeebrugge, when two hundred years have sped their course?

A great memorial has arisen on the Belgian shore, so that when they who pass by may say "Of what is this in memory?" the reply will be, "Here a gallant band of volunteers, seamen and Royal Marines, made history."

And that, so far as it goes, is good.

But tradition is the food on which the spirit of loyalty is fed.

Young officer and recruit, alike, are taught, at the earliest stages of their Service career, the deeds of their predecessors which gave us the Globe, the Laurel, our motto, and the title "Royal."

We trust the word "Zeebrugge" may be an inspiration for many a generation yet unborn; and that—though stone memorials may crumble into dust—while the Corps of Royal Marines remains the great deed of St. George's Day, 1918, may be preserved in memory as an object lesson of bravery and devotion to duty.

And so, once again, as St. George's Day draws near, it is our privilege to insert these few lines in memory of the 4th Battalion—of three companies, howitzer and Stokes gun details, and machine-gun section—who so well upheld the traditions of our Corps, and added one more leaf to our wreath of laurel.

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Our readers may remember that, in the March number of the "G. and L.," we printed an extract from a letter from Capt. Enochs, U.S. Navy, to the Editor of "The Leatherneck"—the journal of the U.S. Marines.

By a strange coincidence, just as we had corrected the proofs of the extract, we received a letter from the Editor of that paper, enclosing an article on the subject of the Royal Marines, and their journal.

We publish both letter and article in this month's issue, and beg to take this opportunity of drawing our readers' attention to them.

The Editor has replied to his opposite number in the U.S.A., thanking him for his kindly interest, and has expressed the hope that the true spirit of friendship,

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which has ever been in evidence when the two Corps have met, will be maintained and even more closely cemented.

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Another article to which we wish to draw the attention of our readers is that written under the initials of T.E.H.

We are disclosing no State secrets when we say that the author is a retired officer of Royal Marines, who is now well on in his "eighties."

That he should be sufficiently hale and hearty to be able to write a long article with his own hand is a matter on which we congratulate him sincerely.

He writes placidly of a war which took place years before most of us were born, and gives us little pictures of the doings of some officers in bygone days.

But what we most admire is the spirit in which he responds to our call for "copy."

If proof were required of that loyalty to which the Editor of "The Leatherneck" refers, surely it is supplied by this officer who, in his retirement, takes up his pen on behalf of his old Corps and its journal.

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"Col," the skilful artist who has given us so many delightful sketches of Corps celebrities, is holding up his hands, and crying "Kamerad."

He has certainly earned a respite from his labours; but we trust that, after a rest, he will return to his pictorial work like a giant refreshed.

Colonel W. P. Drury is now engaged on the production of two new books. This work involves a considerable drain on his time. Nevertheless, this former editor of the "G. and L." has promised us some new stories of an old friend—Private Pagett.

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As an antidote to the dismal paragraphs on the lack of support, which we insert from time to time, we have much pleasure in referring to two letters just received from the fleet.

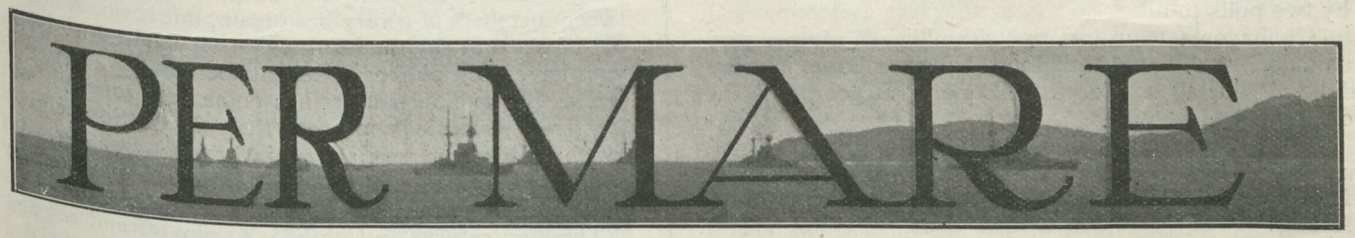
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The other letter is from H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth. This ship places an order for no less than 115 copies per month.

Whether this is due to the enterprise of our correspondent, or to the fact that the men of that famous ship find the paper interesting, is immaterial from a business point of view, the result being the same.

But who can say how far "Noblesse oblige" enters into the question? Let us repeat "Queen Elizabeth"—"115 copies." Somehow, there is something in these words, in juxtaposition, which makes us reflect "Well, after all, it's only what one would expect."

THE EDITOR.



ATLANTIC.

"Resolution."

The Tournament of the Royal Marines of the 2nd B.S. ended on the 4th March, and we can look back on it with considerable satisfaction from the point of view of the Detachment, as we won the Bayonet Combat Competition, the Light-weight Tug-of-War Contest, and supplied the first and third men in the individual contests (Bayonet).

For this we can thank the efforts of those men in the teams who took so much trouble to practise under every kind of adverse condition.

The following N.C.O.s and men composed the Bayonet Combat team:—Sergts. Stapleton and Lethwaite, Corpls. McCone and Haycox, Mnes. Facey, Fairall, Hawken, Lee, Morgan, Feeney, Ashley, Cartledge, Hackwell, Bruce, Menhinick, Russell, Mallett, and Buglr. Quelch.

In the individual contests (bayonets), Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., was successful in obtaining 2nd place for officers. In the contest for other ranks, Corpl. Mc Cone secured 1st place and Mne. Facey 3rd.

In the Finals for Royal Marine Tug-of-War teams, our Light-weights (110), secured 1st place, beating "Ramillies" in the final.

POLLENSA BAY.

Semi-Final Royal Marines Football.—The Marines of this ship met those of the "Ramillies" on the 26th February at Gibraltar. For the first half the "Resolutions" played against the wind, and showed themselves slightly superior to the "Rami." Venn was the first to find the net with a good shot. From a splendid save by Morgan, "Rami" forced a corner which proved unprofitable. However, they soon succeeded in equalising. The second half opened with a spirited attack from our opponents, but we had them well in hand. The shooting of the "Reso" was poor. Hogg and A. E. Smith were at their best in this half. We succeeded in scoring another goal, the ball being rushed into the net from a mêlée. Result, "Reso" 2, "Ramillies" 1.

Boxing.—In the finals of the Squadron Boxing which took place in the Naval Cinema Shed at Gibraltar, Mne. Kirkwood, of this ship, was knocked out in the second round by Mne. Bunce of the "Revenge."

Tug-of-War Finals.—The following proved themselves champions of the Squadron Light-weight Tug-of-War teams: Coach, Mr. Vickery, R.M.G., Corpl. Williams, Mnes. Cann, Babb, Moreton, Howard, O'Keefe, Williamson, Yates, Wood, J. J., Wathen.

" Revenge."

Since leaving Gibraltar for Cartagena and Algiers, most of our time has been taken up with the Inter-port Assault-at-Arms. This competition is really open to novices only, and includes contests between the various divisions of the ship in Bayonets, Sabres, Foils, Boxing and Tug-of-War. The competition is now finished, with the exception of the Tug-of-War.

Up to date, the R.M. Detachment is top with 46 points, the Fo'c'sle Division 2nd with 39 points, followed closely by the Daymen's Division with 36 points.

A cheerful diversion from the trivial round was created by our ten days' visit to Algiers. Situated on a small fertile belt on the North African coast, the town extends along the Bay of Algiers for about 15 or 20 miles. It is a typical semi-oriental town, and has a distinct portion apart where the Arab population lives. The band played ashore several times, and was very much appreciated by the inhabitants.

Corpls. Tickner and Chadwick have been indefatigable in training the tug-of-war teams, and in the Squadron Tournament our " heavies " beat the " Ramillies " team by two pulls to nil.

The " light-weights " were beaten by " Resolution " by two pulls to nil.

The bayonet team lost to " Ramillies " after a very stout effort. In the individual bayonets Mne. Hurley did well, losing to Corpl. McCone, " Resolution," by one hit only.

In the Squadron boxing, the R.M. team have done very well for the ship; the team consists of Corpl. Dwyer, Mnes. Bunce, Walker, Harris, Godkin, Hawke, Ayling.

Mne. Bunce was the winner of his weight in the Squadron finals and Mnes. Walker and Godkin second in their weights.

" Ramillies."

A whist drive was arranged in the Barracks on the 29th and 30th January. This, being the first social event since the inauguration of the R.M. Sports Fund in the ship, proved an undoubted success. The Band carried away two firsts and a second, leaving one other prize and the booby for their less fortunate comrades.

Two Detachment teams, Possibles v. Probables, played a soccer trial match on the North Front ground at Gibraltar, the object being to re-form a first team for coming Squadron cup matches.

I hear that " Gibraltarians " are rather pessimistic on the weather question, declaring the " rainy season " to be at least a fortnight overdue. Without the least unchristian-like feeling, may I suggest we beseech the " Fathers of the Peninsula " to make the " rainy season " as overdue as possible. We natives of Britain have had our share of water from above in the past few months. Hence let us be optimistic and trust our stay in the Mediterranean will be dry at least " outside." Thus, football, and all kindred sport will suffer no check during our " Spring Ramble."

2nd Report.

Cartagena and Algiers are now struck off the programme, and we are once more under the shelter of the " Rock." The " Fathers of the Peninsula " are no longer perturbed about the " wet season " being overdue, for behold, the volume of water cast loose from above these past few days has exceeded their highest expectations. However, there is a silver lining, no matter how dark the outlook, for in three or four weeks we hope to point our nose homeward. The competition Gunnery Shoot has taken place, and it is very creditable to our guns' crews that we are participant in the 15 inch and 6 inch prize money allocated for this purpose. In the 6 inch shoot S.VI. and P.VI. had a clean sheet and win chevrons accordingly. The turret did remarkably well and only missed one salvo through an unavoidable mechanical defect, the left gun winning a chevron.

Pollensa Bay will bring us in contact with the Mediterranean Fleet, and after combined exercises the programme will be nearing its close.

" Royal Sovereign."

At Gibraltar, thanks to the weather, we were able to play one or two games of football. The time at practice was well spent, as, in the first round of the Royal Marines Squadron Football Cup, we defeated the " Revenge," 4—0. The match in the second round, versus the Royal Oak, resulted in a draw, and the match has not yet been replayed. It is difficult to distinguish between members of a very keen team, but it would not be out of place to say that Sergt. Gormley and Mne. Dickman have been playing excellent football.

The Group Tournament has come and gone without any great successes coming to the " Royal Sovereign." Much enthusiasm was shown in bayonet fighting, and pools were formed for training in the evening, whenever the weather permitted.

The ship returns to Chatham to pay off and re-commission in April or May.

" Calliope."

The " C " group R. M. bayonet and tug-of-war tournament took place on the 9th and 10th March, at Gibraltar. The " Caledons " were the winners of the light-weights, beating " Calliope " by two pulls to nil.

In the " heavies," " Calliope " were the winners beating " Conquest " in the final.

In the individual bayonets, Mnes. Boaz, " Calliope," and Kearns, " Conquest," secured 1st and 2nd place respectively, after a well fought pool, the final fight only having one point difference.

During the stay of the Squadron at Oran, a ship's company dance was given by " Cleopatra," " Carysfort " and " Calliope." The jazz band was a great success and could be heard quite well over the three Q.D.s (which being side-by-side comprised the " ball room ").

The Squadron played the town at football, winning by 2—1.

A match was played at Sedi bel Abbis (about 70 miles inland) against the French Foreign Legion.

The team and a few spectators were conveyed by

means of taxis and a char-a-banc. An account of this visit is promised by one of the spectators for next month's issue.

EAST INDIES.

" Chatham."

We arrived at Rangoon from Calcutta on January 13th, and had quite a good time there. Several cricket matches were played, all of which we won. Rangoon is full of Pagodas, and a visit to those temples is very interesting, as they generally contain some valuable gifts and one gets a close insight into the Buddhist religion. From Rangoon we proceeded to Port Blair (Andaman Islands), staying there three days. Port Blair was the great convict prison and settlement for India and Burmah, but the prison is now gradually closing down, and very few fresh convicts are sent there. The local population practically all consists of ticket-of-leave convicts (who are not allowed to leave the island), and their descendants. Each of the former is given so much land and allowed to get his wife or a wife from India, and very few of them ever desire to go back there. We left for Madras, arriving there on January 25th and met the " Colombo." A Naval and Military tournament had been arranged, lasting four days; it was a very successful and well organised show. The Royal Marines did not compete owing to the nature of the events, and other circumstances, but a good display was given by the Seamen Field Guns' Crews of both ships. Both ships have now been at Trincomali for the last two or three weeks carrying out gunnery practices. The " Colombo " carried out a C.-in-C.s inspection shoot and a surprise emergency landing at which their detachment were specially complimented by the C.-in-C. They were also inspected by the F.R.M.O., both detachments landing and carrying out a small tactical exercise with quite good and instructive results. Several football and cricket matches have been played by the respective detachments, the " Colombos " winning their Inter-port football competition after some very good games, and the " Chathams " winning two cricket matches. On Sunday, 22nd February, " Chatham " leaves for Singapore to meet the China and Australia Squadrons, and we expect to be back in Ceylon waters late in March. The " Colombo " goes the same day to Colombo to refit.

" Cairo."

Arriving at Colombo 19th December, in beautiful weather, everyone was in festive mood for the approaching Christmas season. On 22nd December, Mne. C. P. Wilkes was discharged to hospital for a local operation. This was a great disappointment as the Detachment had anticipated being together through the holidays.

Christmas Eve brought much merriment amongst the Ship's Company, most of them celebrating in the time honoured way. At midnight many were heard taking exercise by singing carols, at least, the parts that they knew. Many of the watchkeepers were also heard praying (for deliverance). Seeing that we were alongside the wall, great facilities were open to those of a thirsty nature, enabling them to keep up the holidays, which lasted quite a few days, by visiting hotels, canteens, etc.

At 11.30 on 28th, a telegram, announcing the death of our comrade, C. P. Wilkes, was received, and a deep gloom overcast the Detachment. We little expected such news, as the deceased was of good physique, and had only been in hospital such a short time.

Here a word of thanks to our sailor comrades is not inappropriate, for they gave us their sympathy and support.

The body was interred on the evening of the 29th, a funeral party, with floral tributes, from all parts of the ship, attending; much had to be done, and everyone was ready to help.

New Year's Eve was, more or less, a repetition of Christmas Eve, minus the carols. At midnight voices, bells, and sirens mingled, giving the New Year a hearty welcome.

The first camp party left the ship for Diyatalawa on the night of January 5th, arriving on the morning of the 6th. As some of our readers may already know, this camp is situated in the hills of Ceylon, about 4,000 feet above sea level. The change of climate and scenery comes as a welcome relief after months spent in tropical or semi-tropical heat. It was rather unfortunate that the elements decided to make us feel so much at home during the first week. It rained every day, causing many to wish that they were back again in Colombo, where the sun was still shining. Owing to the rain it was only possible to do preliminary musketry in the hut. Consequently, everyone was bored stiff, the more so because we had all been looking forward to spending most of our time in the open-air. Eventually, Table R. Musketry was completed, during the second and third weeks under very favourable conditions, the sun condescending to shine. One Officer, five N.C.O.s and twenty-two Marines fired, and were classified as follows: 12 marksmen, 8 first-class shots, 8 second-class shots.

The fine weather of the latter part of the camp gave us every facility for indulging in our favourite sports, quite a number striking out in a new line by taking up golf.

A concert held one evening reflected great credit on Mnes. Brassington, Gresty, King and Corpl. Lynch, who each gave two turns.

The Detachment also showed to advantage in the competitions. A football match v. Ship's Company was won 2—0. The Right Half Platoon went to the semi-final in the Six-a-side games. The tug-of-war team defeated the P.O.s and C.P.O.s in the first two pulls. The cross-country run also ended in a victory for the Marines.

On Sports Day, Mne. King was in great form, gaining many " Leaves " for the Platoon, and having very hard luck in losing the Individual Aggregate Prize. The winner, Tel. Woolley, gained 11 points, King 10 points.

Lieutenant Deane also did good work, proving himself an easy victor in each of his events. His keen interest in all kinds of sport encouraged the Detachment to great efforts.

The results of the second camp party sports are not yet to hand, but we hope to be able to forward a report of these by the next mail.

AFRICA.

"Birmingham."

Owing to the recent change of Flag there have been several changes in the Officer-personnel of the ship. We are to leave Simon's Town for Saldanha Bay on the 19th February for a fortnight's shake-down preparatory to carrying out Gunnery and Torpedo Exercises.

Amongst the Officers to leave is Major Trench, whose loss is greatly regretted by all. Major Trench sails for England in the "Guildford Castle," which is due to leave Cape Town on the 26th February. He will carry with him the heartiest good wishes of the R.M. Detachment.

Two cricket matches have been played recently against other departments of the ship, but in both cases we have shared the fortune of Mr. Gilligan (to date). This was rather emphasised in the later match when the Sergeant-Major, after repeatedly failing to connect with the deliveries of the fast bowler in the orthodox manner, threw caution to the winds and gallantly attempted to notch a four *with the buckle of his belt.*

CHINA.

"ARETHUSA" CHALLENGE CUP.

The above shooting cup was presented to Shanghai by H.M.S. "Arethusa," in 1902, for individual competition annually.

Conditions.—300 and 600 yards deliberate. 10 rounds and 1 sighter. Open to all nationalities. Any rifle which is allowed by respective Governments. Peep-sights and slings allowed.

Results.—A Japanese Sergeant of the Shanghai Vol. Corps was the winner with a score of 88-100, while Mne. Baker, "Carlisle," was second with 87-100; both used peep-sights.

There were about 60 competitors. It was hard luck missing by two points this international cup, which had not been won by a Britisher for some years.

"Tamar."

H.M.S. "Hawkins" finished her refit at Hong Kong, and sailed for the South on the 24th Feb. With her, Navy cricket lost one of its main pillars, as Colonel Cantrell seemed to be the only bowler we possessed; however, we live in the hope that Capt. Mercer will strike his true form, and come to the rescue.

On 1st Feb. the R.N. played the Hong Kong Club for the Rugger Cup, and managed to keep it by the narrow margin of 3 points to nil. Capt. Mercer was our only representative.

In the Hong Kong rifle league, the Navy and Marines are well represented. H.M.S. "Hawkins" heads the league, closely followed by the Range Staff. We hope later to send a list of the teams and their scores.

ROYAL MARINES AND THE RECENT CHINA WARS.
(Sent by K.P.)

During August, 1924, rumours of wars were heard generally in China, but, in particular, in that part round the Yangtse Delta.

In a short time hostilities broke out, ostensibly between two gentlemen, Chi (north) and Lu (south), operating respectively from Kiang-su and Che-kiang, two neighbouring provinces.

It soon became evident that Shanghai was to be the centre of strife, due to "S" being in possession and "N" advancing on it. By reason of this port being one of the most international in the world, large interests were at stake, affecting foreigners of many nations. Accordingly, protective measures were forthwith organised. French, American, Japanese, Italian and Portuguese warships proceeded to the scene and disembarked landing parties.

The British China Squadron was at Wei-hai-wei, whence the "Despatch" and "Durban" were immediately sent to Shanghai with all the Royal Marines of the Fleet, less "Diomede's" and "Carlisle's," being joined later by the latter.

A Naval Battalion, consisting of two Seamen companies and one Royal Marine company, was landed under the command of Col. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.M., at 0400, on 9th September, taking over a three mile sector of the total fifteen mile boundary embracing Shanghai and environs. A matshed camp was run up in Jessfield Public Park for the Bluejacket units, while British Headquarters, with the Royal Marine Company, were housed in New Race Club stables.

The first five days were decidedly uncomfortable on account of incessant rain. During the first 24 hours over 7 inches fell! Inspector Fairbairn (late R.M.L.I.) of the Shanghai Police, worked wonders for the comfort of the troops and, later, for their entertainment.

The outpost line varied from ½ mile to 1½ miles from the camps, and lorries and cars were used to take out the reliefs.

In the meantime, "Diomede" was ordered to Nanking ("N's" Headquarters) to watch events there, but the battle area being some 170 miles away, Nanking was in no danger of either retreating rabble or victorious hordes—both greatly to be feared by the wretched peasant. Accordingly, after three weeks there, with "nothing doing," "Diomede" was ordered to Shanghai at the end of September to disembark Marines in relief of "Durban's" detachment—"Durban" being despatched to watch northern areas operating from Wei-hai-wei. By now, there were signs of further hostilities starting between Peking and Mukden, with Wu-Pei-Fu ("N") and Chang-Tso-Lin ("S") as figureheads, respectively.

These two warlords were really the wire-pullers behind the Shanghai battlefield forces, which from early days in the war had settled down to position warfare some 20 miles N.W. of Shanghai.

The guard forces of Shanghai, in addition to International Naval units, were augmented by the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, an efficient and extremely well-equipped force, totalling some 1,500. In the Infantry, each nationality has its own company, but all combined to work as a battalion.

The Light Horse muster 100 strong, whilst there is also a Machine Gun Corps, and Armoured Car Section, with four cars, and a battery of Artillery. The French are not part of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, having their own concession.

The total force, inclusive of the French, actively en-

gaged on protective duties, numbered about 3,000 men, while this number could have been increased in emergency to another 3,000 from the ships.

Up to the middle of October, the situation was quiet enough to allow of plenty of leave and entertainment to the troops (except the first 10 days), by the residents of Shanghai, the British Women's Association being an organisation which arranged much in this way, as did also the China Inland Mission.

Football matches were played against various private clubs and municipal bodies, while an interesting tile competition was arranged by the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, open to all International units landed, the trophy for which was a special cup presented for the occasion.

The conditions were:—Teams of six and a leader. Run 250 to 200 yards. Unlimited rounds. Knock-out.

Fifteen teams entered, four of which were Royal Marines. There were two U.S.M. teams, but they were rather slow. The Japanese were quick and their shooting good. The remainder were not conspicuous. The final was of particular interest, Royal Marines of "Diomede" versus Royal Marines "Carlisle," ended in a victory for the former, after a really good show by both teams.

Reverting to the situation around Shanghai, a sudden rush of refugees from the fighting area, due to the collapse and bolting to Japan of Lu, in Shanghai, gave the Shanghai Defence Force a busy week, about the middle of October. After this, the situation eased gradually away to almost normal, and the Battalion was finally reduced to three Royal Marine Platoons.

At the same time the northern war threatened to shake up Tientsin. Accordingly, the beginning of November saw the "Hawkins'" and "Despatch's" Royal Marine Platoons, under the Fleet Royal Marine Officer, embarked in "Despatch" and conveyed to Wei-hai-wei, whence they were split up into small units which were transferred to sloops, which, in turn, patrolled the river round Tientsin.

During the first week of November, "Diomede's" Royal Marines embarked in "Carlisle" (own ship refitting at Hong Kong), and the camp was closed. During the week two sections were ordered north, under the R.M.O. of "Carlisle," for sloop duty.

Middle of November "the war" collapsed in the northern area, and shortly afterwards Tientsin area came out of danger of disturbance for the time being.

ACTIVE SERVICE CHALLENGE CUP. CHINA STATION.

WINNING TEAM, 1924:—H.M.S. "DIOMEDE."



Left to Right:—Mnes. Blackah, Morrell, Hesketh, Coleman, Cpl. Light (Leader), Mnes. T. Hall, Stratford.

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CHATHAM.

BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.

There were twenty " starters " for the above competition, which was commenced on February 3rd and completed on March 9th.

A feature of the competition was the early disappearance of most of the favourites, but this must not be taken as a detraction from the merits of the two finalists, who played a sound game throughout.

In the semi-finals the scores were Corpl. Bennett 200, beat Sergt.-Major Board 161; while Mne. Bastin 200, beat Sergt. Surgey 132.

In the final, Corpl. Bennett ran out the winner by the narrow margin of 17 points, in a game of 400 up.

The Championship Cup was presented to the winner by Col.-Comdt. R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C. The runner-up received a miniature duplicate of the cup.

The games throughout were ably marked by Mne. H. F. Scollick.

The highest break was scored by Mne. Bastin, 58.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

A very interesting billiards match was played in the Mess on 6th March, between Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon and Mr. W. Price (a well-known local player), the game being 1,000 up, for a trophy presented by Sergt. Surgey, R.M.

Mr. Price made his 1,000 whilst Q.M.S.I. Bacon made 756, the highest breaks being Mr. Price 61, Q.M.S.I. Bacon 34.

A collection was made during the evening on behalf of the local branch of the St. John Ambulance Association.

The usual monthly whist drive and dance was held on Friday, 13th March, organised by the Games Committee, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Refreshments were provided after the whist, and dancing continued until 1 a.m., music being provided by Bugle-Major Fry's Jazz Orchestra.

JUNIOR N.C.O.s' CLUB.

On Tuesday, 27th Feb., a jolly evening was spent in playing a series of games for the " Jimmy Gunn " Cup. After a struggle, Corpl. Forrester emerged the winner. Corpl. Hallahan was the first winner of the cup when it was presented by " Old Jimmy " last year.

DANCE.

A very enjoyable dance was held by the Club on Friday, 13th March at the Services Club, Chatham.

The floor was in perfect condition and the hall very tastefully decorated.

During the evening Col.-Comdt. R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., Mrs. and Miss Morgan, Capt. and Adjt. Weir, and other officers, came and joined in with the happy party.

Observing that so many counter-attractions were in progress on the same night, it was gratifying to see so many couples on the floor.

Special mention must be made of the able way in which Lance-Corpl. H. C. Smith discharged his duties as M.C. The general question from the tired but happy dancers at the conclusion of the programme was, " When is the next one? " the reply to which was, " About three weeks hence."

R.M. CADET CORPS.

SHOOTING.

Result of Junior Spring Competition.

" A " team.—Fifth place, score, 563 (poss. 600).

" B " team.—Twenty-seventh, score 514.

" C " team.—Twenty-eighth, score 513.

Total teams, 60. " A " team wins 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

FOOTBALL.

Results to date:—Played 7, won 5, drawn 2. Goals for 37, against 8.

Position in Junior League.—Top.

The road to the R.N. and R.M. recreation ground is being remade. This will be good news for both the spectators and the teams who play on this ground. The only people who are really disgruntled over this improvement are those enterprising merchants who have done a roaring trade by the supply of waders and flat-bottomed boats to the enthusiastic supporters of our football team.

If " a peck of March dust is worth a king's ransom " how we envy the banking accounts of the dwellers in the quarters along the Terrace, after the spell of north-east wind we have been having.

PORTSMOUTH.

All news from Portsmouth will be found under " Gazette."

PLYMOUTH.

At a special meeting held on 11th March of the Friendly Society of the Band of the Plymouth Division, R.M. (founded in 1840), Mr. George. Miller, its oldest member, was presented with a Gladstone bag by the members of the Society as a token of respect for and appreciation of his valued services on resigning his

position as a Trustee of the Society. Mr. Miller joined the Corps on the 7th Feb., 1862, became Band-Sergeant in 1878, and was invalided in 1880.

Mr. Thos. Winterbottom was Bandmaster when Mr. Miller joined, and died in 1869, being succeeded by his brother, Mr. William Winterbottom, formerly Bandmaster of the Woolwich Division. The latter was succeeded by Herr Frunhardt. Frock coat and tall hat were worn when conducting the band in those days.

The special meeting was also the occasion of a presentation to the retiring Hon. Secretary, Sergt. S. T. Wicks, of a silver cake stand and tea service, in recognition of his work during the past 4½ years. Sergt. Wicks is retiring from the Corps in May and is succeeded as Hon. Secretary by Musn. Charles Hill.

We take this opportunity of wishing both Mr. Miller and Sergt. Wicks the best of good luck.

DEPOT.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess at the Depot, R.M., held their annual ball on Friday, the 13th March. About 250 guests were invited. The gymnasium was tastefully decorated by the members of the committee, and the programme arranged by Sergt. E. A. Viggers. Drum Major Gouge and Sergt. Viggers ably carried out the duties of M.C. Dancing was continued until 2 a.m.

Much credit is due to Q.M.S. Budd and his committee for the excellence of their arrangements.

Col.-Comdt. and Mrs. L. S. T. Halliday, together with many other Officers of the Depot, and their ladies, honoured the ball with their presence.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH BRANCH.

At the conclusion of the monthly meeting of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, held at the "Star and Garter," Greenwich, on Monday, 9th March, a successful concert was held under the chairmanship of Comrade A. Presland. At the piano, Mr. J. Eldrée. Songs were contributed by Comrades Sillett, Marshall and Presland. Mr. H. Milton as Dutch comedian, and Mr. Sid Mayo as Hebrew impersonator specially delighted the Comrades and their friends.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION BANQUET.

The banquet in aid of the Special Appeal of the National Rifle Association was held at the Mansion House, on the 11th March. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., the President of the Association, presided. Among the guests were Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjutant-General, R.M., President R.M.R.A.; Lt.-Col. M. F. Bennett, Chairman, R.M.R.A., and Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon, R.M., winner of the Prince of Wales' Prize, the "Daily Telegraph Cup" and "The Grand Aggregate, 1924."

The Prince, recognising Q.M.S.I. Bacon as the winner of his Prize, chatted to him after dinner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Under this heading we publish, when space permits, letters of general interest.

Others are dealt with under the title of "Answers to Correspondents."

As a rule, correspondents' initials only are published instead of the full name, but the latter should always be appended to any communication to the Editor in addition to any nom-de-plume which the correspondent may wish to use. Owing to the limited space at the Editor's disposal it may not be possible to acknowledge or comment upon all communications received, but every effort will be made to do so, as soon as possible after their receipt.

Washington, D.C.
29th January, 1925.

The Editor,
"The Globe and Laurel,"
R.M. Barracks,
Chatham, England.

My Dear Sir,

Permit me to compliment you upon your issue for January. The Staff of the "Leatherneck" has long admired the wide field covered by the "Globe and Laurel," and the loyal spirit that actuates so many Royal Marines to actively contribute to its columns.

In the hope that such an effort will be productive of at least some good and helpful understanding, I am bringing the Royal Marines and their paper to the attention of the American "Leathernecks." Men of long service need no such introduction, but our ranks contain many who have not yet come in personal contact with the Marines of England. The two have been friends in every quarter of the globe, and they must continue to be so.

Very truly yours,
J. C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Colonel, U.S.M.C.,
Editor-in-Chief.

(We print below the very interesting article in "The Leatherneck," to which Colonel Breckinridge refers in the above letter.—Ed. "G. and L.").

THE BRITISH LEATHERNECKS.

We have met them everywhere on the road, from London to Shanghai, and from Panama to Australia, travelling in any direction you choose. We always seemed to be doing about the same things, in about the same way, and for about the same reasons. Sometimes there would be a friendly "jollification," a parade, or a liberty together. Our tastes in these matters were alike. Or sometimes there would be a little "landing party," and no matter which Marines got there first the remarks must have grown strangely monotonous to the lawless element that was being visited. If the English Marines landed first they said something like this: "You must discontinue your fighting because it is dangerous to the bystanders, and we need the field for a game of cricket." If the American Leathernecks landed first they said something like this: "Beat it! We need the battlefield for a ball game, and, besides, your shooting keeps the kids away from school."

Now, be it noted that, in both cases, the Marines wanted the fighting stopped so they could play a game, and because it was dangerous to other people who were not in a position to stop it. They were equally messengers of peace and law, and the effect of their landing was "safety first."

A Marine may walk down the most crowded streets of the largest cities without attracting the least attention. Nobody will announce the fact to the community. But let that same Marine put his foot on some lonesome beach that is lined with coconut trees and the best families will sit up and take notice. The news of his coming will be flashed all over the country; some of the leading citizens will start at once for the bush, while others of lesser importance will run to meet him and say "Please, when can we open the school-house again?" Both Marines are well known to these gentry, and are as welcome to the majority as they are unwelcome to the minority. Each Marine sees what the other does and likes it. He would have done it the same way himself, except for the national game. You could not hire an Englishman to play ball, and the only thing an American will run from is a game of cricket. That is not of the least importance, but why is it?

The paper of the Royal Marines is "The Globe and Laurel." This is published at the Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham, England, and is something like our Marine Corps "Gazette" and "The Leatherneck" combined. It is a very fine paper, indeed, and is always full of items that are professional as well as personal. In turning over its pages we see that the British Marine is interested in about the same thing we are. The eye is attracted by such headings as: "Royal Marines' Rifle Association." We do a little shooting ourselves. "Britain's Sea Soldiers." That is not very different from "Soldiers of the Sea." The "Royal Marines Old Comrades Association" seems to be very like our "Marine Corps League." Its objects are: Social and Benevolent. Assistance to Comrades in finding employment.

We look upon their list of correspondents with a certain friendly envy. There are so many that the world is divided into geographical areas and the news simply appears under its proper heading, such as: Mediterranean, East Indies, Africa, China, North America and West Indies, New Zealand, etc. In addition to this there is a long list of ships that tell of their individual happenings. The published list of correspondents includes officers and enlisted men of nearly all ranks. The only qualification seems to be that they be Marines who can (and will) write the news in brief form.

We read "The Globe and Laurel" regularly, and follow the activities of the English Marines with both interest and pleasure.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E.B. (DRAGON).—"Please increase to 30 copies; names of some more correspondents coming along." Good news indeed; may your tail never be twisted.

L.S.W.—The same to you, friend. We don't wish to repulse you in your repeated demands for more copies—but *do* give some of the other ships a chance.

INQUISITIVE [Yes, very!]—"Are the 'true stories' you publish every month really true stories?" When we were a little boy (or should an editor say "when we were little boys"?) we knew a "story" to be "a divergence from the truth." Therefore a "true story" must be "a true divergence from the truth." That's simple enough, isn't it?

F.L.—Send it along. We will sit in judgment on it. If the verdict is "thumbs up" your words will go to swell our printer's bill. If the verdict is "thumbs down" your paper will help to light our office fire. Thus, you see, whichever way our thumbs move, your work will be appreciated at its true value.

SUBSCRIBER.—So you don't like all the advertisements we put in? Funny thing that, because all the firms we mention are to be relied on. (If you don't believe this you ought to see what the last Editor used to put in about them.) If we had our way we would consign all ads. to a place where they would burn furiously. But try to visualize the select circle in which we move as follows:—We insert the ads. of good firms. These insertions bring good business to the said firms. The good firms bring good money to the "G. & L." The "G. & L." is enabled to grow in size and quality. More subscribers join up. Therefore more ads.; and so *ad infinitum*. (Thanks, yes, that's rather a better joke than we usually ladle out here.)

TRUNNIONBLOCK.—Thanks; but consider yourself in the locked position for the present. If you will send us your name and address we will give the order to free the slides.

SOME ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTORS.—As the names of all contributors are kept "strictly confidential," when so desired, we must insist on the observance of our rule that initials, or a nom-de-plume, must be accompanied by the full name and address of sender. Otherwise we award the contribution a free ticket, by the shortest route, to the W.P.B.

J.H.—Perhaps; then, again, perhaps not. What was it that Mr. Asquith said?

M.Y.—You are very prompt at getting into harness. A good start. Please keep it up. It's what we want.

J.M.—Thanks, have used it.

CAIRO.—Much regret space is lacking for your interesting sports table. Congratulations to the Detach. on their success.

G.B.—"Some" correspondent. Your scheme of sending in some jokes (good ones, too), as well as the usual news contribution, meets with our unqualified approval (that's nice, isn't it?). Being only human, it is a real joy to have some little jests sent to us, as a welcome change to manufacturing them ourselves, or laboriously "culling them from our contemporaries."

F.W.M.—As you are sending us a contribution to our funds, we will forgive you for sending three articles to be dealt with, just as we are off on leave. We have popped them into the "wait-box" for the present, but we will write to you personally about them at the earliest opportunity. It is not necessary to send articles, on definite subjects, through the Fleet Representative. He collects news with the object of eliminating duplicate matters. Please accept the thanks of both treasurer and editor.

A VOYAGE TO THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

(BEING SOME NOTES FROM THE DIARY OF AN UNSOPHISTICATED YOUTH.)

By N. U. Chum.

II. THE FIVE C'S.

It is probable that the title, at the head of this series of stories, may have beguiled my readers into thinking that they were going to hear much of the flora and fauna of the South Sea Islands.

If such be the case, then grievous disappointment awaits them. "The Islands," for many years past, have afforded a happy hunting ground for those authors (and authoresses) who have wished to weave a tale of love and romance into a picturesque, and little known, background.

If my readers, then, desire to hear of beauteous maidens, of waving palms and coral beaches, of blue shrimps and purple monkeys—are not these things written in the books of Mr. S—— and Mrs. G——? And he who buys may read.

Not that these matters escaped my observant eye, even at the tender age in which these notes were written. The prettiest maiden I ever saw was at— but no, that is another story; and it is not meet that Love's young dream should be brought to the vulgar notice of scoffers.

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On reference to the March number of the "G. & L.," I see that the first instalment of this veracious story concluded with the somewhat unconventional method by which we brought ship to anchor in the French port of Noumea. On turning up my diary I find that the whole of our fortnight's stay in this place is summed up by five C's. Life must have been pretty bright and breezy during this time to compel such drastic condensation of notes on passing events.

Taken in sequence, these letters appear to refer to Coal, Conference, Convicts, Club and Catastrophe; and with these I propose to deal accordingly.

Coal may be briefly dismissed. The rising generation knows little of the joys of taking in tons of this dreadful stuff, a spoonful at a time, under a sun which would boil a glass of water in your hand before you had time to drink it.

Our praiseworthy efforts to get it in were backed up by a mob of practically naked, caterwauling niggers. Their company, however, was so little appreciated that the leading-hand of the Fore-top fell in with a request that the ship's company might finish the job themselves. Honest coal dust they could stand, heat only induced a pleasant thirst, but the combination of dust, heat and unwashed nigger made the stoutest hearts quail. However, a sardine and onion supper, washed down with draughts of beer that had been reposing fathoms deep during the day, brought an end to this dismal duty.

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The Conference was more to my taste. This was a meeting of certain English and French officers, aboard the French cruiser, the object of which was to settle the affairs of nations in the remote portion of the globe which we were about to visit. As may be remembered my messmates, taking the line of least resistance, had submitted my name as Secretary for these proceedings on the grounds of my perfect acquaintance with the French lingo.

The details of our work need not be gone into; nor the time which it took for us to settle the respective parts which each ship was to play in the aforesaid settlement.

It is sufficient to say that the French officers spoke English perfectly; that they had done the job before; that they knew we were coming over; that they had some papers neatly stowed in "the Box," and that we sat down to lunch with them at noon precisely. We parted in the small hours, after a joyous day, swearing eternal brotherhood.

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Convicts! Well, now, that's a pretty dish to set before a set of self-respecting readers. And yet it is a dish which must be served up if any true reflection of Noumea is to be brought into this story.

For just as Tuesday's hash (following on Sunday's roast and Monday's cold) permeates the atmosphere of every genteel household in the British isles, so did "Convict" permeate the atmosphere of New Caledonia, of which Noumea is the capital. To explain this I must say that Noumea was, and, maybe, is, a penal settlement. The convicts were all domiciled in an island *in* the harbour, and from what I saw of their domicile, *the bottom* of the harbour would have been a more popular residence.

After serving a more or less lengthy period in this happy isle, they were allowed over on the mainland, on what we might call "ticket of leave." They then became known as Liberés, and, subject to certain restrictions, were allowed to take up any particular line of business by means of which they might earn an honest living. Here they repented, at their leisure, for the particular sin, the discovery of which gave them a free passage overseas.

The man who sold you a French newspaper was a Liberé. (I always made a point of buying these newspapers, and ostentatiously dropped them on the Ward-room table to keep up the pleasant fiction of my linguistic ability).

The lady who cooked your dinner at the Club was a Liberé (or the female equivalent thereof); the man who acted as your guide out shooting deer or partridge was a Liberé; the man with whom you hobnobbed over a glass of vermouth was (in all probability) a Liberé. In fact, if one were foolish enough to probe too deeply into the antecedents of many of the local big-wigs— but there, I hate scandal.

The really magnificent band, which discoursed sweet music in the square under the tropic moon, was a convict production. Just at first it was a trifle alarming to be told that the person who had just rendered you some slight service had cut his wife's throat, or had poisoned his aunt, or had banged his mother-in-law with an axe;

but these small matters didn't worry a healthy youth for long. And you may take my word for it (or not, as you please), that convicts, when in plain clothes, and not " on duty "—that is, when not occupied in the little pastimes mentioned above—are often very decent fellows.

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The Club is mentioned, as, without this centre of attraction, one might as well have changed place with one of the gentry referred to in the preceding portion of this yarn.

Around it revolved the town. If you wished to transact business, how better than over a friendly *apéritif*? To fix up some sport?—here were the boys who had it in their hands.

To find a blessed relief from Fanny Adams?—here was the finest cuisine I have ever known, and as I have burrowed in the flesh-pots of the four quarters of the globe, this is no empty praise.

There were also clubs for the different non-commissioned ranks to which the ship's company soon found their way; and a very pleasant way some of them seemed to find it, too.

But, alas, it was at the club that I fixed up the business which led to my one unhappy recollection of Noumea (coal always excepted).

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The Catastrophe came about through my firm, but erroneous, belief that I was a born jockey.

The great event of the year was about to be staged. The beautiful ladies had ordered frocks equally beautiful. The whole population of New Caledonia had gravitated towards the capital. Little knots of excited Frenchmen gathered in the streets; and some very fine horses came into the town from their country training quarters.

There was a strapping great horse, reputed to have been an " also ran " in the Melbourne Cup. No rider having volunteered to steer the beast in the annual race-meeting, with the politeness in which a true Frenchman excels, this vacant saddle was offered to me. Full of confidence, bonhommie, and a few other necessary ingredients, I accepted the mount without looking at it.

Those people, who read their Globe and Laurel with the care that this great production merits, those few people then will remember that under the title " Sailing Instructions " were words to the effect that "the initial velocity of a horse depended on the ' mark ' of animal, and the food on which it had been subsisting," and care was recommended accordingly. Those " sailing instructions " are not strictly accurate. In a preliminary spin which I took on my horse its initial velocity left nothing to be desired.

The great day arrived, and, after delays and excitement which would have exasperated even the starter of a Grand National, the great race started; and so did we, that is, the horse and I.

The true initial velocity of the horse was at once apparent. Throwing all ballistic laws to the winds the velocity remained constant, and we left the field far behind.

All I had to do was to stick on and leave the rest to my horse. To stop a fifteen-inch proj. in its flight would have been child's play compared to the reduction of one foot per second in my steed's wild career.

This state of affairs could not last long. Rounding a sharp corner I lost all interest in the race, and left the horse to finish it by himself.

I never heard the true story of what eventually happened to the beast, as we sailed from Noumea at daylight the following day. The Captain's cook told me it had fallen over the cliffs fifteen miles away and had broken its neck. And I hope that, for once in his life, this priceless liar spoke the truth.

" STRAWS IN THE WIND."

BY COMMANDER H. G. STOKER, D.S.O., R.N.

(Herbert Jenkins, Ltd., 10s. 6d.).

Reviewed by " Col."

A mighty entertaining book, racily told by an author who is part philosopher, part poet, and wholly man of action.

His fanciful idea is that every big thing in our lives is governed by the smallest incidents, " Straws in the wind, just happening along—how little they seem! " But a perusal of his book leads one rather to think that the governing factor in the author's life was his own adventurous spirit. A wind-wafted straw guided him into the Navy, another one into the submarine service, and so in March, 1914, we find our author in command of Submarine AE.2, setting out on the long voyage to Australia. No mean achievement this 13,000 mile Odyssey; but the outbreak of war saw our straw-driven friend safely moored in Sydney harbour. The destruction of von Spee's Squadron released AE.2 from antipodean waters, and by February, 1915, the straws were prompting our author to essay the passage of the Dardanelles in his submarine. This way and that way blew the straws, but, finally, on April 25th, 1915, AE.2 passed Chenak and Nagara (the first submarine to do so), and on the morrow lorded it in the Marmora as any Elizabethan sea-dog lorded it in Spanish Seas. It sounds tame enough, perhaps, in my words, but, if you want the full flavour of daring and adventure, you must read the book for yourselves. Thereafter, the straws were stirred by contrary winds, AE.2 lies at the bottom of the Marmora, and her captain passed into the living death of Turkish captivity for three and a half long, dreary years. A poignant tale, this last half of the book, but absorbing withal, and containing many a lesson for an impatient generation.

Yes, a mighty entertaining book, and told with a modesty and restraint that should commend itself to a large circle of readers.

Hats off to the author! and may he prosper in his new career.

TIGER STORIES.

By A. A.

What, my turn for a yarn? Well, here goes: One Christmas Eve, whilst serving with an irregular battalion on the N.E. Frontier of India, I was at afternoon range practice, when a note arrived from the Civil Police Officer, to say that a tiger had killed some 400 yards away from our small fort. Would I sit over the kill with him?

We had barely time before dusk to reach the scene, and to arrange a screen of twigs and leaves on the steep bank of the ravine in which the carcass lay. We sat crouched behind the screen with a Lushai police orderly between us, for a forest-bred native's jungle sight and hearing is infinitely beyond that of the acutest white man's senses, and we expected soon to be at deadly close quarters with a merciless foe, who daily needs the sharpest vision, hearing, and scenting to earn his living. After some half hour of waiting, and just as the short Indian twilight faded into darkness, a deadly hush fell on the twitter and hum of the dense forest around us. A sure sign this that " zero " time was at hand. The moon was due to rise at any moment. A loose stone trickled slowly down the bank; then, just as darkness became complete, a loud crunching of bones some ten feet below us made my hair stand on end. " Stripes " had arrived in his own inimitable way, and I know that at least one of our little party wished to heaven that he hadn't. We could hear him all right, we could even smell him distinctly in the still damp air, but we could see absolutely nothing.

We all knew well that to shoot by sound alone at such close quarters was sheer suicide. (I have seen a tiger in his death flurry chew his own paw to jelly, after being shot through the brain). Suddenly the suspense ended with a rattle and a bang. We felt the beast land a few inches from our faces with a savage growl, and his hot putrid breath fanned the leaves against our faces. I whipped out my hunting knife for the hopeless struggle when suddenly the fœtid breathing ceased. We heard a loud crash on the far side of the ravine, and then without another sound the animal vanished. Three badly scared men promptly vanished through the thickets in the opposite direction, and after a real strong whisky in the brightly-lit drawing-room of the magistrate's quarters we pieced together our impressions. At the unholy noise of the cracking bones the Lushai's nerves had given out. In grabbing for his axe he had dropped his Snider rifle, and it must have fallen on the tiger below and exploded. Why the brute checked at the screen of leaves is still a mystery. " Stripes " has a knack of doing the unexpected, and we could only surmise that at the shock of the blow and the explosion, he had given one bound towards us, and then, in sheer amazement at finding the feared and hated human within a few inches of him, he decided to bolt. That night it rained heavily, and next morning we found the orderly's Snider rifle with tiger's hairs on the lock, but of course there was no sign of blood or tracks.

At roll call on Christmas night, one of our best little Gurkha N.C.O.s was missing, and his friends stated that he had started off early to shoot pigeon. At daylight next morning we took up his tracks, and before long we found him, close to the scene of our adventure. His body and limbs were intact, but his head was a pulp in the jaws of a fine tiger, whose chest and heart had been shattered by a charge of shot at close quarters. Another wound showed red on the tiger's glossy hide. A Snider bullet had lodged in the animal's liver. The beast was too badly injured to travel far, but had evidently pounced on the unsuspecting man as he approached. The lad had risen to the occasion and got in a deadly shot before the beast reached him, and both had passed together into the Great Beyond.

It was a silent and thoughtful party that carried the young soldier's remains home to his little wife, and even now, at times, I hear and smell that breathing in my dreams. Still, as our old Subadar Major said, " May my call come as suddenly and painlessly."

THE GUN.

By " CASCABLE."

" Once under Nelson's flag I sailed the seas,
And many a time in anger have I roared
At French and Spaniard or the buccaneer,
Whilst high aloft an admiral's pennant soared.

Around my breech the wooden tub of grog
Was filled and emptied 'neath the boatswain's eye,
And black-eyed Sue with bold Jack Ratlin sat
Athwart my truck with many a tear and sigh.

Now I'm but a prop at pavement's edge,
The scavenger below me piles his slush,
And 'neath my chase the flaunting news is tied,
Or dogs and children round and round me rush.

Not e'en a bollard was to be my fate,
For then I should have been again with those
Old fighting mess-mates of the lower deck,
One of a broadside—hated of our foes!

Let not foul chagrin fill my stout old heart,
Not all may earn a rest at end of day,
But yet, reflect that, humble tho' my lot,
I still can be a mark for work or play."

THIS MONTH'S " TRUE STORY."

The P.M.O. was very tired after a long day's work.

His stethoscope was placed carefully against his last patient's back. " Say one, two, three," said the P.M.O.

Feeling a little worried about the case he said, " Go on counting until I tell you to stop."

Whether he drowsed off or not is not quite clear, but pulling himself together he heard a weary, monotonous voice saying, " Four thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, four thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, four thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven."

" That will do, thank you," said the P.M.O. brightly.

OLD MEMORIES.

By T.E. H.

In the spring of the year 1863, I joined H.M. Frigate "Shannon" in the Mediterranean, from whence we were hurriedly despatched to reinforce the Fleet on the N.A. and W.I. Station.

At that time relations were badly strained between our Government and that of the Federal States of North America. The civil war between North and South was in full swing, and the Confederates were doing so well that they aspired to be represented at the Court of St. James. Messrs. Slidell and Mason were sent as delegates, via the R.M. Steamer "Trent"; this steamer was stopped on the high seas by the Federal Cruiser "Vanderbilt," and Messrs. Slidell and Mason were taken from her as prisoners.

This called forth an ultimatum from the British Government demanding their immediate release, and for a time it looked as if everything was in the soup.

But the Federals were in no position to take on Great Britain in addition to the Confederate States; so the delegates were released, and things simmered down.

We remained on the station, however, and in May, 1864, were sent from Port Royal to the Gulf of Mexico. Our mission was to act as guardship, to protect British shipping lying off the mouth of the Rio Grande. The Confederates were still putting up a good fight under that supreme leader Robert E. Lee, but, as time went on, they found themselves getting short of nearly everything necessary for the upkeep of an army in the field. The Federals, having by now complete command of the sea, had put a strangle-hold on the blockade runners who had done a roaring trade, rushing supplies from the Bahamas to Charlestown and Wilmington. Thus the Confederates could get neither supplies in, nor their cotton out through their own ports; cotton was the only commodity they had to trade with, and all the world wanted it. So they had to run it through Texas to the Rio Grande, across the river to the Mexican town of Matamoras, and so down to the mouth of the river on the Mexican side. The cotton ships came and cast anchor about three miles off the shore, and waited for cargo. We were there to see that they were not interfered with in neutral waters.

The bar at the mouth of the Rio Grande is, or was then, rather a dangerous one, with big rollers and plenty of sharks; so, to get the cotton over the bar, the ships had to provide themselves with half-decked boats, which sailed in and out with perfect safety.

The Confederates were able to keep this export going for another year, when Lee, with his 25,000 scarecrows, surrendered to Grant, at the head of 100,000 well-equipped troops, before Richmond; Sherman marched through Georgia, and so ended the civil war.

But "to return to our muttons" (the force of this remark will be seen later!). We lay at anchor, north of the cotton ships, three miles off the mouth of the river. Time hung heavy on our hands. We were getting tired of Fanny Adams, salt pork, weevilly biscuits, threepenny whist and each other's company, when a bright idea struck someone.

Why not borrow one of the cotton boats and go up the river on a shooting trip?

As the cotton was being held up at the time, we easily procured a boat from the nearest ship, got a week's leave, took a Mizzen Royal for a tent, a modest supply of liquor and groceries and plenty of ammunition, and four of us started amid the jeers of our messmates, to whom we had promised to bring back something nice to eat (though none of us knew what!)

So off we went, taking my servant as cook, and sailed up the river about five miles. Then we landed, unloaded the boat and pitched our camp. The land on both sides of the river is very flat, with small woods, or Chapparalls, dotted about. By the time we had fixed our tent, had some grub and seen to our guns, it was too late to do any shooting—and here, I may say, there was very little to shoot.

We slept well, taking turns at sentry go, principally to keep the fire burning, but also in case of unwelcome visitors. Nothing happened, and we were up bright and early next morning. We started off on different routes, full of enthusiasm.

We reassembled before sundown without mishap, but with very little to show—a few quail and a couple of jack rabbits—just enough to start our hot-pot.

It was the same next day. We crossed to the Mexican side, promising to reassemble where we had tied up the dinghy. I wandered off to a likely-looking wood a couple of miles inland. I had just shot a rabbit when I was knocked over by the sun, and lay down under a shady tree. I don't know how long I lay there but when I woke up, the sun was well down in the west, so I started at once for the river. This I found quite easily, but whether the rendezvous was to my right or left I hadn't the least notion. The river was bordered by waist-high greenery through which I had to press to get to the water. I could see no signs of life so I fired a shot. Immediately there was a sharp "rattle" within a yard of me, and I jumped for safety.

When I got on to the track I saw a figure coming towards me. I thought at first he might be a Mexican bandit, as he carried a gun over his shoulder and a revolver in his belt, but I was relieved when he hailed me in good Anglo-Saxon: "Say, stranger, your friends are looking for you about a mile down river. They haven't got much game, but they have some damn good liquor."

I found our party, as he said. They had got the wind up about me—thinking I had been gobbled up by a puma or jaguar!

The day before we had to return, I made an excursion to a wood on the Texas side, got a couple of shots at quail and was coming back through a wood by an animal run when I saw, coming towards me a big snake, who seemed in a deuce of a hurry. Not wishing to meet him end on, I stepped aside into a little clearing, and, as he passed, I gave him both barrels in the head. That stopped his progress, but he lashed about so furiously that I cut a young sapling, hit him hard behind his head and broke his spine. I hoisted him on to my shoulder and started for camp. It was a good two miles' tramp,

under a hot sun; but I had brought back the heaviest bag so far.

My man skinned the snake very cleverly, washed the skin with strong brine and stuffed it with dry moss. We found that it was 13 ft. 6 ins. long. (This is not a fish story, only a snake! And, after all, 13 ft. 6 ins. is nothing for a boa constrictor).

One of our party came across a puma near the wood in which I shot the snake, but having only No. 6 shot in his gun, he wisely left him alone. He said that the puma trotted past him about twenty yards off like a big dog.

The puma, unlike the jaguar, never attacks human beings.

There we were, round our camp fire on the last day of our pilgrimage, with nothing to show for our prowess in the field except my snake. Everything else had gone into the hot-pot. Then there suddenly emerged from the little wood near our camp, three sinister-looking figures. Our first idea was that they were bandits, and we reached for our guns; but, seeing that they were unarmed, we were reassured. As they came up to us, the leader, a big, black-bearded chap, addressed our navigator: "I say, Cap, do you want any sheep?"

Sheep! We hadn't seen a sheep or a ranch in any of our wanderings. Here was a chance.

After bargaining, and some choice profanity on the part of the gentle shepherds, we agreed to take as many as they could push into the boat, for two dollars a head.

They turned up all right next morning with 40 sheep, which they proceeded, with great skill, to pack into our craft. They got them all in. It was a squeeze, but it served to prevent them from jumping about. Then we gave the shepherds our last bottle of rum, unmoored and hoisted sail.

We sailed safely over the bar, and as we approached the ship, we saw that we were being reconnoitred from the bridge. As the boat ran alongside, the bluejackets, hearing the baa-ing of the sheep, jumped on to the hammock netting and cheered.

We *did* bring back something good to eat, not only for the officers but for the whole ship's company—fresh mutton for several days.

Then our relief arrived and, after four months at anchor three miles off shore, we returned to Port Royal "to our great content."

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

(AND OTHERS).

Captain: "My man, you'll never get ahead in the Navy if you drink."

Defaulter: Not much, sir, you should have had mine this morning."

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OUT.

An Irishman quarrelled with an Italian and decided to fight it out. A brother Irishman acted as referee. During the first minute Murphy went down with a bang on the jaw. The referee bent over him, **One,** come on Murphy, get up; **Two,** for the sake of yer ould mither: Murphy, won't you plaze get up? **Three,** I say, Murphy, are yez going to stop there all day?"

Finally at the count of six, Murphy staggered to his feet, and reeled across the ring swinging both arms.

As luck would have it, the Italian's chin got in the way, and down he went.

The referee bent over him, "One, Two, Three, Four, Five, **and Five's Ten,** yer out."

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A ship was unexpectedly called upon to coal on the Saturday after Good Friday, and the captain, a religious and kind-hearted man, was determined that his men should lose none of the benefits, either sacred or secular, of the season. Accordingly, he decided to rearrange the week, and on the night of Wednesday in Holy Week the following order was "piped":

"D'ye hear there!! To-morrow will be Saturday—Friday will be Sunday—Saturday will be Monday—Sunday will be Saturday—Monday will be Sunday—Tuesday will be Thursday—*and* Wednesday will be Wednesday!"

TUNE IT.

The landlady bustled up to her new lodger as he came down to breakfast the first morning.

"Good morning, sir," she beamed, "I hope you have had a good night's rest?"

"Well, no," replied the lodger, "your cat kept me awake."

"Oh," said the landlady, "I suppose you are going to suggest I kill the poor thing?"

"Not exactly," replied the lodger, "but you might have it tuned."

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A certain Lord travelling in America picked up a Negro servant. Instructing him in his duties, he informed the Negro that on hearing the bell he was to enter and ask, "What do you require, my Lord?"

The following day he had cause to ring the bell while an important guest was present. He received a severe shock when his servant entered and promptly asked: "My Gawd, what is it dat you'm wantin' dis time?"

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A story is told apropos of those unpleasant people who will not remove their obstructing headgear during the "pictures." One such individual merely stared indignantly when asked to remove his cap. "Then," said the luckless one behind, "will you kindly fold back your ears."—*Our Own Gazette.*

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Poet: Two weeks ago I sent a poem, and enclosed a stamp for approval.

Editor: Yes, I remember. We approved of the stamp; it was perfect. I don't remember the poem, though.

Christmas Tree Vendor: "Buy a tree, lady, buy a tree and make your children happy."

Spinster (blushing): Sir! I'll have you understand I have no children!"

Vendor: "Buy some mistletoe, lady. Lots of nice mistletoe!"—*The Leatherneck.*

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THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE.

Last month we published a cross-word puzzle. This month we substitute a letter which a correspondent sends us. We are not at all sure what it is all about, but gather that somebody wants something, and wants it quickly.

The letter is perfectly genuine; we have suppressed the name and full address of the writer, otherwise it is exactly as received from the enterprising gentleman on the Gold Coast.

We are grateful for the letter, if only because it gives us the idea of running an "Exchange and Mart" column for the benefit of people who may have something of which they wish to get rid, by the simple process of barter.

Appam, Gold Coast.
2nd February, 1925.

Dear Favourite,

It will be very pleased to describe that, I having made intention to call you to now.

But Something push the feelings to underline this; I wish up to keep correspondence with you, many of citzenship a reendeavour to write a letter to Gold Coast.

Therefore if you receipt this little note you attempt to sent in return mail one of your photo and two silk handkerchiefs for the first presentation. I also, I will present you tiger nut, beans and ground nut. Awaiting your favour reply in return mail.

Yours Favourite,

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EXCHANGE AND MART.

Officer, about to retire, will exchange Manual of Field Engineering (1911) for a garden fork (part worn).

Marine, about to be married, will exchange seventeen ladies' photographs for a pair of carpet slippers.

Subaltern, going to sea for the first time, will exchange a season ticket for the Palais de Danse for a pair of sea-legs.

N.C.O. will exchange a billiard cue, a whist marker and a book of comic songs for a serviceable perambulator.

(Received by wire). An officer, who has just attended the Grand National Meeting at Aintree, is anxious to exchange a number of slips of paper (assorted colours) for a copy of Messrs. Pussyfoot's pamphlet "Is betting a sin?"

The Officers' Mess, Fort Borstal, will exchange six full-grown rats for a set of table croquet.

THE ARRIVAL OF A DISTINGUISHED STRANGER.



"OH THOSE FOREIGN PORTS"



CORRADINO. MALTA.

CORPS BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Result of Corps Boxing Championship, held at Deal, on 19th and 20th March:—

Corps Trophy.—Portsmouth, 63 points (winners); Plymouth, 43 points; Chatham, 37 points.

Under 21 years of age Cup.—Portsmouth, 21 points (winners); Plymouth, 19 points; Chatham, 15 points; Depot, 15 points.

Detailed results of the R.M. Boxing Championships, will be published in our next issue.

R.N. AND R.M.

FENCING.

On Wednesday evening the 11th March, a fencing match, with three weapons, was fought between the R.N. and R.M. (Nore Command) and Bertrand's Academy, the latter winning by 16 victories to 11. The R.N. and R.M. team were:—Sergt.-Major Board, R.M., Q.M.S.I. Chalkley, R.M., Corpl. Jerred, R.M., C.P.O. Fox, R.N.

The sabre proved the Service team's best weapon, winning the event by 6 victories to 3.

The foil bouts were closely contested, Bertrand's winning by 5 victories to 4.

The epée was lost by a large margin, Bertrand's winning by 8 victories to 1. Results:—

Foil.—Q.M.S.I. Chalkley, 1 victory, 2 defeats; Corpl. Jerred, 1 victory, 2 defeats; C.P.O. Fox, 2 victories, 1 defeat.

Sabre.—Corpl. Jerred, 3 victories; S.M. Board 2 victories, 1 defeat; C.P.O. Fox, 1 victory, 2 defeats.

Epée.—Q.M.S.I. Chalkley, 1 victory, 2 defeats; Corpl. Jerred, 3 defeats; S.M. Board, 3 defeats.

R.N. and R.M. (Nore Command) and R.M.A., Woolwich.

R.N. and R.M. scores:—

Foil v. Foil.—Won 6; lost 3.

Sabre v. Sabre.—Won 6; lost 3.

Bayonet v. Bayonet.—Won 12; lost 4.

R.N. and R.M., 24 wins; R.M.A., 10.

Lieut. Gumm and Sergt. Franks fought in Bayonet v. Bayonet; Sergt.-Major Board fought in Foil and Sabre.

GOLF.

Burhill Club, playing at home on February 21st, won all 4 foursomes against the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Golfing Society.

West Hill defeated R.N. and R.M.G.S. at West Hill on February 28th.

HOCKEY.

ROYAL NAVY v. THE ARMY.

The Royal Navy beat the Army at Beckenham, on March 6th, by two goals to none. It was a splendid match throughout, though the winners were a trifle the better side and just deserved their success.

R.N. and R.M. L.T.A.

FIXTURES FOR 1925.

April 6th—11th, 2nd Hard Court Tournament, at Plymouth.
Saturday, May 2nd, v. Cambridge University.
Sunday, May 3rd, v. Stock Exchange.
Saturday, May 16th, v. Hampshire.
Sunday, May 17th, v. Civil Service.
Saturday, May 30th, v. U.S. Chatham.
Sunday, May 31st, v. Roehampton.
Saturday, June 6th, v. Oxford University.
Sunday, June 14th, v. Civil Service.
Saturday, July 11th, v. Middlesex.
Sunday, July 12th, v. Kent.
July 13th to 18th. Army and R.A.F. Championships at Queens Club.
July 20th to 25th. Inter-County Week.
August 7th and 8th. Inter-Services Championship at Wimbledon.
August 10th to 15th. Annual Championships-on-Grass at Roehampton Club.

CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

On the 21st February we played Sheppey United at home and drew 2—2. Owing to casualties and sickness, three reserves, viz., Trearson (goal), Penny (outside left), and Steeple (centre-forward), were introduced into the team, and they all gave a good account of themselves.

In the return game at Sheppey, on the 28th February, we were badly beaten by 6 goals to 1, although the score in no way indicates the run of the play, and had we taken all the opportunities which came our way, might easily have made a draw.

On the 4th March, we journeyed to Portsmouth to meet H.M.S. " Excellent " in the semi-final of the Navy Cup, but had to return losers by a margin of five clear goals. The games started off at a good pace and for the first twenty minutes was all in our favour, until in an onslaught on our goal, the Cordites were awarded

a penalty from which they scored, although Trearson saved the first attempt, but being unable to gather the ball quickly enough, it was pushed past him into the net. From this point until the finish the Cordites maintained the upper hand, and added four more goals, our team rather spoiling combined movements by over-eagerness. On the whole it was a very clean game, and we wish the Cordites the best of luck in the final.

We played a friendly match against Portsmouth Division the following day, but the strenuousness of the previous day left its mark, and they ran out somewhat easy winners by 4 goals to 1.

Free from cup-tie worries, we returned to duty in the Kent League on the 7th March, when we met and defeated Grays Thurrock at home by 3 goals to 2. This was especially gratifying in view of our two mid-week games, and in consequence the tired state of the team.

On the 11th, we met Chatham in the first round of the Chatham Charity Cup, and they defeated us 4—1. Robotham and Killian were absent, playing for the Navy, and with Wheatley (sick) and Trearson on embarkation leave, the versatile Corporal Walker was called upon to do duty between the uprights, and every credit is due to him for putting up a wonderful display against the League Leaders, who had to fight hard for their victory.

At the time of our last issue going to print, our popular captain, " Reggie," was married, and all followers of sport take this opportunity of wishing him every success and happiness.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

Phase I. was held at the Gymnasium, on Friday, 6th March. A start was made at 8.30 with the Novices' Bayonets. We had three pools going at the same time, so it did not take long to finish. The Novices were followed by the open bayonets, which occupied the rest of the morning. The afternoon was devoted to " other ranks" fencing, and, with the experts who were present, some very fine fencing was seen.

We were indebted to Mr. Rowe, from the Naval Barracks, and Mr. Flanagan, from Upnor, for their assistance in refereeing.

Phase II.—We were "at home" to Deal on Tuesday, 10th March, for the Command Tournament. It was luckily one of the few fine days of late, and the programme, starting at 8.30, was carried through till 3 p.m.

Major Garnier and Capt. Pinkerton very kindly came down from London to referee, and we again had the services of Mr. Flanagan.

We were successful in both the bayonet team combat and the 110 stone tug-of-war. Deal were unfortunate in being unable to raise a heavy team.

Both teams are to be congratulated on their success and for the amount of time devoted to training. Olympia is still two months hence and we need every bit of that time. The teams, both bayonet and tug-of-war, are still lacking in experience and style, but if they put in the necessary time in training, they should do well. Results :—

Officers.

Foil.—1st, Ch., S.M. Board; 2nd, Deal, Major Grant.

Epée.—1st, Deal, Major Grant; 2nd, Ch., S.M. Board.

Sabre.—1st, Deal, Major Grant; 2nd, Ch., S.M. Board.

Bayonet.—1st, Ch., Capt. Adair; 2nd, Ch., Lieut. Gumm.

Other Ranks.

Foil.—1st, Ply., Corpl. Clarke; 2nd, Ch., Corpl. Jerred.

Epée.—1st, Ch., Q.M.S.I. Chalkley; 2nd, Ch., Corpl. Jerred.

Sabre.—1st, Ch., Corpl. Jerred; 2nd, Ply., Corpl. Clarke.

Bayonet (open).—1st, Ch., Corpl. Jerred; 2nd, Ch., Corpl. Jones.

Bayonet (novices).—1st, Ch., Corpl. Jones; 2nd, Ch., Sergt. Franks.

Tug-of-war (110 stone).—Chatham beat Deal, two pulls to nil.

Ditto (130 stone).—Chatham, walk-over.

Bayonet Team Combat.—Chatham beat Deal 14 wins to 4.

ATHLETIC SHIELD.

It has been good to observe the general interest which has been displayed in the Inter-Company Competitions towards the Athletic Shield. The competitions that have been held so far are tug-of-war and bayonet team combat. There is no doubt that both our Divisional bayonet and tug-of-war teams have benefited by these competitions. We hope to get on with cross-country running next.

Results to date :—

A Co.	8*	12	20
C Co.	12	2	14
E Co.	4*	8	12
G Co.	2	4	6

* After a tie for 2nd place. Come on " G! "

HOCKEY.

We have had but one game since our last issue, the other fixtures having been scratched due to the state of the ground.

On the 14th March, we were at home to the Depot East Surreys. A very fast game ensued, the ground being in splendid condition. We were the losers by 4 goals to 1, our only goal being scored by Buglr. Swift.

PLYMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

15th March, Royal Marines v. St. Budeaux.

This match was played on the Longroom ground and resulted in a somewhat easy win for our team by 2 goals, 5 tries (25 points) to nil. Although the visitors succeeded in obtaining a fair share of the ball from the scrum, their three-quarters were outclassed and never looked dangerous.

The Royal Marines (Plymouth) provided a bright game at Barnstaple on Feb. 28th, but were not strong

enough against the North Devon team, and less than five minutes had gone when Sanders secured Barnstaple's first try. After this, South and Armstrong placed the Marines on the attack, but the effort was short-lived. Barnstaple's second try, scored by Taylor, was a soft affair, the visitors apparently being under the impression the ball had gone dead.

One of the most brilliant efforts of the match was the score by Smith, who outpaced the Marines' back division and touched down behind the posts, giving Barnstaple a lead of three tries to nil at the interval. The second half was more even, though Barnstaple still maintained the upper hand and added tries through Sanders and Smith. Armstrong, who was one of the best of the Marines' quarters, scored the visitors' only try. Lamb was particularly good on the Barnstaple side, and the homesters played a newcomer in H. I. Tremenheere, formerly of Blundell's, who created a good impression. Final score:—Barnstaple, 5 tries; Royal Marines, 1 try.

One of the most interesting games seen at Falmouth for some time was provided by the visit to Falmouth, on March 7th, of the Plymouth Division of the R.M.

The game was fought in a thoroughly sporting spirit, and both sides opened out the play. Falmouth won a thrilling match by 4 tries (12 pts.) to a try (3 pts.), a victory which they well deserved. The passing on both sides was splendid, although after the start the home side outshone their opponents. Scott was very safe at back, and of the three-quarters, K. Williams and Pellowe formed a really fine left wing.

Affleck was smart at back for the Marines, whilst Armstrong and Luxton were always in the picture at three-quarters. Leddington, at stand-off half, also played well. The whole side, although beaten, displayed good football.

The Marines were the first to score, Armstrong obtaining an unconverted try. Nicholas equalised for Falmouth. After the interval Pellowe scored two tries, and Nicholas one.

After being eight points in arrears through most of the game, the Marines succeeded in effecting a draw at 8 points each with the Royal Berks at Crownhill on March 11th.

The Berks started with a spurt, but the Marines made good efforts to break, and a score seemed probable. However, a surprise was in store, Mackenzie running right through to score for the Berks. The try was not goaled. Armstrong made several fine runs for the Marines, who were on top territorially for the most part, but Eiles showed good form at back for the soldiers, and frustrated countless attacks. Half-time: Berks, 1 try (3 pts.); Marines, 0.

Efforts by the Marines at the beginning of the second half caused many scrums near the Berkshires' line, but the Berks scored after their opponents had done all the pressing. Davis scored a try to add the goal points. The Marines tried hard with fine passing, and eventually South converted a penalty for them, reducing the arrears to five points. They now made great efforts to obtain an equalising goal, and succeeded through Smith, who scored in a scrimmage, South converting. The game thus ended in a draw, the Berks having to their credit 1 goal 1 try (8 pts.), and the Marines 1 goal 1 penalty goal (8 pts.).

ASSOCIATION.

Owing to the weather, many matches have been abandoned, but both teams have managed to play two games each.

In a P. and D. League match versus Oreston Rovers at Longroom, on 14th February, a very keenly-contested encounter ended in a draw, each side scoring one goal. The ground was very heavy and both teams may be commended for the whole-hearted display. The Rovers were in the ascendancy in the early portion of the game, and this forced Lawrence to display his ability in the home goal. Skipper was always dangerous in the home vanguard, the Rovers' defence clearing many critical situations. Eventually the visitors took the lead with a great goal.

After the interval, the Marines were not long in registering the equaliser, for Shewbrook, cleverly eluding three opponents, centred beautifully, and Horn had no difficulty in netting.

The Marines gave a very disappointing display against Truro City, at Longroom, on March 7th, and, as a result, lost by five goals to one. Towards the end the Marines subjected the visiting defence to severe pressure, but they were unable to add to their score.

On 11th Feb., in the Devon Wednesday Cup Competition (3rd round), our Reserves were outclassed by the South Staffordshire Regt., and lost by seven goals to one.

On March 4th, in the Devon Wednesday League, the Reserves, after a splendid game, were defeated by the Plymouth Police, by one goal to nil.

Mne. H. Shewbrook, was selected to play for the United Services (local) against Plymouth Argyle on 7th March.

RESULTS OF UNIT TOURNAMENT,
10th MARCH, 1925.

Sabre v. Sabre (Officers).—1st R.M.G. Edmunds, 2nd Lieut. Giles, 3rd Lieut. Westall.

Foil v. Foil (Officers).—1st R.M.G. Edmunds, 2nd Lieut. Giles, 3rd Col.-Comdt. Edwards.

Bayonet v. Bayonet (Officers).—1st R.M.G. Edmunds, 2nd R.M.G. Hooper, 3rd Lieut. Westall.

Epée v. Epée (Officers).—1st R. M. G. Edmunds, 2nd Lieut. Giles, 3rd Lieut. Westall.

Sabre v. Sabre (Other Ranks).—1st Sergt. Pritchard, 4 wins; 2nd Sergt. Spanton, 4 wins; 3rd Q.M.S. Mills, 3 wins.

Foil v. Foil (Other Ranks).—1st Q.M.S. Mills, 4 wins; 2nd Sergt. Spanton, 3 wins; 3rd Sergt. Pritchard, 2 wins.

Bayonet v. Bayonet (Other Ranks).—1st Sergt. Spanton, 5 wins; 2nd Mne. Jenkins, 4 wins; 3rd Mne. Burnett, 1 win.

Epée v. Epée (Other Ranks).—1st Sergt. Turner, 2 wins; 2nd Q.M.S. Mills, 2 wins; 3rd Corpl. Berry, 1 win.

COMPANY BAYONET (TUCKEY CUP).

1st Round.—" A " Company beat " G " Company, 4 wins to 2 wins.

1st Round.—" C " Company beat " E " Company, 4 wins to 3 wins.

" C " and " E " Company Leaders fighting the deciding fight.

Final.—" C " Company beat " A " Company, 4 wins to 3 wins.

" C " and " A " Company Leaders fighting the deciding fight.

" C " Company scores 2 points; " A " Company scores 1 point.

TUCKEY CUP COMPETITION.

In the final of the Inter-Company Bowling competition, " G " Company beat " E " Company. " G " Company scores two points and " E " Company one towards the Cup. The total points to date are:—

" A " Company 1, " C " Company 10, " G " Company 10, " E " Company 5.

The Inter-Company " Soccer " and Billiards are still to be played.

The points in the Inter-Company Soccer League are as follows:—

Coy.	P.	W.	L.	Goals F	Goals A.	Pts.
" A "	4	2	2	10	10	4
" C "	4	3	1	20	9	6
" E "	4	0	4	3	24	0
" G "	4	3	1	16	5	6

The Inter-Departmental Bowling Competition commenced on the 12th of March by a victory for the Paymaster's Department over the 2nd Quartermaster's Department, with the score of 367 points to 218.

R.M. MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

The match at Torpoint, on the 26th Feb., was won by the Royal Naval Barracks, who thus win the shield for the indoor season. Scores:—

R.N. Barracks, 583; Torpoint, 579; R.M. Rifle Club, 564; Devonport, 489 (only five men fired).

Mne. Chambers, with 96, put on the highest score for the Marines.

BOXING.

A meeting was held on the 13th of March in the Drill Shed, in order to decide the representatives to compete for this Division in the Corps Championships. There were several excellent fights, but a regrettably small audience. The following were the results:—

8 stone, Buglers (Buglr. Macauley); Welter-weight (Mne. Jackson); 7 stone, Buglers (Buglrs. Tounsend and Reid); Heavy-weight (Clr.-Sergt. Ponsford); 4-round Contest (Mne. Smith).

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

The following table, giving results of matches played during the month, shows quite a respectable record, and, but for the rather sad reverse with which the 2nd team met on the 4th March, when their opponents (Prince of Wales Volunteers Regt.) registered a 5—0 victory, the notation " lost " would have been conspicuous by its absence. We hope that this improvement has come to stay until the end of the season.

U.S. League, Div. I. v. Duke of Wellington's Regt., won 5—1.
Div. II. v. Duke of Wellington's Regt., drew 2—2
Div. I. v. R.A., Gosport, won 5—0.
Div. I. v. Prince of Wales Volunteers, drew 1—1.
Div. II. v. Prince of Wales Volunteers, lost 5—0.
Div. I. v. Duke of Wellington's Regt., won 2—1.
Div. II. v. Duke of Wellington's Regt., won 2—1.

The annual inter-room competition is at present in full swing, and, as in former years, is providing some good contests. The results should be forthcoming by next month.

BOXING.

Clean fighting and good sportsmanship was the keynote of the Band Boys' Novices Boxing Championships, which were fought off at the Divisional Gymnasium, on the 2nd March. The high percentage of entries proved how popular this contest was amongst the Boys. The cups, which are fought for annually, and medals were presented by the Superintendent (Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. Harold Ozanne, D.S.O., R.M.), who congratulated each winner with a hearty shake of the hand. The winners and runners-up of the respective weights were as follows:—

Fly-weight.—B.-Boy F. J. Boorah (winner), B.-Boy W. G. Lloyd (runner-up).

Paper-weight.—B.-Boy W. J. Goater (w.), B.-Boy A. J. Bennett (r.-u.).

Bantam-weight.—B.-Boy E. S. Ough (w.), B.-Boy J. E. Talling (r.-u.).

Light-weight.—B.-Boy T. E. Pittard (w.), B.-Boy F. Plume (r.-u.).

Heavy-weight.—B.-Boy C. E. Barratt (w.), B.-Boy L. E. O'Neil (r.-u.).

Good-losers' prizes were presented to the following Band Boys: C. Bell, W. J. Cranley, W. B. Sharp, W. A. Preston, W. G. Newman and S. Norton.

The musical numbers on the programme during the evening were rendered in a very efficient manner by an orchestra, under L.-Corpl. Akerman, which was comprised entirely of Band Boys, who willingly volunteered.

R.M. POLICE.

A shooting match took place at Lodge Hill, on Feb. 19th, between the Rochester City Police and the Royal Marine Police, the latter winning by 36 points. The scores were:—R.M. Police—Sergt. Bacon 97, R.M.P. Hall 95, R.M.P. Westwood 94, R.M.P. Spencer 91, R.M.P. Colan 89, R.M.P. Bloomfield 88, R.M.P. Trivett 82, R.M.P. Page 77; total, 713. R.C. Police—P.C. Kirby 94, P.C. Tidswell 92, P.C. Wickens 92, Sergt. Flanagan 87, P.C. Chapman 85, P.C. Wood 83, P.C. Holder 80, Sergt. Pattenden 64; total, 677. After the match all adjourned to the R.M.P. Canteen, and engaged in a 10-up billiards competition, which was won by Sergt. Porter, of the R.M. Police.



CORPS GAZETTE

RETIRED LIST.

Lieut.-General Edward J. Stroud, C.B., C.M.G., to retired list, 8.4.25.

Lt.-Col. C. D'O. Harmer, D.S.O., is placed on Retd. List at his own request, dated 5.4.25.

Cd. R.M. Gnr. A. V. C. Kemp, is placed on Retd. List at his own request, dated 5.4.25.

Cd. Bandr. H. Reely, R.M. Band, is placed on the Retd. List at his own request, dated 1st March, 1925.

PROMOTIONS.

Major-General Harry D. Farquharson, C.M.G., promoted to Lieut-General, vice Stroud, 8.4.25.

Colonel George J. H. Mullins, C.B., Reserved list of Cols. R.M., promoted to Major-General, vice Farquharson, 8.4.25.

Lt.-Col. C. D'O. Harmer, D.S.O. (retd.), is promoted to Colonel (retd.), dated 5.4.25.

C.-Bandr. H. Reely, R.M. Band, is promoted to Lieut. (rtd.), dated 1st March, 1925.

R.M. B/702 Bandr. 1st Class A. C. Green, L.R.A.M., R.M. Band, is promoted to Bandr. (W.O.) vice Reeby, dated 1st March, 1925.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major (Bt. Lt.-Col.) W. W. Godfrey, C.M.G., R.M. (Seconded), H.M.S. "Victory," for full pay sick leave, is re-app. to H.M.S. "President," addl. for duty in the Plans Div., Admiralty, dated 12th March, 1925.

Major C. B. Mullins, R.M., is app. to H.M.S. "President" (addl.), for duty in the N.I. Dept., Admiralty, vice Bell, dated 6th April, 1925, and is placed on the Seconded List.

Major J. Macnair-Smith, R.M., is app. Drafting Officer, Plymouth, vice Welch.

Capt. E. J. Hughes, O.B.E., R.M., is app. Inst. of Gun., Plymouth, vice Ravenshaw, dated 26th March, 1925.

Capt. N. I. Eastman, R.M., is app. Instr. of Gun., Portsmouth, vice Hudleston.

Capt. (Bt. Major), A. I. Bell, O.B.E., R.M., returns to Corps Duty from Seconded List (borne Supy. to Est.), and posted to Plymouth Div., dated 6th April, 1925.

Capt. R. W. Bagot, R.M., will take over the duties of P.R.T. Instructor, Portsmouth Div., commencing 14th March, 1925.

Lt. C. E. C. Ransome, R.M., is app. to the Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty, vice Gordon, dated 20th March, 1925.

Bandr. (W.O.) H. Lodge, R.M. Band, is app. to H.M.S. "Impregnable," vice Reely, to disembark to Headquarters.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) G. W. Chant is app. Office Sergt.-Major, Plymouth, vice Wilson, dated 25th March, 1925.

Sergt.-Major J. H. Wilson is app. Parade Sergt-Major, Deal, vice Bach, dated 25th March, 1925.

Sergt.-Major J. Bach is app. Off. Sergt.-Major, Deal, vice Chant, dated 25th March, 1925.

EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of Capt. F. A. Hamer, R.M., in the Naval Intelligence Dept., Admiralty, is extended to 1st June, 1925.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. J. E. Leech-Porter, R.M., is app. to H.M.S. "Vindictive."

Capt. S. A. Field, R.M., is app. to H.M.S. "Ramillies," vice Eastman to disembark to Headquarters.

Capt. R. MacDonnell, R.M., is app. to H.M.S. "Tiger," vice Haworth-Booth, to disembark to Headquarters, dated 30th March, 1925.

The R.M. Officer for H.M.S. "Curacoa" on re-commissioning will be Capt. and Bt. Major E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O. (now in ship to remain).

The R.M. Officers for H.M.S. "Royal Sovereign," on recommissioning will be Capt. Grover, Proby. Lieuts. W. North and P. Phillipps (all now in ship to remain) and R.M. Gunner Harle.

Lt. A. P. Gumm, R.M., is app. to H.M.S. "Tiger," vice Petley, to disembark to Headquarters, dated 28th April, 1925.

Proby Lt. V. H. Deane, R.M., is app. to H.M.S. "Royal Oak," vice Hunt, to disembark to Headquarters.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major C. Williams, R.M., is app. to H.M.S. "President" (addl.), for Senior Off. War Course.

Major Bt. Lt.-Col. J. W. Hudleston, Majors A. D. Welch and A. G. W. Grierson, have been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course at the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth Div., which commences on the 26th March and terminates on the 1st April, 1925.

Capt. M. H. W. Webb-Bowen, R.M., Lieut. C. A. H. Kitchin, and O. C. T. Dykes, R.M., are app. to H.M.S. "President" (addl.), for Intelligence Course.

Capt. A. Bendell, R.M., has been selected to attend the Hygienic Course at the Army School of Hygiene, Aldershot, which commences on the 4th April and terminates 25th April, 1925.

Lt. J. H. Moxham, R.M., has been selected to attend the Course which commences at the School of Army of Co-operation, Old Sarum, on the 8th April, and terminates 29th April, 1925.

The following Proby. 2nd-Lieuts., R.M., will undergo a Course of Elect. and Mining in H.M.S. "Vernon," from the 14th April to 29th May, 1925: G. W. Ross, T. K. Walker, R. A. Edmondson, W. F. P. Whitmarsh, G. P. Carless, G. A. Haward, M. G. Pughe and J. C. Cairncross.

CHATHAM.

Senior Clr.-Sergts.—G-11325 Clr.-Sergt. C. H. Privett; C-14698 Clr.-Sergt. C. T. Jones; G-14944 Clr.-Sergt. Wm. Gossett.

Senior Sergts.—C-16283 Sergt. C. Dixon; E-23670 Sergt. H. J. Milton; E-23672 Sergt. F. Bessant.

Senior Corpls.—G-15845 Corpl. R. H. Keir; E-23655 Corpl. A. W. Putman; A-18000 G. Campbell.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sergts:—Sergt. W. H. Lumley (Depot, R.M.)., Sergt. W. A. Morey ("Cleopatra").

To be Sergts.—Corpl. C. Goodwin ("Sandhurst"), Corpl. S. D. Parker ("Marlborough").

To be Corpl.—Mne. C. W. Lister (Headquarters).

APPOINTMENTS.

Dining Hall Attendt.—Mne. R. C. Wallace.

Storeman, Signal School.—Mne. H. A. G. Irvine.

Librarian, Rec. Room.—Mne. S. Homewood (confirmed).

Attendt. Sergeants' Mess.—Mne. A. H. Norfolk.

Shoemaker's Shop.—Mnes. J. Bright, R. L. Smithers (Training).

Attendt. to Capt. Mackenzie.—Mne. E. E. Barr.

Paymaster's Dept. (Allots. Branch).—Corpls. W. J. Rootes, C. Botling (attached).

N.C.O. i/c Markers, Fort Borstal.—Corpl. W. E. J. Crane.

Works Dept.—Mnes. A. G. Bodman (bricklayer), A. Gale (caulker).

Attendt. W.O.s' Mess.—Mne. A. Clegg (nominated).

Secretary, Rec. Room.—Sergt. H. A. Branson (confirmed).

Orderly Room Clerk.—Clr.-Sergt. L. P. Silver (nominated) vice Clr.-Sergt. J. W. Pawley (to 2nd Q.M. dept.).

Armourer-Sergt., Small Arms.—Sergt. S. Morris.

Barber.—Mne. G. A. Brackley.

C.Q.M.S. "E" Coy.—Clr.-Sergt. J. Calvert (nominated).

Storeman, 1st Q.M. Dept.—Mne. G. B. Silver.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Ark Royal," Mne. J. Carless; **"Benbow,"** Mnes. E. A. Elliott, H. Longfellow, C. J. Woodyard, G. J. Baldry, J. Barton, E. A. Gammon, J. E. Farmer, A. J. McD. McJ. Nutley, A. Harper, E. W. W. Andrews, F. J. Howes, A. Coveney, E. Markson, J. Burrowes, P. E. Lines; **Depot, R.M.,** Corpl. G. F. O'Leary, Buglr. L. A. Mann, Clr.-Sergts. F. G. Collins, S. P. Herbert, Buglr. A. H. Curtis; **"Eagle,"** Corpls. F. H. Friar, L. F. W. Kearley; **"Pembroke,"** Mnes. W. A. S. Lewis, J. C. Harrison, F. E. Rawlings, J. W. Walton, W. G. Price, Sergt. F. Bessant, Corpls. J. Castle, E. G. Hazel, A. C. Smith, N. H. Hale, E. L. Critten; **"Repulse,"** Mne. R. H. Dowler; **Shotley, T.E.,** Corpl. P. D. Langley, Mne. C. Jones; **"Sandhurst,"** Mne. R. Franklin; **"Tiger,"** Mne. F. W. Rogers; **"Weymouth,"** Sergt. A. C. Hutton, Mnes. L. Harris, L. F. Head, H. G. Bridger, V. A. Sandys, G. Hinkley, C. E. Clifford, A. A. H. Chittel; **"Vulcan,"** Corpl. E. Arnold; **"Victory,"** Corpl. T. A. Grant, Mnes. G. A. Williams, A. Sault, C. C. T. Sayers, A. F. P. Poulter, W. H. Coulson, E. Lankshear, C. G. Edwards, C. W. Mead, H. G. Simpkins, F. E. Smith, T. V. Marsh, V. R. Rumbelow, A. Austin, A. S. Morgan, C. Gruttenden, A. P. T. Elliott, E. F. Pasby, T. Bourn, D. W. Lynass, J. F. Handoll, W. F. Smail, A. E. Colley, R. C. Chivers, F. W. C. Newman, V. R. Rathbone, A. W. Brewerton; **"Weymouth,"** ex **"Titania,"** Corpl. A. Marsh.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Ajax," Mne. R. Perry; **Depot, R.M.,** Buglr. L. A. Rogers, Sergt. W. A. Owens; **"Eagle,"** Sergts. W. E. F. Pledger, A. C. Hutton, W. T. Whitmore, Buglr. A. H. Brown, Mnes. F. Hannah, B. F. Aston, C. E. Kelly, R. A. Benjamin, F. Reed, T. E. Hyde, F. H. Simmonds, F. Lee, C. G. Hardaway, L. E. Gunn, S. J. Hicks, J. W. Key, H. J. Simmons, F. Sykes, J. W. Taft; **"Pembroke,"** Mnes. G. C. Kingdom, H. M. Walton, J. E. Roskey, P. H. Heele, W. F. Harper, W. H. Franklin, Corpl. E. L. Critten; **Portsmouth Division,** Mnes. W. A. Rolfe, E. Smith, E. Stark, F. E. Saville, H. J. Lister, G. Conock, F. J. Williams, Clr.-Sergts. J. Calvert, A. N. Clarke, Mne. J. W. Walton, W. G. Price, C. Jones; **"Repulse,"** Buglr. L. A. Mann; **"Royal Sovereign,"** Mnes. L. Frost, G. H. Barnes, W. E. Wilson; **Shotley,** T.E., Corpl. W. P. J. Bishop, Mne. A. Gale; **"Vulcan,"** Corpl. J. T. Gellatt; **"Weymouth"** (ex **"Despatch"**), Sergts. E. F. Eglington, J. A. Calver, C. S. McBrayne, Corpls. L. B. Clinch, F. R. Riddle, Buglr. G. C. Guttridge, Mnes. L. G. Snelling, T. Eley, E. J. Wadham, G. Thurlow, E. F. R. Simpson, G. W. Henshaw, S. Burgess, B. Barton, H. G. Head, D. C. H. Spear, T. H. Connan, W. Croome.

TRANSFERS.

From Po. Divn. to Chatham Divn., Buglr. J. A. Collins.

From Chat. Divn. to Po. Divn., Buglr. J. Weight.

From Chat. Divn. to Po. Divn., Clr.-Sergt. H. S. King.

From Ply. Divn. to Chat. Divn., Mne. G. W. Whitfield ("Queen Elizabeth").

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 2nd Period of Engagement.—Staff Clerk G. W. Rayner, Clr.-Sergt. J. C. De Rose, Mne. H. F. Vine.

Termination of 1st Period of Engagement.—Mnes. E. L. Rodd, E. Heath.

Invalided.—Corpl. W. H. Wills, Buglrs. A. H. Brown, H. W. Lewis, Mnes. A. J. Ede, H. Redmore, F. Wilkinson, J. E. L. Prescott, A. C. Ashby, W. Proctor.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

Sergt. J. C. Viney to Clr.-Sergeant; Corpl. C. V. Perry to Sergeant; Mne. G. A. V. Brown to Corporal; Mne. W. J. Payne to Corporal.

APPOINTMENTS.

C.Q.M.S. "I" Coy.—Clr.-Sergt. C. E. Budd.

Clerk, 1st Q.M.s Dept.—Mne. G. G. C. Kelsey.

Rangeman, S.A. School—Mne. F. W. Collyer.

M.T.I. 2nd Class, S.A., Eastney—Sergt. W. J. Emery.

M.T. Driver (temp.), Chat.—Mne. G. L. Holland.

Coal Meter-man—Mne. H. J. Flanagan.

Ledger Clerk—Mne. J. Reynolds.

A. and M.A. Clerk—Mne. W. Hood.

Divisional Barber—Mne. R. W. Gent.

Assistant Gardener (temp.)—Mne. E. Osborne.
Tailor—Mne. A. J. Budden.
Sergeant Cook—Sergt. A. S. G. Dolman.
Labourer, School of Land Arty.—Mne. V. T. Sweet.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Barham," Mnes. Edward Noble, W. E. Sears; **"Castor,"** Corpl. W. T. Hanham; **"Carlisle,"** Mnes. A. L. Sneddon, W. B. Sweetzir, D. A. Smith, E. E. Kinnaird, Bertie Hansell; **"Centaur,"** Mnes. Thomas White, Charles Shemeld, W. G. May, Bertie Miller, H. S. Warwick, Frederick Cronin; **"Cormorant,"** Mne. S. J. Whitaker; **"Calcutta,"** Mne. W. J. Ross; **"Dryad,"** Mnes. E. R. Whitehorne, avid Smith; **"Dolphin,"** Mne. G. J. Hill; Buglrs. A. P. M. Wilson, James Coker; **"Dido,"** Mnes. W. C. Allen, J. G. Appleby; **"Excellent,"** Buglr. E. G. Haegar; **"Fisgard,"** Mnes. H. K. Collis, W. G. Goodyer, Corpl. P. H. Beel; **"Pembroke,"** Mne. J. H. Haywood; **"Tiger,"** Corpl. W. E. Lewington, Mnes. W. C. Moss, F. W. Rogers; **"Victory,"** Sergt. A. G. Golding, Mnes. William Metcalfe, R. J. Ashby, H. M. Herring, C. J. Wilson, W. J. Edbrooke, Harry Silver, Buglr. H. W. Gould, Corpls. W. E. Goodall, Bert Smith; **"Victoria and Albert,"** Buglr. Frank Webb, Mne. Frederick Humphries, Musns. C. J. Warwick, A. H. Cross, H. V. Roper, J. K. G. Hamilton, W. J. Summers, A. E. Leale, John Dacombe, J. A. Pipe, W. E. H. James, David Ord-Hume, Sidney Hillier, Mnes. Charles Collier, J. W. B. Hall, A. E. Fitzgerald, A. E. Haddow, A. F. Martin, Sergt. J. H. Brims, Corpl. J. W. Newbold, R. E. Davis.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Benbow," Corpl. F. V. Borrett; **"Castor,"** Corpl. W. E. Goodall; **"Curacoa,"** Mne. C. H. Blake; **"Dryad,"** Mne. J. W. Fields; **"Dido,"** Mnes. E. G. Gibbons, Henry Bennett; **"Dolphin,"** Mne. S. A. Wilmer; **"Excellent,"** Buglr. A. E. Viney; **"Hermes,"** Mne. Thomas Worthington; **"Iron Duke,"** Sergt. F. A. Weeks, Mne. F. J. Corbett; **"Tiger,"** Corpl. F. R. Betteridge, Mne. F. W. Rogers. **"Victory,"** Sergts. F. G. Bath, A. A. George, Mnes. R. E. Woodward, T. R. Birtchnell, T. L. Chipps, W. J. Perry, G. G. Griffen, G. G. Pike, J. M. Ford; **"Victoria and Albert,"** Mne. George Burns; **"Weymouth,"** Mne. Eric Williams.

TRANSFERS.

(Arm.) Q.M. Sergt. H. S. King, from Chatham Division.
Buglr. Jack Weight, from Chatham Division.
Mne. A. G. A. Piper, to Plymouth Division.
Mne. T. W. Martindale, from Plymouth Division.
Buglr. J. A. Collins, to Chatham Division.
Mne. Francis Derrick, from Army.

DISCHARGES.

Pension.—Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Norton, (Arm.) Q.M. Sergt. J. H. Dolphin, Mnes. Walter Scaife, S. B. Sampson, H. A. Proost, G. H. Wyman, W. H. Franklin, A. H. Bampton, W. A. Burchell, Ernest Jones, J. R. Elliott, Samuel Vallance (Re-enlisted), John McNamara (Re-enlisted), William Brinklow, C. I. Ballard, A. E. Golbourne, H. J. Green (Re-enlisted).
Termination 1st Period.—Mnes. V. A. Legg, James Kimber.
Invalided.—Corpl. G. W. Hinds, Mnes J. S. Crocker, George Farmer, William Hopper, R. F. Allum, W. E. Robson.
D.D.—Mne. W. B. Priestley.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIOR SERGEANTS AND CORPORALS.

14312 Sergt. F. J. Oakes, 12809 Sergt. John Mulligan, 14664 Sergt. John Bowling, 14391 Sergt. R. S. Turner, 13945 Sergt. W. B. Greasley, 21852 Sergt. E. E. Tizard.
14867 Corpl. N. V. Bishop, 13231 Corpl. Wm. Dickman, 14995 Corpl. Geo. Oliver, 21887 Corpl. H. J. Leese, 13736 Corpl. F. C. Gill, 10321 Corpl. W. J. C. Osborne.

EMBARKATIONS.

Depot, R.M., Sergt. Packer, Mne. Patterson, Buglr. Thomas; **"Maidstone,"** Buglr. Bickham; **"Defiance,"** Mne. G. Bell; **"Alecto,"** Mne. Mears; **"Thunderer,"** Mne. J. H. Spiller; **"Impregnable,"** Sergt. Tozer, Corpl. Wilson; **"Vivid,"** Sergt. Palmer, Corpl. Duckham; **"Colossus,"** Mne. Seals; **"Chatham,"** Mnes. Shillabeer, Padwick, Mitchell, Abbott; **"Frobisher,"** Mnes. Groves, Hegarty, Govier; **"Woolwich,"** Corpl. Allen; **"Curlew,"** Buglr. Brook, Mnes. Kille, French; **"Capetown,"** Mne. Stillwell.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Emperor of India," Mne. G. Dewar; **"Hood,"** Mnes. W. E. Hill, G. Savage; **"Ramillies,"** Mne. J. G. Cattrell; **"Impregnable,"** Mnes. Wilson, Hole; **"Thunderer,"** Mne. Sillifant; **"Defiance,"** Mne. J. F. Stronge; **"Alecto,"** Mne. J. J. Ireland; **"Thistle,"** Corpl. Booth, Mnes. Burton, Middleton, O'Brien, Caseley, Frost, Ward, Pope; **"Egmont,"** Sergt. F. H. Smith; **"Maidstone,"** Mne. Girling; **"Frobisher,"** Mne. Forster, F. J. Rorke; **"Tamar,"** Sergts. Clemow, Palmer; **"Despatch,"** Mnes. Green, Elmes; **"Woolwich,"** Corpl. Duckham; **"Flora,"** Sergt. W. E. Gibson, Mne. W. H. Gough.

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. R. E. Woodward, Cook.
Mne. G. G. Griffen, Cook.
Sergt. C. F. Newport, Orderly Room Clerk.
Corpl. G. F. O'Leary, M.T.I. 2nd Class.
Sergt. S. J. Skinner, Q.M.S.I. of I.
Mne. R. G. Burt, Range Marker.
Sergt. T. W. Paddon, M.T.I. 1st Class.
Sergt. J. Kennedy, M.T.I. 2nd Class.
Sergt. A. A. Blandford, Cook Sergt.
Sergt. G. Finch, D.S.M., M.T.I. 2nd Class.
Mne. G. C. Marsh, Attd. Officers' Mess.
Mne. C. Jenkins, M.O.A.
Mne. J. C. Redford, Clerk, Staff Office.
Corpl. J. Leary, Clerk, 1st Q.M.'s (Temp.)
Mne. J. W. Humphries, Cook.
Mne. R. A. Beatty, Cook.
Corpl. E. T. Lethbridge, N.C.O., i/c Rec. Room, East Bks.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.—Mne. J. A. Waller, Mne. F. H. Drake, Bugler L. A. Rogers, Sergt. W. A. Owens, Mne. L. E. Attwood (Rejoining); Mne. W. H. Barnes (For Anti-Gas Course).
To Portsmouth.—Mne. F. W. Fishlock, Clr.-Sergt C. W. Jackson (Rejoining); Mne. W. Hubbard (For Embarkation).
To Plymouth.—Mne. H. Heywood, Clr.-Sergt. J. C. O. Beynon, Mne. A. E. Horton (Rejoining).

MEDALS.

L.S. and G.C. Medals have been awarded to Mne. G. A. Saberton, Mne. F. H. Drake.

DISCHARGES.

Mne. T. Marsden, Termination of Engagement.
Mne. A. J. Ede, Invalided.
Mne. J. Wesley, Termination of Engagement.
Mne. W. H. Barnes, Termination of 2nd period of Engagement.
Musn. A. Toohey, Termination of 2nd period of Engagement.
Mne. R. W. Oloman, Invalided.
Mne. A. E. Neale, Invalided.
Mne. A. E. Hooper, having claimed it on payment of £20 within 3 months after his attestation.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

Bandmaster 1st Class A. C. Green, L.R.A.M., to Bandmaster (W.O.), 1st March, 1925.
Bandmasters 2nd Class Edgar Robertson (1.3.25), and G. C. Keen (15.3.25), to Bandmasters 1st Class.
Band-Corporal George Winsor to Bandmaster 2nd Class.
Musns. W. C. Owens (26.2.25), A. J. Jones (1.3.25), and Richard Wicker (15.3.25), to Band-Corporals.

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).—F. T. Rose, Sidney Rendell, T. A. Murray, P. E. Barnacle, Herbert Wright, J. E. Burnett.

Band Corporals. (For promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—A. F. Bartlett, Sidney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler, V. C. Joyce.

Musicians. (For promotion to Band Corporals).—B. H. Smith, V. C. Hardy, E. G. Upstell, W. H. Fletcher, V. H. Alley, P. W. H. Robbins.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Impregnable,**" Bandmaster (W.O.) Henry Lodge, R.M.B., Musn. F. W. Turner; "**Malaya,**" Musn. W. F. Owen; "**Victory,**" (R.N.B.), Corpl. F. A. Cook, Musn. F. D. Wood.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Eagle,**" Musn. H. P. Fish; "**Victory,**" (R.N.B.), Band-Corpl. C. E. F. Prior, Musns. J. G. Carter, H. N. Lancashire, T. C. Palfreman, Joseph Norman; "**Impregnable,**" Cmnd. Bndr. Herbert Reely, R.M.B., Band-Corpl. R. H. Mortimer.

RETIREMENT.

Commissioned Bandmaster Herbert Reely, R.M.B., Retired "At own request," with rank of Lieutenant (Retired), dated 1st March, 1925.

DISCHARGES.

Bandmaster 1st Class Francis Kirkby and Band-Corporal James Vincent to Pension; Musns. G. A. Bayton, G. P. Wiseman and T. C. Palfreman, "Termination of first period of engagement."

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS.

A RECORD OF THE ROYAL MARINES IN THE WAR, 1914—1919.

General Sir H. E. Blumberg is anxious to obtain information and details about the following events in which the Corps took part:—

1.—The operations on R. Ussuri, Siberia, in which detachment of H.M.S. Suffolk took part.

2.—The operation of the Suffolk's detachment in the Armoured Trains at Omsk, Siberia, etc., during winter of 1918—19.

3.—The operation of detachment of 100 officers and men under 2nd Lieuts. Merchant and Harries, R.M.L.I., at Archangel in 1918.

4.—The movements and operations of Nos. 525, 526, 527, and 528 Batteries R. Garrison Artillery, the personnel of which was provided by R.M.A. and R.M.L.I. in April, 1918, and their doings in France.

5.—The doings of the detachment R.M., with machine guns, under Lieut. Lathbury, R.M.L.I., that took part in 1st Battle of Ypres, 1914 (believed to be attached to 3rd Dragoon Guards).

6.—The movements of the detachments landed at various parts in S. Russia and Asia Minor during 1919.

He will be glad to hear from any members or ex-members of the Corps who can throw any light on these events, and asks that letters may be sent to him at Rocky Close, St. Ives, N. Cornwall.

CARTOON.

CORRECTION.

In the text of the cartoon in "Globe and Laurel" (March number), it was stated that Colonel Morgan commanded the 11th Battn. in Ireland, whereas it should have been the 8th Battn. The error is regretted.

BIRTH.

BAXTER.—On 1st March at Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham, the wife of Surgeon-Comdr. Charles T. Baxter, Royal Navy, a son.

DEATHS.

DADSON.—On March 10th, at Menton, from pneumonia, Sophie Portlock Dadson, O.B.E., younger daughter of the late Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson, R.M.L.I., and Royal Body Guard.—R.I.P.

STRONG.—On March 16th, at Cambridge Villa, Alverstoke, Hants, Mary Isabel, widow of Major H. H. Strong, R.M.L.I.

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 28th February, 1925:—

AINSWORTH.—Mne. R. Ainsworth, R.M.A., 6.2.25.
BRISTOW.—Mne. A. Bristow, Ports., 2.2.25.
BULLEY.—Mne. J. R. Bulley, Ply., 20.1.25.
BURNARD.— A.-Sgt. Mr. R. H. Burnard, Ply., 21.2.25.
BUNCE.—Mne. T. Bunce, Ports., 20.1.25.
BURGESS.—Mne. T. Burgess, Ports., 22.1.25.
CHATFIELD.—Mne. G. W. Chatfield, Ports., 26.2.25.
COOPER.—Mne. A. Cooper, R.M.A., 1.2.25.
DAVIES.—Mne. W. H. Davies, Ply., 10.2.25.
DEAN.—Mne. F. Dean, Ports., 13.2.25.
DIBBLE.—Mne. R. Dibble, Ply., 26.1.25.
EVANS.—Mne. W. Evans, Ports., 15.2.25.
FUGE.—Mne. C. E. Fuge, Ply., 23.1.25.
JEFFERSON.—Cpl. S. R. Jefferson, Ports., 3.2.25.
LAKE.—Mne. T. Lake, Ply., 17.1.25.
LAWSON.—L.-Sgt. L. A. Lawson, Ports., 20.2.25.
LEWINGTON.—Mne. W. Lewington, Ply., 19.2.25.
MCFARLANE.—Clr.-Sgt. J. J. McFarlane, Ply., 20.2.25.
MIDDLETON.—Pte. H. Middleton, Ply., 3.2.25.
MUSTIN.—Mne. J. Mustin, Chat., 15.2.25.
VENNING.—Mne. S. Venning, Ply., 18.2.25.
VINEY.—Sgt. R. Viney, R.M.A., 16.2.25.
SCHAFFER.—Mne. G. W. Schaffer, R.M.A., 3.2.25.
SHEPPARD.—Mne. C. Sheppard, Ply., 24.2.25.
STEPHENS.—Mne. J. Stephens, Ports., 9.2.25.
THOMAS.—Mne. J. Thomas, Ply., 26.2.25.
THOMPSON.—Mne. G. A. Thompson, Ports., 4.2.25.
TURNER.—Cpl. B. Turner, Ply., 24.1.25.
WALSH.—Mus. W. C. Walsh, R.M.A., 11.1.25.
WILSON.—Cr.-Sgt. F. T. Wilson, R.M.A., 24.2.25.

OBITUARY.

The death of Marine W. B. Priestley, aged 37 years, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Priestley, of Waterloo Road, Mablethorpe, took place at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, Gosport, on 17th February, following a serious operation. Mne. Priestley had only three more years to serve in H.M. Royal Marines to complete his twenty-one years' service. He served throughout the war in the R.M. Artillery in France (seeing much fighting), and he had served in various ships in all parts of the world. He was selected to accompany the Prince of Wales on his famous world tour a year or two ago in H.M.S. "Renown." During his service he had been round the world five times, and was the possessor of the 1914 Mons Star, two other war medals, and the Long Service and Good Conduct medal.

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PERSONAL.

Corpl. A. W. Stokes, late of Portsmouth Division, now belonging to Plymouth Division (at present serving in H.M.S. "Ramillies"), would be glad to hear of a Portsmouth Corporal who would be willing to change Divisions with him.

Mne. J. C. F. Higgs, Plymouth Division, serving in "Ramillies," would be glad to hear from a Portsmouth Marine willing to change Divisions with him.

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Reflections on the subject of the contents of the "G. and L." postbag, during the four months of our editorship, lead us to believe that it would be advantageous to both our readers and ourselves to make a statement as to the policy which we are trying to carry out in the production of this journal.

From time to time we receive articles, stories and other matter from professional writers with a request for payment if accepted. If we may adapt a well-worn phrase we may say that the "G. and L." is "the journal of the Marines, for the Marines, by the Marines."

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The journal is amateur throughout; the staff is purely honorary; profit is not sought for—although, in common with every other fund, we try to accumulate a small balance against a rainy day.

We still continue to receive photographs of detachments, etc., with a request that they may be published. Although loath to hurt the feelings of the senders, we must repeat that, unless of exceptional general interest, we cannot afford to publish these. To select one or more out of the bundle received would be an invidious task.

A certain amount of matter comes to hand which, for one reason or another, is unsuitable for publication. The last thing we wish to do is to discourage contributors from sending material; space has to be taken into consideration, however, to say nothing of the suitability of the contribution. To those readers whose contributions have not been accepted we would say that they have our hearty thanks for their efforts to help their paper.

We realise that it is impossible to please everyone. Where tastes differ greatly, as is bound to be the position in a large circle of readers, it is only to be expected that some prefer light reading, others would like to see a larger place given to historical matter; some would like technical subjects introduced, and others first-class material, taken second-hand from outside sources.

The low cost of the journal to its readers prevents us from satisfying the needs of all; but we do try to cater for individual tastes to the extent that there may be at least something which may appeal to all classes of subscribers.

Now and again we obtain permission to print some article which we think will be attractive to officers and men of our service; but we rely on our own people to provide the material for our own paper, and up to now our reliance has not been misplaced.

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This has been done both to perpetuate the style of

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cover in use during some of the period covered by the volume, and also because the cover is in itself a really artistic production. Most people are in favour of the present cover, but there is still a party who remain faithful to our little friends. If we may write for a moment as an individual, instead of as an editor, let it be said that with this party we are in entire sympathy.

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We receive a large number of newspaper cuttings from correspondents both at home and abroad. It is no exaggeration to say that in nine cases out of ten there is nothing to indicate the date of the matter to which the cutting refers. For example, the cutting may state that "an exciting water-polo match took place last Tuesday," etc.

In a few instances, by very patient research, we are able to supply the missing date. In others we cannot even hazard a guess.

Another important point is the frequent absence of any mention of the name of the paper from which the cutting is taken. For reasons which need not be entered into here it is essential that this information should not be overlooked.

Correspondents would greatly assist us if they would bear these matters in mind when sending cuttings.

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Accounts of the Royal Tour in H.M.S. "Repulse" may be found in any newspaper.

Up to the present we have seen nothing which can compare for interest with the little yarn which we publish "Per Mare."

The story does not pretend to be a record of the doings of potentates and powers. It is just a simple description of passing events, with a happy touch which brings the scene before us in a manner which the most polished articles from official correspondents have failed to do from the point of view of the Royal Marines.

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Easter leave, after the Spring Cruise, has considerably reduced the amount of news from our sea correspondents. Normally we have so little to complain of in this respect that, beyond saying we miss their cheery letters, we feel our readers will understand the situation and overlook the lapse as readily as does

THE EDITOR.



POLLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC.

"Resolution."

"Resolution" experienced a welcome break in the spring cruise in a visit to Hyères, accompanied by "Royal Sovereign."

We were accorded great hospitality by the authorities on shore, and everything possible was done to make the visit enjoyable.

The town of Hyères is about 5½ kilometres from the station of Les Salins d'Hyères. It lies amongst very interesting surroundings, and is famous as a French winter resort. It has splendid golf links and tennis courts and many interesting sidelights.

Leave to Toulon was given to a percentage of the ship's company and, judging by the great demand for railway tickets, this was most popular.

Great enthusiasm was shown by the French visitors who came on board. They seemed very interested in all they saw.

The end of our visit was marked by a farewell ball given in the "Resolution" by the officers.

"Carysfort."

The Detachment has settled down after re-commissioning. Only ten of the old commissioners were disembarked, and these have been relieved by recruits who are doing their utmost to preserve a "smart and soldier-like manner"—in the face of most appalling seas. We won the Ship's Loader Cup last week, despite the rumour that "No. 5" placed the Clarkson case in the gun instead of the cartridge, on the occasion of the last "full-calibre" shoot!

"Hood."

Before leaving Devonport the N.C.O.'s and men of Portsmouth and Chatham Divisions were relieved by 50 from Plymouth, so that we are now entirely a Plymouth Detachment.

On 14th January we sailed for Portland, and, after spending three days there, left on the spring cruise.

In company with the "Repulse" we were present at the Vasco da Gama centenary celebrations at Lisbon.

Ships of the following nations were also present: France, Italy, Holland, and Spain.

On Sunday, 25th January, a ceremonial parade and march, in the presence of the President, took place. Royal Marines and Seamen from the "Hood" and "Repulse" formed a company representing Great Britain.

On the 29th, a party of N.C.O.'s and P.O.'s were entertained by the British Ambassador, who kindly arranged for them to be shown over ex-King Manoel's Palace at Cintra. Lunch was given to the party at the Hotel Nunes. The same afternoon an At Home was given on board to the Portuguese Government, the Foreign Embassies and Missions, and the British

residents. We left for Gibraltar on the 30th. During the last week there all the 2nd and 3rd class shots were put through Table R on the musketry ranges, and the Nos. 1 and 2 of L.A. Sections fired a modified course.

We left for Palma on the 23rd February, arriving the following afternoon. Unfortunately the weather was bad during our stay, and we were only able to get ashore once. On the 2nd March we sailed for Almeria, where we stayed for three days. The weather had greatly improved, and we were all glad to get ashore. Some of the N.C.O.'s were taken for a drive into the mountains, where the scenery is very fine. We returned on the 6th March to Gibraltar, where an orgy of painting ensued before leaving for Pollensa Bay.

The Detachment entered two teams in the Inter-Port Football Competition. They both won through to the Semi-Final round, in which they drew against each other. We beat the Q.D. in a great game 5 goals to 1, all our goals being scored by Musn. Webb. We thus retain the cup which we won last year. The band also won a great victory—and much praise—in the Fleet Band Competition.

THE FÊTE IN THE "HOOD."

Extracts from a Translation of

Diario de Noticias. 30th January, 1925.

The great "Hood," the most powerful warship in the world, which the Government of H.M. King George of England sent to the Tagus to represent the glorious British Navy during the festivities connected with the centenary of Vasco Da Gama, has been resting on the waters of the Tagus for a week; rigid, secret and impenetrable.

Up to yesterday the sleeping monster had kept her decks closed to the curiosity of all who have been passing round her in boats, seeking to discover what there might be within this extraordinary fortress. It was a hopeless task. The "Hood," in the usual British manner, remained insensible, unapproachable.

The curiosity of the people of Lisbon was at last satisfied. The *Diario de Noticias*, together with 800 other guests, obtained entry yesterday into the great and mysterious vessel. They were received by the British officers, who returned a card of thanks and farewell by an English tea and a dance. These were offered to the Portuguese Government, the foreign missions, the members of the British Colony and the ladies of Lisbon.

So it was that one item of mystery and legend, which had grown up in the popular imagination, disappeared. One could at last examine the formidable cannon at close quarters, and admire the hidden beauties of the great ship at rest. What, unexpectedly, was admired above all was the great amiability and formal and correct affability of the Admiral and his officers towards the hundreds of guests who visited the ship.

One enters, it is true, with difficulty as into an English home, but once there, one leaves a portion of one's heart behind.

On the deck a jazz band charmed with the murmur of a tango. The fairest ladies of Lisbon were dancing. All was contentment. On long tables stood silver trophies, and tea and cakes and salads were served. The British Ambassador walked quietly amongst the crowd. The Prime Minister talked with a German attaché. One heard spoken, Spanish, Dutch, Italian and French. The two Papal Nuncios moved about among the crowd, holding out their amethyst rings from time to time to be kissed. Friendly laughter and the sound of a banjo came from a group of sailors near the kitchens. The soft evening of a clear and glorious sunny day was beginning to fall on the sea.

Suddenly everything on board stopped and everyone stood up. A bugle sounded a call. A religious silence, as in a cathedral, took possession of all; and on this peaceful scene the flag with the triple cross of the Union Jack, greeted by all nations of the earth, descended.

The laughter and music started again. We came away. The evening was already of a lilac hue over the hills on the southern shore. The rigid outline of the "Hood" with her fête and her lanterns melted away into the grey of the waters.

May God protect and keep her strong and friendly for the honour and glory of Great Britain, friend and ally of Portugal.

"Caledon."

A VISIT TO THE FOREIGN LEGION.

During the recent Spring Cruise of the Atlantic Fleet, the Second Cruiser Squadron visited the French town of Oran in Algeria.

A few days after we arrived a football match was arranged between a squadron team and a team from the town of Sidi-Bel-Abbès. The match was to be played at Bel-Abbès, which is about 90 kilometres inland. Some of us arranged to go with the team by char-à-banc.

When the char-a-banc appeared, however, it was found that it would only just hold the team, with no room at all for spectators. Obviously something had to be done, and luckily the British Vice-Consul's car was near. So we climbed into the car and went to see the Consul. He sent us on to a garage which smelt of garlic and was full of Moors, Arabs and French. Then the Consul arrived with the Squadron Sports Officer and, after considerable haggling, a fleet of five taxis was hired, and off we started in "line ahead" for Bel-Abbès.

As the party was all in uniform, as soon as we arrived a crowd collected, and we finished our journey through crowded streets, rather like a Lord Mayor's Show. We finally came to rest in the main street, opposite the Hôtel Continental, still surrounded by a huge crowd.

I was wondering where the team had got to, and if any good food was to be had, when I felt myself patted on the back, and a voice said: "Hullo, old chap, I am most awfully pleased to meet you." I turned round to find a French officer holding out his hand. We shook hands and I noticed that he was wearing British medals—the M.C., West African medal and three war medals. He saw that I was surprised at his excellent English and at his medals, and at once announced that he was N—— of the Foreign Legion.

He introduced himself to the other officers and

invited us all to come and have lunch at the Officers' Mess. We suggested that we should go to an hotel, but he would not hear of it.

"N." (as I shall call him) took us off to the Officers' Mess, a place rather like a small continental café with a stone floor and two very ordinary-looking tables in it. Our lunch consisted of very excellent bacon and eggs.

As we lunched, "N." told us a little about the Legion. He had been a Captain in a British regiment for some years, and had retired at the end of the War. He then enlisted as a private in the Legion at Marseilles for five years. He was sent to Morocco and, distinguishing himself in the field, was promoted to Second Lieutenant. This enabled him to leave the Legion after two years if he wished. His life as a private had been hard. A minor punishment consisted not only of extra work but of drill, in full marching order, with a bag of wet sand laid across the back of the neck.

The men are of all nationalities, 70 per cent. Germans, 15 per cent. Belgians and Swiss, and the remainder miscellaneous. The private is paid twopence half-penny a day, and works from 6 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. He is given two meals a day—dinner and supper.

The soldiers appeared fairly well clad—in khaki—but one could not help noticing the look of absolute despondency on many of their faces. I was not surprised when I heard that the Legion is sometimes referred to as the "Regiment of Sadness."

It numbers, roughly, 35,000 officers and men, and recruiting goes on at the rate of about 150 a week.

The officers work the same hours as the men, and no officer is seen in the Mess during those hours. The pay of a 2nd Lieutenant is £6 a month. Out of this he has to pay a Mess and wine bill, Mess subscriptions, and for his uniform and lodging in the town, as no quarters are provided.

"N." told us that the men, as soldiers, are second to none. The officers and their platoons or companies are constantly doing tactical training or close order drill, and are very proficient at both. Discipline is most exacting—and yet one noticed that the Mess waiters in the Officers' Mess smoked while waiting at table!

After lunch we were taken into the ante-room. This was bare save for a few small tables at which the officers sat and smoked, or gambled with dice for coffee. Opening off the ante-room was a room destitute of all furniture, except for a beautiful piano in the middle of the room. I gathered that this was where the band played on guest nights. The orchestral band is extremely good—all Germans. We had heard them play at Oran a few days previously.

"N." was very keen that we should see the Colonel Commanding. He was a fine figure. He wore the C.M.G. and C.B., spoke English perfectly, and seemed a typical soldier, very terse but very polite. He was on Lord Haig's Staff during the Great War as liaison officer. He told us the history of the town, Bel-Abbès, and instructed "N." to show us all over the barracks. Incidently, he granted "N." forty-eight hours' leave to come back to Oran with us, and on saying good-bye he informed us that we were the first British officers he had ever seen in the Legion's Head-quarters.

We were then shown the Salle d'Honneur. It is not easy to suggest a parallel, but it might be looked upon as the Valhalla of the regiment, and was ceremoniously guarded as such.

It consisted of two rooms, in themselves very ordinary, but arrayed round the walls were trophies won in many a war in North Africa, Syria and Tonkin. The history of that regiment need not be written by any scribbler—it is there on the walls of the Salle d'Honneur for any man to read.

In the first room were four life-sized figures dressed in the uniforms of the past, and quaintly unserviceable they looked for warfare under tropical suns. Many photographs, oil paintings and trophies covered the walls.

In the second room was the Regimental Colour openly displayed, and pinned to its folds was the Legion of Honour won in the Great War.

This open display of the Colour arrested my attention, accustomed as I am to seeing our own colours furled and cased except on ceremonial occasions.

On a large table in the centre of this room were a number of albums containing the photographs of all the officers who had served in the Legion since about 1860.

More photographs and trophies of every description covered almost every inch of the walls. They were such as all Royal Marine barracks can show. Banners, swords, spears, matchlocks, fans, gongs, umbrellas—it would take too long even to enumerate them, and it would have taken more time than we had at our disposal to have examined them all in detail. One of them, in a small cabinet, may deserve special mention. This was the artificial hand of one of their officers who had died fighting in Mexico, and after his death was sent back to the regiment by his family.

Leaving the Salle d'Honneur we were shown with great pride the cinema hall. As a part of a permanent barracks it was pathetic, the structure itself very much on the lines of an army hut but not so well built, a rubble floor and wooden benches. Let us hope they get good films.

We were then taken to the Main Hospital. This was not for purely military purposes, but also served the entire civilian population of the town and natives from the surrounding districts. Special wards were kept for the Army, and small cabins for the officers. I gathered that no money had been spent on renovations since the War, and although it was scrupulously clean as far as soap and elbow-grease could make it, it was very badly in need of overhaul.

The French medical officers were most courteous and took us over the whole place. Rudyard Kipling has written:

> *"The sins that ye do by two and two*
> *Ye shall answer for one by one."*

We saw some of the answers in those wards.

The one thing we did not see was the cook-house.

The time had now come for us to go to the football match. As we took our seats in the grand stand, surrounded by French officers and their wives, the rival teams appeared and a band struck up "God Save the King" and the "Marseillaise."

The game was a very fast one and was won by the Frenchmen, four goals to one.

After the match we again said good-bye to the Colonel and other French officers, collected "N.'s" gear and started back for Oran.

"N." stayed two days on board and left us with a very sad countenance to return to the Legion.

A.J.L.C.

March, 1925.

EAST INDIES.

"Cairo."

Most of the Detachment stayed on in the naval camp at Diyatalawa after the first camp party returned to Colombo, on 29th January. During the next six weeks we were busy on the range with the Lewis guns, and classification practices.

The final results of the course were: Marksmen, 14; 1st class shots, 9; 2nd class shots, 12. These are a great improvement on our previous records. Mne. H. G. Clark, who fired most consistently throughout the course, won a silver cup, presented by Lieut. Comdr. F. J. Lambert, D.S.C., for "the best shot in the R.M. Detachment." Mne. N. J. Luxton topped the marksmen with the splendid score of 171. The Detachment's average was 128·6.

In the Lewis gun firing, Mne. V. S. King was the only one to reach 1st class standard.

For the second camp, inter-platoon football, hockey and six-a-side football competitions were arranged. Owing to the weather these were not all completed, but No. 2 platoon of seamen had a long lead in both the football and hockey leagues. The R.M. record was:—

Football.—Played, 6; won, 2; drawn, 0; lost, 4.

Hockey.—Played, 4; won, 1; drawn, 1; lost, 2.

Cpl. Lynch's six-a-side team reached the semi-final stage.

Two successful ship's company concerts were held, in which the "Royals" provided a large percentage of the "turns."

Cpl. C. F. Lynch was largely responsible for the running of these concerts and his efforts were well rewarded by enthusiastic and appreciative audiences.

Mne. V. S. King was first home in the cross-country run, Lieut. Deane running fourth.

In the Athletic Sports held on February 20th the Detachment had a representative in the finals of each event, and succeeded in winning the inter-platoon aggregate competition.

Mne. V. S. King won the Individual Aggregate Cup presented by Surgeon Commander J. G. Boal.

Our tug-of-war team, which had been very well trained in a short time by Sergt. V. Ledger, met very little opposition and won from the boys' team of 12 boys by 2 pulls to *nil*.

The following are the results so far as the Detachment is concerned:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Mne. A. W. J. Pow, 1. 83 yards 7ins.

440 yards.—Lt. R. P. Deane, 1; Mne. King, 3. 57 secs.

High Jump.—Mne. King, 2. Winner, 4 ft. 10 ins.

Bumping Competition.—R.M., 1; Stokers, 2.

220 Yards.—Lieut. Deane, 2. Winner, 25⅘ secs.

Half-mile.—Mne. King, 1. 2 mins. 19⅘ secs.

100 Yards.—Lt. Deane, 2. Winner, 11 secs.

Long Jump.—Lt. Deane, 3. Winner, 17 ft. 11 ins.

Mile.—Mne. King, 1. 5 mins. 7⅗ secs.

Three-legged Race.—Cpl. F. Howard and Bugler S. E. Maidment, 2.

Boat Race.—R.M., 2.

Relay Race.—R.M., 1.

Sack Race.—Cpl. Howard, 3.

Officers' Race.—Lt. Deane, 1. 11 secs.

The following took part in the team events:—

Tug-of-War.—Sergt. Ledger (coach), Mnes. A. A. Gould, R. Payne, W. P. Cowley, R. A. Stainer, J. Luxton, E. M. Saunders, J. Owens, V. S. King, W. Cox, and Cpl. Lynch.

Bumping Competition.—Cpl. Howard, Bugler Maidment, Mnes. Stainer and Cowley.

Six-a-Side.—Cpls. Lynch, Mashford, Mnes. Cowley, King, Cox, and Bugler Maidment.

Boat Race.—Cpl. Howard, Mnes. Saunders, Stainer, Payne, Gould, Luxton and Cpl. Lynch.

Relay Race.—Cpl. C. F. Lynch (220 yds.), Mne. V. S. King (440 yds.), Lt. Deane (440 yds.), and Bugler S. E. Maidment (220 yds.).

On 23rd February we moved from the R.N. Camp and took over part of the military camp, as the "Colombo's" camp party was arriving on the 25th. We soon settled down in our new quarters, but were obliged to cut down our games programme a bit, owing to lack of grounds.

On 5th March the remainder of the Detachment came up again for some Field Training work, but the weather was against us.

On 16th March we all returned to Colombo after a thoroughly enjoyable ten weeks' *per terram*.

AUSTRALIA.

"Concord."

We left Malta on the 26th January with "Cardiff," "Ceres" and "Adelaide." After three days at sea we arrived at Port Said without "Cardiff," who had left us for Alexandria. We only stayed to take in oil and provisions, and steamed through the Suez Canal the same night. "Adelaide" stayed behind for a few days.

At Jeddah, the Port of Mecca, we relieved "Cornflower," who left to coal. No leave was granted here, owing to hostilities ashore. The King had been driven out of his capital, Mecca, into Jeddah, where he was being besieged. The besiegers decided that the town was too strongly fortified to storm (it had a line of barbed wire round it!), so set about starving it into surrender.

We left Jeddah on the 4th February for Aden, and there found the "Adelaide" already oiling. Leave was granted to each watch. On the 7th we left for Colombo with "Adelaide." During this part of the trip many of us saw flying fish in large numbers for the first time.

In Colombo "Cairo" was in dock and the Marines were in camp. "Colombo" called, but left in a few hours.

A trip to Kandy was organised for our two ship's

companies at a reduced railway fare. About 150 of us took advantage of this. The main places of interest were the Botanical Gardens, Elephant Gardens and the Temple of the Tooth. This tooth is said to have belonged to Buddha ; it is shown only once in five years. A walk into the country was very interesting. On the way back it was very dark and one could see thousands of fireflies.

We arrived at Singapore on the 27th. "Hawkins," "Durban," "Carlisle," "Chatham," "Sydney," and "Brisbane" arrived on the same day. The combined ships' companies now outnumber the Europeans ashore.

Our ship's soccer team has had several good games. We beat a club ashore 4—1, and, representing the Australian Squadron against the China Squadron, drew 1—1. The "Chatham," however, beat us 3—0.

The Chaplain of the "Sydney" gave us a lecture on Australia and Australians. He advised us where we could go and where not to go, and gave us a brief history of the main places we are likely to visit.

There is a Fair Ground here where one can enjoy a couple of hours but, of course, it is expensive. There is a restaurant in the shape of a ship. It has decks, and the higher one goes the more expensive it becomes. On the ground floor, or mess deck, beer is $1 ; on the next deck it is $1·50, so by the time one gets to the bridge one needs to be a rich man. The cheapest place, I imagine, is the bilges. However, one pays to learn.

Up to now we have had very good weather, with nothing worse at sea than a few heavy head seas.

We are due to leave here in about a week's time.

NEW ZEALAND.

"Philomel."

The Royal Marine Detachment from Plymouth and Portsmouth, who left Southampton on 1st May, 1924, to take up duties with the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, are now quite settled down to their various duties in "Philomel" at Devonport, Auckland. The ship is used as a Depôt and Training Establishment for the boys of the Dominion who undergo their preliminary training as prospective members of His Majesty's Naval Forces.

"Dunedin" arrived here to give Christmas leave to those ratings who did not have any when the ship was at Wellington. The voyage round the Islands of the Pacific, and the return to New Zealand via the principal ports on the east coast of Australia and Hobart was very interesting to us all. The annual musketry course was carried out at Trentham, a place a few miles outside the capital.

I think that, without exception, everyone in both the "Philly" and "Dunnie" are well pleased with the surroundings and the conditions of life out here. Many have married, and engagements are numerous.

The people are so hospitable that one cannot help liking "God's own country," as this land is affectionately termed.

The "Dunedin" leaves here for firing practice and a cruise round New Zealand on the 27th of this month, returning to welcome the American Navy on its arrival in Auckland.

The Royal Marines out here look forward to the news of the Corps and the movements and whereabouts of "old ships," especially as contained in the "Embarkations," and during the "Dog Watches" one can hear something like this : "Do you know Slasher Gibbs in A Company ? Well, he's gone to the Cape," or "I see old 'die-hard' Jakes has got another square number at the Wet Canteen," or "Who do you think has gone ? Sergeant-Major of the 'Lily,'" or "What do you go on this ? Captain Happydays, who was a Sub with me at the 'Jam Factory,' has been promoted Brevet Major ; that's quick," and a lot more.

CHINA.

"Tamar."

No news has been received from any ship except H.M.S. "Diomede." H.M. Ships "Hawkins," "Durban," "Carlisle" and "Ambrose" are doing their Southern cruise. The Marines of "Diomede" under Capt. Puckle, have returned to their ship, their services ashore being no longer required.

The Hong Kong branch of the Old Comrades Association is going strong, and on February 22nd a rifle shooting competition was held at Stonecutters, for which the President of the Association, Col. Cantrell, kindly presented a cup. Tea was provided afterwards by Capt. Sturges, and a most enjoyable afternoon spent ; in fact, later we all spent a very enjoyable evening ! (The final scores will appear in next month's issue.) The Marines of H.M.S. "Tamar" and "Despatch" are at present finishing off weapon training at Stonecutters, and all of us are reaping the benefits of a little soldiering and shore life.

On March 8th Capt. Newman passed through on his way to Shanghai to relieve Capt. Puckle in H.M.S. "Diomede." Needless to say, he gave us a lot of Corps news accompanied by the usual gossip !

DETACHED SERVICE.

"Repulse."

THE ROYAL TOUR.

(Sent by L.S.W.)

After a month's strenuous preparation, the much-discussed and widely-advertised Royal cruise of 20,000 miles has started at last.

As a matter of strict fact, I ought to mention that the preparations began over three months ago, when the squash racquet court was hoisted bodily out of H.M.S. "Renown" and planted firmly well above the upper deck in this ship, where it does not look so conspicuous as one would expect.

Since then our Commissioned Shipwright and his staff have been very busy putting up wooden ideal homes all over the ship, and the majority of these seem to be on the Ward Room flat.

The R.M. Divisional Office was at first appropriated for a printing office, but, for some reason or other, it was not suitable and is now a sort of mystery chamber, housing the solemn-faced and square-jowled detectives complete (in all probability, with bowler hats and crêpe-soled shoes).

So another office had to be built in which the Sergeant-

Major could hang his best serge, and two other structures were put up to accommodate *some* of the music which the Deal Band sent on ahead to herald its arrival—where they stow the rest of it I don't know, but their Director has at least the satisfaction of knowing that our Royal passenger (visitor, guest) could not possibly ask for any tune that cannot be produced.

Countless other alterations and additions have been carried out but it must suffice to say that we cast off the last wire from South Railway Jetty sharp on time with every *man* and every *thing* safely on board, with the Royal Standard flying, Royal Arms on foremast and mainmast and "The Feathers" on the bows of every boat in the ship.

There was no military ceremony on shore when the royal train arrived, punctual to the minute, as royal trains usually are, but on board, the sailors manned the rails and, drawn up on the Quarter-deck was the Royal Guard and the Deal Band, all resplendent in the new-pattern tunic.

His Royal Highness inspected the guard, said good-bye to his brother, Prince Henry, who had accompanied him from London, and, within half an hour of the Royal Standard being broken, the ship's connection with the shore was severed and the faces of the relatives and friends who had come to see us off became gradually more indistinct.

From South Railway Jetty to the end of Clarence Pier there were vast crowds of people who cheered and waved as the ship, bearing her royal freight, steamed slowly into the Solent.

On the third day after leaving Portsmouth we met the Atlantic Fleet returning home from their Spring Cruise, and, at the Prince's wish, we passed between their lines at six knots, battleships on the port hand and cruisers on the starboard—with destroyers on either flank bringing up the rear. Guards and Bands were paraded and all ships were manned to cheer His Royal Highness as we passed by.

That this cruise is to be all play and no work is quite a mistaken idea, as the usual routine is carried out from day to day, and anyone not in the know would take some time to realise that anything unusual was in the wind. However, a certain number of gentlemen in plain clothes in the Ward Room rather give the show away.

Last Monday, 30th March, all the officers were presented to H.R.H. and, on two occasions, our "Movies" entertainment has been graced by his presence. On the second occasion the royal ukalele played a prominent part in the Officers' Volunteer Band.

On the afternoon of the 1st April we had our first sight of land since leaving Portsmouth, the ship passing between the Grand Canary and Teneriffe, the peak of the latter island standing out with wonderful effect above a belt of billowy cloud.

A point worthy of mention is the extraordinarily fine weather we have experienced so far (touch wood!), and one is apt to think that it is a special dispensation of Providence on account of the Deal Band.

Yesterday morning, 2nd April, H.R.H. inspected the ship's company at Divisions, and the peaked caps of the Marines did not fail to elicit the usual remark.

Afterwards he remained on deck for prayers and watched the detachment at physical drill.

Having entered the tropics at noon yesterday, it is appreciably warmer to-day, but the advent of whites and khaki drill has come in time to keep us feeling more or less comfortable.

To-morrow, April 4th, we arrive off Bathurst, the capital of Gambia, at 6 a.m.—considerably "off," I might mention, as I don't suppose we shall see much of the beach at fifteen miles' range.

Needless to say, there will be no leave for the ship's company, but the Band is having the honour (and doubtful pleasure) of playing ashore at a reception and a garden party.

(To be continued.)



ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

CHATHAM.

FUNERAL OF VICE-ADMIRAL SIR M. CULME-SEYMOUR, BT., K.C.B., M.V.O.

The funeral of the Second Sea Lord took place in London on the 4th of April. A party of 50 rank and file and the Divisional Band from Chatham, under the command of Captain Brockman and 2nd Lieut. Westcott, took part in the procession which marched from Chesham Place to Marble Arch. Colonel Patterson, Major Grierson, Capt. Adair and Capt. Tuppen acted as mourners.

H.M.S. "VINDICTIVE."

A large draft left Headquarters on the 16th April, under the Command of Capt. Leech Porter and Lieut. Gordon, to join H.M.S. "Vindictive," who is bound for the China station. It is understood that they are likely to remain in home waters for a few months.

PORTSMOUTH.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The Sergeants' Mess are to be congratulated on being the first to have their name inscribed on the Championship trophy of the newly-formed Portsmouth United Services Billiards League.

The League consists of ten of the leading C.P.O.'s and Sergeants' Messes of the Garrison. In playing

home and away matches the R.M. gained 16 wins out of 18 matches, but this was not quite sufficient to win the league as the Royal Artillery drew level on points by a great effort.

This meant a final match between the R.A. and R.M. on a neutral table; the result was a fine win for the R.M. by six points to one.

PLYMOUTH.

MEDAL COLLECTION.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal awarded to No. Ply./16495, A Co., Cpl. J. W. Coulthard, R.M.L.I. has been added to the collection.

The "D.C.M.," as it is usually called, was awarded to N.C.O.'s and men, and was sanctioned in 1854 to replace the old "Meritorious Service Medal" for gallantry in action.

Suspended from its ribbon by an ornamental scroll clasp, it bears on one side the effigy of the Sovereign, and on the other the embossed words "For Distinguished Conduct in the Field." The ribbon is striped red, blue (central stripe) and red, in equal widths.

ROYAL NAVAL FUND.

The Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Royal Naval Fund—founded in connection with the Royal Naval Exhibition of 1891—was held at the Royal United Service Institution. A number of distinguished officers were present, including 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.; Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjutant-General, Royal Marines; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry B. Jackson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., F.R.S.; General Sir William Nicholls, K.C.B., R.M.A.; and Mr. J. F. Phillips, Secretary.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville, Chairman of the Executive Committee, in presenting the Annual Report, stated that the past year's working of the Royal Naval Fund had resulted in a debit balance, the income of the Fund having proved insufficient to meet the increased number of cases coming forward. In the endeavour to keep within the limits of the year's income, the utmost care was exercised in the allocation of grants, and not only had it been found necessary to reduce the amounts granted in individual cases, but unfortunately the lack of funds necessitated ruling out certain cases which, had the means been available, would well have merited assistance. Again, the situation would have been much worse but for another generous contribution of £150 from King George's Fund for Sailors. The grants made from the Fund during the year amounted to £2,422. The beneficiaries numbered 280 widows, 479 children, and 24 other dependents; total, 783—the highest ever reached in any one year since the Fund came into being. About one-fourth of the cases in which grants were made during the past year were those of dependents of men who died whilst serving in the Royal Navy or Royal Marines. The Fund was greatly indebted to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for a grant of £6,500 from the balance of the Naval Prize Fund.

Results entirely satisfactory continued to accrue from the scheme of co-operation agreed upon between the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust and this Fund.

The Committee once more called attention to the inadequacy of the funds at disposal to deal with the many cases of distress now being brought to notice, and expressed the hope that the Fund might receive from those interested in the Naval Service the much-needed help that would enable its benefits to be extended in the spirit of the Trust.

R.M. RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The Royal Marine Rifle Association Meeting for 1925, a Fleet Order states, will come under two headings: (1) Non-central meetings; (2) Central meeting.

Non-Central Meetings.—For the purpose of these meetings the Corps is divided into the following units: Chatham Division, Portsmouth Division, Plymouth Division, Depôt, Royal Marines, Deal; Chatham Royal Marines afloat, Portsmouth Royal Marines afloat, and Plymouth Royal Marines afloat. These units are recognised by the N.R.A., and are entitled to enter teams for the N.R.A. Meeting at Bisley.

Details of the various rifle, light automatic, and revolver competitions are given in the R.M.R.A. rules, 1925, which have been issued to all concerned.

Each division and the Depôt, R.M., Deal, will select a fortnight between April 1st and June 13th, 1925, during which period their non-central meeting will be held; the dates for this period are to be forwarded to the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, and must be adhered to whatever the weather conditions. All team events must be completed during the meeting, but nominated cards may be shot any time between April 1st and June 13th, 1925. Competitors from H.M. ships in the Atlantic Fleet and sea-going ships, who are unable to take part in these meetings, may shoot on any range till June 13th, 1925.

Central Meeting.—The following competitions will take place at Bisley between June 29th and July 4th, 1925: Competition for the R.M. Rifle VIII (2nd stage) and Collard Cup and Competition for R.M. Revolver VIII (2nd stage).

In each of the above the 20 highest scores from the 1st stage will compete, with the possible addition of two nominees from each unit; also the "Prince of Wales" Cup (2nd stage) and the "Colquhoun" Cup (2nd stage). In each the 12 highest scores from the 1st stage will compete.

All results of the non-central meetings (which must be completed by June 13th, 1925) should be forwarded as soon as each match is shot, to the Hon. Secretary, R.M. Rifle Association, Depôt, Royal Marines, Deal.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sir,

Having seen in the papers the Battle Honours awarded to the naval battalions of the R.N. Division, it might be of interest, though the Royal Marines bear the proud distinction of the "Globe" instead of the names of actions on their colours, to record which of them the R.M.L.I. battalions, that formed such an integral part of the Division, might have been entitled to.

The following list, I think, represents a fair summary. It will be noticed that there are one or two names that do not appear in the Naval Lists, but are taken from the War Office List of Battles, as the Royal Marines alone were concerned.

Chatham Battalion.

"Antwerp," "France and Flanders, 1914," "Anzac," "Helles," "Krithia," "Egypt, 1915."

Portsmouth Battalion.

"Antwerp," "France and Flanders, 1914," "Anzac," "Helles," "Krithia," "Egypt, 1915."

Plymouth Battalion.

"Antwerp," "France and Flanders, 1914," "Landing at Helles," "Helles," "Krithia," "Egypt, 1915."

Deal Battalion.

"Antwerp," "France and Flanders, 1914," "Anzac," "Helles," "Krithia," "Egypt, 1915."

First R.M.L.I. Battalion

(*Formed from Chatham and Deal Battalions, later amalgamation of 1st and 2nd Battalions.*)

"Somme, 1916–18," "Ancre, 1916–18," "Arras, 1917–18," "Vimy," "Scarpe, 1917," "Arleux," "Ypres, 1917," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin," "Albert, 1918," "Bapaume, 1918," "Drocourt-Quéant," "Hindenburg Line," "Canal du Nord," "Cambrai, 1918," "Pursuit to Mons," "France and Flanders, 1916–18," "Macedonia, 1916," "Helles," "Krithia," "Gallipoli, 1915–18."

Second R.M.L.I. Battalion.

"Somme, 1916–18," "Ancre, 1916–18," "Arras, 1917–18," "Scarpe, 1917," "Arleux," "Ypres, 1917," "Passchendaele," "St. Quentin," "Albert, 1918," "Bapaume," "France and Flanders, 1916–18," "Macedonia, 1916," "Helles," "Krithia," "Gallipoli, 1915–16."

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Yours truly,

H.E.B.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

L.S.W. and J.C.C.—Very many thanks to you both for exceptionally interesting news. Space prevents us from running the double account, but it is hard to choose between them. We finally selected the one which fitted best into our available space, and in it goes without any editing.

H.O. (Are you sure that your initials are not OH)?—Your horrible suggestion that we should offer a fountain-pen as a prize to the first reader who called attention to a mistake in the "G. & L." is not approved. The Acting Assist. Hon. Sub.-Editor fainted on the spot when this was read out. In spite of all our efforts mistakes *do* crop up in the final issue (two in one story last month!). We do not wish to encourage readers to hunt for these, which are often only too obvious.

C.B. (N.Z.).—Many thanks for your interesting letter. We publish most of it under "Per Mare." Much as we should like to adopt your suggestion, our large expenses severely limit our space.

READER.—No, there is no charge for notices of the description you refer to. We are only too glad to insert them free, gratis and for nothing. On the other hand, we do not publish them unless they are sent by the interested parties or by our regular correspondents.

MEDIT.—Yes, rather careless of them, but, at the risk of seeming discourteous, may we suggest that they were not so careless as you were when you understamped your letter to us!

C.H.—When our new edition of "The Child's Guide to Knowledge" is received from the publisher, we will send you a detailed reply to your query.

CARYSFORT.—Very sorry; we cannot at present return to the old cover for three main reasons. First, the large amount of detail in the old cover involves a great amount of expense; second, we are bound by contract to the new cover for another eight months; third, judging by the large amount of correspondence received the present cover is a generally welcome innovation.

A.E.O.—It is very gratifying to find "only an ex-War Service Marine" taking such a real interest in our journal. We very much appreciate your kind remarks, and can assure you that we value letters from old comrades as highly as we do those from friends still in the Service.

A certain number of replies have been held over this month. We have been working at high pressure to make up for lost (but not wasted!) time.

OUR NAUTICAL CROSS-WORD.

Here is the solution to the Nautical Cross-Word provided by the Chatham Sergeants' Mess, and published in our March issue :—

NETTLES=CLEWS=CLUES.

ATHWARTSHIPS.	FORE AND AFT.
1. V.C.	2. Crabs.
2. Clothing.	4. Col.
3. Stoker.	6. Tot.
5. O.D.	10. Dogshole.
7. O.L.	11. O.K.
8. Tea.	13. L.T.O.
9. Posty.	14. Stripey.
12. Brown.	16. Winger.
13. Leave.	19. Greasy.
14. See.	21. Seat.
15. Train.	22. Singing.
17. Grog.	
18. P.R.T.I.	
20. G.I.	
21. S.M.	

A VOYAGE TO THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

(BEING SOME NOTES FROM THE DIARY OF AN UNSOPHISTICATED YOUTH.)

By N. U. Chum.

III. JIM THE NIG.

"Not once nor twice in our rough island story
The path of duty is the way to glory."

Thus sings the poet; and although in my experiences in the islands the glory was conspicuous by its absence, the path of duty certainly led to my having a very good time, while my messmates sweltered in the heat and cursed the islands and the Joint Naval Commission, of which, *nolens volens*, I had been appointed Secretary.

The explanation of this state of affairs lies in the fact that the ship's duties were two-fold. Firstly, she had to steam slowly round the various islands showing the flag, with the object of impressing the natives with the majesty of the British nation—this is where my messmates came in—secondly, she had to collect information, investigate cases, deal with minor troubles and smell out malefactors—this is where I came in.

Here may be mentioned the curious fact that the natives were not nearly so impressed by our ship as by the French one.

We could have blown the latter out of the water before a dockyard matey could have swallowed a pint of beer, but alas, we had only two small pole masts, whereas the Frenchman was barque-rigged, her three lofty spars striking terror into the hearts of the dusky population who always fled at her approach.

My old servant, who had done "three year and eight month" on the station, told me there was more in this than met the eye; and he used to make my hair stand on end with terrible tales of what "them froggies" did to the natives when they caught them bending; but as soon as I discovered he was a crony of the Captain's cook I brushed his tales aside with the contempt they deserved.

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During the six months we were on the cruise I landed practically every day upon my lawful occasions, the exceptions being those periods when the distance between the islands necessitated our being at sea, or when we were on a special job—reference to which may be made later on. Sometimes I picked the ship up further down the coast, at other times I had to cross to another island.

Fortunately I had a rudimentary idea of the art of boat-sailing, and the water was beautifully clear, or, instead of wearing out my typewriter with these random notes, I should long since have provided a succulent dish for the sharks which infested (always use the word "infested" when writing of sharks) the blue waters of the Pacific.

My first landing was a truly impressive occasion. The cutter, manned by a crew armed to the teeth, lay alongside—her enormous white ensign floating into the water. The Gunner, reputed to be the best pistol-shot in the ship, was awaiting me at the ladder; the officers crowded round to hear what might be my last words; my servant fussed about mustering the cartridges in my pouch; and the Old Man promised to avenge my death in such a way that a white man would be safe in that part of the world for the next twenty years.

Truth compels me to state, however, that, as the ship became more accustomed to my landings, these became slightly more informal, and I usually crept over the side into a whaler or dinghy to the accompaniment of a raucous voice from forrard, "Where's that ——— ? Late again as usual, I suppose."

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To recount the numerous incidents which befell me during the cruise would be tedious to my readers, and inexpressibly irksome to myself; I propose, therefore, to select a few typical ones. *Ex his, disce omnes*—as Virgil might have said, but didn't.

The story of Jim the Nig is rather a harrowing one. I think the man's name was James, but he didn't know himself, and we had to call him something. To get the proper atmosphere of this incident I must digress for a moment to explain the general position in the islands.

Broadly speaking, the population was divided into two distinct classes. The bush-natives, who lived in the inland hills, and the salt-water natives, who kept to the low-lying ground round the coasts. The first-named were the real bad 'uns, the others were harmless enough. Between the two there was great enmity. No doubt before men-of-war took to prowling round there was not a pin to choose between them in their capacity for villainy. But policy in the bygone days appears to have visited the sins of the natives who were "ungetatable" upon the natives who came readiest to hand. The salt-water natives—who had a wholesome respect for their own skins, if not for those of anyone else—used to drive back these raiders, lest peradventure they should commit some crime upon a white man, punishment for which would be meted out upon themselves.

The white population consisted wholly of traders and missionaries. There might be one to an island, perhaps two or three; and even in the biggest island there was only a handful.

Needless to say, under these circumstances, it was necessary to keep one's weather-eye lifting if there was no inclination to afford material for the homely stock-pot.

The normal method of procedure adopted by a native who wished to replenish his larder was to approach his prospective dinner and offer some article in trade; while thus engaged his pal (and possibly joint owner of the larder) would approach the unsuspecting quarry from behind and dot him one with a wooden club. Simple tactics, but said to be highly satisfactory if accurately timed.

Jim the Nig's timing arrangements were bad; that's how he got into trouble.

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On this particular occasion a chum landed with me —the ship having to remain at anchor all day owing to a broken gauge glass in the Chief's department. We wandered over the island, which was a really beautiful sample. If it were not so late at night I would let myself go on the subject of the wonderful trees and undergrowth, crotans, chili plants and bright flowers, quaint insects and strange birds.

As we were about to return to the ship we came across a trader's lonely hut, which, though closed up and silent, conveyed the idea of being occupied. With the carelessness of youth I applied my eye to a loophole, and removed it with a fraction of a second to spare.

My eye having been rather a failure I tried my voice ; this met with more success and we were invited to force the door. We found a trader in a bad way with fever and the outward and visible signs of some slight acquaintance with a native club. His hands seemed all right, and so did the two revolvers which he had in them when we entered.

He was surprised, but remarkably pleased to see us. He appeared to have been subjected to an attack on the lines mentioned above, but had managed to get clear, having missed the full force of the blow by turning just before Jim's pal struck. Anyone who has seen one of the nobbly native clubs will agree with me that had he not done so Jim would have been a happier man, and we should have been saved a lot of trouble, for there is an old saying that dead men tell no tales.

Having dosed himself freely the trader was able to stagger from his couch (no beds in that part of the world in those days), and we took him back to the ship, where he spun his yarn to the Old Man. In due time Jim the Nig " came " aboard, together with a tribe of witnesses. The incidents of the trial, even many of the quaint words and expressions used, are fixed in my memory—for, although French may be the admitted language of diplomats, bêche-de-mer English is the language that was used at the trial.

To cut a long story short, the verdict went against Jim and he was sentenced to two dozen of the cat.

Gratings were rigged in the waist and the culprit was hauled taut. He was not stripped for the simple reason that he had nothing to strip.

Two bosun's mates lay aft. Hands were not piped to witness punishment, but no " clear lower deck " has ever been more completely carried out.

It was the first and last time I ever saw the cat in action, and no one need envy me my seat in the orchestra stalls on this occasion.

In a few days the trader was fit for duty and returned to his hut. He was grateful to me for my timely appearance, and offered me some cocoanuts.

No doubt Jim the Nig got what he deserved, and drastic measures were undoubtedly necessary if the lives of white men were to be protected. But sometimes, in the still watches of the night, I have wondered whether Jim was the only man (apart from his pal, who was never caught) who deserved two dozen at the gratings.

BLOGGS WRITES TO THE PRESS.

By Jack Courtenay.

" 'Ow do you spell ' car-shover ' ? " asked Marine Harris J. Bloggs, looking up from a laboriously-written paper.

" Don't you mean chauffeur ? " I suggested.

" Car-shover," he insisted. " Bloke as shoves a car."

" C-H-A-U-double-F-E-U-R," I spelt out. " Fellow who chauffs."

" But it ain't no or'nary shover wot I'm talkin' about, it's a car-shover."

" What's the difference ? "

" Lumme," replied Bloggs. " There's as much difference between a shover and a car-shover as wot there is between a nation and a carnation."

" Oh," I said, squashed.

There was a pause, during which Bloggs studied the paper in front of him.

" Blowed if I understands noospaper langwidge," he remarked at last. " Why can't folks write the same as wot they talks ? "

" Some do," I answered.

" Only them wot talks 'ighbrow. ' The answer is in the negative,' an' all that kind o' rot. W'en a bloke like you or me writes, 'e got to write all the longest words in the dickshunary, or nobody won't print it."

" In my humble experience," I admitted, " I'm afraid I haven't noticed that."

" Then you can't read the noospapers," he asserted. " You wants 'alf-a-dozen dickshunaries to understand some o' them words. Wot's the difference, f'rinstance, between sequence and subsequence ? "

I scratched my head. " It's—er—rather hard to explain," I began, " but——"

" There you are, you see," exclaimed Bloggs, with a note of triumph. " You don't know ! "

" But," I went on, ignoring his taunt, " following your own method of reasoning I should say that there is as much difference between sequence and subsequence as there is between stance and substance ; as much difference as there is between lime and sublime ; as much difference as there is between a marine and a sub—— "

" 'Ere, 'old 'ard ! " he interrupted.

" What is all this about, anyhow ? " I asked. " Don't tell me that you are writing a love poem for the new edition of *Infantry Training*."

" I'm writing a letter to the Press," he announced severely.

I looked over his shoulder and read :

" To the Editor, *Daily Blind*.

" Sir,

I have observed with hole-hearted regret for many moons in rear of even date the large numbers of automobile drivers as has been persecuted for alledged intoxication and inebriation whilst in command of their respectable cars. Only last week my brother as is a car-shover was incancerated for 21 days haveing consummated only one small whisky and I can remunerate many other noble and sober men as has been made convicts and unable to

execrate theirselves in subsequence of having killed something with hardly enough liqueur to simulate theirselves of which my brother is in this catalepsy.

"This is nothing short of consecrated prosecution on the part of the pleece who are very agnostic to drivers and may I ask your corporation through the mediocrity of your kind columns to undertake the assistants of the motorists which I hope you will do your utmost to father and specially my brother as is a car-shover.

"Hoping this letter is illegible for publication, I am

"Sir,

"Yours very respectably and etc.,

"HARRIS J. BLOGGS."

"Nearly," I remarked.

"Nearly wot?"

"Nearly illegible. But having had something to do with cyphers during the war, I am just able to extract a few patches of sense."

"Wotcher mean?" demanded Bloggs, hurt.

"Well, look at it!"

"I *'as* looked at it. I wrote it."

"That's just what I complain about, though I admit that the fact doesn't surprise me. Now if you'd told me that Tennyson wrote it——"

"Wot's wrong with it, any'ow?"

"My dear Bloggs," I said. "It reads as if you were running to catch a train on a foggy morning."

"D'yer think you could make it any more better?"

"Very much better, Bloggs," I asserted.

"Well 'ow would you write it?"

"I shouldn't."

Bloggs merely looked blankly at me, so I went on, "It's much better left unwritten. Of course, one might sing it."

"Sing it?" he echoed.

"Why not? You could squash all your stuff comfortably into one verse. Let's try."

I made a noise in my throat like a cow choking over a green turnip, selected a popular hymn tune and began to croak:

"Chauffeur brother; one wee tot;
Scatters public; rather shot;
Up comes Bobby; takes his name;
Ain't it all a blinkin' shame?"

Bloggs regarded me pityingly.

"It's all right," I assured him. "I'm quite sane. Now, that particular form may not look very well as a letter to the *Daily Blind*, but it means exactly the same as all your screed—as far as your screed can mean anything. Note the difference. I have chosen short, pithy words, and only twenty-one of them in all; you, on the other hand, seem to have taken indiscriminately from the dictionary one hundredweight, ten pounds, three rods, poles or perches of the longest words you could find—all the intoxications, the inebriations and the incarcerations; the remunerations, the consummations and the consecrations; *and* the nations and carnations and the great Panjandrum himself with the little round button at top. These you have shovelled into a large basin, added salt and vinegar to taste, and stirred into a sticky mass. Then you have the effrontery to *hope* it's illegible!"

"I'm beginning to berlieve," said Bloggs sadly, "as you don't think my letter's very good."

"Wonderful! You've hit the nail on the head first time."

Poor Bloggs! He choked down a sob. I had brutally murdered his darling.

"I think p'raps I'll try again," he concluded.

"Don't," I advised in my kindest tone, patting his head as if he were a disappointed child.

But he did. And this is what appeared in the *Daily Blind* a few days later. I assume he wrote it himself, but I won't vouch for it:

"To the Editor, *Daily Blind*.

"Sir,

Last week my brother was convicted of being drunk in charge of a car. The evidence made it quite clear that he had had only one small whisky. This is one more instance of the police movement against car drivers.

"Yours etc.,

"HARRIS J. BLOGGS."

This story has no plot, but it has a moral. I heard the Editor say so, and he knows if anyone does, poor fellow!

AN ELEPHANT STORY.

BY LUCKY JIM.

While serving in the Egyptian Army, my husband was lucky enough to be sent to Rejaf, in the Southern Sudan, on duty. I say "lucky," because it happens to be the kicking-off place for perhaps the best elephant shooting in the world.

Having decanted ourselves and baggage from the Nile steamer, we saw the headman of the village and asked for 20 porters to carry our kit. These were not forthcoming until the word went forth that we were going to hunt elephant, after which we were mobbed by a horde of entirely naked savages, all fighting for the privilege of carrying for us; for elephant hunting means meat in plenty for all concerned, and these people would sell their souls for meat.

We marched for three days, doing about 15 miles a day. You can't get much more out of a Bari porter with a 50-lb. load on his head in thick country.

Having arrived at our destination, we were met by Malika, a Bari tracker of elephant, who took us to a place about a quarter of a mile from a *chor* (river), where, he said, the elephant came every night to drink. Malika knew a certain amount of Arabic, so we were able to talk to him. A fine black nigger he was, standing about 6 ft. 3 in., and afraid of nothing. Only three months before he had been charged by an elephant and had saved himself by throwing his coat in the face of the animal, who trampled it into the ground, mistaking it for Malika.

We made our camp near this *chor*, using a native *tuekl* or grass hut (infested with all that creeps and crawls) for a dressing-room, and sleeping outside, for obvious reasons, in camp beds. The first night the elephant people decided to call at a different pub. We were much disappointed. It meant that we could do nothing, as it is risky to shoot smaller game if you are out for elephant. If they hear a shot fired, they will leave that part of the country for a week or longer.

The second night, at about 2 a.m., I was awakened by a crashing noise quite near us, and a noise like an engine blowing off steam. One felt a bit scared in the pitch dark, with only a mosquito net as protection, for it sounded as if they were coming straight through our camp. However, they only went on down to the *chor* to drink and play with the water, as they love to do.

At 4 a.m. Malika woke us and said that we must get up at once, as the elephant were leaving the *chor* and going back to the safety of their lonely forest. So we dressed as quickly as fingers trembling with excitement would let us, and after swallowing some cold porridge and cocoa, set off, taking with us Malika, two gun-bearers, two boys to carry water-bottles and food, and a native policeman, who always accompanies one when off the beaten track, in case of any trouble with the natives.

My husband had a double-barrelled .476, and Evans and I a .450 Jeffries. It is necessary to have a rifle of great hitting power, as, if you are unlucky enough to be charged, you must have hitting power to stop the charge.

There was a man in the Sudan who shot elephant with a Mannlicher-Schönauer .256. It was a risky business, and the more a man knows of elephants and their ways, the less risk he likes to run, for, next to the buffalo, who will hunt you like a dog, the elephant is the most dangerous animal in Africa—far more so than the lion.

I shall never forget the misty beauty of that early morning start, so fresh and so lovely before the sun came. When it did come it drew beautiful smells out of the mimosa trees ; then the mist faded away to give place to intense heat.

We walked on for about ten miles, following in the track of the herd. The tracker holds a stick pointed in front of him, keeping his eyes fixed some yards ahead, and sees the tracks where no ordinary person can. It is amazing how a herd of such huge creatures can pass through thick country without disturbing anything. At times they are like naughty children, and tear up small trees and make an awful mess of everything.

At last we came to where they had fed as they went along. There were half-eaten branches lying on the ground. Suddenly Malika dropped and pointed.

About 200 yards away I saw what looked like a wall of grey rock ; but presently it began to move, and one could see the great ears flapping backwards and forwards. Oh, the thrill of seeing one's first wild elephants !

Malika told us that we must not think of shooting till the heat of the day, when the elephants get sleepy and give you a chance of selecting the best tusker in the herd. Also, they are not so much on the alert then, and you can get nearer to them.

It was now about 10 o'clock and we were terribly tired and hungry ; but we had to keep following and the intense excitement kept one going. In tracking elephant you have to be very careful to make no noise, and it is absolutely essential to keep to leeward of them, as, if they get your wind they will clear off, and bang goes your chance of getting a shot at them. To make quite sure of the wind some people carry a bag of wood ash, from which they scatter a pinch in the air.

At about 11 o'clock we saw that the elephants had stopped under some trees. There were about thirty in the herd, and they stood there rocking and flapping their ears. My husband very unselfishly decided that this, too, was to be my show, so Malika took me with him as quietly as possible to within about 30 yards of the nearest elephants to see if there was a good tusker in a place where one could get a shot. We saw a fine fellow with very thick tusks, but he was on the inside of the herd. While we were looking at them the three elephants nearest to us swung round, facing us, and put up their trunks (as the Indian tame elephants do in saluting), trying to get our wind, and looking directly

NATIVES EATING RAW ELEPHANT.



at us. I never felt more like doing a cross-country run in my life, having been regaled by pessimists, before our expedition, with stories of charging elephants.

I believe that a male elephant will not charge unless he has been molested or shot at before. Not so a female elephant, who is liable to charge you on sight if she has a baby with her. These three fellows decided we weren't worth getting excited about, so they turned away and the whole herd strolled leisurely on, feeding as they went.

At the next halt, by great good luck, my tusker was on the outside.

In shooting elephant, the nearer you can get for your shot the safer it is, as you should then make quite sure.

Malika took me up to within 25 yards, for we paced it afterwards.

It was an awe-inspiring moment. At no time is it easy for a woman to hold a double-barrelled .450 steady if a standing shot is taken, owing to the weight, so I used Malika's shoulder as a rest. I had decided beforehand to take the heart shot, which presents a bigger target than the ear-hole or the lower hollow in the forehead. If you shoot rather from behind, not

at right angles to the elephant, and with hard-nosed bullets, you should penetrate all right to the vital part.

Well, the moment had come. I pulled the trigger. The first thing I remember was hearing a crash as the poor great fellow came down on his side, then a most frightful stampede of the rest of the herd; it was over in a second and they had disappeared as if they had never been. Instead of making off the way they were facing, they turned round and made off the way we had come, with the result that one of the elephants met one of our water-carriers and swept him out of his way with his trunk; he quite thought he was dead, and said so in a loud voice, until he was comforted with promise of baksheesh.

As soon as the herd had gone I rushed up to give my elephant his *coup de grâce*, for the poor chap was moaning. It was a most foolish thing to do—for he swung his trunk out (I forgot he had one) and nearly got me.

It is difficult to describe one's mixed feelings when it was all over. One felt wild excitement and elation, but, at the same time, great compunction at having downed anything so great and strong and beautiful, for an elephant is beautiful in his own way, as are all wild things.

It was now 12 o'clock and appallingly hot, and we were completely exhausted, having marched more or less continuously from about 4.30 a.m., with no food to speak of. So we lay down under some trees while the boys made breakfast; this included strips of elephant flesh, cooked on sticks over a wood fire—very tough and tasting faintly of lemon.

In a little over two hours hordes of natives began to arrive from nowhere and to make beasts of themselves, burrowing into the elephant, cutting out chunks and eating it raw.

The tusks weighed 80 lbs. and 75 lbs. respectively. We sold them in Khartoum for £60. Rather a good day's work, and, I think, the most exciting day I have ever spent in my life.

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES

(AND OTHERS).

HOW MANY APPLES DID ADAM AND EVE EAT?

Some say Eve 8 and Adam 2—a total of 10 only. Now, some figure the thing differently—Eve 8 and Adam 8 also, a total of 16. Others think the above figures are entirely wrong. If Eve 8 and Adam 82, certainly the total would be 90. Scientific men, however, on the strength of the theory that the antediluvians were a race of giants, reason something like this: Eve 81, and Adam 82, total 163. Wrong again! What could be clearer than that if Eve 81 and Adam 812, the total was 893. If Eve 811st and Adam 812, would not the total be 1,623? But I believe the following to be the real solution:—Eve 814 Adam, Adam 8124 Eve, total 8,938. But there is still another calculation. If Eve 814 Adam, Adam 81242 oblige Eve—total 82,056. This, however, is not a sufficient quantity, for although we admit that Eve 814 Adam, Adam, if he 81,81242 keep Eve company, total 8,182,056. All wrong! Eve when she 81812 many, and probably felt sorry for it, her companion, to relieve her grief 812; therefore Adam, if he 81, 81424ofy Eve's depressed spirits, hence the total—81,896,052 apples. . . . .

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PREPAREDNESS.

A Sydney lawyer, with a reputation as an advocate in criminal cases, sends this one:—

He was visited by a Chinaman, who said:

"One Chineeman killem 'nother Chineeman. Shootem. Killem. How muchee you wantem makee him go flee, you sharbee?"

"I'll take the case for £100," said the lawyer.

In due course the Mongol returned and laid a £100 note on the lawyer's table, saying, "All li. Him dead."

"Wha-a-t!" gasped the lawyer. "Who killed him?"

"ME!"

"When did you kill him?"

"Las' night!"



A STRONG NAVAL COMBINATION.

Captain R. C. A. GLUNICKE, R.M., and Paymaster-Commander E. T. M. GREEN, R.N.

Reproduced from the *North China Daily News* of the 11th Dec., 1924.

A coloured soldier was walking post for the first time in his life. A dark form approached him. "Halt!" he cried in a threatening tone. "Who are you?"

"The officer of the day."

"Advance!"

The O.D. advanced, but, before he had proceeded

half a dozen steps, the dusky sentinel again cried "Halt!"

"This is the second time you've halted me," observed the O.D. "What are you going to do next?"

"Never you mind what Ah's gonna do. Ma orders are to call 'Halt' three times, den shoot."—*The Leatherneck.*

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A farmer, canvassing for members for a raffle, asked one of his neighbours to enter.

"John," he said, "are you going in for my raffle?"

"How much?" asked John.

"Five shillings," was the reply.

"Put me down," answered John. "I'll pay you to-morrow."

Next day the two met again.

"Well," said John, "who won the prize?"

"I won the first prize," said the farmer. "Wasn't I lucky?"

"Who won the second?"

"My wife won the second; wasn't she lucky?"

"And who won the third?" queried John patiently.

"My daughter; wasn't she lucky? By the way, you haven't paid your five shillings yet."

"No," said John. "Wasn't I lucky?"

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"Was I rude this afternoon?" a small girl asked her mother.

"I hope not, dear," said the mother, "why?"

"Well, our teacher was examining us in poetry—'Casabianca'—and she asked why did the boy stand on the burning deck, and I said because it was too hot for him to sit down; and she made me stand in the corner."

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"Herbert," said a school teacher, turning to a bright youngster, "can you tell me what lightning is?"

"Yes, ma'am," was the ready reply of the boy. "Lightning is streaks of electricity."

"Well, that may pass!" said the teacher encouragingly. "Now tell me why it is that lightning never strikes twice in the same place?"

"Because," answered Herbert, "after it hits once the same place ain't there any more!"—*The London Scottish Regimental Journal.*

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Pat had the misfortune one day to fall from the second storey of a house just being completed. Mike, his friend, saw him fall, and immediately called an ambulance, which in due course of time arrived.

The surgeon gave one look at Pat's still form and pronounced him dead.

Pat, who was just coming to, heard him, and rising to a sitting posture, replied, "You're a liar; I ain't!"

Mike was standing near by. He touched Pat gently and said, "Lay down, Pat! The doctor knows best!"—*The National Spiritualist.*

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Teacher: "So you've come to school without a pen? What would you say if one of our soldiers had gone to France without his gun?

Tommy: I should say he was an officer, sir.

The judge leaned over. "And where," he asked gravely, "did the motor-car strike you?" It was a delicate question. Witness glanced uneasily at the stern-visaged matrons upon the jury, and then a bright thought struck him. "Well, me lud," he said, "if I had been wearing a rear light, it would have been smashed."—*Sporting and Dramatic.*

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Isaac was arrested, and on receiving sentence was requested quite curtly to strip and take a bath. "Vot," he cried, aghast, "go right under der vater . . . . . no, no!" "But it's got to be done," said the warder uncompromisingly. . . . "By gum! you need one, too. How long is it since you had a tub?" The prisoner lifted his hands to high heaven. "I've never been arrested before," he sobbed.—*Sporting and Dramatic.*

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There was a young man from Japan
Who wrote verses that never would scan,
When they said, "But the thing
Doesn't go with a swing,"
He replied: "No, I know it doesn't, but I always like to get as many words into the last line as I possibly can."

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THIS MONTH'S TRUE STORIES.

The following is a cutting from a circular received by an officer at Malta.

"All favourites promptly executed, and sent to destitution."

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Overheard on the range at Ghain Tuffieha when a series of outers had just been signalled—

One fair visitor to another: "I wonder, dear, why they brush the target after each shot?"

ECHOES FROM THE PAST.

(Extracts from a newspaper dated 1762).

A centinel, on duty at Chatham, was struck by lightning, the upper leather of the shoe on his left foot was shattered, and his foot wounded; a hole was made through the blade of his sword and about two inches of the blade melted; the hilt was melted and soldered to his bayonet, as was one of the locks of his musket to his iron ramrod. His face was scorched, and he lay an hour speechless, but has since recovered.

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Came on at the Guildhall, a trial wherein a captain of a trading ship was plaintiff, and a lieutenant of a man-of-war defendant; the action was laid for £500, by the plaintiff for impressing him out of his ship, knowing him to be the captain, and confining him 48 hours in a

tender. The trial lasted near an hour, when the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff, with £200 damages and costs.

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By some experiments lately made at Toulon it appears that ships sail much faster by night than by day, owing to the extraordinary humidity, and consequently weight, of the night air, and the extraordinary compactness which the sails derive therefrom.

MR. JOHN ABORY.

(FORMERLY OF PLYMOUTH DIVN. R.M.L.I.)



A correspondent has kindly sent us this photo of an ex-Royal Marine, who fought in the Baltic and Crimea.

Its interest lies in the fact that the kit in which the gallant gentleman is depicted is not one which is usually reproduced in pictures of old-time uniforms of the Corps. Perhaps some of our historians will be kind enough to tell us if this dress is in accordance with the dress-regulations of the time, or whether it might be described as "poetic licence."

"SQUAWK."

By E.H.B.

In August, 1914, a certain squadron of cruisers forming part of the "Baltic Fleet" at Beerness, completed to war complement and then put to sea. The Admiral in command was in the Euralyatie, which was manned by the original nucleus crew, numbering about 200, and another 700 officers and men drawn from the Pensioner Fleet and Naval Reserves, plus a quota from the local Naval Detention Barracks—"needs must when the devil drives."

However, let us proceed with the Euralyatie into the North Sea. A submarine watch was posted, and in addition, as the result of a promise of an extra day's leave to everybody who spotted an enemy submarine, every vantage point was occupied by voluntary watchers. As each empty milk tin, bottle or cork, went slowly past the vessel, scrutinised by many eyes, the expression on the watch-keepers faces spoke more plainly than words of the secret wish that one at least of the many tins or bottles would prove to be a Hun in disguise. For two days the luck of the watchers was out. Peace reigned supreme on the Euralyatie. The prophets of disaster, however—the "live bait" prophets, who had been losing caste rapidly—came into their kingdom with a vengeance on the morning of the third day. Suddenly, quite unexpectedly, the bugle crashed out "anti-torpedo action." Der Tag had indeed arrived, right in the middle of the break for breakfast.

Immediately the bugle call ceased, a deafening silence pervaded the whole ship. Stokers "off watch" crowded on to the booms and the upper-deck. Members of the crew, who had never before seen one another, met like old comrades in the face of the common danger. Where they had stowed themselves was a mystery. There were at least 6 "jonties." The upper-deck and the super-structure were like the terraces at Wembley Stadium, when the English Cup Final was first staged there. Two pensioner reserve-men, well over three-score-and-ten, who somehow or other had been called up and had managed to crawl on board, had been employed all day on the booms, to keep them out of harm's way. Here they had passed their time as a permanent guard on the collision mats. Now they were in imminent danger of being trampled under foot. However, they consoled themselves with audible reflections that the present-day matelot would not have "stuck a dog's watch" before Sebastopol.

On the upper-deck, the 12-Pdr.-Gun Crews were hemmed in by excited crowds enquiring "What is it? Where is it? Have you seen it?" etc. The Tower of Babel was certainly a poor edition of the Euralyatie as she was at that moment. In some cases the telescopic sights had already found their way to the booms for use as marine glasses. You know what sailors are! !

The gunlayer of No. 3 12-Pdr. Port Battery, was hardly able to clear for action owing to the sightseers blocking the gun ports. A glance through the telescopic sights, of which the lens had evidently been cleaned with emery cloth, convinced No. 1 that if he failed to spot the target with his own eye-sight, he would not find it at all. Sure enough, at that moment, he saw through the haze, at about 1,500 yards distance, what appeared to be the fastest submarine afloat, moving through the water at about 25 knots.

The excitement was now intense. Remember, this was in the first week of the war. The spectators on the

" terraces," impatiently awaiting the kick-off, were only exasperated by the conduct of the Admiral and the Captain, who, in the " grand stand," seemed to be totally oblivious of all that was afloat; but it was only the lull that precedes the storm. Commander Lippy, striding rapidly up and down the Quarter-deck was angrily demanding of himself " Why the —— don't they open fire? " He did not have to wait long for an answer, which came from the after 9.2in. turret. Here, a senior non-executive officer had assumed control, and brandishing a revolver, threatened the reluctant gunlayer that his days would be numbered if he did not open fire immediately. The gunlayer's protests were unavailing, and prolonged applause from the spectators greeted the first angry shot from the Euralyatie. To the chagrin of the Ship's Company, the splash of the 9.2in. shell was seen to be about 500 yards short, but their sorrow was only momentary, and the joy of the troops was something to behold when the target was seen literally to fly into a hundred fragments, as the innocent cause of all the excitement, a large flock of seagulls, skimming in close formation over the misty surface of the sea, put on more elevation and squawked their way to a more hospitable region.



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COMMAND TOURNAMENT.

The following are the results of Phase II of the Command Tournament held at Plymouth on Tuesday, 17th March, 1925.

FOIL V. FOIL (OFFICERS, OPEN).

1. R.M.G. Edmunds (Ply.), 5 wins.
2. Major Macnair-Smith (Ply.), 4 wins.
3. Col.-Commdt. Edwards (Ply.), 2 wins.

SABRE *v.* SABRE (OFFICERS, OPEN).

1. Captain Bagot (Po.), 4 wins, 1 win.
2. Major Macnair-Smith (Ply.), 4 wins, 0 win.
3. Lieut. Westall (Ply.), 2 wins.

ÉPÉE *v.* ÉPÉE (OFFICERS, OPEN).

1. R.M.G. Edmunds (Ply.), 4 wins.
2. Lieut.-Colonel Raikes (Po.), 3 wins.
3. Lieut. Westall (Ply.), 2 wins.

BAYONET *v.* BAYONET (OFFICERS, OPEN).

1. R.M.G. Edmunds (Ply.), 4 wins.
2. Lieut.-Colonel Raikes (Po.), 3 wins.
3. R.M.G. Hooper (Ply.), 1 win.

SABRE *v.* SABRE (OTHER RANKS, OPEN).

1. Q.M.S. Mills (Ply.), 4 wins, 2 wins.
2. Sergt. Spanton (Ply.), 4 wins, 1 win.
3. Cpl. Smith (Po.), 4 wins, 0 win.

FOIL *v.* FOIL (OTHER RANKS, OPEN).

1. Q.M.S. Mills (Ply.), 5 wins.
2. Sergt. Spanton (Ply.), 4 wins.
3. Cpl. Smith (Po.), 3 wins.

ÉPÉE *v.* ÉPÉE (OTHER RANKS, OPEN).

1. Sergt. Turner (Ply.), 3 wins, 1 win.
2. Sergt. Spanton (Ply.), 3 wins, 0 win.
3. Sergt. Miller (Po.), 2 wins.

BAYONET *v.* BAYONET (OTHER RANKS).

1. Mne. Duncan (Po.), 4 wins.
2. Sergt. Spanton (Ply.), 3 wins.
3. Sergt. Miller (Po.), 2 wins.

BAYONET *v.* BAYONET (NOVICES).

1. Mne. Yates (Po.), 4 wins.
2. Mne. Mann (Po.), 4 wins.
3. Mne. Muir (Po.), 3 wins.

BAYONET COMBAT.

Portsmouth, 15 wins.
Plymouth, 3 wins.

TUG-O'-WAR.

Portsmouth, 2 pulls.
Plymouth, 0.

ROYAL MARINES BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Last month we published the bare results of our seventh annual championship meeting, which was held at the Depot, R.M., Deal, on Thursday and Friday, 19th and 20th March. We are now able to give full details. Each Division entered very nearly a full team. The boxing extended over four sessions and some very keen fights were witnessed.

The championship trophy was once again won by the Portsmouth Division. They were also the winners of the Junior Trophy competed for by teams of under 21 years of age.

The team results were as follows :—

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY.

1	Portsmouth Division	...	63 points
2	Plymouth Division	...	43 ,,
3	Chatham Division	...	37 ,,

JUNIOR TROPHY.

1	Portsmouth Division	...	21 points
2	Plymouth Division	...	19 ,,
3	Chatham Division	...	15 ,,
	Depôt, R.M., Deal	...	15 ,,

UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

Heavy-weight	...	Mne. Praill (Plymouth)
Light-Heavy	...	Mne. Smith (Plymouth)
Middle-weight	...	Mne. Weston (Plymouth)
Welter-weight	...	Mne. Watson (Portsmouth)
Light-weight	...	Mne. McBride (Chatham)
Feather-weight	...	Bugler Groocock (Portsmouth)
Bantam-weight	...	Mne. Stansfield (Deal)
Fly-weight	...	Band Boy Talling (Portsmouth)

BOYS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE.

9 st. and under	...	Bugler Hare (Plymouth)
7 st. 6 lbs. and under	...	B.-Boy Brown (Portsmouth)
6 st. 6 lbs. and under	...	Bugler Townsend (Plymouth)

Good losers' medals were awarded to :—

Capt. Clayton, Lieut. Baker, Mnes. Fox, Turner and Lyndon.

The winners of the individual weights were as follows :—

OFFICERS.

Heavy-weight	...	Lieut. Westall (Plymouth)
Light-Heavy	...	Lieut. Deane (Portsmouth)
Middle-weight	...	Capt. Shephard (Portsmouth)
Light-weight	...	Lieut. Smith-Hill (Portsmouth)

OPEN.

Light-Heavy	...	Mne. Trinder (Portsmouth)
Middle-weight	...	Mne. Piddock (Chatham)
Welter-weight	...	Cpl. Downton (Portsmouth)
Light-weight	...	Mne. Davis (Portsmouth)
Feather-weight	...	Cpl. Camthean (Portsmouth)
Fly-weight	...	B.-Boy Rumfitt (Portsmouth)

R.N. AND R.M.

FOOTBALL.

The R.N. and R.M. beat the R.A.F. by 3 goals to 2 at High Wycombe on the 21st March. The game was a good one in spite of the snow, which was falling during most of the first half.

TENNIS.

At a committee meeting of the R.N. and R.M. Lawn Tennis Association, the following dates were agreed upon :—

10th to 15th August : Sixth Annual Lawn Tennis Championship on grass, at Roehampton ; 28th Sept. to 2nd Oct. : First Squash Racquets Championships, at Queen's.

The following matches for 1925 have been arranged : May 2nd, *v.* Cambridge University ; May 3rd, *v.* Stock Exchange ; May 16th, *v.* Hampshire ; May 17th, *v.* Civil Service ; May 30th, *v.* U.S., Chatham ; May 31st, *v.* Roehampton ; June 6th, *v.* Oxford University ; June 14th, *v.* Civil Service ; July 11th, *v.* Middlesex ; July 12th, *v.* Kent ; August 7th and 8th, Inter-Service Championships, Wimbledon.

GOLF.

The R.N. and R.M. Golfing Society were beaten by St. George's Hill at Weybridge on the 21st March, by 7 matches to 1.

At Northwood, on the 24th March, Northwood beat the R.N. and R.M. by 8 matches to 4.

On the 6th April, the R.N. and R.M. were defeated, 8–4, by Worplesdon, at Worplesdon.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1925.

The above championship meeting was held in the gymnasium, Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 6th, 7th and 8th April.

There was a large number of entries from all ports and the Atlantic Fleet, and it was necessary to have two sessions each day.

There were sixteen entries from the Royal Marines, of whom six reached the finals of their weights. These winners and runners-up were :—

OFFICERS' WEIGHTS.

Middle-weight.—Winner, Capt. D. A. C. Shephard.
Feather-weight.—Winner, Lieut. A. E. Westcott.

OTHER RANKS.

Heavy-weight.—Runner-up, Mne. Walker.
Light Heavy-weight.—Winner, Mne. Trinder.
Welter-weight.—Runner-up, Cpl. Downton.
Fly-weight.—Winner, Mne. McManus.

In the semi-final of the middle-weights Mne. Piddock was beaten by A.B. Ewin. Piddock was fighting his usual defensive contest, and the first two rounds of his fight were very even, possibly just in his favour. In the last round, however, he was fighting very well indeed, and appeared to win it comfortably. It was a great surprise to some people when the verdict was given to his opponent.

In the final of the welter-weights Cpl. Downton and A.B. Hardy had a very close fight. Downton was doing very well, and appeared to have done sufficient to have just gained the verdict. This, however, went to his opponent.

Another surprise came in the semi-final of the fly-weights, where Mnes. McManus and Marsden met each other. Marsden was the winner of the I.S.B.A. Championship in 1921, and it was anticipated that he would win his weight in this meeting.

These two had a very hard fight, at the end of which the judges disagreed, and the referee awarded an extra round, but the verdict went to McManus, who eventually won the weight.

In the officers' series Lieut. Westcott won the feather-weight easily. In his first fight he met Lieut. Chisholm-Batters, and very nearly had him out in the first round. Westcott had his opponent in a very groggy condition the whole time, and the referee eventually stopped the fight to save him further punishment.

In the final Westcott put his opponent down in the first round.

In the light heavy-weight Lieut. W. P. N. Deane met Sub-Lieut. Porteous. Porteous was the stronger and more experienced of the two, but Deane put up a very game losing fight.

ROYAL MARINES LIGHT-WEIGHT TUG-OF-WAR TEAM.

H.M.S. "RESOLUTION."

CHAMPIONS—ROYAL MARINES, ATLANTIC FLEET. RUNNERS UP, INTER SERVICES.



Back Row :—Mnes. Yates, O'Keefe, Howard, Cann, Babb.
Centre Row:—Mne. Snoddy, Mr. Vickery (Coach), R.M.G., Capt. E. Harden, Mnes. Walker, Moreton.
Front Row :—Mnes. Wathen, Williamson, Cpl. Williams, Mne. Parr.

INTER-SERVICE CUP FINALS.

TUG-OF-WAR (110 STONE).

1. Seamen, "Ramillies."
2. Royal Marines, "Resolution."

TUG-OF-WAR (130 STONE).

1. Royal Marines, "Revenge."
2. Seamen, "Ramillies."

BAYONET TEAM COMBAT.

1. Royal Marines, 2nd Battle Squadron.
2. Seamen, "Royal Oak."

ATLANTIC FLEET CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The following results were obtained by the Royal Marines in the recent Atlantic Fleet Championships meeting, held at Gibraltar.

BOXING.

Officers' Light Heavy-weights.—(runner-up) Lieut. Buckley, "Hood."

Men's Fly-weights.—Winner, Mne. McManus, "Royal Oak."

Men's Middle-weights.—Runner-up, Mne. Bunce, "Revenge."

Men's Light Heavies.—Runner-up, Mne. Westlake, "Hood."

Men's Heavy-weight.—Runner-up, Mne. Walker, "Revenge."

FOILS—R.M. OTHER RANKS.

1. Sergt. Coker, "Hood."
2. Sergt. Stares, "Cyclops."

BAYONETS—R.M. OFFICERS.

1. Major Gillespie, "Resolution."
2. Lieut. Slater, "Calliope."

BAYONETS—R.M. OTHER RANKS.

1. Mne. Hurley, "Revenge."
2. Cpl. McCone, "Resolution."

BAYONETS—R.M. OTHER RANKS COMPETITION (H).

1. Cpl. McCone, "Resolution."
2. Mne. Brown, "Hood."

ÉPÉES—R.M. OTHER RANKS.

1. Mne. Horley, "Revenge."
2. Sergt. Coker, "Hood."

BAYONET TEAM COMBAT, R.M.

1. 2nd Battle Squadron.
2. Battle Cruiser Squadron.

TUG-OF-WAR (110 STONE).

1. "Resolution."
2. "Caledon."

TUG-OF-WAR (130 STONE).

1. "Revenge."
2. "Calliope."

CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL.

Kent League, Div. I.

On the 21st March we went to Ashford to play the local Railway Works, returning victors by one goal, scored by Clr.-Sergt. Hibben in the second half. It was a very scrappy game, owing to the poor state of the ground. Clr.-Sergt. Hibben played the game of his life, and the cartoonist of the local paper drew some very clever impressions of him.

On the 28th March we played off our semi-final tie with Whitstable in the Kent Amateur Cup, on Ashford's ground. Benefiting by the previous Saturday's experience, we won a poor game by 3 goals to none. The only goal worth recording was the third, a beautiful cross-drive by Cpl. Green, which left the goalkeeper helpless.

We meet our old rivals, the R.N. Depôt, in the final on the 22nd, and our team will have to play considerably better if they are to win.

On the 4th April Chatham, at home, defeated us by 5 goals to *nil*. Here again mistakes cost us three goals. Although we lost so heavily, our team played very well, Tilsley, Briscoe and Robotham being very prominent throughout.

The Reserves distinguished themselves by knocking out Messrs. Aveling & Porter, in the 1st round of the Chatham Charity (Junior) Cup, and so enter the second round, in which we wish them every success.

PORT CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The above was held at Chatham on the 16th April. The Marines placed were: Mne. Drage (H.M.S. "Cyclops"), 3rd, and Mne. Dainton (Headquarters), 7th.

BOXING.

The Chatham Port Championships were held at the Royal Naval Barracks on the 25th of March.

Of the Marines competing the honours must go to Mne. Smith, who won both the light-heavy and the heavy-weight competitions.

Mne. McBride put up a good fight against Sto. Clarke in a preliminary bout of the light-weights, the third round turning the scale against him. Sergt. Whitmore, in the same series, was beaten by A.B. Austin. Cpl. Branson was beaten by A.B. Hardy in the semi-finals of the welter-weight class. A six-rounds contest was staged between these two on the second date of the meeting. The seaman was again the winner, but Branson must be congratulated for his very plucky exhibition in what was the best fight of the session. Mne. Piddock was beaten by A.B. Ewin, by what must have been a very small margin, after an extra round.

As a result of these competitions the following Marines were selected to represent the Port in the Inter-Port Championships:—

Mne. Smith, light-heavy; Mne. Piddock, middle; Cpl. Branson, welter; and Mne. Booth, bantam.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Portsmouth Royal Naval and Marine Cross-Country Championship, which was contested over a $5\frac{1}{4}$ mile course, at Fort Widley, produced fine sport, and the entries numbered 184. In view of the recent heavy rains the "going" was surprisingly good and the brilliant sunshine drew a good crowd at the starting and finishing points. Lieut.-Commander R. I. Money was the organising secretary, assisted by Lieut.-Commander H. L. G. Harvey.

For the third successive year L. S. Burtoft (H.M.S. "Tiger") was triumphant. Mne. Roche established an early lead, and kept it until about a $\frac{1}{4}$mile from the finish, when Burtoft overhauled him and won by 17 seconds.

Times.—Burtoft, 28 mins. $22\frac{3}{5}$ secs.; Roche, 28 mins. $37\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

The R.M. team was fourth out of an entry of 14 teams.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

11th	March.	*v.*	Bournemouth Trams (Hants League), lost, 0—4.
14th	,,	*v.*	Havant Rovers (Portsmouth Senior Cup), won, 4—1.
14th	,,	*v.*	Havant Rovers (Gosport League), won, 3—1.
18th	,,	*v.*	R.A.F. (U.S. League, Div. I.), won, 3—0.
18th	,,	*v.*	Artificers Apprent. (U.S. League, Div. II), drew, 1—1.
21st	,,	*v.*	Harlands and Wolff (Hants League), drew, 1—1.
21st	,,	*v.*	Fareham (Gosport League), won, 3—1.
25th	,,	*v.*	"Excellent" (U.S. Charity Cup), won, 2—1 (after replay).
28th	,,	*v.*	Havant Rovers (Final Hants Intermediate Cup), lost, 0—1.
30th	,,	*v.*	R.N.S.M. (U.S. League, Div. I), drew, 0—0.
30th.	,,	*v.*	R.N.S.M. (U.S. League, Div. II), won, 2—1.
4th	April	*v.*	Portsea Gas Company (Gosport Hospital Cup), lost, 1—2.
4th	,,	*v.*	Cowes, won, 4—0.
4th	,,	*v.*	Gosport Athletic (Gosport League), won, 1—0.
6th	.,	*v.*	Gosport Athletic (Hants League), drew, 2—2.

SWIMMING.

In a long-distance race across Auckland Harbour, N.Z., Po. Mne. J. S. Heaton completed first, but, failing to touch the winning post, was disqualified. Mne. Heaton has been selected by the Civilian Clubs of Auckland to represent them in the National Championships against Christchurch, N.Z.

Mne. Heaton will be remembered as the late holder of the Garrison Mile Swimming Championship, and the winner of other important events in the R.N. and R.M. Swimming Galas.

SHOOTING.

Since our last report we have completed our fixtures at Miniature Shooting and commenced full bore. Owing to the Easter Holidays, team training has been delayed, but we hope to be in full swing by the 20th inst.

As regards the Miniature League, our position was lower than usual, having to make several changes during the season. One of our members (Sergt. Paget) only was selected to shoot for the Town in the Independent Shield.

The season ended with a shoot for the "Company Cup," which was transferred from Forton on the amalgamation. Two teams were entered from each company, consisting of two (any rank) and four Marines; the conditions were Slow, Snap and Rapid. After a well-contested shoot by all teams the Cup was won by "A" Co. (1st team) with "E" Co. (1st team) second.

We have arranged a good programme of matches for the coming season. The first of these will be fired at Tipnor on the 25th inst. against H.M.S. "Victory" under U.S. conditions. Our scoring for the first practice shoots, under these conditions, appears to be of a good standard, five scores of 150 and over being already registered; this may be due to the extra point allowed at Snapshooting and Miniature practice.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NOVICES AND BUGLERS.

The above were held in the Gymnasium on Tuesday, 3rd March.

In addition to the competition four contests were arranged. The officials were:—

Referees.—Lt. Swailes, R.N., and Capt. Quill.

Judges.—Col. Raikes, D.S.C., Capt. Brooke-Short, Surg.-Lt. Madill, B.A., M.B., R.N.

Timekeepers.—Sergt.-Major Smith, R.N.S.M., and the Rev. Maundrill, M.A., R.N.

M.C.—Sergt.-Major C. Ellis.

RESULTS.

6-rounds Contest.—Cpl. Downton, R.M., beat Ldg. Seaman Patterson, R.N. This was a very good fight but Downton, with his superior ring-craft, wore his man down and the Referee stopped the fight in the 5th round.

4-rounds Contest.—Mne. Watson beat Mne. Turner on points after a very good scrap.

3-rounds Contest.—Mne. Hornsey beat Band Boy McNabb on points. McNabb was originally in the heavy-weight novices, but was much too good, so a contest was arranged with Mne. Hornsey. A very good fight.

3-rounds Contest.—Band Boy Styles beat Band Boy Rumfitt on points.

COMPETITIONS.

Feather-weight Final.—Mne. Flambard beat Mne. Wilde on points.

Light-weight Final.—Mne. Mitchell beat Mne. Holland on points.

Welter-weight Final.—Mne. Collins beat Mne. Ades on points after a very hard fight. Ades was awarded a good-loser's prize.

Middle-weight Final.—Mne. Martin beat Mne. Atkins on points.

Good losers: Mne. Wooten, Mne. Humphries.

BOYS' WEIGHTS.

Paper-weight Final.—Bugler Norris beat Bugler Bryant on points.

Fly-weight Final.—Bugler Princecox beat Bugler Belgrove after an extra round (on points).

Light-weight Final.—Band Boy Leale beat Bugler Nurse on points.

The prizes were presented at the close by Col.-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., who complimented the boxers on their fine spirit and thanked Lt. Swailes, the referee, Sergt.-Major Smith, R.N.S.M., timekeeper, Ldg. Seaman Patterson for his fine display against Cpl. Downton, and last, but not least, the Boys' Band of the R.N.S.M., who played on both evenings before the boxing and during the intervals. The Band then played the national anthem, which concluded a very enjoyable evening's sport.

PLYMOUTH.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

Royal Marines v. St. Budeaux.

On March 14th, at Longroom. The Marines were much too strong for St. Budeaux, and won comfortably by 2 goals, 5 tries (25 points) to *nil*. The heavier Marines' forwards dominated the scrums, and heeled smartly, which enabled Hewitt to get the speedy backs into motion rapidly. Tries were scored by Stapleton (2), Armstrong, South, Gallin, and Hewitt. South and Affleck each converted one.

Royal Marines v. Royal Naval Barracks.

On March 18th, at Longroom. After a fast and interesting game we ran out winners by 1 goal, 3 tries (14 points) to 1 dropped goal (4 points). Scorers for the Marines were Armstrong, 2 tries, Stapleton and South; Affleck converted 1 try.

Royal Marines v. Teignmouth.

On March 21st, at Longroom. The Marines maintained their ground record, winning by 18 points to 10 points. Teignmouth started strongly, and within 10 minutes were 10 points in front, Webber and Davey getting tries, both of which Davey converted. Later, the heavy Marine forwards, led by Smith and Miller, gained supremacy, and tries were secured by Coombs (2), and South. South also dropped a goal, and Affleck landed a penalty, besides converting one try. Result: Royal Marines, 1 goal, 1 dropped goal, 1 penalty goal, 2 tries (18 points); Teignmouth, 2 goals (10 points).

Royal Marines v. H.M.S. "Thunderer."

On March 28th the Royal Marines continued their winning sequence at Longroom, defeating the "Thunderer" by 5 tries (15 points) to 2 tries (6 points). Play was very fast and keen in the opening exchanges, each side attacking in turn. Clarke and South scored

tries for the Marines, while Ford and Saunt got across for the ship. Later the Marine forwards got the best of matters in the loose, as well as the scrums, and the backs, combining finely, beat the defence on three occasions, Stapleton, Hobbins and South securing tries. All the kicks failed. Result: Royal Marines, 5 tries (15 points); H.M.S. "Thunderer," 2 tries (6 points).

Royal Marines v. Barnstaple.

Played at Barnstaple on April 11th, and resulted in a loss for the Royal Marines by 5 tries (15 points) to 1 try (3 points). Barnstaple were attacking throughout the first half and were leading by 6 points to *nil* at half-time. On the resumption of the game the Marines became the aggressors and following loose play near the line Sergt. South scored their one try. In the latter stages of the game, however, Barnstaple resumed the offensive, adding 3 tries to their score.

Royal Marines v. Buckfastleigh.

Played at Buckfastleigh on April 13th and won by the Royal Marines by 9 points to *nil*. Early in the game Sergt. South dropped a goal, after which there was no further score in the first half. In the second half the Marines pressed continuously and a try was eventually scored by Sandle and converted by Affleck.

ASSOCIATION.

At Looe on March 12th, before a record "gate," Looe managed to maintain their unbeaten record, but only after a tough struggle. The Looe goal had several anxious moments at the start, and Shewbrook struck the cross-bar with Woolway well beaten. Davidson saved a "free" kick well taken by Cook, and again saved brilliantly when Whitnell mis-kicked badly. At the interval there was no score. The Marines pressed strongly on the re-start, and the Looe defence was kept fully extended for quite 15 minutes, Stokes shooting wide when well placed. In a breakaway Mills scored the deciding goal about five minutes from time, the game ending in a rather lucky win for Looe by one goal to *nil*.

Shewbrook and Horn were the outstanding forwards, and Whitnell and Stratton were very safe in defence. Broad was the outstanding player on the field.

At Longroom, 18th March, our Reserves beat the Metropolitan Police by 2 goals to 1. The visitors were the first to attack, and Gosling scored for them in a breakaway. The Marines retaliated at once, and Wilkins was going through, when the Police back handled in the area. Wilkins made no mistake with the "spot" kick. At the interval the scores were level.

On the re-start the Marines several times came within an ace of scoring but the Police custodian effected a series of brilliant clearances. Fifteen minutes from the end, Wilkins cleverly drew the defence, and passing at the right moment, enabled Dodge to score the deciding goal, the game ending in a win for the Reserves by 2 goals to 1.

At Crownhill, on March 28th, the Marines were defeated by the South Staffordshire Regiment by 2 goals to 1. Shewbrook scored, after a splendid individual effort, for the Marines, who at the interval were leading by the only goal scored. Two goals were quickly scored by the "Staffs" on resumption. A good sporting game ended in a win for the soldiers.

At Longroom, 6th April, the Reserves easily outpointed the Plymouth Wednesday by 5 goals to 1, Armstrong making a welcome reappearance for the Reserves and completing his "hat trick." Wilkins and Smith scored one goal each.

Liskeard were somewhat fortunate to beat the Marines at the Longroom on April 11th by 3 goals to 1, for the exchanges throughout were even. Shewbrook scored for the homesters with a quick drive. Subsequent play was even, but faulty defensive tactics by the Marines resulted in Wilson heading an equaliser from a corner.

Liskeard opened the second half poorly by missing a penalty, but a great burst by Wilson resulted in his adding a second with a fine cross-drive off the post. Just on time Wills scored a simple third goal.

BOXING.

Mne. Marsden won the Port Fly-weight Championship from A.B. Doherty on points.

Mne. Jackson was runner in the welter-weight, losing in the final after an extra round.

Mne. Praill was the only entry in the Light Heavy-weight, and Clr.-Sergt. Ponsford, in order to provide a fight, entered at the last moment. Clr.-Sergt. Ponsford won on points.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

Since the last detailed account of the Club was published we have taken part in a few engagements and have come through them with credit. The results are here recorded.

Feb. 17th, Friendly post match, M.R.C. *v.* Dumfries M.R.C. Result: Dumfries, 588 points; M.R.C., 570 points.

Feb. 26th. P. and D. League. Fired at Torpoint. Result: R.N.B., 583 points; Torpoint, 579 points; R.M., 564 points; Devonport, 489 points.

March 5th. Friendly. Fired at R.N. Barracks. Result: R.N.B., 579 points; R.M., 560 points; Torpoint, 546 points; Devonport, 469 points.

March 7th. Friendly post match, M.R.C. *v.* Dover M.R.C. Result: Dover, 571 points; M.R.C., 569 points.

March 31st. Friendly. Fired at R.M. Barracks. Result: R.N.B., 583 points; R.M.M.R.C., 578 points.

In this last match we were without Lt.-Col. M. F. Bennett, Mne. H. Hill and Mne. Bellchambers. The members representing the Club, however, "stuck it well" and made a good show.

The monthly prize shoot took place on the 17th March. Q.M.S.I. Cross won the *Times* Certificate with a score of 99. The shooting was again keen and the winner had only one point to spare. The "booby" was won by Lt.-Col. M. F. Bennett, who was slightly off colour.

Owing to the leave period for Easter, and the possibility of the following months being occupied in working up ·303 shooting for the R.M.R.A. and Bisley, it was unanimously decided that the Miniature Rifle Club should discontinue all friendly and practice shooting until the beginning of August. We hope then to restart with more additions to the Club and to put in the necessary practice for the P. and D. Miniature Rifle Meeting, which takes place in September. Our record for the winter season is as follows:—

Fired, 14; won, *nil*; drawn, *nil*; average per man for the 14 shoots, 92·0.

This includes our efforts made in the beginning of the season, when our teams were only making an average of 87·6 per man.

Our best team average was made in our last shoot, *viz.*, 96·6.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SHOOTING LEAGUE.

Department.	*Scores.* 6/4/25.	*Total.*	*Present position.*
Small Arms	325	1,159	1
Adjutant's (B)	302	1,125	2
Pay Office	258	1,023	3
Adjutant's (A)	235	1,009	4
2nd and 3rd Q.M. ...	234	756	8
1st Q.M.	203	775	7
Gunnery	189	801	6
Barrack Dept.	153	819	5
Brigade Office	142	730	9

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BOWLING.

Results to date are as follows:—

Department.	*Matches Played.*	*Points.*
3rd Q.M.	4	1278
Pay Office	3	1073
Gunnery	2	608
Office Bk. Master ...	4	1568
1st Q.M.	3	1064
2nd Q.M.	3	1069
Bde. Office	4	1213
Adjutant's Dept. ...	4	1363

Highest Scores:—

R.M. Gunner Edmunds ... 102
Sergt. Warren 102

BILLIARDS.

Semi-Finals.—Sergt. Wicks, 250, Surg.-Cmdr. Hobbs, 127; Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard, 250, Musn. Dolbear, 225.

Final.—Sergt. Wicks, 500, Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard, 210.

Highest breaks during competition were:—

Sergt. Wicks, 68; Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard, 51; Musn. Dolbear, 49.

SNOOKER.

The following have reached the final stages of the Snooker competition:—

Lt.-Col. M. F. Bennett, Clr.-Sergt. Lawry, Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard, Cpl. Brookman, Cpl. Kerr, 1 Warrant Officer, 2 Marines.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL.

The Depôt R.M. "A" team has again this season been successful in winning the "Lady Violet" cup, presented by Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, M.P. to the Deal and District Junior Football League. The team did not lose a match throughout the season.

They were engaged on 18th April with Sandwich in the semi-final of the Deal, Walmer and District Junior Hospital Cup, of which they are the present holders.

The Minor team have also been very successful, having reached the final stage in the Kent Minor Cup. This match was played at Faversham on 25th April, their opponents being Burham Orient.

The Senior team played Dover United on 23rd April at home in the final of the Deal and District Senior Shield.

The results of these three matches will be published next month.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

The season of 1924–5 being near its close, League fixtures for the past month have been few. The School's first and second teams each have played two matches, and the results have not been so pleasing as they might have been, but, considering that the opponents in each case were the "Excellent" and Royal Marines, things are not so bad as they look. Both the first and second teams occupy a position near the middle of the 1st and 2nd U.S. League table, and after taking into consideration the small numbers at Headquarters, and the continual changes that have been taking place all through the season owing to heavy drafting demands, the teams have done well.

The School will be losing the staunchest supporter and hardest worker in the cause of all sport, whom they have had for many a year, when C.S.M. F. Fowler is discharged to pension next month. It is to be hoped that his interest in local sport—especially football—will not be entirely lost on his leaving the Service.

The following are the U.S. League results for last month:—

DIV. I.

v. H.M.S. "Excellent," lost, 0—3.
v. Royal Marines, drew, 0—0.

DIV. II.

v. H.M.S. "Excellent," lost, 0—5.
v. Royal Marines, lost, 1—2.



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) H. Ozanne, D.S.O., promoted to Lieut.-Col., *vice* Harmer, 5.4.25.

Major C. A. Bishop, O.B.E. (retd.), promoted to Lieut.-Col. (retd.), 5.4.25.

Capt. H. Ravenshaw, promoted to Major, *vice* Ozanne, 5.4.25.

Capt. F. Hamer (secd.) promoted to Major (secd.), *vice* Mullins, 6.4.25.

Capt. V. Clayton (supy.) absorbed in the Establishment, *vice* Ravenshaw, 5.4.25.

Lieut. A. Whiting, Qr.Mr., R.N. School of Music, promoted to Capt. Qr.Mr., 17.4.25.

Sergt. A. D. Layzell promoted to Actg. R.M. Gunner, *vice* Kemp, 5.4.25.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major E. H. Ward, Supy. List (W.T.), placed on the Supplementary Half Pay List at his own request.

Major W. A. Jolly, apptd. Superintendent, R.N. School of Music, *vice* Ozanne.

Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C. (retd.), apptd. Recruiting Staff Officer, R.N., and R.M., Liverpool, 6.4.25.

Lieuts. Morris, A. Warren, R. Giles, and K. Hunt will be attached to the R.A.F. for Period A, as laid down in A.F.O. 1058/24, as from 27th April, 1925.

Surg.-Lieut. T. N. D'Arcy, R.N., apptd. to H.M.S. "Pembroke" (addl.) for R.M. Infirmary, *vice* Gibson, 17.4.25.

Surg.-Lieut. J. Crosbie, M.B., B.A., R.N., apptd. to H.M.S. "Vivid" (addl.), for Plymouth Division, *vice* Anthony, 8.4.25.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C., to H.M.S. "Furious," on commissioning.

The following officers are apptd. to H.M.S. "Emperor of India," on recommissioning: Capt. J. Haddon, Lieut. J. Hayter, Actg. R.M. Gunner C. Feary (now in ship to remain), and 2nd-Lieut. A. Westcott (to embark).

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieut.-Col. G. Raikes, D.S.C., and Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) J. Hudleston have been selected to attend the 18th Course, Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, which assembles on 25th May and ends on 21st August, 1925.

Capt. C. Adair has been selected to attend the Hygiene Course commencing on 2nd May and ending 23rd May, 1925.

RETIREMENTS.

Lieut.-General E. J. Stroud, C.B., C.M.G., placed on the Retired List on account of non-service, 8.4.25.

CHATHAM.

SENIOR COLOUR-SERGEANTS.

C. H. Privett, C. T. Jones, W. Gossett, E. E. Penney, J. W. Pawley, T. G. Kemp.

SENIOR SERGEANTS.

C. Dixon, H. J. Milton, F. Bessant, A. A. Snelling, S. Roberts, R. E. B. Trim.

SENIOR CORPORALS.

B. H. Keir, A. W. F. Putman, G. Campbell, P. R. Parker, J. S. Lockhart, J. H. Harding.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sergts.—Sergt. W. P. Dawson ("Marlborough") Sergt. C. R. Collins (Headquarters).

To be Sergts.—Corpl. W. Staley ("Repulse"), Corpl. J. D. Griffiths ("Benbow"), Corpl. A. E. Stuart ("Royal Sovereign").

To be Corpls.—Mnes. G. Case ("Royal Sovereign"), W. A. Rolfe (Headquarters), S. Burgess (Headquarters), J. C. Clarke ("Repulse"), R. G. Leader (Shotley T.E.), H. W. Sandys ("Tamar"), A. Kellard ("Birmingham"), H. E. Alltimes (Headquarters), G. E. L. Long ("Repulse").

APPOINTMENTS.

Pioneer-Sergt. (nominated).—Sergt. C. E. Price.
Caulker, Works Dept.—Mne. R. Perry.
Groom to Lieut.-Col. Arbuthnot.—Mne. E. H. Stredwick.
Attendant to Lieut. Hoby.—Mne. H. T. Elmer.
Painter, Works Dept.—Mne. E. Waind.
Blacksmith.—Mne. T. J. Tedbury.
C.S.M., Depot, R.M. (nominated).—Clr.-Sergt. J. C. Edwards.
Postman.—Sergt. W. Pledger.
Attendant to Lieut. Nonweiler.—Mne. R. G. Hatton.
Dining Hall Attendant.—Mne. G. N. Tull.
Training as Clerk.—Mne. C. Botting.
Attendant to Lieut. Hale.—Mne. A. R. Hawkes.
Junior N.C.O.s' Club Steward.—Lce.-Corpl. H. C. Smith.
Pioneer.—Mne. F. Sykes.
Cooks.—Mnes. H. V. Redman, H. G. Sampson.
Q.M.S.I. of Small Arms (nominated).—Sergt. E. H. F. Bonnett.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Blenheim,**" Mne. F. Lee; "**Hecla,**" Corpls. N. R. Willcox, A. Marsh; "**Lowestoft,**" Corpl. W. P. J. Bishop, Mnes. I. T. Jones, S. J. Hicks, T. F. Buckingham, A. F. C. Benham, F. Caplehorn, T. E. Hyde, A. V. Farthing, J. H. Carter, L. P. Lillycrap, J. E. Frewin, F. T. J. Hyland, C.W. Sivyer, R. A. Smith, P. C. G. Bailey, R. E. Sharpe, F. Hannah, M. F. Barker; "**Malabar,**" Buglr. L. A. Rogers, Mnes. G. C. Brain, F. G. Keywood, W. W. Parsons; "**Pembroke,**" Clr.-Sergt. C. F. Beet; "**Ramillies,**" Mne. W. H. Pinwell; "**Repulse,**" Corpls. J. Ashton, H. Carter, Bgler. J. A. Collis, Mnes. H. R. Flack, A. E. Stubbington, G. A. Woodrow, S. Floyd, L. H. G. Kenney, C. N. Jenkins, W. R. Uden, R. Sturgess; "**Royal Oak,**" Mne. W. E. Wood; **Shotley T.E.,** Sergt. M. G. Milton; "**Tiger,**" Mne. T. G. Haynes; "**Vulcan,**" Corpl. W. D. Ives; "**Victory,**" Corpl. C. E. Spurden, Mne. A. R. Hawkes; "**Weymouth,**" Mnes. R. G. Hatton, A. E. Francis.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mne. L. F. Head; "**Benbow,**" Mnes. J. W. Smith, W. H. Martin, E. H. Morris, F. L. A. Clifton, G. C. Allen, F. Baker, W. T. Upton, C. E. Humphrey, H. A. Raeburn, W. Hopkins, F. J. Fisher, H. Jones, W. E. D. Sutton, N. E. Coulstock; "**Blenheim,**" Mne. H. Purkins; "**Hecla,**" Corpls. F. T. Townsend, F. C. Tucker; "**Pembroke,**" Corpls. G. E. Collis, T. J. Harris, Mnes. H. G. Sampson, H. V. Redman, F. E. Rawlings; "**Repulse,**" Sergt. W. Staley, Corpl. A. Costello, Mnes. G. T. Baker, M. Styles, E. G. Ingle, S. G. Dubery, W. C. Grinsell, J. Harrison, W. E. Bushell; "**Royal Oak,**" Mne. C. G. Self; "**Sandhurst,**" Mne. E. Clark; **Shotley T.E.,** Clr.-Sergt. A. Gillies; "**Titania,**" Clr.-Sergt. P. B. Clark; "**Tiger,**" Mne. P. G. H. Bailey; "**Weymouth,**" Mne. R. G. Hatton; "**Victory,**" Corpl. T. A. Grant, Mnes. G. A. Williams, A. Sault, C. C. T. Sayers, A. F. P. Poulter, W. H. Coulson, E. Lankshear, C. G. Edwards, C. E. Mead, H. G. Simpkins; F. E. Smith.

DISCHARGES.

Second Period of Engagement.—Mnes. C. A. Wood, W. Cook, Sergt. J. Rose, Mnes. H. M. Walton, G. C. Kingdom, S. Pyatt, Sergt. G. O. E. Smithson.

First Period of Engagement.—Mne. W. J. Goddin.

Termination of Engagement.—Mnes. W. Green, F. Buck, J. Conway, A. O. Blomquist, T. Mould.

Invalided.—Clr.-Sergt. B. P. Clarke, Bglr. F. W. West, Mnes. B. R. Ward, F. Corbin, L. Terry, N. Howell, R. S. Gould, D. G. Dimmock, F. A. C. Thomson, G. H. Barnes, J. A. Grain, G. Walters, W. P. Kilham, H. G. Morris, A. Hubbard.

Discharge by Purchase.—Mnes. P. H. Heele, E. Fuller, C. G. Self.

PORTSMOUTH

PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions are notified :—

To R.M. Gunner: Sergt. A. D. Layzell.

To Sergeant: Corpl. C. E. Bennett, **Headquarters**; Corpl. Richard Gardiner, "**Victory.**"

To Corporal: Mne. D. E. Sprackling, "**Marlborough**"; Mne. Wm. Aiken, "**Hermes**"; Mne. F. A. Jennings, **Headquarters**; Mne. F. Green, "**Douglas**"; Mne. G. Turner, "**Curacoa**"; Mne. A. G. Phillips, **Headquarters**; Mne. J. R. Walker, "**Victory**"; Mne. F. W. Miller, **Deal.**

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Senior Clr.-Sergeants: Clr.-Sergeant L. J. T. Dollery, Clr.-Sergeant Chas. Hatch, Clr.-Sergeant L. A. Scott, Clr.-Sergeant G. L. Wood.

Senior Sergeants: Sergeant W. B. A. Harbert, Sergeant C. F. Fletcher, Sergeant Leslie Coppin, Sergeant G. H. A. Waskett.

Senior Corporals passed for promotion: Corpl. J. W. Owen, Corpl. F. C. Richardson, Corpl. Wm. Tickner, Corpl. F. A. Hiscock.

Senior Candidates passed for promotion: Mne. M. H. M. Miller, Mne. E. A. Marsh, Mne. W. M. Harris, Mne. W. J. Holliday.

APPOINTMENTS.

Divisional Postman.—Sergt. G. P. West.
Pioneer.—Mne. A. H. Thorne.
Q.M.S.I. (Sea Service).—Clr.-Sergt. T. E. Parker (nominated).
Attendant to Major (Bt.-Lieut.-Colonel) R. H. Darwall, R.M.—Mne. E. F. Porter.
Shoemaker.—Mne. J. G. Wells.
Training as Printer.—Mne. H. T. Ashby, Mne. B. Hillier.
Clerk, Staff Office.—Corpl. G. Maughan.
M.T.I., 2nd Cl. S.A. Staff.—Sergt. W. J. Macauley.

AWARDS.

The L.S. and G.C. Medal has been awarded to Clr.-Sergt. W. H. Goodridge and Mne. E. R. Young.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Centaur,**" Clr.-Sergt. C. W. Jackson, Sergt. W. J. Mustoo, Corpls. A. E. Race, C. A. B. Clifford, Wm. Rogers, Bugler T. D. Russell, Mnes. F. G. Thompson, John Atkinson, John Butcher, C. J. Corbyn, Alan Kemish, A. J. Jennings, E. G. Elliott, W. J. Coen, O. R. J. Collins, N. V. Bonner, F. G. Metcalf, Patrick Carr, A. N. Harding, David Stubbington, C. S. Payne, John Carolan, T. L. Smith, A. J. Richardson, Harry Bacon, G. I. Harris, C. H. Blake; "**Dryad,**" Mnes. H. F. Silk, Fredk. Jones, C. E. Hamilton, H. D. Woodford, Wm. Snoxall; "**Dido,**" Mnes. T. F. Stephens, R. A. Norris; "**Dolphin,**" Mne. Sidney Fawcett; "**Malaya,**" Mne. J. T. A. Muckett; "**Repulse,**" Corpls. Fredk. Hunt, S. G. B. Timbury, Bugler J. H. Collins, Mne. G. G. Pike; "**Tiger,**" Bugler A. W. Julnes; "**Victory,**" Corpls. Richard Gardiner, P. J. Hunter, W. G. Miller, John Balmain, D. E. Prescott, Mnes. Clement March, Edward Pratt, J. R. Ransome, Wm. Smith, Sergt. J. R. J. Bowyer.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Barham,**" Sergt. H. P. Everett, Mne. C. G. Kelsey; "**Benbow,**" Mne. B. Redgrave; "**Curlew,**" Mne. E. F. Porter; "**Conquest,**" Mne. Henry Moss; "**Cormorant,**" Mne. J. L. F. Ocock; "**Dolphin,**" Mnes. Fredk. Brown, T. J. Underwood, Bugler C. A. E. Shotton; "**Dryad,**" Mnes. Joseph Postin, J. W. Thorne; "**Dido,**" Mnes. J. A. Spencer, W. H. Taylor, F. W. Shawyer; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Mne. T. N. Norris; "**Tiger,**" Bugler A. J. King, Mnes. F. D. South, P. G. H. Bailey; "**Egmont,**" Corpl. A. T. Caddye.

TRANSFERS.

From Chatham Division to Portsmouth Division, Mne. F. T. Dacre, "**Royal Oak.**"

From Plymouth Division to Portsmouth Division, Mne. Arch. Russell, "**Carlisle,**" Bugler G. Marchant, "**Carysfort.**"

From Portsmouth Division to Plymouth Division, Mne. S. F. Durrant, "**Carlisle,**" Mne. W. E. Goodenough, "**Revenge.**"

CHANGES AFLOAT.

Corpl. S. F. Webb, "**Fisgard**" to "**Victory.**"
Mne. H. Harrison, "**Argus**" to "**Cormorant.**"

DISCHARGES.

Termination of Second Period of Engagement.—Sergt. F. M. Brennan, Corpl. W. H. Payne, Mnes. W. H. Barnes, Geo. Burnes, T. B. Smith, C. G. Matthews, R. F. Jones, Fredk. Brown, C. R. Walker, Fredk. Keyworth, Alexander Mills.

Termination of First Period of Engagement.—Mnes.

PURCHASE.

Mne. J. F. Towers.

INVALIDED.

Mne. R. W. Oloman.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIOR SERGEANTS AND CORPORALS.

Sergts. F. J. Oakes, J. Mulligan, J. Bowling, R. S. Turner, W. B. Greasley, Corpls. N. V. Bishop, W. Dickman, G. Oliver, H. G. Leese, F. C. Gill.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Maidstone,**" Clr.-Sergt. Beck, Corpls. Gard, Swallow; "**Alecto,**" Corpl. Lane, Mnes. Bainton, Hight, Strange; "**Colossus,**" Mne. Barnard; "**Lowestoft,**" Mne. Bedwell; "**Thunderer,**" Mnes. Murphy, Hughes; "**Impregnable,**" Corpl. Lloyd, Mnes. C. Hughes, Hindle, Edmunds; "**King George V.,**" Sergt. Precious, Mne. Frost; "**Vivid,**" Corpls. Carpenter, Limb, Mne. Hucker; "**Malabar,**" Mnes. Spiller, Ensten; "**Flora,**" Sergt. Symons, Mnes. Jefferson, Bateman.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Flora,**" Sergt. Gibson, Mne. Gough; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Sergt. Langdon, Mnes. Higham, Willets; "**Frobisher,**" Mnes. Rorke, Tucker; "**Hood,**" Mne. Savage; "**Resolution,**" Mne. Wright; "**Thunderer,**" Mnes. Spiller, Cope, Thomas; "**Colossus,**" Mnes. Tyler, Ellis; "**Valiant,**" Mnes. Williams, White; "**Concord,**" Sergt. Lawrence; "**Impregnable,**" Corpl. Stratton, Mnes. Wain, Whaley, Vile; "**Alecto,**" Corpl. Carpenter; "**Maidstone,**" Clr.-Sergt. McCree, Corpls. Oliver, Limb; "**Delhi,**" Mne. Boniface; "**King George V.,**" Sergt. West, Mne. Tucker; "**Victory,**" Corpl. Simpson, Mnes. Hammond, Parker, McNally, Sims, Garbet; **R.A.F. Base, Leuchars,** Mnes. Foxhall, Kent.

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Barber.—Mne. G. W. Gurney.
Re-appointed G.M.P.—Mne. L. J. Killen.
Coxswain, Boat's Crew.—Clr.-Sergt. W. H. Lumley.
Storeman, 2nd Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. O. Hurst.
Pioneer Sergt.—Sergt. H. H. York.
Assistant Printer.—Mne. T. J. Pettman.
M.O.A.—Mne. F. Rolls.
Cook.—Mne. P. L. Chipps.
Blacksmith.—Mne. B. C. Armstrong.
M.T.I. (M.), 1st Class.—Sergt. A. C. Rutland.
M.T.I. (M.), 2nd Class.—Sergt. M. McCalpin.
M.T.I. (M.), 1st Class (temp.).—Clr.-Sergt. G. H. Barrett.
Cook.—Mne. J. Whaley.
Infirmary Cook.—Mne. F. E. Rawlings.
Pioneer.—Mne. A. C. Stevens.
Wash-house Man.—Mne. J. W. Humphreys.
Printer (attached).—Sergt. C. Green.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.—Mnes. G. Goddard, C. Butchers and R. J. Beatty (for Cookery Course); Corpl. F. Hopper, Mne. S. Lyness.
To Portsmouth.—C.S.M. H. Redford, Clr.-Sergt. C. T. Jones, Clr.-Sergt. E. Hartley, and Mne. F. A. Meacock (for Motor Course).
To Plymouth.—Mnes. E. E. F. Bye and R. W. Bryant.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Q.M.S. M. Whitefoot, Mnes. T. B. Smith and L. H. Chaffey.
Invalided.—Mnes. G. Jubb and W. E. Madge.
Termination of Engagement.—Mne. E. G. Cheesman.
By Purchase.—Mne. E. Fuller.
Invalided.—Mnes. E. L. W. White and R. J. Mullet.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

Bandmaster 2nd Class G. C. Keen, L.R.A.M., to Bandmaster 1st Class.
Musician Richard Wicker ("Tiger") and Musician B. H. Smith (Headquarters), to Band-Corporals.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Bandmasters Second Class (for promotion to Bandmasters 1st Class).—F. T. Rose, S. H. Rendell, T. A. Murray, P. E. Barnacle, Herbert Wright, J. E. Burnett.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmasters 2nd Class).—A. F. Bartlett, P. Johnson, S. Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler.
Musicians (for promotion to Band-Corporals).—V. C. Hardy, E. G. Upstell, W. H. Fletcher, V. H. Alley, P. W. H. Robbins, Robt. Morton.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys C. H. Brown, and C. H. F. Smith, to Musician. Band Boy R. E. Burke to Musician on Embarkation.

APPOINTMENTS.

Band Boys A. E. Ridout and R. W. Wenham to be Section leaders.

EXAMINATION.

Bandmaster (W.O.) Arthur Pragnell, A.R.C.M., R.M.B., and Bandmaster 1st Class G. C. Keen were successful in obtaining the degree of "L.R.A.M." at the examination held at the Royal Academy of Music in January last.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Pembroke,**" Band-Corporal J. F. Stanning and Band Boy R. E. Burke; "**Excellent,**" Musicians W. E. Pearson and I. F. Marcussohn.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Victory,**" Band-Corporal C. E. F. Prior and Musician J. G. Carter; "**Impregnable,**" Band-Corporal R. H. Mortimer; "**Pembroke,**" Band-Corporal W. R. Moore and Musician B. H. Smith; "**Malaya,**" Band-Corporal J. A. McCarthy and Musician V. R. Hales; "**Excellent,**" Musicians J. F. Mills and A. J. Stedman; "**Repulse,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class Walter Pryce, Band-Corporal H. W. Ford, Musicians R. R. Hardy, Albert Selway, J. Thomson, F. G. Horscroft, M. Barker, G. H. Collins, P. C. Tanner, E. C. Blaney, F. Upstell, Wm. Brooks, W. W. Searle and A. L. Perratt; "**Valiant,**" Musician W. E. Grimes.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of First Period of Engagement.—Musician T. C. Palfreman.
To Pension.—Bandmaster 1st Class Francis Kirkby and Band-Corporal G. A. Jones.
Invalided.—Musician A. W. Emmerton and Band Boy E. T. Locke.
On Compassionate Grounds.—Musician H. P. Fish.

ON COMMAND.

The following R.M. Band ranks have proceeded to the Depot for duty during the absence of the Depot Band in H.M.S. "Repulse":—Bandmaster 1st Class H. J. T. Taylor, Bandmaster 2nd Class Walter Pryce, Band-Corporal H. W. Ford, Musicians L. G. Smith, S. Douglas, G. Winsor, J. Flynn, R. W. Chester, R. R. Hardy, J. Gilbert, F. L. Walker, A. Selway, J. Thompson, F. G. Horscroft, M. Barker, G. H. Collins, P. C. Tanner, E. C. Blaney, H. C. Wright, Wm. Brooks, W. W. Searle, A. L. Perratt, Band Boys W. S. Clarke, E. H. Weller, J. E. Marx, H. T. C. Goddard, E. J. Hinks, R. A. M. Joyner, G. O. Hutty, and F. Plume.

BIRTH.

GRIERSON.—On 23rd April at the Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham, to Major and Mrs. A. G. W. Grierson, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

LYWOOD—MARTIN.—On 30th of March, at St. Andrew's, Kingston, Jamaica, Ian Conway Gifford Lywood, Lieut. 1st Norfolk Regt., third son of Colonel Gifford Lywood, R.M.L.I. (retd.), to Jessie Watson Martin, daughter of the late Robert Dennison Martin, of Montreal, and Mrs. Martin, of Widecombe, Jamaica.

DEATHS.

LAMBERT.—On March 24th, very suddenly, at Wingfield Lodge, Rochester, Colonel J. H. Lambert, O.B.E., R.M. (retd.).

MORGAN.—On March 13th, Captain Horatio H. Morgan, R.M. (retd.) (obituary notice held over).

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st March, 1925.

ALLEN.—Mne. A. Allen, Ply., 26.3.25 (9586).
CLAYFORTH.—Sergt. F. Clayforth, Ply., 12.3.25 (10584).
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Colonel J. H. Lambert, O.B.E., R.M. (retd.)

Our readers will regret to hear of the death of Col. J. H. Lambert. This officer received his first commission on the 1st February, 1887, and retired on the 25th January, 1922.

Among the appointments which he held during his service were those of Asst. Instructor of Gunnery (Chatham), 1895–6; Staff Officer at the Portsmouth Divn., 1902–7; Drafting Officer at the same Division, 1910–12; and Paymaster at Chatham from 1912 until his retirement.

He was specially promoted to the rank of Colonel, in August, 1918, for good and distinguished service.

Colonel Lambert took a very great interest in Corps institutions, and it was due to his energies that we now have the Memorial Silver Bugles.

Ever thoughtful for others, he was particularly active in connection with the Prisoners of War Fund.

Requiescat in pace.

Captain C. W. H. Sanders, R.M. (retd.).

Captain C. W. H. Sanders, R.M. (ret.), who died on the 4th March at Concepcion, Chile, entered the Royal Marines as Lieut. in September, 1882. His first ship was H.M.S. "Sultan." While serving in her he was employed in the blockading of Greek ports.

In 1887 he was appointed acting Adjutant and Quartermaster of the Musketry Depôt, Gravesend. He received his promotion to Captain in 1892, and was placed on the retired list, at his own request, three years later.

Mr. H. M. Lee.

Mr. H. M. Lee (late Sergt., R.M.), who died recently at the Cottage Hospital, Fowey, Cornwall, was at one time the Sub-Editor of the "Globe and Laurel." He was transferred from the R.M. to the Musketry Staff at Hythe. The late Mr. Lee was well known at the Forton division as "Old Sousa" on account of his remarkable musical ability.

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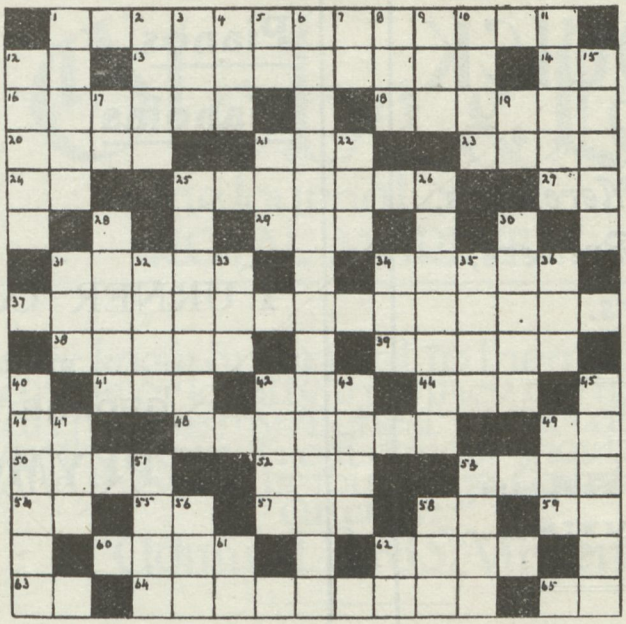
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To the Hon. Editor.

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OUR CROSS-WORD.



ACROSS.

1. Issues rations to troops
12. Chinese name
13. A rank in the Marines (plural)
14. A motor club
16. Put straight again
18. Belonging to the number two
20. One quarter of the globe
21. Female pig
23. Part one acts in life
24. Abstainer of intoxicants
25. An army marches on its ——
27. English railway (abbr.)
29. English railway (abbr.)
31. Fragile
34. One who acts for another
37. State of being resolute
38. Part of the ears
39. Species of duck
41. French coin
42. Used for rowing
44. It eats thistles
46. Part of verb " to be "
48. Four of these in a company
49. River in Italy
50. Stem of an army
52. Useful part of the bayonet
53. Used in lieu of an anchor
54. Not out
55. A bone
57. A garden implement
58. University degree
59. Child's " thank you "
60. Insect remarkable for its agility
62. Armies are required for these
63. For example (abbrev.)
64. A local militia of Germany
65. Objective case of " we "

DOWN.

1. Search
2. Same as No. 20
3. Bulls loathe this
4. Endeavour
5. Same as No. 63
6. Necessary for promotion
7. Child's " mother "
8. Conjunction
9. A pen for pigs
10. An ex-ruler of Russia
11. Trains run on ——
12. Vehement exasperation
15. Tour
17. Teachers in H.M.S. " Vernon " (abbrev.)
19. Perform
21. The sun
22. Part of verb " to be "
25. Used whilst horse-riding
26. Relating to health
28. Part of " lacertus "
30. Part of the body
31. A month (abbrev.)
32. Appertaining to the air
33. Same as No. 29
34. Eaten
35. A ship has two of these
36. World-famous railway (abbrev.)
40. The nation's sheet-anchor
42. Taken on attestation
43. Used with davits
45. Appertaining to No. 40
47. Over 18 in the Service
49. A jug
51. Causes sea-sickness
53. Yeast
56. The ocean
58. Inn
61. The indefinite article
62. Same as No. 12

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The secretary reports that there are fairly numerous complaints, by subscribers, of the non-receipt by them of copies of the "G. and L."

Investigation has shown that this is due almost entirely to the failure on the part of the subscriber to notify change of address.

The copies have been duly sent, but have been hung up somewhere *en route* to the subscriber.

Although the secretary makes every effort to pick up changes of address, by reading orders, the Navy List, etc., it must be obvious that it is quite impossible to ensure delivery of the copies to the right address unless he is helped by the subscribers themselves.

This is especially necessary now that the Central Fund has started to operate, and subscriptions are not received direct from the officers concerned.

There are a few instances of failure to send off copies, which are due to the dislocation of the machinery owing to the inauguration of this fund, the commencing date of which was 1st April, 1925, the subscription running from that date to the 31st March, 1926.

Thus, if an ordinary subscription ended with the February number, and a sub. was sent to the Central Fund in that month, there would be a hiatus of two months' subs. to the "G. and L."

In order to save our readers the trouble of sending small amounts we have decided to bring the matter into line by acting on the assumption that all regular subscribers to the "G. and L." and the fund are entitled to copies up to the 31st March, 1926, irrespective of any money due previous to the 1st April, 1925.

Owing to a greatly increased circulation our secretary is a busy man. Like the rest of the staff of the "G. and L.", he does the very considerable amount of work connected with the distribution of the paper in "his own time." He receives requests from time to time for bound volumes of past years' numbers.

In order to save him clerical labour may we say here that he can only supply these from 1919 onwards, and that the price is 5s. per bound volume (with the exception of 1925, which is 7s. 6d.).

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General Sir Francis W. Thomas, K.C.B., Royal Marines (retd.), celebrated his 93rd birthday on the 10th May, at his home in Rochester.

This distinguished officer, who was Col.-Commandant of the Plymouth Division, joined the service in 1849.

He served in the Crimean War (including Balaclava), and was mentioned in despatches.

We are glad to be able to state that the General is in the best of health, and is very active mentally considering the great age to which he has attained.

Officers and men of his old Corps will no doubt wish to join with us in offering him most hearty congratulations.

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On several occasions reference has been made in these columns to letters received from ex-Marines, in which attention is drawn to the difficulty of finding work outside the Corps.

Regret at having left the Royal Marines is coupled with the advice to those still serving that they should not be in a hurry to leave their present job.

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"The Sprig of Shillelagh," "The Leatherneck," "The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps," "The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette," "The Green 'Un," "The Hampshire Regimental Journal," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "The Wire," "The Sapper," "St. George's Gazette," "The Snapper," "Faugh-a-Ballagh," "The Journal of the Honourable Artillery Company," "The Gunner," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The London Scottish Regimental Journal."

In our correspondence column we publish a letter from an ex-Marine who is now serving in a line regiment.

The letter appears to us to be interesting for two reasons.

In the first place, it is a sample of the strange conundrums with which we are sometimes faced in our editorial capacity.

Secondly, it bears out the testimony of other correspondents who have regretted, when too late, their decision to find a better job elsewhere.

For obvious reasons we have suppressed the name of our correspondent, together with that of his present regiment.

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As may be seen from the column in which we acknowledge their receipt with thanks, a considerable number of regimental journals come to hand every month.

Although they vary very greatly in make-up, as well as in other matters, there is one point which is common to all, and yet it is a matter in which our own paper lags behind.

We refer to illustrations in connection with stories and articles sent to us by correspondents.

Very interesting articles are sent in of visits to out-of-the-way places, training camps, etc.; but however skilfully the author may paint his word-picture, the addition of a snapshot or two would greatly increase the value of the story.

This is well illustrated by the elephant yarn in our May number. The story was an interesting one, and was told in a descriptive manner which conveyed a very good idea of the scenes of our author's adventures.

But the actual snapshot of the natives eating pieces of raw elephant, while crowding round the kill, gave a reality to the proceedings which greatly added to the interest of the subject.

Although the reproduction of such pictures would involve a certain amount of expense, the additional attraction would justify the outlay, and we trust that now the "G. and L." has turned the financial corner, our correspondents will help us to compete, in this respect, with our more expensive contemporaries.

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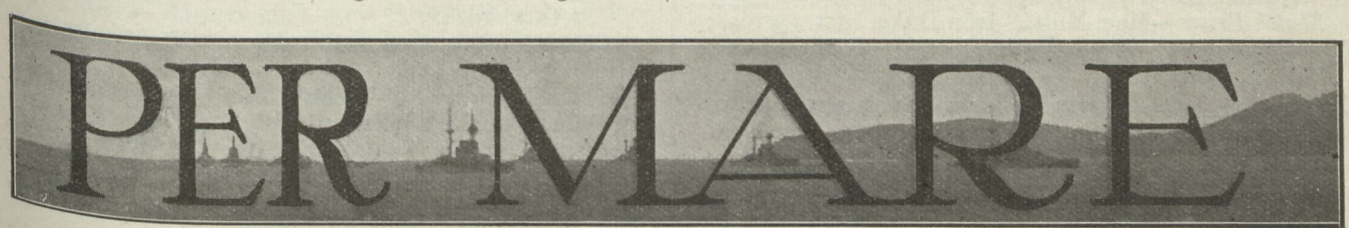
In every squadron, as all sea-going Marines know, there are certain ships which, for some reason, seem to be drawn together and become what is known as "Chummy-ships."

We do not know whether this is the practice in the editorial world, but we have gradually established relations with "The Leatherneck" to such an extent that we think the term "Chummy-paper" might be applied to the two journals of the Marines on opposite sides of the Atlantic.

We have just received another letter from our friend in Washington. We refrain from printing some of his remarks, although we feel sorely tempted to send them round to our advertisers as an excuse for raising our fees. But the part of his letter which is of most interest to our readers is that in which he promises to write for us an acount of the formation and growth of the U.S. Marine Corps.

It was with some diffidence that we asked him for this article, because the production of a paper like our contemporary in the U.S.A. is no mean achievement; but he is anxious to show that our friendship is not confined to mutually complimentary letters, and backs up this sentiment with the motto "*Facta non Verba.*"

THE EDITOR.



POLLENSA BAY.

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Delhi."

The detachment has returned from its musketry course at Ghain Tuffieha. During our time in camp many of us made use of the various means supplied for keeping fit, and we were swimming practically every day. During the shooting Mne. Newton finished fourth with 169; he was well up in the first day of classification, though the "Dragon," "Dauntless" and "Coventry" took most of the prizes.

The football team reached the semi-final by defeating the "Frobisher" after a thrilling game. On the 16th May it met the "Dragon's" Marines to decide who should finally play against the 3rd Cruiser Squadron champion, the "Ceres." (Results will be published next month.) The team is also in the finals for the Inter-Part-of-Ship Football Cup, and hopes to win that trophy. Mnes. Hartwell and Dorman have shown great form in the ship team. The "Delhi's" volunteer band contains 1 corporal and 4 marines, a good representation from the "Royals." With the help of ex-Buglers the bugle marches are most successful, and quite good programmes are got up.

Ghain Tuffieha.

The following were the principal results obtained by Royal Marines at the Royal Naval Rifle Meeting held at the Ricasoli Rifle Range, Malta, from Monday, 30th March, to Friday, 3rd April, 1925:—

MATCH 1.—One sighter and 7 round at 200 and 300 yds. Bisley Target. Match and Class Prizes.

Match Prizes—Sgt. Gasson, Ghain Tuffieha, 2nd, £1 14s.; Mne. Woodrow, "Eagle," 6th, £1.

Class Prizes—Class A: Sgt. Gasson, Ghain Tuffieha, 2nd, £2 4s. Class B: Mne. Woodrow, "Eagle," 1st, £3 4s. Class C: Winner of 5s., Mne. Pollard, "Eagle," 4th.

MATCH 2.—200 yds., 10 rounds. Series 1, Rapid, 25 seconds, 5 rounds. Series 2, Snap, 5 sec. appearances. Bisley Target. Match and Class Prizes.

Match Prizes—Sgt. Morgan, "Barham," 1st, £2 7s.; Sgt. Geater, "Benbow," 2nd, £1 18s.; Mne. Purdy, "Valiant," 4th, £1 2s.; Capt. Jameson, "Malaya," 5th, £1 2s.; Sgt. Monnery, "Malaya," 8th, 10s.

Class Prizes—Class A: Sgt. Morgan, "Barham," 1st, £3 4s.; Sgt. Geater, "Benbow," 2nd, £2 4s. Class B: Sgt. Monnery, "Malaya," 3rd, £1 2s. Class C: Mne. D. Reynolds, "Barham," 1st, £3 4s.

MATCH 3.—1 sighter and 5 rounds at 500 and 600 yds. Bisley Target. Match and Class Prizes.

Match Prizes—Capt. Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha, 3rd, £1 14s.; Sgt. Fuller, "Iron Duke," 7th, 10s.

Class Prizes—Class A: Capt. Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha, 3rd, £1 2s.; Sgt. Fuller, "Iron Duke," 4th, 15s. Class B: Sgt. Harbert, "Coventry," 7th, 5s. Class C: Mne. Pollard, "Eagle," 8th, 5s.

MATCH 4.—Aggregate of Matches 1, 2 and 3. Match and Class Prizes.

Match Prizes—Sgt. Morgan, "Barham," 2nd, £1 12s.; Sgt. Geater, "Benbow," 3rd, £1 6s.; Mne. Purdy, "Valiant," 4th, £1 2s.; Capt. Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha, 6th, 15s.

Class Prizes—Class A: Sgt. Morgan, "Barham," 2nd, £1 10s.; Sgt. Geater, "Benbow," 3rd, 15s.; Mne. Purdy, "Valiant," 4th, and Capt. Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha, 5th, 5s. Class B: Mne. Woodrow, "Eagle," 1st, £2 5s.; Sgt. Shimmings, "Queen Elizabeth," 3rd, 15s. Class C: Mne. D. Reynolds, "Barham," 1st, £2 5s.; Mne. Barker, "Malaya," 4th, 15s.

MATCH 5.—Fire and Movement. 550 to 300 yds. 10 rounds. Bisley Target.

Match Prizes—Mne. Mills, "Iron Duke," 1st, £3 16s.; Mne. Woodrow, "Eagle," 5th, £1 17s.; R.M.G. Lane, "Malaya," 9th, £1.

MATCH 6.—Two sighters, followed by 2 series of 10 rounds at 300 yds. and 1 series of 10 rounds at 600 yds. Series 1: Rapid 40 secs. Starting from standing rest. Bisley Target. Series 2: Snap-shooting, ten exposures of 3 secs. at irregular intervals spread over a period of 2 minutes. 22in. snap-shooting target with 12in. inner ring, scoring 5 and 4. Series 3: 10 rounds slow. Bisley Target. Match Prizes.

Match Prizes—Cpl. Burnett, "Queen Elizabeth," 2nd, £3 8s.; Mne. Tolfree, "Malaya," 5th, £2 8s.; Q.M.S.I. Sloman, Ghain Tuffieha, 9th, £1.

MATCH 7.—600 and 800 Final Stage Grand Aggregate and Lord Beresford Cup. Open to best 24 aggregates in Matches 1, 3, 5 and 6. 2 sighters and 7 shots at each range.

Final positions of Royal Marines:—Lt. Farrington, "Marlborough," 5th, 297; Sgt. Gasson, Ghain Tuffieha, 6th, 290; Q.M.S.I. Sloman, Ghain Tuffieha, 7th, 287; Capt. Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha, and Mne. Tolfree, "Malaya," 10th, 284; Mne. Mills, "Iron Duke," 12th, 283; Capt. Jameson, "Malaya," and Sgt. Morgan, "Barham," 14th, 281; Sgt. Fuller, "Iron Duke," 16th, 280; Cpl. Burnett, "Queen Elizabeth," 17th, 278; Sgt. Geater, "Benbow," 18th, 276.

MATCH 11.—*Tile Competition*—Open to ratings. 10 shots per man. 200 to 150 yds. 8in. Tile. 2 Tiles per firer. Time, 1 minute.

Won by Royal Marine Team from "Malaya."

Team—Leader, Cpl. Jaggard; Mnes. Russell, Day, Taylor and Tolfree. (This team did one run in 34 seconds.)

MATCH 18.—*Wantage*—200 yds. 5 rounds, 3 seconds up 3 seconds down. Class Prizes.

Class Prizes—Class A: Q.M.S.I. Sloman, Ghain Tuffieha, 2nd, 8s. Class B: Mne. Cowleshaw, "Iron Duke," 2nd, 12s. Class C: Mne. Barker, "Marlborough," 1st, 18s.; Mne. Kiddle, "Benbow," 2nd, 9s.

MATCH 19.—Rapid, 200 yds. 1 sighter and 10 rounds. Bisley Target. Match and Class Prizes.

Match Prizes—Capt. Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha, 1st, £1 1s.

Class Prizes—Class A: Capt. Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha, 1st, 18s. Class B: B.Sgt. Barker, "Cardiff," 2nd, 12s.; Mne. Fessey, "Queen Elizabeth," 1st, 18s. Class C: Mne. Wild, "Dragon," 1st, 18s.

MATCH 13.—Revolver. Daily. Whitehead conditions, 1924. Series 1: 10 yds., 12 secs. Series 2: 20 yds., 20 secs. Series 3: 50 yds., 1 min. Class and Match Prizes.

Monday, 30th March—Class A: Clr.-Sgt. Ridding, 2nd, 4s. 6d.

Tuesday, 31st March—Match Prize: Clr.-Sgt. Ridding, 1st, 10s. Class A: Clr.-Sgt. Ridding, 1st, 7s.

Wednesday, 1st April—Match Prize: Clr.-Sgt. Ridding, 1st, 10s. Class A: Clr.-Sgt. Ridding, 1st, 12s.

Thursday, 2nd April—Match Prize: Clr.-Sgt. Ridding, 1st, 12s. Class A: Clr.-Sgt. Ridding, 1st, 14s.

MATCH 14.—Revolver Championship. Open to the best 18 scores in Daily Shoots, and 12 best scores in Team Shoots. Conditions, Whitehead Series 1 to 5, 1924.

Championship Cup and replica, with £3, Clr.-Sgt. Ridding, "Iron Duke," 1st, 121; Runner-up Cup and £2, Mne. Purdy, "Valiant," 2nd, 109; Q.M.S.I. Sloman, Ghain Tuffieha, 3rd, 106.

Team Event for Canteen Revolver Cup, open to team of 8 ratings, was won by H.M.S. "Iron Duke." Royal Marines in the team were Clr.-Sgt. Ridding, Sgt. Fuller, Cpl. Webb, Mne. Mills.

Team Event, Barfleur Revolver Cup, was won by "Egmont," open to teams of 4 officers. Capt. A. P. Dawson shot in this team.

A Shooting Match, Royal Marine VIII *v.* Border Regiment, took place on the Ghain Tuffieha, Range on Saturday, 11th April, 1925. United Service conditions. 10 a side, best 8 to count. Royal Marine VIII was selected from the results obtained in the recent Royal Naval Rifle Meeting. A 4ft. left wind was blowing at 600, with a varying light.

Royal Marines.—Cpl. Burnett, "Queen Elizabeth," 146; Q.M.S.I. Sloman, Ghain Tuffieha, 142; Sgt. Gasson, Ghain Tuffieha, 135; Sgt. Geater, "Benbow," 135; Capt. Dawson, Ghain Tuffieha, 130; Lt. Farrington, "Marlborough," 129; Sgt. Morgan, "Barham," 125; Sgt. Fuller, "Iron Duke," 122.—Grand total, 1,064.

Border Regiment.—Grand total, 867.

Royal Marines won by 197 points.

Shooting Match, Royal Marine VIII *v.* Royal Navy VIII, at Ghain Tuffieha, Sunday, 26th April, 1925. Conditions, U.S. 10 a side, best 8 to count.

Royal Marines.—Q.M.S.I. Sloman, Ghain Tuffieha, 154; Mne. Mills, "Iron Duke," 150; Sgt. Monnery, "Malaya," 142; Sgt. Morgan, "Barham," 137; Sgt. Gasson, Ghain Tuffieha, 125; Lt. Farrington, "Marlborough," 119; Cpl. Burnett, "QueenE lizabeth," 117; Sgt. Fuller, "Iron Duke," 114.—Grand total, 1,058.

Royal Navy.—Grand total, 1,192.

Royal Navy won by 134 points.

The following football matches have been played by the Permanent Staff against various detachment teams: *v.* "Valiant," won 2—0; *v.* "Malaya," drew 0—0; *v.* "Iron Duke," won 4—3; *v.* "Eagle," won 1—0; *v.* "Delhi," won 2—0.

AFRICA.

"Birmingham."

"Birmingham," with the Commander-in-Chief and Staff on board, left Simonstown on 31st March, 1925, for a cruise, which included visits to the following places:—Mossel Bay, Port Elizabeth, East London and Durban. Each of these places vied with the others in giving us a good time.

A match of 750 up between Mr. Hambley, billiards champion of East London, and Sergeant J. W. Small, resulted in a win for the former by 123 points. Best breaks: Mr. Hambley, 77 and 62; Sergeant Small, 53 and 42.

Two further loading competitions have been won by S.3 (Royal Marines) gun's crew.

The Royal Marines gig's crew is practising hard for the Dockyard Regatta which will be held at Simonstown shortly.

The Squadron is now busily preparing for the reception of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is due at Capetown on 30th April. The "Dublin" has been refitting here during our absence.

CHINA.

"Tamar."

A large fleet is assembled at "The Gate of the Far East," the bugbear of our late Premier.

"Hawkins" (flag of C.-in-C.), "Durban," "Ambrose", a few sloops, submarines, Admiral's yachts, etc., "Chatham" (flag of C.-in-C., East Indies), "Sydney," "Adelaide," "Brisbane" (Flag of R.A.N.), and the Commodore of the N.Z.N. Added to these, "Concord" from the Mediterranean.

As Conferences seemed to be the order of the day the R.M. officers decided to hold a conference, and eight duly fell in at the Raffles Hotel, where they had an excellent dinner and spent a very happy evening.

Results of "Tamar" weapon training course:—

Average rifle ... 136·6

L.A. ... ... 157·5

Marksmen, 24. 1st Class, 15; 2nd Class, 9.

Best shot, Mne. Carrington, 174.

Best shot, L.A., Mne. Dennett, 182.

The rifle average is the highest on the station.

DETACHED SERVICE.

"Repulse."

THE ROYAL TOUR (*continued*).

By L.S.W.

Bathurst, 4th April.—We arrived here this morning up to schedule and anchored out of sight of land, so we must wait until Monday before we get our first glimpse of Africa.

Our first experience of ceremonial calls was rather a disconcerting one, as the Governor, Captain Armitage, C.M.G., D.S.O., arrived alongside in his yacht thirty-five minutes before his time.

The detachment, however, rose to the occasion nobly, and, by the time the gangway was ready, a Guard of Honour 70 strong was formed up to receive him.

As soon as he had disappeared in the direction of the royal apartments, the Guard was rapidly augmented by an extra 30 Marines, waiting "behind the scenes," and ten minutes later H.R.H. and the Governor, accompanied by their respective suites, embarked in the yacht, where they had breakfast on their way ashore.

The Band having landed an hour previously, the necessary "music" had to be supplied by the bugler, which made the ceremony appear rather tame.

As we were anchored out of sight of land there was no shoregoing, and officers had to rely on squash (racquets, *not* lemon), and a gymnastic class on the Q.D. for exercise.

H.R.H. returned on board at 7.30 p.m., his trip in the Governor's yacht having lasted two hours and twenty minutes, much to the discomfort of some of our Band which had nobly done its duty ashore; half an hour later we were on our way to Sierra Leone.

One enthusiastic bather was easily dissuaded from entering the water by the sight of a couple of triangular fins quite close to the ship, but our efforts to catch the wily shark with a lump of raw beef were quite unavailing.

At Sea, 5th April.—Hotter to-day, but still wonderfully fine with a calm sea—I cannot help thinking how lucky we are.

A quiet Sunday afternoon for all.

At Sea, 8th April.—Still keeping to schedule, we arrived at Freetown and anchored at 7 a.m. on the 6th, H.M.S. "Endeavour" being the only other ship present.

Shortly after breakfast Sir A. R. Slater, the Governor, arrived on board and, within a few minutes of his departure, H.R.H. went ashore to carry out his programme, which was a busy one and which kept him pretty well occupied until 11 a.m. next day.

There were various functions going on during the Monday afternoon, topped with a reception and ball at Government House.

The "Deal" Band discoursed sweet music at the Agricultural Show. A small number of the ship's company sampled the beach, but the shuttered shops and the stifling red streets did not offer much inducement, and most of them were probably glad to get back to the ship after their four hours' "liberty." A soirée at the R.A. Sergeants' Mess helped to enliven the evening for the senior ratings, but everybody who

had visions of future privileges to come was back on board by 11 p.m.

As a slight return for shore hospitality we illuminated ship and gave a short searchlight display, which latter must have been appreciated if we could judge by the shouts and cheers we heard whenever the lights rested for a moment on a group of native huts.

A tornado warning during the middle watch disturbed the upper-deck sleepers and rather spoilt their night's rest, but otherwise, the remainder of our stay passed off quietly and, having embarked H.R.H. at noon the following day, we steamed out of the River Rokell on our way to the Gold Coast.

The unbroken spell of fine weather continues, though it is getting appreciably warmer as we get nearer the Line, and the cold water in the bathroom is just too hot to lie in. Under these circumstances we find the canvas tanks a refreshing boon.

Accra, 10th April.—Yesterday morning we arrived at a small village called Takoradi on the Gold Coast—a place where a large and important harbour is being built—and there H.R.H. and his staff, with reporters and camera-men, went ashore in arm-chaired surf boats.

At Sekkondi, a slightly larger place further along the coast, we sent the Royal wardrobe ashore and, at 9 p.m. last night we set off again at economical speed (for a change) and anchored here early this morning.

The heat is now very trying and the troops discarded their " jumpers " two days ago.

There is very little inducement to sample what pleasures there may be ashore as we are lying in a heavy swell two miles from the beach ; the only possible method of landing is by means of surf boats—an unpleasant-looking proceeding for anyone who suffers from *mal de mer*.

No less than 37 native Chiefs will visit the ship to-morrow to have a look round, but little do they know of the elaborate gunnery programme which has been prepared for them.

However, the sweet champagne is already on the ice ; perhaps this will be some consolation for them—perhaps not.

Accra, 12th April.—Yesterday forenoon we were invaded by a dusky horde consisting of the aforesaid native Chiefs in their robes of state and accompanied by their retinues. They appear to spend the greater part of their incomes in adorning themselves ; rings, collars and head ornaments of solid gold were much in evidence. We were surprised to find that several of them had a smattering of the English language and were proud to air their knowledge.

Our display of gunnery did not seem to have the nerve-shattering effect on them that was expected, even though the Marines' turret contributed its share of the entertainment in the shape of two real live rounds—rather an expensive method of showing the lion's teeth.

At football the Black is well up on us. On Friday afternoon he made rings round our ship's team and only a good goalkeeper saved us from rout ; yesterday, with three teams ashore, we could only claim one victory, the climatic conditions being a great handicap to our men.

The visit to Nigeria has been definitely cancelled owing to an outbreak of plague at Lagos so that, instead of spending a week at that place, we shall remain here until the 21st before commencing the last lap of our voyage to Cape Town.

I think this is a general disappointment, as most of us wanted to see Lagos and several interesting entertainments had been arranged for our benefit, including daily tickets for free drinks up to the value of 1s. 6d.—a very generous privilege—and matches at football, cricket and rifle shooting.

In addition, one can say without fear of contradiction that the prospect of 12 days in this never-ceasing swell is not an alluring one.

Last evening we had our first experience of a tornado —a howling wind and a drenching downpour of rain, which makes everything and everybody very uncomfortable for an hour or so. The warning is all too short, and, once the lightning starts, it is advisable to get busy with awnings, gangways and boats as soon as possible.

At Sea, 14th April.—Our plans have again been altered, probably on account of a bitter cry from the hinterland of Nigeria.

At any rate, we left behind us, at 3 p.m. this afternoon, the surf of Accra and are bound for a small port a few miles to the eastward of Lagos, from which H.R.H. and retinue can proceed by rail without actually entering the plague-stricken zone in Lagos itself.

Our last two days at Accra were full of interest for those who like to go to receptions, dances, race-meetings and Durbars, but the number of shore-goers had to be strictly limited to the capacity of one motor-launch, that being the only boat hoisted out. The weather conditions are, of course, responsible for this seemingly harsh treatment.

To make a brief reference to officers' sports, our efforts at tennis and golf met with no better success than those of the ship's company at soccer and, once again, we put down our poor showing to strange conditions and lack of local knowledge.

Lagos, 16th April.—We arrived off this place at 11 a.m. yesterday and are lying about three miles from the shore, with Lagos out of sight behind the trees.

Soon after our arrival the Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford, came on board from a glorified tug and, less than an hour later, H.R.H. and staff went ashore in the same vessel for the seven days' tour of Nigeria.

We, alas, are destined to remain in this oven-like locality until the Royal party returns.

There is no communication with the shore on account of the plague, and we look like having a grilling week, though I must say that, in spite of the heat which has risen to nearly 100 degrees between decks, the health of the detachment and of the ship's company generally seems particularly good.

We have just received our first mail since leaving England.

Lagos, 20th April.—A welcome break in the monotony has occurred—a special tug has been put at the Captain's disposal and, four times to-day she will take a party of 75 officers and men for a 2½ hours' trip round the harbour and neighbourhood of Lagos. Presumably the same procedure will be carried out to-morrow, so that at least 600 of the ship's company will have a chance of seeing a " close-up " of the town which has, so far, been hidden from our view.

(To be continued.)

NEW ZEALAND.

"Dunedin."

The following report is a brief summary of our doings since coming out to this Station.

On arrival in New Zealand we proceeded to our name-city, and met with a rousing reception.

A week there, and then to Auckland to relieve "Chatham," take over the flag of Commodore Beal, and, much to our regret, to bid good-bye to the Special Service Squadron, which had so admirably escorted us out.

On June 16th we left for a cruise around the South Sea Islands.

Tonga, Samoan, and Fijian groups were visited, each offering attractions in the way of boating, fishing and picnicing parties.

Suva, Fiji, possesses a rifle range, on which we were able to test our rifles, and a team under the leadership of Capt. Bath, D.S.C., showed their superiority over both white and coloured teams of the locals.

On our return journey we were fortunate enough to renew our acquaintance with "the Aussies," and at Sydney, owing to the absence of the "Hood," we enjoyed an unrestricted view of "our harbour."

Melbourne and Hobart were again visited, the inhabitants of the latter place doing all in their power to make our stay, on this occasion, a very pleasant one.

One prominent gentleman named Harry made many kind enquiries concerning all old friends, and wishes to be remembered, should this meet their eye!

In November we reached Wellington. It marked the end of our cruise, and automatically terminated a gun competition for cleanliness and all-round efficiency—the first prize being secured by Marines of Q.6 gun.

Trentham Camp, the training centre of the N.Z. forces, accommodated the ship's company for a month (two parties of 14 days each), and a very happy and instructive time was spent carrying out weapon training.

Here it may be said that the Marines were again successful, judging by the list of prize winners.

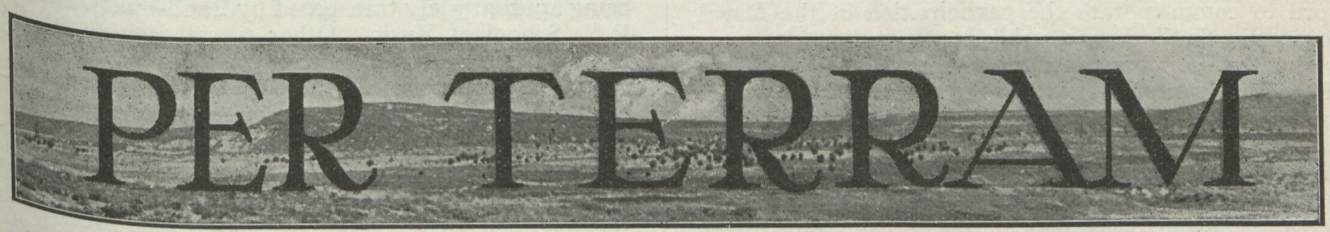
The course completed, we sailed for Auckland to give Christmas leave, which, owing to climate, would be better named midsummer leave.

The cruise we are now on began on January 27th and ends on May 6th. It embraces every port worthy of the name in New Zealand, and it must form the subject of my next report.

N.A. and W.I.

"Calcutta."

We arrived at Bermuda from the West Indies after enjoying our two months' cruise. Football matches were played at Jamaica against the E.R.A.s and Stokers. We lost to the E.R.A.s 3—1, and beat the Stokers 4—1. The N.C.O.s of the Fleet played the N.C.O.s of the Norfolk Regiment, and the result was a draw 2—2. Since being at Bermuda we have played inter-part football matches as follows:—R.M. 0, E.R.A.s 1; R.M. 1, Forecastle 1; R.M. 2, Quarterdeck 0; R.M. 1, Daymen 0. We have also played the R.M.s from ships of the Squadron. On April 16th the Squadron Annual Sports took place. In the road race Mne. Lelliott was sixth; Mne. Nash was first in the mile, and represented the Navy *versus* Army the following day. In the semi-final for tug-of-war (11ost.) our Marines beat the "Capetown's" two pulls to one. In the final, which was pulled off the next day, we beat the "Curlew's" Marines by two pulls to nil. The following day we met the winners of the Army and beat them two pulls to one. Our team—the champions of the Squadron light tug-of-war—is as follows:—Mnes. Grimble, Sandy, Eggill, Taylor, Dedmen, Harvey, Mogford, Powell, McMordie, and Musn. Mann. Clr.-Sgt. Jones is the trainer.



ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

CHATHAM.

At a meeting of the Port Sailing Committee it was decided to hold Service sailing races weekly this year instead of once a fortnight as was done last year, when the races were in an experimental stage.

Our antique pulling whaler having been scrapped, after twenty years' faithful service, we are now the proud possessors of a fine Montague sailing whaler, and we hope that the luck which attended us last season in our borrowed boat may not desert us this summer.

The Garrison Gardens—the pride of Chatham—have re-opened with the courts in first-rate order. The trees look almost indecent after their drastic pruning, but no doubt those people who live long enough will bless the self-sacrifice of the present generation.

The tennis court in the Melville barracks has been enclosed with high wire netting; racquets, balls and a tennis net have been provided by the Games Club and there is every promise of the game becoming popular with the rank and file.

Reference has been made in another part of the "G. and L." to our distinguished citizen—the Grand Old Man of the R.M. Corps—Sir Francis Thomas. He was for many years a member of the Rochester Choral Society, and was an exceptionally able musician. Besides being the best amateur flautist in England he

could play nearly every instrument of the Chatham Band, of which he was President.

Our Band is busy at Wembley in all the glory of their new blue tunics. This seems to puzzle the Londoners, who are accustomed to seeing them in scarlet. On a very hot day recently the following conversation was overheard near the lake bandstand.

"What's this band?"

"That's the Marines."

"Go on! They always wear red coats. I've always heard the pet name for them was Lobsters."

"Well, that must be because these chaps haven't been boiled yet. A few more days of this heat and you will see them back in their red."

JUNIOR N.C. OFFICERS' CLUB.

On Thursday, 23rd April, 1925, the seventh anniversary of Zeebrugge, the members of the above club held a supper and smoking concert in commemoration.

An invitation was extended to wives and friends, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Cpl. A. S. Millar was in charge of arrangements for supper and his efforts in this respect contributed much to the success of the occasion.

Toasts: Cpl. Evans (Chairman), "The King"; Cpl. A. S. Millar, "In memory of fallen comrades of the Zeebrugge raid."

Response: Cpl. Tucker (who took part in the raid).

Speeches: Cpl. Millar, "The objects and achievements of the Zeebrugge raid"; Cpl. Tucker, "An account of Zeebrugge."

An excellent programme of musical and other items was provided, which included the Junior N.C.O.'s war cry.

PORTSMOUTH

SERGEANTS' MESS.

A successful smoking concert was held on the 23rd April to commemorate the participation of the Royal Marines in the Zeebrugge raid.

The Col.-Commandant, officers, and past members of the Mess were the guests of the evening. They were welcomed by Q.M.S.I. Attwood, who in a neat speech expressed the appreciation of the members of the Mess in the keen interest and sympathy which had always been shown them by the Commandant and officers.

Col. Finlaison responded for the visitors, and to the toast of "The Veterans," proposed by Q.M.S. Woodhouse, Mr. Wright replied in an admirable speech.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird, Messrs. Barnes, Wood, Mould, Chivers and Millard and Sergt. Geary contributed to the excellent programme.

About 600 guests attended the annual invitation ball of the Sergeants' Mess on 1st May. It was held in the gymnasium and was a brilliant success from the start. Music was provided by the Divisional band under Band-Sergt. Heighway.

The non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Marines who were granted facilities to attend the unveiling ceremony on the Mole at Zeebrugge were:— Clr.-Sergt. N. Finch, V.C. (Portsmouth), Sergt. F. Radford, D.S.M. (Plymouth), C.S.M. H. J. Parker (Plymouth), Clr.-Sergt. H. H. R. Camfield (Plymouth), Cpl. J. D. L. Press, C.G.M. (Portsmouth), Cpl. J. F. Hawkesworth (Portsmouth), Cpl. J. W. Akrill (Portsmouth), R.M. Policeman W. Kingshott, D.S.M. (Plymouth), Mne. G. Mann (Plymouth), Mne. A. G. Pope (Plymouth), Cpl. H. E. Coles (Portsmouth), Mne. A. E. Gregory (Chatham), Mne. S. A. Bamford (Portsmouth), Mne. C. F. Patston (Portsmouth), and Sgt. F. Bessant (Chatham).

JUNIOR N.C.O.'S ANNUAL BALL.

On Friday, 8th May, 1925, the Junior N.C.O.'s held their first annual ball since the amalgamation.

The gymnasium and theatre were gaily decorated with bunting, garlands and balloons. Special lighting effects were fitted by Mr. W. Weaver.

Dancing commenced at 8 p.m. and continued until 2.30 a.m. The 350 guests present fully enjoyed the programme. Among those present were Col. 2nd Commandant J. A. M. A. Clarke, C.M.G., Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Trotman, Lieut.-Colonel H. N. H. Houghton, Lieut.-Colonel G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., Lieut.-Colonel G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., Major R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., Capt. and Adjt. C. Brooke-Short (supervisor), also many other officers and W.O.'s. Guests came from the Sergeants' Mess, Royal Naval Barracks, R.A.O.C., and Royal Artillery.

The scene, when viewed from the balcony, was particularly pleasing; the many different uniforms and ladies' dresses blending admirably with the lighting scheme. At one end of the gymnasium was a large picture depicting a country scene with a rustic bridge in the foreground on which stood two people, whilst in the left-hand corner was a windmill, the sails of which revolved to the time of the music, the whole, when illuminated, making a masterpiece. This scenic effect was to coincide with a waltz adapted from the old song, "The Old Rustic Bridge by the Mill," the music being appropriately transposed by Band-Cpl. J. Hickey, R.N. School of Music. Other special items were the fox-trot, "Granny, what big eyes you've got," and when one glanced on the shelf before the balcony there was a granny sitting knitting in a golden swing beneath a canopy of gold and multi-coloured lights.

Also, another fox-trot, "The Storm," with special lighting effects was one of the outstanding features of the evening. The orchestra, under the direction of Band-Cpl. J. M. McCarthy, R.N. School of Music, excelled themselves.

Refreshments were supplied to the guests in a buffet arranged in the theatre, their requirements being supplied by waiters under the supervision of Cpl. Bird. In the saloon bar Cpl. F. R. Baxter, assisted by Cpls. Barrett and Mansbridge, was kept busy the whole of the evening.

The Committee consisted of Cpls. Ernest Dencer (President), R. W. Leonard, Sidney Sturgess, F. M. Brown, Henry Bird, F. R. Blondell, R. G. Harris, S. W. Wyatt, W. Parsons, F. V. Borrett, Royal Marines, and Cpls. J. M. McCarthy, William Plumridge, and Thompson, R.N. School of Music.

Great assistance was rendered to the Committee by the President, Bk. Q.M.S. A. H. Turner, D.S.M., who

spared no effort to ensure the success of the enterprise, a success which surpassed all anticipation and so formed a stepping-stone to many future social functions to be undertaken by the club.

PLYMOUTH.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

A very successful smoking concert was held in the Sergeants' Mess on St. George's Day to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the glorious attack on Zeebrugge Mole.

Those present included Colonel-Commandant F. C. Edwards, Col. 2nd Commandant H. D. E. O'Sullivan, C.B.E., Lieut.-Colonels M. F. Bennett, H. Ozanne, D.S.O., H. Channer, and numerous other officers of the Division. A large number of Hon. Members also accepted an invitation to be present.

The chair was taken by the Mess President, Q.M.S. F. Crawley, who was ably supported by Q.M.S. C. Wild, H. Eastaway and G. Curthoys. Thanks are due to the latter and his committee for the very entertaining programme of vocal and instrumental music splendidly rendered by members of the Mess and a number of local artistes.

DEPOT.

DEPOT THEATRE.

Four highly successful performances of Sir James Barrie's "What Every Woman Knows" were given on the 23rd, 24th and 25th April.

Mrs. Halliday, in the difficult part of "Maggie," interpreted the character with her exceptional skill and charm, while Captain Heathcote as "John Shand" was the imperturbable Scot to the life.

The part of "Alick," the old father, was a great success in the capable hands of Captain Webb-Bowen, whilst Colonel Shine and Lieut. Cutler as the Scottish brothers delighted crowded houses with their Scottish accent.

Mrs. Childs Clarke made a delightful French Comtesse, and Mrs. Hugh Britten, in her wonderful frocks, made a delightful "Lady Sybil."

Mrs. Percival Owen as the maid was a charming oasis in the present desert of maid-servants.

The play was produced by Captain Hugh Britten, R.A., and was far above the usual standard of amateur performances.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

A very successful supper and concert took place on Friday, May 1st, at the Veterans' Club, Hand Court, Holborn. The chair was taken by Mr. A. J. Saunders, Vice-Chairman of the Association, and some seventy Comrades with their wives and friends sat down to an excellent repast. The concert which followed was provided by Mr. Leslie Graham's Concert Party, "The Melodies," a fine combination of artistes whose efforts were greatly appreciated. Special mention must be made of Mr. Theo Malcolm, the comedian of the party, whose knowledge of the Corps surprised the Comrades until it was discovered that he was a native of Chatham. Amongst the guests present were Major H. L. Jones, O.B.E., and Major C. B. Mullins.

R.M. RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

WINTER REVOLVER COMPETITION, 1924-5.

Winner of the Winter Revolver Gold Medal, Depôt S.M. J. Bach, total 654.

1st, S.M. J. Bach (Depôt), Gold Medal and Bar to Silver Medal, 654.

2nd, Sergt. R. L. Stapleton (Ply.), Unit Silver Medal, 598.

3rd, Cpl. A. J. Howard (Ports.), Bar to Silver Medal, 585.

4th, Sergt. A. C. Rutland (Depôt), Unit Bronze Medal, 584.

5th, Sergt. Ed. Abbott (Ply.), Unit Bronze Medal, 575.

6th, Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Chat.), Bar to Silver Medal, 572; and Sergt. H. Henwood (Depôt), 572.

8th, Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock (Ply.), 565.

9th, Sergt. T. F. Barrett (Ports.), Bar to Bronze Medal (after tie shoot); and Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott (Ports.), 555.

17th, Capt. L. C. Hollis (Ply.), Class (B) Medal, 509.

19th, Capt. C. A. C. Lucas (Ply. Afl.), Unit Silver Medal, 507.

22nd, Sergt. F. Phillips (Depôt), Class (B) Medal, 487.

24th, Capt. H. R. Haines, O.B.E. (Chat.), Bar to Bronze Medal, 485.

28th, Q.M.S.I. J. Jardine (Depôt), 2nd Class (B) Medal, 450.

33rd, Sergt. F. T. Crosby (Ports.), Class (B) Medal, 410.

37th, S.M. Morgan (Ply. Afl.), Class (B) Medal, 366.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS—PRESENTATION COPY TO H.M. THE KING.

Admiralty,
54, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.
30th April, 1925.

Dear Lord Stamfordham,

A history of the Royal Marines titled "Britain's Sea Soldiers" has been compiled by Colonel Cyril Field, R.M. (retired), and it is the desire of all ranks of the Corps to present a copy of the book to their Colonel-in-Chief, H.M. The King.

I should therefore be glad to be informed whether His Majesty would be graciously pleased to accept a copy of the book, and if so, when I may attend at Buckingham Palace to make the presentation.

Yours sincerely,
A. R. H. HUTCHISON.
Adjutant General, Royal Marines.

Lieut.-Colonel Rt. Hon. the Lord Stamfordham, G.C.B., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., I.S.O., Private Secretary, H.M. The King, Buckingham Palace, S.W.

Buckingham Palace.
4th May, 1925.

Dear General Hutchison,

I have received and submitted to the King the specially-bound volumes of the history of the Royal Marines entitled "Britain's Sea Soldiers," which you

have been good enough to forward for His Majesty's acceptance.

As Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines His Majesty is very glad to possess this history of the Corps, for which I am commanded to convey to you the King's best thanks.

Yours very truly,
(*Signed*) STAMFORDHAM.

Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjutant-General, Royal Marines.
Admiralty, 54, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

To the Editor, "Globe and Laurel."
From———
Sir,

I am an ex-Royal Marine and I left the Corps in 1922 on that reduction scheme.

After I had tried my best to join the Marines again I had to join the Army, as employment was scarce and I did not like the idea of being unemployed.

I am desirous of transferring to the Royal Marines again and I thought you might be able to give me some idea how to go about it.

I served 4 years and 7 months in the Marines, and I have been in this regiment for 2 years and 8 months and I have got a V.G. character.

I hope you will try and oblige as it is my one wish to get back.

I remain, Yours truly,
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H.M. Borstal Institution,
Feltham.
10th May, 1925.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Re the account in a Chatham local newspaper of the annual dinner given at the Sergeants' Mess (Chatham Divn., R.M.) on the 23rd April, 1925, I read that Mr. Phillips is the sole survivor of the old Woolwich Division of Royal Marines.

The following may interest you and old members, and I trust that this letter may be inserted in the next issue of the "G. and L."

My father, Mr. Geo. Moore, now at No. 7, Hooper's Road, Rochester, Kent, joined the Royal Marines at Woolwich, 15th October, 1859. Woolwich was his division, from which he embarked to serve in sea-going ships. He was in Woolwich Division at the breaking-up of these headquarters, and subsequently transferred to Chatham Division. He belonged to the 28th Co. at Woolwich, and re-engaged there for pension. He was pensioned from Chatham on the 16th October, 1880, therefore in October of this year he will have left the R.M. 45 years.

He is 84 years of age (14th May, 1925), is hale and hearty and still enjoys life.

He was one of the Guard of Honour formed to greet Queen Alexandra on her arrival in this country for her marriage to King Edward (then Prince of Wales) on the 10th March, 1863.

I am, sir,
Yours obediently,
WM. MOORE (his son),
Sergeant, G.I.R.M.R.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F.O. (Atlantic).—Pray don't apologise for the length of your story. We have read the first paragraph and will lose no time in reading the remainder.

DURBAN.—Very many thanks for your really excellent and very interesting report of the Southern cruise. Have had to keep half of it for next issue, owing to lack of space, which is a pity as it makes good reading.

Your concluding paragraph is sincerely appreciated.

J.C.C.—Sorry we can't use it, for reasons which you will understand when you read your "G. and L." It is interesting as far as it goes, but you take too literally the adage, "Brevity is the soul of wit."

W.G.P.—A notice on this subject was in the press when your letter with enclosure was received. Many thanks for sending it all the same. We would rather have a few duplicates than that correspondents should hold up interesting news on the off-chance that "some other fellow is sure to send it."

E.R.T.—The difference between your situation and a lobster-pot is that a lobster-pot is a remarkably easy thing to get into; getting out is another matter. In your circumstances—reverse the proceedings and there you are (or perhaps "there you are not" is more accurate).

CRITIC.—Not at all. You are very helpful. As you appear to be a literary gent., you will remember that the late Mr. R. Burns (sometimes called Robbie) wrote as follows:—

"O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as others see us.
It wad frae mony a blunder free us
And foolish notion."

Evidently Mr. Burns did not have some of the home-truths thrust at him that editors sometimes receive. As we have said before, constructive criticism helps us to avoid blunders. At the same time, we would remind you of Mr. Cowper's lines:

"None but an author knows an author's cares."

M.A.—We are not very anxious to commit ourselves to any drastic change of policy just now, for reasons which will be apparent in a future issue.

C.H.M.—Have passed your letter to the secretary. He is too good a business man to overlook an order for 36 copies. He is writing to you personally.

F.H.—Sorry, we can't deal with matters of that description. We are entitled to our thoughts, but if we put our thoughts into print—well, the fat *would* be in the fire.

J.H.E. (Canada).—On looking through our library we find that your contribution has already appeared in book form, and may be bought at any bookstall. We think it would be poor cricket to crab the author's sales by presenting it Harry Freeman to our readers, to say nothing of the obnoxious laws respecting the infringement of copyright. We thank you for taking the trouble to send it, especially as we have said *ad nauseam*, "send copy and leave the cutting to us," but if we are to avoid being caught in a trap which might involve legal proceedings, it is very necessary that correspondents should inform us when matter is second-hand.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST.

The recruiting poster printed below may have already appeared in a former issue of the "G. and L."

There must be a large number of the present generation of Royal Marines who have not seen it. We therefore make no apology for reprinting this truly delightful specimen of the art of combining an appeal to patriotism with a judicious mixture of flattery and golden promises.

If Sergt. Fulcher met with the success that his literary ability and powers of imagination deserved, we may conclude that there were right merrie times at ye "Eight Bells."

Lack of space necessitates a very much reduced reproduction, nor are we able to compete with the extremely varied forms of type in which the original is printed.

GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT.

AMERICAN WAR.

What a Brilliant Prospect does this Event hold out to every Lad of Spirit, who is inclined to try his Fortune in that highly renowned Corps,

THE ROYAL MARINES,

When every Thing that swims the Seas must be a

PRIZE!

Thousands are at this moment endeavouring to get on Board Privateers, where they serve without Pay or Reward of any kind whatsoever; so certain does their Chance appear of enriching themselves by PRIZE MONEY! What an enviable Station then must the ROYAL MARINE hold,—who with far superior Advantages to thefe, has the additional benefit of liberal Pay, and plenty of the best provisions, with a good and well appointed Ship under him, the pride and Glory of Old England; furely every Man of Spirit muft blufh to remain at Home in Inactivity and Indolence, when his Country and the beft of Kings needs his Assistance.

Where then can he have such a fair opportunity of Reaping Glory and Riches, as in the Royal Marines, a Corps daily acquiring new Honours, and there, when once embarked in the BRITISH FLEET, he finds himself in the midst of Honour and Glory, surrounded by a set of fine Fellows, Strangers to Fear, and who strike Terror through the Hearts of their Enemies wherever they go!

He has likewise the inspiring Idea to know, that while he scours the Ocean to protect the Liberty of OLD ENGLAND, that the Hearts and good Wishes of the whole BRITISH NATION, attend him; pray for his Success, and participate in his Glory!! Lose no Time then, my Fine Fellows, in embracing the glorious Opportunity that awaits you; YOU WILL RECEIVE

SIXTEEN GUINEAS BOUNTY,

And on your Arrival at *Head Quarters*, **be comfortably and genteely CLOTHED.—And spirited Young BOYS of a promifing Appearance, who are Five Feet high, WILL RECEIVE** TWELVE POUNDS ONE SHILLING AND SIXPENCE BOUNTY, **and equal Advantages of** *PROVISIONS* **and** *CLOATHING* **with the Men. And those who wish only to enlist for a limited Service, shall receive a Bounty of** ELEVEN GUINEAS, **and Boys** EIGHT. **In Fact, the Advantages which the** *ROYAL MARINE* **poffefses, are too numerous to mention here, but among the many, it may not be amiss to state,**—*That if he has WIFE, or aged PARENT, he can make them an Allotment of half his PAY; which will be regularly paid without any Trouble to them, or to whomsoever he may direct: that being well Clothed and Fed on Board Ship, the Remainder of his PAY and PRIZE MONEY will be clear in Reserve for the Relief of his Family or his own private Purposes. The Single Young Man on his return to Port, finds himself enabled to cut a Dafh on Shore with his GIRL and his GLASS, that might be envied by a Nobleman.—Take Courage then, seize the Fortune that awaits you, repair to the ROYAL MARINE RENDEZVOUS, where in a FLOWING BOWL of PUNCH, in Three Times Three, you shall drink*

Long Live the King, and Success to his Royal Marines.

The Daily Allowance of a Marine when embarked, is—one Pound of BEEF or PORK.—One Pound of BREAD.—Flour, Raisins, Butter, Cheese, Oatmeal, Molasses, Tea, Sugar, &c., &c.; And a Pint of the beft WINE, or Half a Pint of the best RUM or BRANDY; together with a Pint of LEMONADE. They have likewise in warm Countries, a plentiful Allowance of the choicest FRUIT. And what can be more handsome than the Royal Marines' Proportion of PRIZE MONEY, when a Sergeant shares equal with the First Class of Petty Officers, such as Midshipmen, Assistant Surgeons, &c., which is Five Shares each; a Corporal with the Second Class, which is Three Shares each; and the Private, with the Able Seaman, One Share and a Half each.

☞ *For further Particulars, and a more full Account of the many advantages of this invaluable Corps apply to Sergeant Fulcher, at the Eight Bells, where the Bringer of a Recruit will receive* THREE GUINEAS.

A VOYAGE TO THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

(BEING SOME NOTES FROM THE DIARY OF AN UNSOPHISTICATED YOUTH.)

By N. U. Chum.

IV. FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Flotsam=Anything found floating in the sea.
Jetsam =Any article thrown overboard.

The definitions as given in the dictionary of these two words, when taken severally, entirely fail to convey the meaning of the same words when used together.

There is a dreary hopelessness about the expression "flotsam and jetsam" which conjures up, to the imaginative mind, a picture of derelict matter cast up in the back-waters of life.

In spite of all the romance which writers of novels based on the Islands manage to weave into their stories, the general impression which I gained, after my six months' travels in various groups, was that the people who sought a living in that part of the world in those days were either most magnificent optimists, or else were soul-deadened wastage—outcasts of civilisation whose last hope was to drag out their existence in as easy a way as possible—far from the haunts of virile mankind.

Probably this is now changed. There must be pioneers in every unknown land; but I could never associate the pioneering spirit with the easy-going life of the white men who plied their trade in the sticky climate of the isles, where every prospect pleased and only man was vile.

Glancing through my notes I find mention of people who lived their lives in some instances *per mare*, in others, *per terram*.

I have selected one of each. Not that there is any particular interest in these stories; I might perhaps spin other yarns more humorous and more entertaining; but I shall have failed in one of the objects in writing these notes if I have not made it clear, by now, that my wish is to convey to my readers the general atmosphere of the islands, as impressed on the mind of a youngster.

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There is something noble about a ship, be its trade what it may. The galleons of Spain, the old East Indiamen, the China tea-clippers, the Australian wool-ships; even the old pirate vessels and the Arab dhows which depended on their speed, but if overtaken by superior forces fought to the end.

The sorry vessel which we found floating upon the waters had surely reached the last depths of degradation which can befall a ship.

So, too, with the beachcomber. No doubt once a gallant gentleman, but thrown overboard by civilisation, and dragging out his life in company with natives, sharing in their vices, but sadly lacking in their few virtues.

Yet in both these instances there is one redeeming feature. They carried their lives in their hands.

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Among the duties which necessitated the presence of my ship in the South Seas, and to which reference has not been previously made, may be mentioned the rôle of policeman in connection with Blackbirders. To the best of my knowledge the trade of blackbirding is now a lost art, so perhaps it might be as well to explain roughly what is meant by this term.

Apart from raising great herds of cattle the main industries of Queensland are the growing of sugar and bananas. The climate of this State, in the zone where these industries flourish, is utterly unsuited to white labour. Kanakas, as the natives of the New Hebrides are called, were in great demand to carry out the necessary cultivation in these districts, and the problem was how to get them in sufficient numbers. A certain number of small ships used to go round the islands recruiting labour for this purpose, and all sorts of fatherly regulations were made to ensure that only volunteers were brought over; and the conditions of their employment were very clearly specified.

These regulations were necessitated by the methods employed in the bad old days, both as regards recruiting and the actual labour in the fields. Perhaps a fair summary of the situation is conveyed by saying that slavery and the press gang, at its very worst, were mild in comparison.

My diary has nothing to do with the employment of the Kanakas once they were safely in Queensland, but the mark of the press gang in those old days had been so indelibly impressed upon the natives, even up to the comparatively recent times of which I write, that the natives were still suspicious of these recruiting vessels, and many a bloody act of vengeance for past sins was visited upon the persons of those legitimately employed in the trade.

And so not only did we have to investigate instances of trouble in connection with recruiting on shore, but also we had to keep a watchful eye, while on the high seas, upon ships which were suspected of illegitimate trading, *i.e.*, who were unlicensed or whose owners did not conceal an iron hand within a velvet glove.

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Included in the ships which were on our black list was one we will call the "Hobart Beauty." (This was not her real name, but is near enough for a sailing ship.) One afternoon, when I had assumed the usual recumbent position which a two hours' dinner-hour permitted, I was informed that I was required to stand by to board a vessel immediately. In two minutes I was on deck and saw a brig about five miles off. As we were steaming our usual eight knots and there was no wind the reason for the unseemly disturbance of my slumbers was not very obvious, so I consoled myself with the reflection, which has been forced upon my mind so often since, that "they also serve who only stand and wait."

A gun having been fired across her bows she backed her tops'ls, and in due course I found myself aboard the most lousey little bug-trap which ever flew the red ensign. Her skipper was a very different type of man to the usual swashbuckling hero of island stories. He invited me into the cabin, which was about the size

of a decent dog-kennel. Cockroaches swarmed over everything, and the smell of bilge, trade tobacco and antique dried-fish beggars description.

A glance at her papers showed me she was a wrong 'un, but a careful inspection of her 'tween-decks proved that she had no natives aboard nor had any been there recently. In spite of all the other dainty smells, there is something about a ship which has had a full cargo of Kanakas which makes itself felt in no uncertain manner.

With all despatch I left the ship, taking the skipper with me to account for himself to the Old Man.

In view of the fact that there were no natives aboard he was let off with a caution, but he was ordered to proceed south forthwith and was warned that if found in these waters again he would be sent to Suva for trial.

We steamed north, but, turning back a few days later, we found our friend approaching an island in forbidden waters.

This seemed to pain the Old Man, and I was ordered to take four men and a corporal, with arms, provisions and other necessaries (including disinfectant and Keating's powder) and to take the ship to Suva, which was about seven days' sail. I can well remember the mixed feelings with which I went off for this duty. Pride in my job was tempered with the thought of a week or more in that horrible apology for a vessel. But, to be honest, relief predominated when I was recalled. Whether my valuable services could not be spared, or whether the Old Man felt a twinge of compunction at setting me adrift in the Pacific with a crew of scallywags who were not too nice in their customs, I have never learnt.

The sentry on the Cuddy, who is usually a mine of information, spread a yarn of a piteous scene in which the skipper wept and pleaded a small wife and large family. Anyhow, the "Hobart Beauty" was duly reported to Sydney, and there, as far as I was concerned, the matter ended.

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In my previous instalment of these notes I mentioned that the white population of the islands consisted of missionaries and traders.

The missionaries were either Protestant or R.C. The only difference between them, that I ever saw, was that while trading was forbidden to the Protestants, the R.C.'s were allowed to grow arrowroot and other marketable commodities, and to trade with the Kanakas for copra, etc. This appeared to me to be a very sensible arrangement, and in accordance with the principle that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Most people are aware that there is in the Prayer Book a special prayer for all sorts and conditions of men. I don't know whether the author had ever been in the Islands, but I think he must have been, and he must have had South Sea Island traders in his mind when he made use of the generic term "all sorts and conditions of men." I met a considerable number of these gentry during my six months' cruise, landing practically every day, and had I the energy and the gift of writing, I could fill a book with yarns about them and their ways. Selecting an example haphazard from my notes, I might mention a man we will call "Major D."

Towards the end of a long day's ramble round an island, visiting villages, I came across news of a white man. I was led to a village and found on the outskirts a sort of underground cave. The roof was made of branches, laid on the ground, with palm leaves woven into them.

Going gingerly into this suburban villa I found the owner sitting on the ground being fanned by his (black) lady housekeeper. At the risk of being suspected of cribbing the idea from the dress of Capt. Goode in *King Solomon's Mines*, I must state as an absolute fact that the man was clothed in a shirt, straw hat and an eye-glass.

In spite of his surroundings it was soon clear that he was well educated, and he expressed a keen desire to see our Old Man.

He said he would get dressed before going off, and put on a pair of ancient duck trousers. Trifles such as shoes, socks, or a collar did not appear in the picture.

We were met with the usual complimentary remarks from the bridge on coming alongside, and the Old Man sang out words to the effect that he would not have that filthy scallywag aboard his ship at any price; that I had kept the ship waiting two hours; and that as soon as I came on board he had something to say to me.

To argue the point in front of my guest was a little embarrassing. Being tired, hot and hungry I ended the matter by pushing the stranger up the ladder in front of me, turning him over to the corporal of the gangway, and making a bee-line for the wardroom, without going to make my usual report.

After a lively scene on the bridge the Captain and Major D. walked aft, and the popping of corks held out bright hopes to me that I might yet escape the wigging in store.

The man turned out to be an ex-Indian cavalry officer; at one period of his career he had been well known in Town, and the Old Man and he had several mutual friends in England.

From the fact that he did not leave the ship until late that night, and was shown over the side by his host with many expressions of pleasure at having met him, I gathered all was well.

Why this man-about-town should have "gone native" is only a matter of conjecture. The Old Man could have told, but didn't. The only reference he made to it to me personally, was next morning, bright and early, when he said if I kept the ship waiting another time to bring off beachcombers he would sack me from my job, and send someone with more sense. In any other circumstances I should have felt this was base ingratitude; but the only whisky obtainable in the Islands is notoriously bad.

THIS MONTH'S TRUE STORY.

An officer says that politeness does not always pay.

Having received a summons for furious driving, he consulted his solicitor as to his best defence, in a case which was practically hopeless. His solicitor said the only thing to be done was to be as civil as possible, and hope to get off with a light fine. And so, in a town not a thousand miles from London, the following scene is alleged to have taken place.

Officer: "Good morning, your worship, and how do you feel this morning?"

Magistrate: "Fine. £10."

BISON STORIES.

BY THE BOS'N.

A cutting in the paper to-day, about a poor chap who came to a sticky end whilst "bison" shooting out East, brings back very clearly to my memory many good days in Travancore after this truly grand animal. "Bison" is, of course, a misnomer, for he is a true ox, correctly called *Bos Gaurus*. If it doesn't bore you too much, let me give a short description of this pucca sahib of the bovine world. All of 17 hands at the withers, shiny black, short hide, four white stockings, Cambridge-blue eyes—don't forget this, for I have seen a "head" mounted with yellow eyes! A very hefty head he had, too, with usually a fine sweep of horns, averaging, I should say, about 39 inches across; the points come fairly close above his white forehead. Huge and massive as he seems, he is as active as a goat. To see a herd of cows and bulls go off lickety belt down a steep hillside through grass, with plenty of loose rock, is a sight to wonder at.

After this kick-off I'd like to impress on my readers that, in my opinion, the "bison" is one of the safest animals to run up against, as big game, so long as he is not hurt. Of course, I do not recommend anyone to try to get a close view of a cow with a small calf; that is always asking for trouble. But otherwise they will carefully avoid human beings and, so far as I know, have never been known to attack unless they have been previously wounded.

One man I met out there had just come up from Central East Africa and was very keen on getting a good head. He used an old double 500-bore hammer Express rifle which he swore by. Well, he was one of those Johnnies who didn't know fear. When he came up to the bull, he fired and only wounded him; the bull bolted, and he at once started on his tracks, against all the advice of others, and of the native "shikarri" with him. He had not gone very far—it was in pretty tall grass—when out came a ton of maddened ox slap at him. His shot seemed to have no effect, and the next moment he found himself flying through the air, to light on the top of a very uncomfortable thorn tree, luckily for him well out of reach of further trouble. The bull, in passing, had caught him on his horn, which went between his belt and side. At the top of the swing the belt burst, allowing my friend to complete his catherine-wheel, and thereby saving his life. It was some time before he could walk and, unless the bull was hit in a vital spot, I fancy he is still avoiding the beastly two-legged folk he meets occasionally in his travels.

I was very lucky to live and work for some years in the so-called Cardamom Hills of Travancore, and bison were the most numerous of the many wild animals there, barring elephants, which I heartily dislike—I'll tell you why another time, if I may.

I have personally shot five bulls, and have been in at the death of a few more when out with visitors to our district, and my experience all goes to prove that, given a good rifle, and taking usual precautions in the stalk, which is, after all, the real sport of the game, it is easier to kill bison than any other animals. Should any of my readers ever have the luck to be after one, remember to use a good rifle, nothing under a .450–.400 for choice, get quietly up wind to within 30 yards of the animal and then let him have the contents of the right barrel just behind the point of the shoulder. He won't need another. Soft-nosed bullets only should be used; a solid nickel bullet is absolutely useless and merely cruel to the beast.

The first bull I shot was one of the best I ever saw. I got news of him from a native who had a small cardamom estate a few miles from where I was at the time, and, only having seen bison in the far distance at that time, I was naturally very eager to make a closer acquaintance with one. Fortunately it was Saturday, so off I went after work and put in a very uncomfortable night in the top loft of old Kandasawmy's Store. I woke up early, feeling as a kippered herring must, for the fumes of smoke from the drying furnaces, and a good deal of wood smoke too, filled the loft. However, after getting my head under a spout of very cold running water I felt better, and old K. and I started off up the hills at the back of his estate after the bull. We saw a great many fresh tracks, but for some time could not discover which were the freshest. After half an hour or so of this, I took one side of the ridge we were walking up, and K. the other; getting to the end of my bit and seeing nothing, I "'bout ship" and went back to the divide. There I saw old K. making terrific signs to me to follow him quietly. He led me, without a word, along a game track, and solemnly pointed to a large rock in front of us, halting as he did so, and whispering as I passed that the biggest bull in the hills was just the other side of the rock. I had a .404 Mauser action rifle with me, untried as yet and very, very new, but I had listened to men who knew the ropes, and had two soft-nosed bullets on top and two solids below. Now listen, and you'll hear what I say about solids, and why I would never use them again. Crawling on to the rock, I saw the bull feeding on the slope below me, and within a very few yards; it was my first bull, so I won't swear to inches. I let him have one behind the shoulder, and as he stood and shook himself I got in another; the poor old chap then bolted off down a very steep slope for the nearest *shola* below us. I gave him the two solids as his head rocked upwards, but they seemed to have no effect, though I know they hit him good and hard. Crash he went into the bamboos and then all was silent. Suddenly we heard another crashing and then nothing further. I feared that he had gone on and that I would lose a wounded bull, but Kandapen, who was with me, said that we would find him all right, as he was hit hard. I smoked a pipe and then we started on his tracks. There was no doubt that the bull was badly wounded, for he had literally pumped blood from his lungs through the shoulder wounds, and it seemed wonderful that he had been able to move at all. The jungle looked very dark and threatening, but, as several natives had by then collected, I went in on the bull's track to see where he was lying up. Kandapen was so sure that he was dead that he insisted on following me, and, sure enough, about seventy yards down the slope was the grand old warrior, dead and nearly stiff, with all his legs in the air. Now as to the effects of the bullets (I have them

all still.) The two soft-nosed had hit him too high to reach the heart—I was, you see, firing from above the bull, and did not, in my ignorance, make sufficient allowance for this. One of the solids had hit him near the tail and was stuck in the neck sinews, the other had hit him on the back of the very tough frontal bone and ploughed its way completely round close to the near-side horn, and was *doubled up*. After seeing the effect of these bullets I never fired a solid at an animal again, and have since found that the soft-nosed bullet is good enough for any animal; though, never having seen a rhino, except in museums, I can't say, but fancy that I should have to alter my ideas if ever I have the luck to get after that nasty old smasher of caravans.

The only time I ever saw a bull attack human beings without being fired at was in the same valley I have just talked about. I had a friend from home staying with me who was keen to get a good specimen. My shikarri brought in news of a good bull, solitary, in a small valley near our bungalow; and as a solitary bull generally means a really old one, we started off to find him. We spotted him in long grass alongside the river, and had to cut across up wind of him, over a small hillock, to get within shot. The bull seemed to be feeding quietly, and, as we were some distance from him, I did not think he would take much notice of us so long as we were silent. Whilst climbing up the hill in single file, the last man, who happened to be my shikarri, suddenly whispered, "Look out, Dorai, the bull." We halted, and saw him slowly coming along on our track, evidently worrying it out. We got the coolies behind us and waited until the bull came clear of the grass for a shot, and it was a bit too close to be really pleasant. However, my friend had a .405 Winchester and I my Mauser .404, so the poor old bull hadn't much chance, and when he got within 20 yards of us, he got it in the middle of the forehead and rolled down and over, dead. On going up to him we found that, some days previously, he had been caught in a wire noose, and this had cut deep into his neck, making a very nasty wound, which was fly-blown and had therefore made him real savage. I cannot account for his tracking us otherwise, for it is the only instance I have heard of a bison starting an atack on human beings unless worried by them first.

On several occasions I have met single bulls at close quarters and have had "staring matches" with them. The first time happened thus. I was out with my shikarri and we spotted a fine bull a good way off, feeding, with several cows around him. As he seemed to carry a really fine head we went on to get to close quarters. On our way we came across a small but deep stream, and had to make a detour, which brought us rather too close to the herd for a successful stalk. As we came in sight of them again there was a battle royal in full progress; the big fellow was hard at it with a smaller rival, his harem placidly looking on. By Jove, it was *some* fight! No time kept, and biff biff all the time. I don't know how long it lasted, but the big fellow was too much for the youngster, who finally scooted for all he was worth. The sun was getting low, and I didn't want to be left there in the dark, with no moon, and very uncertain game tracks as the only paths back to camp; so we finally managed to cross the stream and started off on the nearest line home. Rounding a small *shola*, we came face to face with what, I am certain, was the loser of the fight we had just witnessed; he was showing plenty of signs of it on his flanks, too. I promptly squatted in the grass, only showing my head above it, and my shikarri passed me the heavy rifle. I didn't want to shoot the bull, for he did not carry a very large head and I knew that he could not charge home against the big double Riley, so I awaited developments. He advanced, snorting and sidling, and did some very fine "fierce face" stunts, pawing the ground and "snorting 'orrid." As he got a bit too close to us to be really pleasant, I suddenly jumped to my feet and let out a yell at him, when with one final snort he turned tail and bolted for cover as hard as he could whilst we went home.

There is one thing I would like to say to anyone who gets the chance to shoot bison. Be very careful to make sure that it is a bull you are potting; for the natives are inclined to lead one astray, and to put one on to a cow, which, to a novice, is quite easily mistaken for a bull, though the head is always smaller, and often the animal's hide is not so black as that of a really old bull. Never be in a hurry, either; early morning, or after four in the evening, you will find them out feeding. Work up wind, get *close* and make sure of the first shot; so long as you don't show yourself, you will have plenty of time. Mind you, I am talking of shooting in hills where there is mostly open grass-land, and the jungles kindly keep themselves to the river banks. Also, don't be tempted to pop off your rifle at any other game, for the noise may spoil all chances, and the bull may be just round the next corner.

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES

For a solid hour an officer had been lecturing his men on "the duties of a soldier," and he thought it was time to see how much they had understood.

"Now you, my man," he said, "why should a soldier be ready to die for his country?"

The man scratched his head for a moment, and then smiled engagingly.

"Yes, sir," he said pleasantly, "you're quite right. Why should he?"

One morning Greene looked over his garden wall and said to his neighbour: "I say, what are you burying in that hole?"

"Oh," replied the neighbour, "I'm just re-planting some of my seeds, that's all."

"Seeds!" shouted Greene angrily, "It looks more like one of my hens."

"That's all right, old man; the seeds are inside."

A sergeant-major of the old type had his troubles in the small matter of the letter "h." At the morning drill he called out the raw "non-coms." in turn to put the company through. There was a conspiracy afoot, for one after another of the budding sergeants delivered the "'Alt" with terrific emphasis. The instructor dropped to the game.

"Look here," he roared, "there's only two men in the regiment allowed to say 'Alt.' One's the Colonel, the other's me. All the others, when they want to give 'Alt' must give 'Alt' with a haitch."

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Owing to fog a steamer stopped at the mouth of a river. An old lady asked the captain the cause of the delay.

"Can't see up the river," replied that officer.

"But, captain, I can easily see the stars overhead," she argued.

"Yes," said the captain gruffly, "but until the boilers bust we are not going that way."

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Hot weather had made everybody's temper a bit short and so the following remarks overheard on a certain Depôt parade ground may be excused.

Drill Sergt. to Recruit: Did you ever drive a donkey on the farm at home, Smith?

Recruit: Yes, Sergeant.

D.S.: What did you say when you wanted him to move off briskly?

Recruit: "Get up, Sergeant."

D.S. (who was not defeated): Squad, Quick March; Smith, get up!

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HOW TO HANDLE A WOMAN BY ELECTRICITY.

When a woman is sulky and will not speak, Exciter.
If she gets too excited, Controller.
If she talks too long, Interrupter.
If her way of thinking is not yours, Converter.
If she is willing to come half-way, Meter.
If she will come all the way, Receiver.
If she wants to be an angel, Transformer.
If she goes up in the air, Condenser.
If she wants chocolate, Feeder.
If she sings inharmoniously, Tuner.
If she is wrong, Rectifier.
If she gossips too much, Regulator.

The Leatherneck.

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Peter's mother burst into the nursery from which wails were penetrating the house. "What's Peter crying for?" she said to his father, who was standing grimly on the hearthrug.

"He is not crying for anything," was the reply, "He's had it."

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Why is a flapper like a bungalow?

Because she is shingled at the back, painted in front, and is lacking in the upper storey.

H.M.S. "DURBAN'S" SOUTHERN CRUISE.

After the ice and snow of December in Wei-hai-wei, the prospect of two or three months in the southern latitudes of the China Station was particularly welcome. Sandakan was reached on the 16th January. Since this port is the capital, and the seat of Government for the time being, we heralded our arrival with a national salute of 21 guns. The British North Borneo flag which flew at the masthead during this salute was a triumph of ingenuity for the Signal Staff, and was made on the way down. The country is, of course, governed by the British North Borneo Company whose Charter, which transferred to them rights originally obtained by an American adventurer in 1865, was granted in 1881, and is one of the only surviving members of the old trading companies.

Sandakan is a pretty little town lying on the north side of a large bay. The country is hilly and covered, except for occasional tobacco and rubber estates, with dense jungle. The Borneo jungle is, as a matter of fact, peculiarly dense and is so still and lifeless that, by shouting almost anywhere along Sandakan's longest road—which wanders apparently aimlessly but actually towards Kudat on the north-western coast and empties itself into nowhere in particular about eight miles from the town—a distinct echo can be obtained from it. A parang, or sword, is essential to hack a way through the tangled mass of undergrowth immediately you get off the beaten track.

We only stayed five days, and very crowded days they proved to be. Unfortunately, the last three were very wet, which prevented the sports which the shore people had arranged. We played one game of Rugger. I don't think the native population, which consists mostly of Chinese, Malays and Dushuns with a sprinkling of Dyaks and Bajoas, had ever seen this game played before. At any rate, one roar of laughter went up from the hundreds who had gathered to watch, from the moment of the first scrum, which culminated in howls of delight when one of our forwards was carried off the field, and didn't end until the referee's whistle blew "No side." As an entertainment it proved a huge success, though as a match it was somewhat disappointing, the ship running away to the extent of some 30 points to nothing. The ship's concert party, the Pantaloonatics, gave a show on the Sunday night in the New Chinese Theatre and were most enthusiastically received.

Various expeditions were got up to see places of interest in the neighbourhood. One small party of officers left the ship about 6.30 to visit a timber camp belonging to the British North Borneo Timber Company,

up the Sapagaya River. We embarked in one of the Company's steam launches, taking with us rifles and a goodly supply of .303 with the nose well filed down, on the chance of bagging a crocodile, of which we were told there were any number.

The mouth of the Sapagaya River is right across the other side of the bay and took about two hours to reach. The river itself, however, teemed with interest. It is not very wide—not more than a hundred feet at the mouth—and is full of twists and turns. Both banks are entirely shut in by jungle, and as the river was in spate as a result of the heavy rains of the preceding afternoon and night, very often the jungle appeared to be growing out of the water itself. Every now and then we came to a clearing on the banks with one or two native houses built on piles right over the water. The whole family usually crowded out to see us go by and it is rather amazing to note the number that appear to live in one house. The kiddies were all naked and lots of them played, quite fearless of crocs., on the water's edge. The natives, by the way, seem quite indifferent to these fearsome monsters, though in many parts of Borneo they are rather superstitious and don't like them to be shot.

About seven miles up the river we came to the lower camp where the only white man, the manager, Mr. Sawle, had his residence. The camp consists of a small native village built on a fork of the river, and being mostly on piles is very picturesque. Here we transferred to a motor-boat as the river was too narrow for the launch, and introduced ourselves to Sawle. He, of course, had no intimation of our visit as there is no communication at all between the camp and Sandakan, but was obviously pleased to have someone to talk to in his own language. Another hour in the motor-boat saw us at the lumber camp proper. Unfortunately, we found there was no work going on as the place was practically under water, and so, after a long walk through the rain and mud up the railway track along which the timber is brought by a small and ancient locomotive, we returned to the lower camp and devoured a much-needed and very comprehensive tiffin. We embarked shortly after and arrived back on board about 4 p.m., to find preparations for a Thé Dansant well in hand.

We saw no crocodiles, probably because the river was so full and there was no bank for them to lie up on. There may have been some on the way down, but tiffin was too much for us, and we slumbered peacefully most of the way.

Although it was still raining heavily when the guests arrived for the dance, they seemed to prefer dancing on a wet deck and with water from the awnings trickling down the backs of their necks to playing the series of round games which had alternatively been arranged.

I may say that although the conditions were so depressing they were so impressed with the ship's company dance band that it was specially invited to play at the Government House fancy dress ball the night before we sailed. This particular dance was rendered noteworthy by the entire Wardroom and Gunroom Mess arriving garbed as pirates and chanting a revised version of the robbers' chorus from "Chu Chin Chow," led by our Engineer-Commander as the Pirate Chief. The dance was a most joyous affair, marred only, perhaps, by the unfortunate experience of one officer who, on leaving Government House in company with other revellers, and in an attempt to avoid the too-exuberant advances of a strange dog, mistook the substance for the shadow and crashed into a deep culvert with somewhat painful results. (It sounds lame, but it's his story, not ours.)

Next day, or rather the same day, at 0530 we sailed for Kudat, where we anchored at 1730 the same evening. Kudat is also an extremely picturesque place, though on a much smaller scale than Sandakan. There are, I believe, only four European residents including Mems, although a number of the planters from neighbouring estates came in while the ship was there.

At noon the following day a party of eight, including the Captain and the Resident, left in the steam launch "Chanak" (Malay for "pretty") on a deer-stalking expedition. The trip in the launch took about two hours, a large portion of which time was spent in consuming an extensive tiffin. We landed from the "Chanak" in a native boat on a strip of white sand. It was only a moment or two's walk to the shoot, which consisted of ground which had been cleared by natives for many miles, but which was going back to jungle. Within ten minutes of landing the first deer were sighted by the Captain of the "Bluebell," who stalked them and eventually drove them down the line of guns which had taken up strategic positions on his flank. Two were accounted for, but I should hate to have to give the ammunition average. It was rather more like a *feu de joie* than a deer-stalk.

However, after this we broke up into small groups, each with its native boy, and made off in various directions. We had been promised, or should I say, threatened, with the possibility of meeting Timbada. This is the Borneo variety of the F.M.S. seladang, and, though smaller, is nevertheless an extremely ugly customer. It is advisable when met with either to kill him outright or shin up the nearest tree and bellow for help.

The going was very heavy over undulating ground covered with grass, knee-deep and often waist-deep. Occasionally it was marshy—one or two of the guns had to wade for half a mile up to their waist in water and mud—and sometimes there were strips of jungle to be passed through. When we first landed it was raining heavily but it soon passed off, though not before we had been drenched to the skin. It was a most successful day, six deer being brought in, which kept us all in venison for a day or two.

The following day another party left at 5 a.m. to visit a rubber estate, the most outstanding events of which were the circus-like performance of one member on the back of a water buffalo—and his subsequent retirement to bed—and the shooting of a large crocodile.

Kudat possesses quite a good nine-hole golf course, which was well patronised. In the middle of the course there is an interesting testimony to local customs in the shape of eight oath stones placed there by rebel chieftains as an act of submission after an abortive rising in 1900. As they placed the stones, each chieftain swore in turn that so long as the stones remained they would be faithful and loyal to the British rule.

On Saturday morning "Durban" sailed and anchored

in the afternoon of the same day in Jesselton Harbour. Jesselton is perhaps the most beautiful of the three places so far visited. It also possesses a fine big harbour; the country, though, is more open, and on the port side as one enters we obtained a fine view of Kinabalu, which is reputed to be the biggest mountain of the Far East, being 13,600 feet high. It is a really magnificent hill and its grandeur is the more accentuated in that it stands almost alone, and boldly outlined against the horizon.

Two shooting parties were arranged, the first at Papar, about 24 miles up the railway. This party, consisting of five "Durbans" and three "Bluebells," caught the 0730 train. The line passes for the most part through dense jungle interspersed with paddy fields. The various types of natives were most interesting. The dirtiest and least prepossessing are Bajoas, who are sea-coast people; the inland and agricultural races are Dushuns and vary considerably in the different localities. The Dushun women wear a picturesque dress consisting of a short black coat made of some sort of velvet, brilliant red sarongs, bright belts of beads, and silver ornaments. The finest race physically are the Muruts, who live in the interior. Their womenfolk are expert poisoners, and use poisons which, it is alleged, still puzzle white doctors.

On arrival at Papar the party split into two; one group went up river in praus to shoot pigeon of the local variety, called punei, which is the smaller type of green pigeon, while the other party boarded trolleys and went up the line for about two miles. The latter shot over low scrub and marshy ground, putting up snipe, punei and plover. The river party, being in a happy frame of mind, returned to the rest-house with plover, sparrow, pigeon, snippets and cockyolly birds. One of the guns was severely embarrassed by the appearance of three large lizards, one being at least six feet long. Afterwards he learned that the skins were quite valuable, but at the time their appearance was so terrifying that he thought it better to let well alone.

On the next day, Tuesday, a deer shoot had been arranged at Tuaren by the District Officer, Mr. Round Turner. This proved to be one of the most enjoyable days of the whole visit. The party, consisting of six officers, went up by motor-car—a drive of about two hours. We breakfasted at Mr. Round Turner's bungalow; as we had left the ship at 0600 most of us were in urgent need of it, too, and even those who claimed to have had breakfast before starting seemed to stay the course quite comfortably.

Shortly after, we left for the shooting district, after first handing over our guns, rifles, and ammunition to police orderlies who accompanied us, mounted on Bajoa ponies. We were much impressed with these little beasts; though standing only about 12½ hands, they are beautifully built, carry their heads well, are fast and have plenty of pep. We rode them for nearly two hours each way in a hot sun over very heavy ground, through long grass, over paddy, across marshy and tussocky ground, and quite often through black, sticky mud two or more feet deep; sometimes an open space permitted of a canter or gallop, but they were nearly as sure-footed as mules and would trot almost anywhere. At the end of the day the ponies seemed just as fresh as at the beginning, and more than willing for the final scamper over the mile or more of open country leading up to Round Turner's house.

Soon after leaving we were joined by a picturesque procession of natives, some of them mounted on ponies, but the greater number double-banked on water buffaloes. The shoot was to take the nature of a drive and these were the beaters, moving off to take up their positions. Eventually the guns lined up about 80 yards away from a strip of jungle at about 400 yards' interval and with about three-quarters of a mile of open country at their backs. The guns were not allowed to shoot over the open country in rear of them, since it was customary to allow the Bajoas to ride down on ponies and spear any deer which broke through the line of guns. Unfortunately, we did not see any deer-sticking since the only one which appeared—a stag—was shot.

A long wait ensued before anything more diverting than the shouting and yelling of the beaters disturbed the jungle; so long a wait, indeed, that the gun on the left of the line, overcome by the heat, had succumbed to the attractions of a bottle of beer and was so deeply immersed in its contents that it was only the frenzied excitement of his boys that brought him to the realisation of a large stag making rapidly for the open country some eighty or a hundred yards away. A lucky shot brought the beast down into the long grass and the gun turned round towards the jungle again to see what else might be coming out. A shout from his boy, however, turned him about once more to find the deer he had thought dead up and going full-speed for the shelter of the undergrowth. This was so much of a surprise that the next shot was rather wild and a bad miss, but the second finally accounted for him.

On examination, he proved to have quite a good head; it is rather astonishing that he should have required a second bullet, since both were soft-nosed ·303 and had made extensive wounds. Shortly after this we devoured a cold tiffin mostly consisting of curried puffs and beer, and then commenced our ride back.

There had not been enough ponies to go round for the whole of the party, consequently one officer had to ride a water buffalo. Our Gunnery Lieutenant is to be congratulated on the way he handled his uncouth mount. Clad in riding breeches, and a double terrai hat, he presented a picturesque sight as he trotted gaily along, navigating the beast with one hand by means of the thong which passes through its mouth and out through its port nostril, while with the other hand he held the animal up by its tail, thereby short-circuiting a somewhat playful tendency to roll and wallow in every patch of thick greasy mud that was met with. We inspected a small native village on our return in the hope of buying a few trophies, but more especially Bajoa hats and riding whips, but with little success.

The same evening the residents gave a dance at the hotel, at which again our dance band performed prodigies of valour. This concluded a most enjoyable visit and also marked the end of our acquaintances with British North Borneo.

It is a very lovely country with, for the tropics, a healthy climate, but it hardly appears to be a paying concern. The country is undeveloped and apparently

not capable of very much further development. Several industries have been severely hampered as a result of the chaotic conditions in China; notably the timber trade, of which a large quantity used to be shipped to that country. They have had hard luck in not striking oil in paying quantities, though only a mile or two over their boundaries Rajah Brooks' oil fields are bringing him in a colossal fortune; Sarawak is now one of the biggest oil-producing countries of the British Empire. According to local opinion, the British Government would be willing to take over the administration provided that Sarawak came into the union as well. But the last demands put forward by the Rajah as compensation for being taken over were apparently more than the Home Government was willing to concede.

The Government, as at present constituted, is by a Court of Directors at home, through a Governor nominated by the Court and appointed by the Secretary of State, and who is assisted by residents and district officers. It maintains its own native police, who are trained and equipped as soldiers and officered by Britishers. Its principal trade is coal from the West Coast, tobacco leaf, which is in great demand as a wrapper for the more expensive cigars, and rubber. Although British North Borneo has not bound itself to the limitation policy which has artificially raised the price of the latter commodity in recent months, it is a more or less accepted principle with the majority of planters. There is an import and export duty on all goods entering or leaving the country and this, together with the rental from gambling farms and the duty on the manufacture of opium is the only source of revenue.

(To be continued.)

THEY ALSO SERVE.

By E.H.B.

Coaling ship and its necessary aftermath—the water carnival known as "cleaning ship"—has to a large extent been shorn of its horrors by oil fuel. They will never be forgotten by the unfortunate optimists lured into the Marines by the recruiting sergeant's glowing description of life in the Navy—"To see the world in comfort, plenty of pocket money, always returning to the same barracks after a pleasant cruise in the North Sea," etc. Not a word about doing the middle as lifelong sentry with your greatcoat in the scran bag, and a hurricane raging.

Neither was a word said about coaling ship.

It seems strange, perhaps, but on coal-ship day it either rained, snowed, or the sun blistered the paintwork. Never by any chance was it at all reasonable. Then again, it always seemed essential to call the hands about 3 a.m. to tie up the collier, the idea being, presumably, to get everybody into that jolly and carefree mood always associated with coaling.

All these things, and more, flashed through my mind when we arrived in harbour after a long cruise and discovered that we were to coal ship forthwith—Christmas Eve, too! As this was before the days of refrigerators, swimming baths, palm courts, etc., as now carried in the best ships, it meant that we had to exist for the remainder of the day on "Fanny Adams" and biscuits—as we had been doing for the last few days—until fresh provisions were obtained.

However, there was comfort in the thought that José, the canteen manager, had gone ashore with a huge list of orders from the various messes for the next day's dinner. Aching backs and sore fingers, coal-dust in the tea and no water with which to bath, were all forgotten in a vision of turkey and sausages, plum pudding and custard.

Dear old José! He deserved a medal as big as a bunker plate for his willingness to execute any order—however large, however small.

Everybody was too tired that night after washing down to bother about Christmas fare, but in the morning—Christmas morning—the canteen was besieged by the caterers and cooks of messes.

José had not come off overnight, but with so much to do this could hardly be expected. The first boat at 7 a.m. would bring him. Sure enough, it did! *Sans* everything but two lovely black eyes, a nose spread-eagled over his face, and an escort of the biggest policemen in the town.

He had been celebrating Christmas, not wisely but too well, and had finished up in the local police station, drunk and disorderly, with a full cargo of "Revolver Brand," helped by a few tots of "Fixed Bayonets." In naval parlance he had a wet cargo and no fish.

When the ship's company had finished a sumptuous repast of salt pork and beans, which is all that their Christmas dinner consisted of, it was unanimously decided that José should still have a medal as big as a bunker plate, and, if anything, bigger. That it should be hung round his neck and that he should then be pushed into the ditch. As there were a good many volunteers anxious to present the medal, José left the ship rather hurriedly.

Years rolled on, as they have a habit of doing, and brought with them many changes, not least of which was the war.

To mark the distinguished work of the monitors engaged in bombarding the Belgian coast, a number of decorations were sent to the different ships to be distributed as the Captain thought fit.

Where all are giving of their best it is hard to differentiate one from another, and to avoid invidious comparisons, it was decided that the medal for distinguished service should be awarded to the oldest man on the ship's books.

It is equally important to feed the men as it is to feed the guns, even if the canteen manager, in order to do so, is forced to remain behind in harbour, braving the perils of the land while the ship is at sea.

Therefore, it was perhaps most fitting that the oldest man on the ship's books, who duly received the medal for distinguished service, should be our old friend—José!

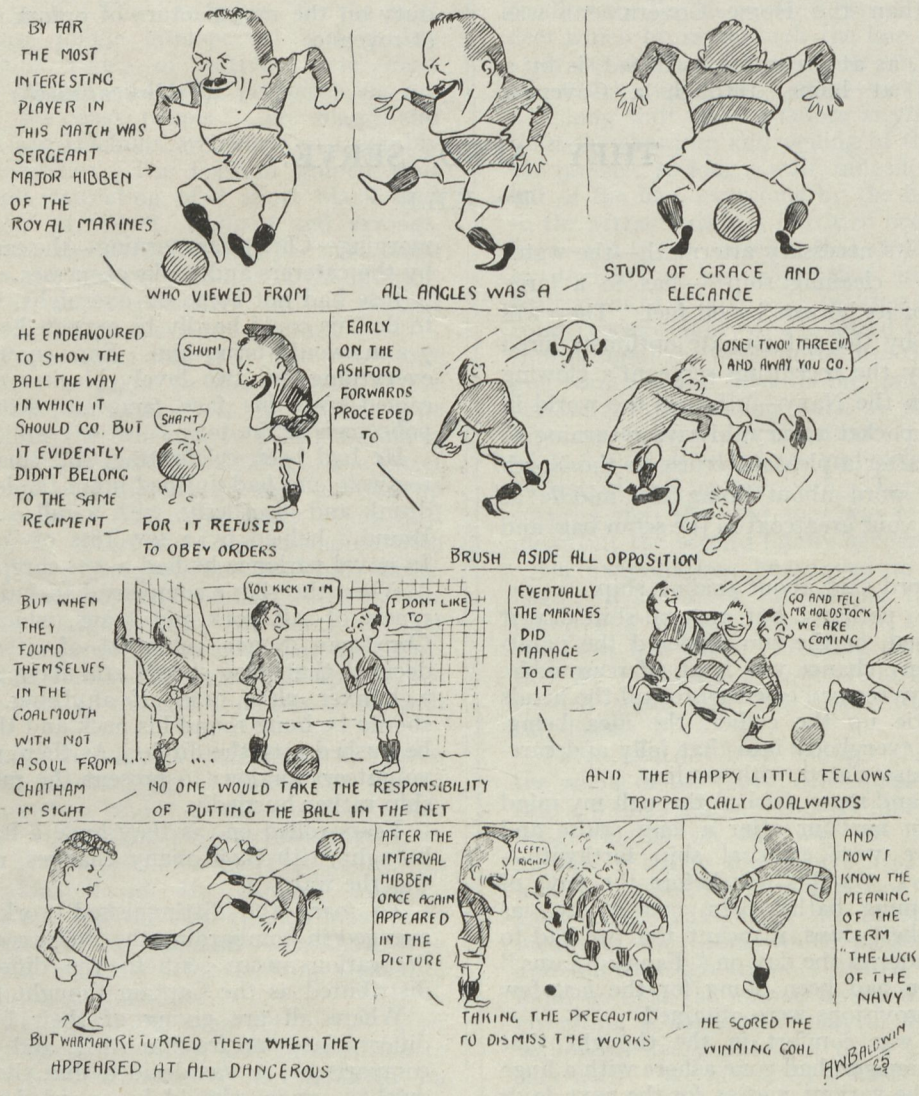
COLR.-SERGT. W. HIBBEN, R.M.

By courtesy of the "Kentish Express and Ashford News," we are able to reproduce the accompanying cartoon of Clr.-Sergt. Hibben.

This N.C.O. is so well known in the Service world of sport that it is hardly necessary to refer to his career, but a brief summary of some of his achievements may not be out of place.

His gold medals include Inter-port (3); Navy *v.* Army Cup; Kent Amateur Cup (2).

But football is not the only game in which he shines. Hibben has a personality which gives him powers of leadership in whatever he takes up, even in the game of life itself. We knew him well as a gunnery instructor, and his classes always reflected their instructor's power of taking hold of his men. As the trainer of a field-gun's



Except for such times as the sea has claimed him, he has played regularly for the Chatham Division since 1907.

He was one of the China Navy team in 1908-9, and has played fairly regularly for Kent County since 1913. He was captain of the Kent County team, 1922–3, and has been awarded their cap and badge, as well as that of the Navy.

crew, in spite of great disadvantages, both as regards his team and the material at his disposal for training them, he put up a wonderfully good show, and met every obstacle with a smiling face.

If any reader knows a more thorough little sportsman, in the true sense of the word, than the subject of this cartoon, and will send along his photo, we shall be very pleased to publish it.



CORRADINO. MALTA.

R.N. AND R.M.

IMPERIAL SERVICES BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Imperial Services Boxing Championships were held in the Gymnasium, Royal Naval Barracks, Portsmouth, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 29th and 30th April and 1st May.

The general standard of the boxing showed a great deal of improvement on that of the last few years. This was especially noticeable in the officers' weights.

The Royal Marines were represented by the following team :—

Officers.

Middle-weight.—Capt. D. A. C. Shephard.
Welter-weight.—Lieut. W. I. Nonweiler.

Other Ranks.

Light Heavy-weight.—Mne. Trinder.
Middle-weight.—Mne. Piddock.
Welter-weight.—Cpl. Downton.
Light-weight.—Cpl. Moyse.
Feather-weight.—Mne. Davis.
Bantam-weight.—Mne. McManus.
Fly-weight.—Mne. Marsden.
Trainer.—Sergt. H. Sheppard.

Of the nine competitors in the team, six succeeded in reaching the finals on the Friday evening, and of these four eventually won their weights.

The winners of championships were :—
Capt. Shephard, officers' middle-weight.
Mne. Trinder, light heavy-weight.
Cpl. Downton, welter-weight.
Cpl. Moyse, light-weight.

The details of the contests were as follows :—

Officers' Weights.

Middle.—Semi-Final : Capt. Shephard knocked out Lieut. Jerome (Royal Navy) in the second round. Final : Capt. Shephard beat Lieut. Schoales (Army) on points, after a close fight.

Welter.—Semi-Final : Lieut. Nonweiler lost to Lieut. Christian (Army) on points. Christian was the eventual winner of the weight. This was an extraordinarily good fight, and Nonweiler, although badly knocked about, put up one of the finest losing fights of the meeting. His opponent is a very promising boxer who can hit hard, and knows how to use both his hands.

Other Ranks.

Light-Heavy.—Semi-Final : Mne. Trinder beat Dvr. Emblem (Army) on points. Trinder had no difficulty in beating an experienced opponent who soon showed signs of old age. Final : Trinder beat A.B. Willoughby (Royal Navy) on points. This was a very good fight indeed. Trinder was the taller of the two, boxed very well indeed, and easily won the fight.

Middle.—Semi-Final : Mne. Piddock beat A.B. Ewin (Royal Navy). Piddock was the more experienced of the two, and out-boxed his opponent, who had gained a very doubtful decision over him a few weeks previously in the R.N. and R.M. Championship. Final : Cpl. Crawley (Army) beat Piddock on points. Piddock put up a good fight but lost to a better man.

Welter.—Semi-Final : Cpl. Downton beat Sig. Langley (Army) on points. This was a very good fight indeed between two good boxers, and Downton won on his better skill. Final : Downton beat A.B. Hardy (Royal Navy) on points. Hardy is a very promising young boxer, and gained the verdict over Downton in a very close fight in the final of the R.N. and R.M.Championships. This time, however, Downton clearly out-boxed his man.

Light.—Semi-Final : Cpl. Moyse beat Tel. Wythe (Royal Navy) on points. Moyse fought very well indeed and beat a very awkward customer, who always stood the wrong way round with his right foot in front. Final : Moyse beat Flight-Sergt. Stone (R.A.F.) on points. This again was a close fight, and Moyse,fighting hard, gained the verdict over a man who had previously been given the decision over the A.B.A. light-weight champion.

Feather.—Semi-Final : R.S.M. Evans (Army) beat Mne. Davis on points. This was a good fight in which Davis was doing very well the whole time. He seemed to be very unfortunate to lose his fight.

Bantam.—Semi-Final : L.S. Patten (Royal Navy) beat Mne. McManus. McManus was up against an experienced opponent who has done a lot of fighting, but he put up a very good show indeed, and should do well in the future.

Fly.—Semi-Final : Mne. Marsden beat Cpl. Connell (Army) . Marsden did not fight at all well. He was very slow, and an absolutely different boxer from the time when he won the I.S.B.A. fly-weight title in 1921. He appeared to have lost the fight, and was very lucky indeed to get the verdict. Final : A. C. Williamson (R.A.F.) beat Marsden.

PORTSMOUTH.

SHOOTING.

We opened our season with a U.S. match against H.M.S. " Victory " at home, and, after a very pleasant match under favourable conditions, we won by a margin of 108 points, the average of the team being 156·5.

In our second venture we met H.M.S. "Excellent" at Tipnor, but owing to a poor snap we lost by 62 points, being 71 points down on the snap. The average of the eight being, 146·8.

The return match with H.M.S. "Excellent" was shot off on Saturday, May 16th. Results will be sent for the next issue.

R.M. FOOTBALL CLUB.

Results for season, 1924–5.

Amateur Cup.—Knocked out 2nd round by Nunhead, 2—0.

Hants Senior Cup.—Knocked out 3rd round by Portsea Gas Co., 4—1.

Hants League, finished 4th with 41 points; Andover won the League with 43 points, Salisbury and Gosport being 2nd and 3rd with 42 points.

Navy Cup.—Knocked out in 3rd round by R.N. Depôt, 3—1.

U.S. Charity Cup.—Beat H.M.S. "Excellent" in Final (re-play), 2—1.

U.S. Challenge Cup.—Knocked out in semi-final by H.M.S. "Excellent," 1—0.

Gosport Hospital Cup.—Lost semi-final to Portsea Gas Co., 2—1.

Victory Cup.—Knocked out in semi-final by H.M.S. "Excellent," 3—0.

Portsmouth Senior Cup.—Lost to Gosport Albions in Final, 2—1.

Gosport League, won. Played, 20; won, 15; drew, 5; lost, 0; for 63; against, 11; points, 35.

Hants Intermediate Cup.—Lost to Havant Rovers in Final, 1—0.

Cpl. Warwick and Mne. Davidson played for the Royal Navy in the Inter-Services competition.

Sergt. Lawrence, Cpl. Warwick, and Mne. Davidson played for Hampshire on several occasions during the season.

I Company won the Company Cup, E Co. being runners-up.

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

Royal Marines *v.* R.N. Barracks (Navy League) at Keyham on Thursday, 14th May, 1925.

The Marines batted first on a fast-drying wicket, and made a disastrous start, losing 3 wickets for 13 runs. Mne. Henwood, however, put a different aspect on affairs with a splendid 31, until beaten by a good ball, and our innings ended for 73 runs.

The Navy opened well, but some splendid bowling by Mne. Leech kept the score down. The tea interval arrived with the score 5 for 30. Leech's bowling was a feature of the game, and he ran out with an analysis of 7 for 14, his bowling after tea being: 8 overs, 6 maidens, 6 wickets, 2 runs. The Navy put up a gallant fight, but the Royals emerged winners of the first league game by 4 runs.

Lieut. C. N. S. Smith and the Rev. C. J. E. Peshall, D.S.O., played for the Navy *v.* The Army (local) in the match on 15th and 16th.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

The 99th Squad won the Squad football competition.

21st March, at Wadebridge, we were defeated by 2 goals to *nil.*

On 8th April, at Longroom, the Marines completely outclassed Saltash United, and won by 3 goals to *nil.* Shewbrook and Armstrong scored a goal apiece in the first half, Tulip adding the third goal, five minutes from the end, after a splendid individual effort.

On 11th April, *versus* Liskeard, a very hard struggle ended in a win for Liskeard by 2 goals to 1, the winning goal being from a "penalty."

On 25th April, *versus* Wadebridge, the Marines won by 3 goals to 1, Wilkins, Shewbrook and Armstrong scoring for us.

On 27th April, at Longroom, the Reserves put up a splendid show against the Co-operative United in a Devon Wednesday fixture, and won by 2 goals to 1, Smith scoring both goals.

On 28th April, at Longroom *versus* Plymouth St. Thomas (P. and D. League), the match ended in a draw, both sides scoring a goal each.

On 29th April *versus* Plympton at Plympton, the Marines were defeated by 2 goals to 1 (Davidson scoring for the Marines).

On 30th April, *versus* Millbrook, at Millbrook, we had to field a very weak team, and were defeated by 3 goals to 1.

On 29th April, at Portsmouth, the Inter-Port Final took place, between Devonport and Portsmouth. Mnes. Shewbrook and Pennell were selected to play for Devonport.

On 5th May, in the Semi-Final Charity Cup Competition, we were drawn against the R.N. Barracks II, and the match was played at Torpoint. A very exciting game ended in a draw, 1—1. (Extra time was played, but the match could not be decided.)

The re-play took place at Saltash on May 9th, before a good "gate." The Marines won by 3 goals to 2. After the 90 minutes, the game was still undecided, but during the second half of extra time Vincent scored a brilliant goal from Horn's centre.

The League have decided that the final of this competition will be played on the 22nd August (Royal Marines *v.* R.N. Barracks I.)

The Reserves are to be congratulated on finishing their League engagements with the record of: played, 26; won, 14; lost, 5; drawn, 7; being third from the top of the Devon Wednesday League.

In the Inter-Company League, "G" Company won the Football Shield, beating "C" Company in the Final by 4 goals to *nil.*

RUGBY.

The last match of the season was against St. Budeaux away. Although we were not at full strength we were too strong for our opponents and won somewhat easily by 5 goals 1 try (28 points) to two tries (6 points). Tries were scored for the Royal Marines by Armstrong and Sandle (two each) and Hadlay and Hine. Affleck converted 5 tries. The record for the season is as follows :—

Played, 34 ; won, 19 ; drawn, 4 ; lost, 11. .

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BOWLING.

This was won by the Barrack Department for the second year in succession. Their total score for 7 matches was 2811. The other Departments came in the following order :—

1st Q.M., 2667 ; Paymasters' Dept., 2660 ; 2nd Q.M., 2556 ; Adjutant's Dept., 2510 ; 3rd Q.M.'s Dept., 2353 ; Gunnery Dept., 2215 ; Brigade Office, 2212.

The highest individual score for the competition was made by Cpl. O'Brien of the Brigade Office with 125.

SAILING.

The sailing season has now started. The first race to take place was on the 7th May. This was won by the Royal Marine whaler sailed by Mne. Sergeant. The R.M. cutter just failed to obtain 3rd place by 5 seconds.

FENCING.

Two Assaults-at-Arms have been held for the Acorn Cup, which is competed for annually by teams representing the Royal Navy and Royal Marines of the Port. Each team has now won one assault, and the deciding assault will be held on the 19th May. The first assault was held on the 5th May at the R.N. Barracks and was won by the Royal Navy.

Foil.—Won by Royal Marines.
Sabre.—Won by Royal Navy.
Epée.—Won by Royal Navy.
Bayonet.—Drawn.

The following team represented the Royal Marines :—Major MacNair Smith, Lieut. Edwards, R.M. Gunners Edmunds and Hooper, Drum-Major Dyer, Q.M.S.I. Mills, Sergts. Turner and Spanton, Cpls. Berry and Ward, and Mnes. Partridge and Jenkins.

The 2nd Assault, held on the 12th May, was won by the Royal Marines.

Foil.—Won by Royal Marines.
Sabre.—Won by Royal Marines.
Epée.—Won by the Royal Navy.
Bayonet.—Drawn.

The Royal Marines were represented by Major MacNair Smith, R.M. Gunners Edmunds and Hooper, Drum-Major Dyer, Sergts. Turner, Clarke, Pritchard, Hawke and Spanton, Cpls. Berry and Ward, Mne. Jenkins.

CRICKET.

The first match of the season *versus* the South Wales Borderers was won by 154 runs. The South Wales Borderers made 53. Lieut. O'Donnell did the hat-trick. The Royal Marines made 207. Lieut. Smith, 77 Major Blount, 59.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Inter-Squad Cross-Country Competition was won by the 3rd Squad, the runners-up being the 2nd Squad.

TUCKEY CUP.

The Tuckey Cup was won by "C" Company and presented by the Colonel-Commandant on the 23rd April (St. George's Day). A trophy to be held by the winning company was also presented for the first time this year. In addition to this, "C" Company was presented with the Cups for cross-country running, miniature shooting, billiards, and bayonet fighting. "G" Company, who were the runners-up, received the Cups for boat-pulling, bowling and football.

DIVISIONAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the Semi-Final Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard beat R.M. Gunner Clarke, and Musn. Dolbear beat Cpl. Brookman. In the Final, Musn. Dolbear beat Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard by 3 games to 2. The highest breaks in the competition were made by Clr.-Sergt. Meatyard (27) and Clr.-Sergt. Graham (27). Clr.-Sergt. Graham was awarded the prize for the highest break.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF FINALS.

Depôt, R.M. *v.* Dover United (Deal and District Senior Hospital Shield)—Dover United, 3 ; Depôt R.M., 1.

Depôt R.M. "A" *v.* Sandwich Town (Deal, Walmer and District Junior Hospital Cup).—Sandwich Town, 2 ; Depôt R.M., 1.

Depôt R.M. *v.* Burham Orient (Kent Minor Cup).—Burham Orient, 1 ; Depôt R.M., 0.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

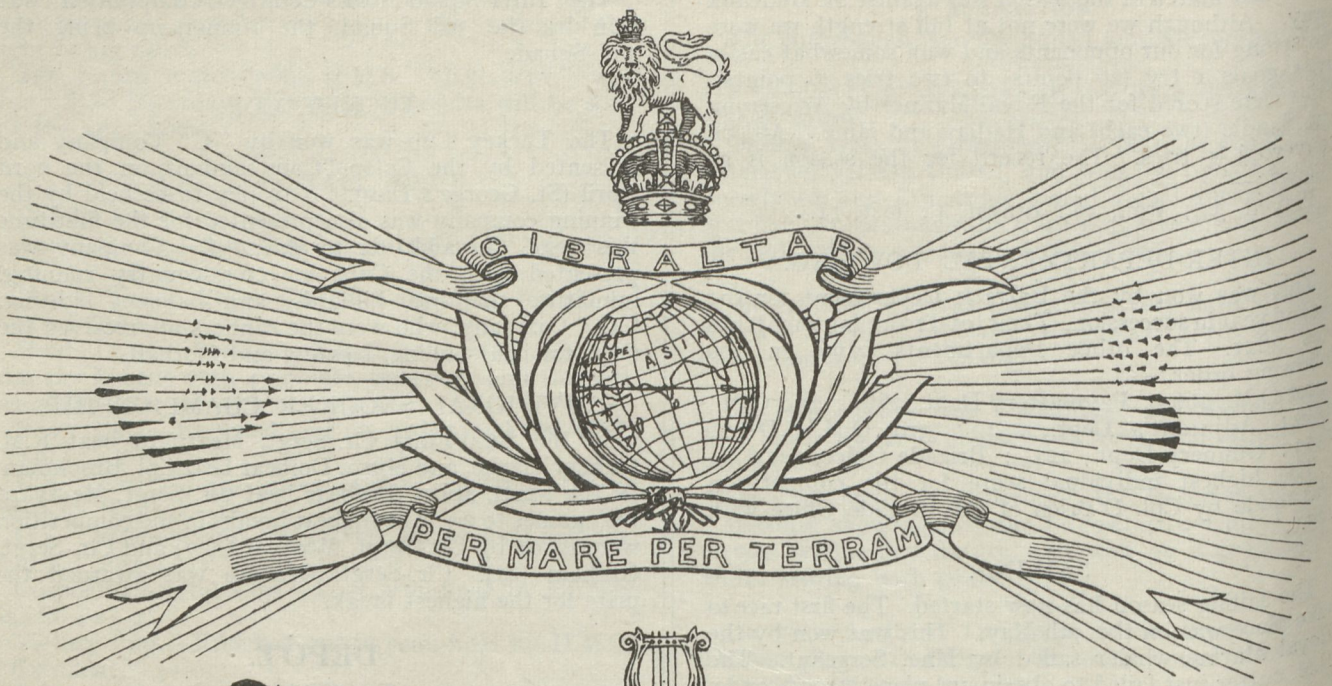
The tennis and cricket season has commenced with full enthusiasm by all ranks. The School's cricket team is fortunately at full strength, and it is hoped that circumstances will remain in their favour and allow the team to be kept intact throughout the season in order that the unblemished record of last season may be upheld. The Superintendent (Major W. A. Jolly, R.M.) has volunteered to play for the first team throughout the season. A brilliant start has been made, as will be seen by the following results of the two matches played during the month :—

R.N. School of Music *v.* Borough Police.—Won by 23 runs. Highest scores, Major Jolly, R.M., 23 ; Musn. McNab, 12 ; Cpl. Lawrence, 6 for 5 ; Musn. Hardy, 2 for 2.

R.N. School of Music *v.* R.A.S.C.—Won by 45 runs. Major Jolly, R.M., 34 ; Cpl. Lawrence, 13 ; Bandmaster Robertson, 4 for 7 ; Musn. Chidley, 3 for 12.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The School's sports will take place on the 9th June. They are to be held early this year in order that winners may enter the Inter-Port championships.



CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS AND AWARDS, ETC.

The King George Prize Scholarships for 1925 have been awarded to Capt. V. Brown, D.S.C. and Capt. R. Campbell, M.C.

Major J. MacNair Smith qualified as Acting Interpreter in Italian (Lower Standard), April, 1925.

PROMOTIONS.

2nd-Lieut. A. Westcott promoted to Acting-Lieut., 27.4.25.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major F. Hamer absorbed in the establishment from Seconded List and posted to Chatham, 2.6.25.

Capt. (Bt.-Major) A. T. Bell, C.B.E. (supy.) is placed on the Supplementary Unemployed Pay List at full pay rate for a period of six months, 27th April, 1925.

Capt. T. Clarke (retd.) appointed to R.M. Police and posted to Portsmouth Division, 27.4.24.

Capt. C. S. Goldingham placed on the Seconded List on appointment to N.T.D., Admiralty, vice Hamer, 2.6.25.

Capt. H. De Berry absorbed in the establishment vice Goldingham, 2.6.25.

With reference to A.F.O. 1982/24, the following R.M. officers have been granted temporary commissions as Flying Officers on attachment to the Royal Air Force for 4 years from 27th April, 1925 :—Lieut. George H. Morris, Lieut. Alan G. Warren, Lieut. Robert C. Giles, Lieut. Kenneth Hunt.

Capt. C. W. Adair appointed Assistant Instructor of Gunnery (tempy.), vice Appleyard, 24.5.25.

Lieut. S. Appleyard placed on the Seconded List on appointment to Ordnance Committee.

Lieut. G. Holloway, late R.M., to be Lieut., Special Reserve of Officers, 21.2.25.

Cd. R.M. Gunner M. Clarke posted to Plymouth for Gun Battery Staff, vice Edmunds.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major J. Washington, " Barham," to " Iron Duke " (and as Squadron R.M. Officer), vice Kendle to Headquarters.

Major A. Welch to " Barham," vice Washington.

Capt. R. Quill to " Ganges " (Shotley Training Establishment), vice Goldingham.

Capt. G. Campbell to " Valiant," vice Simpson.

Lieut. F. Coucher will re-commission " Constance "

Lieut. A. P. Gumm to " Furious," on commissioning.

Lieut. W. Hanson, M.C., to " Colombo," vice Lordon, invalided.

Lieut. J. Hall re-appointed to " Emperor of India " on re-commissioning.

Lieut. J. Cawley-Way will re-commission " Ceres."

2nd-Lieut. A. Westcott to " Royal Sovereign " (and on re-commissioning), vice North to hospital.

Acting R.M. Gunner A. D. Layzel to " Revenge " (I) duties, vice Pearcy, 26.5.25.

ARMY MANŒUVRES.

The following officers will take part in the forthcoming Army Manœuvres. Period of attachment and the units to which they will be attached will be notified later :—

Major G. R. S. Hickson, C.B.E., *Major G. Mathew, *Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel J. W. Hudleston, Major L. D. Briscoe, Major C. Williams, Major C. E. W. Hill, Capt. E. T. N. Farmer, Capt. T. G. Hungerford, *Capt. and Bt. Major H. M. Franks, Capt. J. G. Johnstone, Capt. C. W. Adair, Capt. F. C. G. Stock, Capt. F. C. Law, D.S.C., and Capt. R. S. Burgess.

2. In the event of it being decided to attach further officers, such officers will be detailed from among the following :—Majors H. E. Ravenshaw, F. A. Hamer, Capts. A. N. Williams, T. B. W. Sandall and O. M. Hawarth-Booth.

3. The officers marked * will be attached to Artillery Units, the remainder to Infantry Units.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lieut.-Col. H. Houghton and Major C. Hill have been selected to attend a Senior Officers' Course, which commences at the Small Arms School, Hythe, on 8th June, and terminates on 13th June.

Major J. W. Snepp, O.B.E., has been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course, which commences at the Machine Gun School on 3rd June, ending 5th June, 1925.

Capt. T. Sandall has been selected to attend the Course which commences at the School of Anti-Aircraft Defence on 11th May, 1925, ending 6th June.

Capts. A. Reading, R. Burgess and V. Clayton and Lieut. H. Bass have been selected to attend a course in controlled mining, which commences in " Vernon " on 8th June, and ends 30th June.

It is anticipated that the following officers will undergo the Junior Captains' and Senior Lieuts'. Military Course at Deal from 12th July, 1925, to 31st March, 1926. Capts. C. Congdon, G. Noyes, H. Weir, H. Simpson, A. Rendall, K. Puckle, S. Bassett, W. Quinlain, Lieuts. F. Bramall, E. Bickford, and R. Gumm.

Lieuts. C. Barcroft and H. Blandford are appointed to " President," additional for Intelligence Course, 5th May, 1925.

Lieut.-Qr.-Mr. G. Ilton has been selected to attend the Hygiene Course which commences at the Army School of Hygiene on 30th May, ending on 20th June, 1925.

RETIREMENTS.

Major N. S. Clutterbuck, D.S.O., retired at own request, 5.5.25.

Lieut. J. Sheldon is removed from Special Reserve of Officers on account of age, 11.5.25.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sergts.—Sergt. A. A. Snelling (Headquarters), Sergt. S. Roberts (" Royal Sovereign "), Sergt. R. E. B. Trimm (" Calliope "), Sergt. S. Powell (Headquarters).

To be Sergts.—Corpl. G. H. Dennis (Headquarters), Corpl. W. J. Pike (" Royal Oak "), Corpl. G. Calverley (Depôt R.M.), Corpl. F. Smith (" Dunedin "), T. J. Walker (Headquarters), Corpl. A. Marsh (" Hecla "), Corpl. C. E. Spurden (" Victory "), Corpl. N. F. Pond (" Caledon "), Corpl. G. W. Mettam (Headquarters), Corpl. H. Madelaine (Headquarters), Corpl. S. Seguss (Depôt R.M.), Corpl. H. G. Waring (Depôt R.M.), Corpl. D. Elvin (Headquarters), Corpl. H. Clyesdale (Headquarters), Corpl. C. Hobson (" Sandhurst "), Corpl. J. L. Ferneyhough (" Hawkins "), Corpl. F. O'Leary (Depôt R.M.), Corpl. W. G. Jones (" Marlborough "), Corpl. C. E. Gerarld (" Hawkins "), Corpl. C. A. Douglas (" Hawkins "), Corpl. H. C. J. Saint (Headquarters), Corpl. A. T. Monk (" Repulse "), Corpl. P. Rawson (" Repulse "), Corpl. P. D. Langley (Shotley T.E.), Corpl. W. J. Shaw (" Hawkins "), Corpl. W. H. Hallaham (Headquarters), Corpl. D. Cook (" Bienheim ").

To be Corpls.—Mnes. J. A. Howard (" Dunedin "), T. Donegan (Headquarters), J. V. Rossiter (Headquarters), J. E. Mansey (Headquarters), A. N. Chawner (" Eagle "), J. Telsley (Headquarters), W. J. A. McManus (" Royal Oak "), F. Burnett (" Tamar "), J. Harvey (" Royal Sovereign "), W. C. Beavington (" Ark Royal "), H. A. Haydin (" Benbow "), H. A. Bassett (" Dunedin "), A. E. Drake (" Repulse "), T. Guest (" Cyclops "), H. H. Harris (Headquarters), J. R. Francis (Headquarters), G. W. Milsom (" Royal Sovereign "), F. Baker (Headquarters), C. Kneller (" Royal Sovereign "), H. W. Solly (" Marlborough "), A. T. Welsh (Headquarters), W. W. Dumble (" Hawkins "), A. T. Anderson (" Royal Oak "), F. W. Stevenson (" Royal Oak "), J. W. A. Franklin (Shotley T.E.), A. E. C. Fordham (" Caledon "), F. J. Chandler (" Colombo "), D. W. Galsworthy (" Royal Sovereign "), W. C. Hobbs (" Royal Oak "), F. J. Croom (" Calypso "), F. Wall (Headquarters), A. W. Smythe (" Ceres "), E. T. L. Player (Headquarters), E. G. Biles (" Benbow "), L. T. Carpenter (Headquarters), T. H. Hooper (Headquarters), J. T. Stokes (" Royal Oak "), C. E. Marlow (H.Q.E., Ply.), R. Gayer (" Eagle "), R. Wilson (Headquarters), J. Bradley (" Dunedin "), R. T. Kirkham (" Dunedin "), C. F. Shephard (" Cleopatra "), T. Marston (" Royal Sovereign "), J. A. A. Clarke (" Hawkins "), S. D. Richardson (" Dwarf "), L. L. Wells (Depôt R.M.), J. E. Collins (Headquarters), A. B. Clarke (" Hawkins "), H. Chilton (Headquarters), J. H. Williams (" Birmingham "), A. H. Hughes (" Dragon "), J. H. Dunn (Headquarters), J. C. W. Fallace (" Birmingham ").

APPOINTMENTS.

Instructor on Gun Battery Staff.—Sergt. E. F. Eglington.
Divisional Cookhouse.—Corpl. G. H. Dennis.
Clerk, 3rd Qrmr.—Sergt. J. A. Calver (nominated).
Clerk, 3rd Qrmr.—Mne. F. J. Taylor, vice Corpl. J. B. Weston.
Shoemaker.—Mne. C. W. Ellis.
Cook, Sergts.' Mess.—Mne. W. E. Smith.
Attendant to Lt.-Col. Arbuthnot.—Mne. W. Coombe.
Attendant to Lieut. Gumm.—Mne. P. H. Johnson.
Pioneer-Sergt.—Sergt. C. E. Price.
To be Lce.-Cpl.—Bugler D. A. Wesley.
Cook, Divisional Cookhouse.—Mne. H. Watthey.
Dining Hall Attendant.—Mne. H. W. Fawcett.
Provost Sergeant.—Clr.-Sergt. F. H. Wyld (nominated).
Postman.—Sergt. W. Pledger.
Electrician.—Mne. A. S. Carlisle.
Groom, Col. Paterson.—Mne. I. Collinson.
Coal Meter Man.—Mne. J. G. Dawes.
Clerk, Bk. Office.—Sergt. R. Fisher (on probation).
Shoemaker.—Mne. W. T. Upton.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Blenheim," Mne. H. Purkins; **"Castor,"** Sergt. C. S. McBrayne, Mnes. J. Harvey, H. Weston, W. Croome, E. J. Anderson, W. Callis, E. Smith, D. H. Lambeth; **"Cleopatra,"** Mnes. L. F. Head, L. L. Jennings, A. Holland, D. Campbell, Corpl. G. E. Collis, Sergt. W. A. Owens; **"Calliope,"** Mne. H. C. Smith; **"Hecla,"** Clr.-Sergt. E. E. Penney; **"Hawkins,"** Buglr. H. G. White, Mne. F. E. Horlock; **"Marlborough,"** Mne. W. Nuttall; **"Pembroke,"** Sergt. G. H. Dennis, Corpl. L. B. Clinch, Mnes. T. J. Hewitt, H. T. Everett, R. J. Beatty; **"President,"** Corpl. P. J. Jerred; **"Royal Oak,"** Mnes. F. Wickens, W. Veivers, H. Howes, G. E. Setton; **"Royal Sovereign,"** Mne. E. C. Murphy, Sergts. T. Barwell, W. E. Garrard, W. T. Whetmore, W. Staley, Corpls. S. Burgess, F. R. Riddle, H. E. Alltimes, Mnes. D. W. Lynass, F. W. C. Newman, A. W. Brewerton, F. Cook, L. G. Matthews, J. E. Sullivan, A. G. Barlow, H. Hetterley, P. Beeston, E. C. Lilford, J. W. Taft, T. Bourn, N. E. Coulstock, L. C. Clifford, F. Mackie, J. E. E. Jones, G. C. Harvey, C. Cruttenden, A. P. T. Elliott, Ed. Smith, F. Lee, S. L. Sayer, C. Kneller, E. J. Patterson, D. A. Tippler, D. W. Galsworthy, T. H. Connan, T. V. Marsh, D. C. H. Spear, G. Lyons, C. T. Chapman, E. J. Wadham, G. Thurlow, Jas. Harrison, A. R. E. Arrell, W. P. Batley, T. W. Ades, G. W. Henshaw; **Shotley T.E.,** Buglr. G. T. B. Ward, Mne. E. T. Hollingsworth; **"Tamar,"** Mne. G. W. Buckingham; **"Vindictive,"** Clr.-Sergt. A. N. Clarke, Sergts. R. M. Johnson, J. Wooley, Corpl. A. L. Rix, Mne. L. Talbot, Corpls. F. C. French, H. C. Flack, J. Onions, A. Costello, E. G. Riddiford, F. T. Townsend, W. A. Rolfe, Buglrs. W. L. Jones, E. V. Durling, Mnes. F. A. Perry, E. J. Swinnock, W. N. T. Walker, E. J. Prescott, D. Finlay, W. R. Jackman, W. S. Jones, C. A. Haverson, W. Omar, F. E. Little, W. H. J. Goldstone, B. Frearson, T. J. Connelly, R. A. Anderson, C. G. Hardaway, H. J. Ham, A. O. Day, W. C. Paice, W. Owens, J. V. Johnson, Jas. Frame, H. W. Harris, W. W. E. Lamberton, R. E. W. Robinson, W. H. Franklin, W. J. Callender, S. C. Gabriel, H. A. Burn, W. J. Stevenson, O. J. Beard, Wm. Marten, A. J. Hayward, J. L. Little, G. A. Hollingsworth, H. West, R. S. Watson, J. Wilson, R. E. Page, L. P. Staunton, W. F. N. Piggott, N. W. Spratt, A. V. Hudson, J. W. Kibble, E. E. Rouse, S. J. Wilkinson, F. Gove, H. B. Hunt, W. G. Inggs, S. Lynass, E. A. Mercer, R. Hawkes, W. A. C. Andrews.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Blenheim," Mne. Fredk. Lee; **"Birmingham,"** Mne. Fredk. Barker; **"Benbow,"** Corpl. A. Leslie, Mne. W. J. Marriott; **"Cleopatra,"** Mne. J. T. Huntley, Corpl. A. E. S. Howlett, Mnes. S. J. Lobjoet, R. J. Moore, A. J. Coleman; **"Caledon,"** Mnes. G. A. Yates, W. F. Smail; **"Calliope,"** Mne. C. E. J. Webb; **"Eagle,"** Mne. E. J. Smith, Corpl. C. Knight; **"Hecla,"** Clr.-Sergt. F. H. Wyld; **"Marlborough,"** Mne. Jack Sutton; **"Pembroke,"** Mnes. J. C. Harrison, W. A. S. Lewis, Corpls. G. F. Cumberland, H. Andrews, Mne. H. Watthey; **"Royal Oak,"** Mnes. P. H. Johnson, W. J. Price, G. E. Winch, N. J. Flynn, R. C. Arman, Corpl. J. T. Collins, Sergt. R. Fisher; **"Royal Sovereign,"** Mne. H. J. Bowles, Corpl. S. R. Parker, Sergt. H. J. Chowne, Corpls. G. Campbell, A. J. Anderson, A. J. Aldous, Sergt. A. E. Stuart, Mnes. Jas. Harvey, C. Taylor, F. Fawcitt, W. S. Gaver, Edwin Smith, S. A. Freeborn, Reg. Wilson, H. R. Cann, Reg. Butler, G. Widdowson, H. Scott, F. Bradley, W. F. Prisgrove, D. A. Collins, H. Thomason, H. P. Cockcroft, Hy. Lloyd, W. E. Guttridge, R. E. Wilson, Jas. Watson, J. D. J. Green, W. A. Winsor, Sergt. T. S. Gormley, Mnes. J. Laidlow, H. Weston, A. T. Hardaway, R. Hunter, A. S. Carlisle, W. R. Devereux, W. G. Patey, E. A. Freemantle, A. E. Marriott, G. S. Boxall, John Barton; **Shotley T.E.,** Buglr. D. A. J. Wesley; **"Valiant,"** Mne. Thos. Boyle; **"Vindictive,"** Mne. H. J. Ham.

DISCHARGES.

Second Period of Engagement.—Sergt. C. A. Black, Mnes. G. Dawson, W. C. Smith.

First Period of Engagement.—Mne. J. F. Handoll.

Invalided.—Corpls. S. J. Barker, A. V. Sears, J. V. Rossitter, Mnes. F. Baker, E. S. Ford, F. Shephard, A. W. G. Ward, R. C. Arman, G. Jezzard, J. W. Key, N. Isaacs, G. E. Winch, F. E. Marshall.

By Purchase.—Buglr. J. C. Cutbridge, Mne. J. W. Ottway.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Staff Clerk.—Sergt. J. W. Lawson.

To Hospital Staff Sergt.—Corpl. W. Tunnicliffe.

To Sergt.—Corpl. F. C. Richardson, **Headquarters**; Corpl. J. W. Owen, "**Fisgard.**"

To Corpl.—Mnes. H. M. Miller, E. A. Marsh, and W. S. Clowes, **Headquarters**; W. J. Holliday, "**Tiger**"; E. C. Clift, "**Coventry**"; J. C. Mansfield, "**Champion**"; A. D. Edwards, and W. A. Eatherden, **Headquarters**; A. R. R. Leathwaite, "**Centurion**"; S. T. Colman, "**Revenge**"; W. C. J. Wall, "**Dolphin**"; R. J. Upson, "**Egmont**"; F. W. Hatch, **Headquarters.**

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Senior Clr.-Sergts.—Clr.-Sergt. L. J. T. Dollery, Clr.-Sergt. Chas. Hatch, Clr.-Sergt. L. A. Scott, Clr.-Sergt. G. L. Wood.

Senior Sergts.—Sergt. W. B. A. Harbert, Sergt. C. F. Fletcher, Sergt. Leslie Coppin, Sergt. G. H. A. Waskett.

Senior Corporals passed for promotion.—Corpl. Wm. Tickner, Corpl. F. A. Hiscock, Corpl. H. T. H. Tuttiett, Corpl. Leonard Todd.

Senior Candidates passed for promotion.—Mnes. W. C. Ransley, N. Artis, A. Rosier, C. Tawney.

AWARDS.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.—Sergt. E. J. Jones, Corpl. H. T. H. Tuttiett, Mne. H. Wiltshire.

APPOINTMENTS.

Shoemaker.—Mne. W. Bull.

Barrack Carpenter.—Mne. W. A. G. H. Armstrong.

Coal Meter Man.—Mne. H. J. Flanagan.

Instructor Naval Gunnery.—Sergt. S. J. Lamrock, Sergt. G. C. Rendell.

N.C.O. Tailor.—Sergt. S. Bowey.

Clerk, 1st Q.M. Dept.—Mne. G. G. C. Kelsey.

P. and R.T.Inst. (Depot R.M. Recruits).—Mne. W. C. Davis.

Sergt. Cook.—Sergt. A. S. G. Dolman.

Pensioner Recruiter (Brighton).—Po. 14899 Clr.-Sergt. Alfred Taylor, D.S.M.

Company Cook.—Mne. W. Perry.

Dispenser.—Corpl. W. E. Newman.

M.T.I. S.A. Dept.—Corpl. F. C. Borrett, Sergt. P. A. Adams.

TRANSFERS.

Mne. J. A. Eggo, "**Carlisle,**" from Plymouth to Portsmouth.

Mne. J. E. Edlin, "**Carlisle,**" from Portsmouth to Plymouth.

Mne. C. R. Riley, "**Eagle,**" from Chatham to Portsmouth.

Mne. F. P. H. Lindbetter, from Portsmouth to Chatham.

Mne. A. Pegg from Chatham to Portsmouth.

Mne. P. Cake from Chatham to Portsmouth.

Mne. H. E. Weale from Portsmouth to Chatham.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

From "**Douglas**" to "**Centaur,**" Corpl. F. Green.

From "**Victory**" to "**Victoria and Albert,**" Bugler H. R. Harlow.

From "**Fisgard**" to "**Tiger,**" Mne. F. J. Barnard.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Argus,**" Mnes. A. Clark, S. J. Lalley, W. H. Taylor and W. E. Cardy; "**Columbine,**" Mne. G. A. A. Coombs; "**Centaur,**" Bugler A. E. Viney, Mnes. A. S. Smith and W. G. A. Hardy; "**Conquest,**" Corpl. J. W. Ackrill, Mnes. W. H. Holmes, C. F. Young, J. Shepherd, C. E. Wilding, W. E. F. Allen; "**Dryad,**" Mne. A. A. Privett; "**Effingham,**" Corpl. H. S. R. Mansbridge, Mnes. C. Henshaw, A. J. Woods, W. Smith, R. Dean, G. W. Jarman, L. H. Betsworth, S. Skinner, F. W. Draper, A. E. C. Hoy, J. W. Thorne, W. E. Cardy, F. A. Kent, C. T. Sims; "**Fisgard,**" Mnes. A. Taylor, J. R. Mottram, F. E. Branson; "**Iroquois,**" Corpl. F. R. Bettridge, Mnes. G. Cooke, H. I. Sawford, F. Gibson, A. J. Flory; "**Iron Duke,**" Mne. A. G. Walker, Bugler L. C. Morris; "**Pembroke,**" Mne. C. Butchers; "**Princess Margaret,**" Mnes. W. H. Fishlock, C. J. Wilson; "**Revenge,**" Sergt. T. Ryans, Corpl. H. J. B. Simmonds, Mnes. G. R. J. Sayers, A. L. Fay and E. Osborne; "**Tiger,**" Mne. E. E. Bacon; "**Vindictive,**" Mne. W. B. Triggs; "**Victory,**" Clr.-Sergt. O. Perkins.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Argus,**" Mnes. A. W. Blacker, J. E. Livesay, G. A. Travers, W. G. Baxter; "**Conquest,**" Corpl. J. Lee, Mnes. C. Symes, T. W. Thorne, D. R. Keans, A. E. Saunders; "**Centaur,**" Bugler T. D. Russell; "**Calcutta,**" Mne. A. Goatley; "**Carysfort,**" Bugler E. W. G. Marchant; "**Egmont,**" Corpl. A. T. Caddye; "**Fisgard,**" Mne. W. G. Goodyer, S. V. T. Palmer; "**Iron Duke,**" Mne. C. Pope; "**Pembroke,**" Mne. H. Cooksey; "**Princess Margaret,**" Mne. F. A. W. Moir; "**Royal Sovereign,**" Sergt. F. Miller, Corpl. E. C. Gouge, Mne. E. A. Hallford; "**Revenge,**" Sergt. A. C. Tant, Corpls. C. V. Cripps, Fredk. Chadwick, Mnes. H. Walker, F. L. Jago; "**Ramillies,**" Mnes. F. Fry, J. L. Thick; "**Tiger,**" Mne. N. Artis; "**Victory,**" Mnes. W. Smith, W. H. Naylor, H. C. G. Bowden.

DISCHARGES.

Second Period.—Hospital Staff-Sergt. J. N. Scotson, Sergt. W. G. Pyle, Corpl. H. Starkey, Mnes. R. A. Witt, A. H. Bolton, J. W. Fields, E. G. Gibbons, B. H. Payne, G. A. Holloway, W. Shirfield, T. J. Underwood, F. Fry.

First Period.—Mnes. T. Worthington, J. L. F. Alcock, T. West, W. G. Goodyer.

Invalided.—Mnes. (Recruits) L. H. Chaffey, G. Jubb, Mnes. F. G. Smith, D. O. Fraser.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIOR SERGEANTS AND CORPORALS.

Sergts. F. J. Oakes, J. Mulligan, J. Bowling, R. S. Turner, W. B. Greasley, E. E. Tizard, Corpls. N. V. Bishop, W. Dickman, G. Oliver, H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, W. J. C. Osborne.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**King George V.,**" Sergt. Precious, Mne. Frost; "**Impregnable,**" Corpl. Lloyd, Mnes. Handford, Elmes; "**Thunderer,**" Mne. Green; "**Defiance,**" Corpl. Attwood; "**Vivid,**" Sergts. Cridland and Race, Mne. Hucker; "**Eagle,**" Corpls. Griffiths and Hewitt, Mnes. Foxhall and McClusky; "**Flora,**" Sergt. Symons, Mnes. Jefferson and Bateman; "**Maidstone,**" Corpls. Ogden and Squires, Mnes. Lambert, Forster and Cottam; "**Osprey,**" Corpl. Sare; "**Emperor of India,**" Sergts. Baylis, Snell, Corpls. Dickens, Oliver, Clements, Hartnell, Warren, Bugler Lyndon, Mnes. Marks, Venables, Broad, Hall, Collins, Grice, Davies, Elliott, Veale, Harnwell, Hobbins, Young, Sutherland, Cole, Stokes, Owens, Freeman, Little, Watkins, Stephens, Worth, Peace, Hannant, Smith, Hill, Ruthven, Whitworth, Garside, J. L. Stokes, Hodgson, Graham, W. Cole, Hazell, Tucker, Wilcox, Weston, Poulton, Burton, Ashcroft, Sheridan, Sulley, Hutchings, Roscoe, Waldron, Leathem, Liddington, Pennington, Conway, Nicholas, Kealey, Back, Tolhurst; "**Canterbury,**" Mne. Guppy; "**Resolution,**" Clr.-Sergt. Mumford, Corpls. Glue, Kerr, Buglers Fisher, Dave, Mnes. Richards, Challoner, Gunn, Loxston, Pearsey, Ponting, Osborne, Garlick, Hill; "**Durban,**" Mne. Johns; "**Ambrose,**" Corpl. Lester; "**Woolwich,**" Mnes. Pope, Cummings, Rookes; "**Ramillies,**" Sergts. Smith, Bulley, Thompson, Corpl. Comstive, Mnes. Dawson, Wilson, Dyer, McLaren, Hobbs, Miller, Heywood, Cattrell, Cooper, Praill, Horn, Lawrenson, James, Chidgey, Brown; "**Carysfort,**" Corpl. Chivers, Bugler Hine, Mne. Parker; "**Hood,**" Sergt. Palfrey, Corpl. Archard, Mnes. Ritchings, Skipper, Crane, Andrews, Simmonds, Ashwood, Mansfield, Fox, Hartley, Hunt, Lamb, Byrne, Howe, Douglas, Ward, Black, Burd, Ellis, Hudson, Tratt, Crear, Holsworth, Moran, Cheshire, Beech, Storr, Worgan, Kearns, Bryant; **Depôt, Deal,** Corpl. Cook, Mnes. Clifford, Quigley, Caseley, Walters, Summers, Whaley, Wimble.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Thunderer,**" Mne. Thomas; "**Flora,**" Mne. Wisbeach; "**Impregnable,**" Mnes. Powell, Ashcroft; "**Ramillies,**" Sergts. Staughton, Sanders, Race, Mnes. Starr, Hooper, Duffield, Pyke, Summers, Davidson, Sutcliffe, Mullings, Hennessey, Price D.E.; "**Hood,**" Sergt. Barham, Corpls. Kellond, Buck, Mnes. Moore, Ham, Rendell, Courage, Luxon, Webb, Prettyjohns, Brown, White, Sanders, Trebell, Cooper, Mansfield, Turner, Greenslade, Gibney, Ralph, Pratley, Bond, Powell, Bellamy, Nix, Webster, Walters, Harryman; "**Maidstone,**" Corpl. Hartnell, Mnes. Wood, Wilson, Worgan; "**Defiance,**" Corpl. Dickens; "**Canterbury,**" Mne. Tolhurst; "**Thistle,**" Corpls. Warren, Glue, Mnes. Norrington, Price, Mills, Lemon, Furzer, Elliott, Coleman; "**Resolution,**" Sergt. Hobson, Corpl. Gill, Clr.-Sergt. Brooks, Buglers Quelch, Hill, Mnes. Wood, Logan, Bowden, Reeve, Taylor, James, Cann, Wheatley; "**Carysfort,**" Sergt. Brown; "**Pegasus,**" Mnes. Rowe, Guppy, Smith, Bailey; "**Woolwich,**" Mnes. Cook, Smith, Yendall; **Depôt Deal,** Sergt. Clark, Mnes. Lyon, Bryant; "**Emperor of India,**" Sergts. Thorne, Fowler, Corpls. Bethell, Willis, Tredgett, Keery, Ewings, Bugler Rogers, Mnes. Bull, French, Miles, Oxborrow, McKee, Andrews, Button, Marshall, Bates, Bloomfield, Taylor, Warren, Gibbs, Webb, Edwards, Sowden, Peploe, Greenslade, Elliott, Berrick, Bishop, Atkinson, Davey, Sheppard, Franks, Brimblecombe, Penny, Streams, Perkins, White, Austin, Sharland, Rowberry, Mann, Pengelly, Mansfield, Thacker, Pinnock, McDonald, Stuart, Peppard, Webb, Robbins, Grace, Roper, Gourd, Taylor, Strong, Moat, Allott, Gregory, Lambert; "**Diligence,**" Corpl. Tribble.

DEPOT.

PROMOTIONS.

To Sergt.—Corpls. G. Calverley, S. Seguss, H. G. Waring, G. F. O'Leary.

To Corpl.—Mne. L. L. Wells.

APPOINTMENTS.

Printer.—Sergt. C. Green.

Attendant to Major A. G. B. Bourne, D.S.O., M.V.O.—Mne. J. A. Wilmshurst.

Attendant to Rev. G. W. Page, A.K.C., R.N.—Mne. A. R. Preston.

Clerk, Military Instructor's Dept.—Mne. L. L. Wells.

Clerk, Military Instructor's Dept.—Mne. E. C. Billow.

M.T.I. (1st Class).—Sergt. F. C. Walker.

Attendant to Surg.-Lt.-Comdr. R. W. Nesbitt, R.N.—Mne. W. F. Yalden.

2nd Quartermaster Dept.—Sergt. W. H. Lumley.

Recruits Staff, P.R.T. Instructors.—Lce.-Corpls. W. C. Davis, C. G. J. Richards, R. J. Brooks.

Assistant Barber.—Mne. L. I. Lane.

Attendant Sergts.' Mess.—Mne. J. Preece.

Barber.—Mne. J. Manuel.

Storeman, 2nd Quartermaster Dept.—Mne. O. Hurst.

Cooks.—Mnes. D. A. Chapman, H. Cooksey.

M.T.I. (P.), 1st Class.—Clr.-Sergt. F. C. Collins, Sergt. S. J. Skinner.

M.T.I. (P.), 2nd Class.—Corpl. A. T. C. Bunker.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.—Clr.-Sergt. E. E. Penney, Sergt. W. J. Berrill, Corpls. H. Hayes and R. J. Joyce, Mnes. A. G. Hayward, R. W. G. Dredge and J. Booth (rejoining); Clr.-Sergt. A. L. Shotter and Corpl. C. Still (for Anti-Gas Course).

To Portsmouth.—Sergts. R. J. Rogers and W. R. Cherriman, Mnes. S. Mansergh and T. W. Allen (rejoining).

To Plymouth.—Clr.-Sergts. J. Munford, J. McCrea, Sergts. E. H. Clarke and F. H. Jordon, Mnes. J. Lyons, C. H. Bryant, G. F. Weston, G. W. Praill and C. L. Partridge (rejoining).

DISCHARGES.

Invalided.—Mnes. J. H. Baker, T. J. E. Hill, C. C. Lilley.

Run.—Mne. G. L. Davies.

By Purchase.—Mnes. T. A. Erridge and E. Shawcross.

To Pension.—Sergt. C. A. Black, Sergt. S. D. Haylett, Mne. W. C. Smith, Mne. G. Dawson.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ESTABLISHMENT.

The numbers authorised for the financial year 1925–26 show a decrease of two Bandmasters 1st Class, ten Bandmasters 2nd Class, five Band Corporals, six Musicians, and twenty Band Boys.

PROMOTIONS.

Musician B. H. Smith to Band-Corporal; Bandmaster 1st Class Samuel Taylor, L.R.A.M., to Coy.-Sergt.-Major.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys D. S. McNab and K. H. Theobald to Musician; Band Boy M. A. Johnson advanced on embarkation.

APPOINTMENTS.

Band-Corporal T. H. Lawrence has been nominated for the appointment of Mechanician vice Band-Corporal Job Allen.

Musician F. W. Budden appointed Librarian and Billiard Marker, vice Musician G. B. Brown.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates appearing on the respective promotion rosters:—

Bandmaster Second Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class).—F. T. Rose, S. H. Rendell, T. A. Murray, P. E. Barnacle, Herbert Wright, J. E. Burnett.

Band-Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—A. F. Bartlett, Percival Johnson, Sidney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler.

Musicians (for promotion to Band-Corporal).—V. C. Hardy, E. G. Upstell, W. H. Fletcher, V. H. Alley, P. W. H. Robbins, Robt. Morton.

EXAMINATIONS

The following N.C.O.'s qualified as Musical Instructors:—Bandmasters 2nd Class F. T. Rose, S. H. Rendell, M. H. Lane, Band-Corporal W. J. Thompson.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Vindictive,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class Arthur Eames, Band-Corporal J. E. Matthews, Musicians A. Rowbotham, R. J. Holt, W. H. Cooper, A. I. H. Smith, G. G. Greenley, J. C. Noyce, J. E. Scowen, G. L. Herod, Percy Rooksby, A. F. J. Martin, Edward Couch, Edward King, William Meadows, A. J. Jones; "**Revenge,**" Band-Corporal W. N. Davis, Musician Arthur Critchell; "**Hood,**" Band-Corporal E. T. Evered, Musician G. T. Startup; "**Pembroke**" (R.N.B.), Musician George Jackson; "**Tiger,**" Musicians L. P. Flewer, A. J. Edney, Frederick Humble; "**Royal Sovereign,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class Samuel Ellick, Band-Corporal T. A. Webb, Musicians E. W. Millard, Richard Penn, P. G. Boxall, W. F. J. Milsom, R. H. W. Hales, R. F. Clark, W. L. Golden; "**Emperor of India,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class George Winsor, Band-Corporal B. H. Smith, Musicians E. H. Tipp, A. H. Booker, R. C. Burton, Henry Sullivan, J. T. Northcote, Joseph Dean, G. H. Chism, Arthur Gage, G. B. Cann, H. C. Ricketts, W. E. Meyrick, M. A. Johnson.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Emperor of India,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class T. A. Murray, Band-Corporal H. G. D. Kerslake, Musicians Fredk. Read, H. E. Bunt, E. F. Jordan, Albert Priestley, A. J. Turner, J. W. Miles, Charles Hayes, C. F. Reed, Mark Burton, J. A. Gurnett, Leonard Knight, Fredk. Gibbons, J. H. Bell; "**Revenge,**" Band-Corporal F. P. Harrison, Musician G. J. Bird; "**Royal Sovereign,**" Bandmaster 1st Class J. N. Messer, Band-Corporal William Plumridge; Musicians H. J. Dudley, Harry Hassell, A. E. Bulgin, J. W. C. Hales, David Hope, William Carter, Albert Gobby; "**Hood,**" Band-Corporal Hugh McConnell, Musician Albert Wicker; "**Tiger,**" Musicians Richard Wicker, Charles Hayward, William Lang; "**Pembroke**" (R.N.B.), Musician A. G. Yeats.

DISCHARGES.

Band-Corporal G. A. Jones, Coy.-Sergt.-Major Fredk. Fowler, Musician G. B. Brown, termination of their second period of engagement.

Musician A. G. Yeats, compassionate grounds.

Musician W. E. Grimes and Band Boy F. J. Dacre, invalided.

ENGAGEMENT.

PUCKLE—GRAY.—The engagement is announced, between Captain Kenneth A. B. Puckle, Royal Marines, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bridge Puckle, and Enid, younger daughter of the late J. W. Gray and Mrs. Gray, Paddock Cottage, Maidenhead Thicket.

MARRIAGE.

PARSONS—APPLEWHAITE.—On April 23rd, at the Church of the Assumption, Torquay, Captain Quinton Parsons, Royal Marines, only son of the late Charles Needham Parsons, and of Mrs. Charles Needham Parsons, to Mary Imogene Hope Applewhaite, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Churchill Applewhaite.

BIRTH.

GILLESPIE.—On the 10th May, at 6, Prospect Row, Old Brompton, to Sibyl, wife of Major H. E. Gillespie, Royal Marines—a son.

DEATHS.

BOURCHIER,—On 20th May, at Wayside, South Brent, Devon, Lt.-Col. Henry S. Bourchier, R.M. (retd.)

DONALDSON.—On 30th April, 1925, at the R.M. Barracks, Eastney, Lieut. Robert H. Donaldson, R.M.

SMITH.—On the 9th May, 1925, at Nice, W. N. E. Smith, Lieut.-Col., Royal Marines (retd.)

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th April, 1925.

ALLEN.—Mne. G. Allen, Ports., 18.4.25 (18581).
BATCHELOR.—Mne. F. Batchelor, R.M.A., 18.4.25 (D Co.).
BIRD.—Mne. W. Bird, Ports., 22.3.25 (19).
BAXTER.—Clr.-Sergt. Z. Baxter, R.M.A., 19.4.25 (236).
BENSON.—Sergt. R. Benson, R.M.A., 14.4.25 (242).
BOND.—Mne. H. Bond, Ply., 18.3.25 (13455).
BOAST.—Mne. J. Boast, Chat., 3.4.25 (1029).
BROWN.—Mne. R. Brown, R.M.A., 12.4.25 (3541).
CANNON.—Mne. T. Cannon, Chat., 12.3.25 (7081).
COLES.—Cpl. H. S. Coles, R.M., 30.3.25 (5731).
CRASKE.—Mne. G. Craske, Chat., 3.4.25 (33rd Co.).
CRUISE.—Mne. F. T. Cruise, Ply., 2.4.25 (3006).
DAVIS.—Mne. W. Davis, R.M.A., 21.4.25 (2160).
DINNIFORD.—Sergt. G. E. Dinniford, Ply., 2.4.25 (3627).
DOLDING.—Clr.-Sergt. A. Dolding, Chat., 8.4.25 (15512).
EAMES.—Mne. B. W. Eames, R.M.A., 9.4.25 (1481).
EVANS.—Q.M.S. T. A. Evans, R.M.A., 10.4.25 (1495).
GRIFFITHS.—Mne. R. Griffiths, R.M.A., 3.4.25 (356).
HIRDLE.—Sergt. J. Hirdle, Chat., 7.4.25 (728).
HOWARD.—Mne. H. Howard, R.M.A., 15.4.25 (860).
HYDE.—Mne. G. Hyde, Ply., 5.4.25 (2105).
INGHAM.—Sergt. B. Ingham, R.M.A., 15.4.25 (396).
JAMES.—Mne. G. D. James, R.M.A., 27.4.25 (5930).
JONES.—Mne. H. Jones, Ply., 26.4.25 (36th Co.).
KEMP.—Sergt. H. H. Kemp, Ply., 6.4.25 (8308).
KITCHINGHAM.—Mne. J. Kitchingham, Ports., 17.4.25 (6447).
MARTIN.—Sergt. T. Martin, Ports., 26.4.25 (5705).
MATTHEWS.—Cpl. G. Matthews, Chat., 26.3.25 (580).
MOON.—Sergt. R. J. Moon, Ply., 1.4.25 (6149).
MILLS.—Clr.-Sergt. E. H. Mills, Chat., 1.4.25 (12897).
MURPHY.—Mne. J. Murphy, Ply., 17.12.24 (11647).
NIBBS.—Mne. W. G. Nibbs, Ports., 7.4.25 (7494).
PAUL.—Clr.-Sergt. J. Paul, Ply., 9.4.25 (1180).
RIBBONS.—Mne. R. Ribbons, Chat., 23.3.25 (E Co.).
SUCH.—Mne. J. Such, Chat., 7.4.25 (15916).
THOMAS.—Mne. J. Thomas, Ports., 29.3.25 (6270).
WALTON.—Mne. A. Walton, Ports., 28.3.25 (3559).
WARE.—Mne. B. Ware, R.M.A., 5.4.25 (C Co.).
WOODMAN.—Cpl. J. Woodman, Ply., 15.4.25 (617).

Official number within parenthesis.

OBITUARY.

CAPT. HORATIO H. MORGAN (RETD.).

This officer, whose death we reported with regret in our last month's issue, joined the Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I., as 2nd-Lieut. in December, 1865. He served with the Battalion in Ireland in 1867. After four years' service at the Depôt he was appointed, in 1879, Private Secretary to the Governor of Newfoundland, and held this appointment for over three years, during which period he was promoted to Captain. He was employed on special police duty in Dublin for six months, and in 1884 was appointed to the R.M. Battalion for service in the Soudan. A year later he was placed on the Retired List on account of medical unfitness.

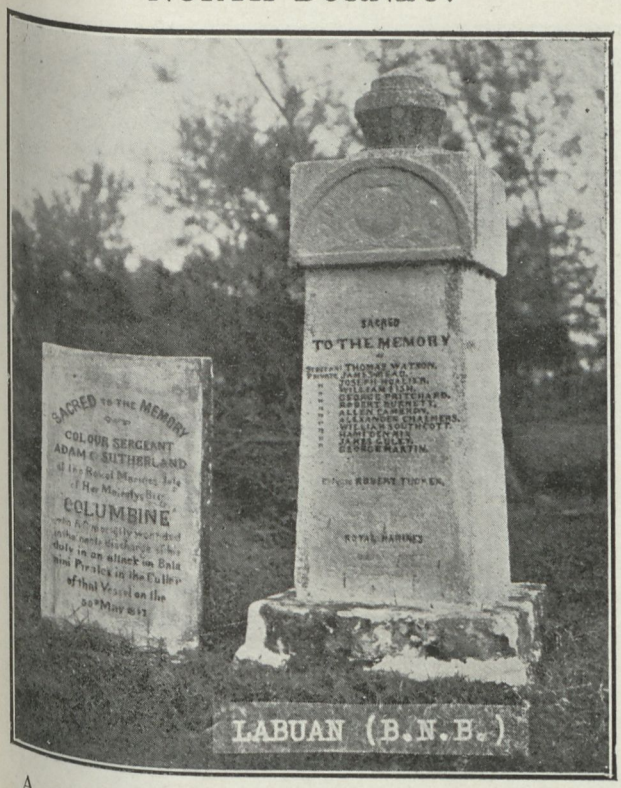
LIEUT. ROBERT H. DONALDSON, R.M.

We regret to notify the death of the above-named officer, who was appointed proby. 2nd-Lieut. in October, 1920. He was promoted to Lieut. in 1923, and shortly afterwards joined the "Benbow" on the Mediterranean Station.

CAPT. C. H. SANDERS, R.M.L.I. (RETD.).

We have received the following particulars relative to the career of the late Capt. Sanders after his retirement from the Royal Marines. The obituary notice concerning this officer appeared in the May number of our journal, and we are indebted to the "South Pacific Mail," Valparaiso, for these additional notes:—"Leaving the service with the rank of Captain in 1894, he then offered his services to the Chilian Government, and came out here in 1895, being gazetted a Major in the Chilian Army in 1895 and Lieut.-Colonel in 1896. During his service with the Chilian Army he was Adjutant at the Naval School, and afterwards did duty in the Section of Fortifications. Since leaving the Chilian Army he has held several important appointments as a civil engineer, both in Chili and Bolivia, his last being in Tocopilla, where he first contracted the illness to which he succumbed."

NORTH BORNEO.



A correspondent in the China Squadron, who has recently visited Borneo, sends us this photo of the stones erected to the memory of certain N.C.O.'s and men who lost their lives in action with pirates in 1817.

We cannot trace any reference to this action in Col. Field's work, and should be glad if those who may be in possession of any details of the circumstances will kindly forward these to us.

Our correspondent asks us to state that the photo was specially taken for him by Mr. Fong Chong Fong, of Labuan, to whom we hereby express our thanks. If any reader has any personal interest in the names on the stones, and will write to Mne. J. Fitsall, H.M.S. "Durban," a copy of this photo will be sent.

MEMORIAL TABLET.

Those members of our Corps, past or present, who remember the late Major Jelinger H. Symons, will be interested to hear that a very beautiful tablet has been erected to his memory, and to that of his wife, in the Memorial Chapel at Martock.

The tablet is of bronze, mounted on dark oak, and is decorated with the arms of Major Symons, and the badge of the Royal Marines in enamel.

RECRUITING.—ROYAL MARINE FORCES.

It is notified that the standard height and chest measurements for Royal Marines are to be as follows :—

Age.	*Height.*	*Chest.*
17 to 18	5ft. 5½ins.	33½ins.
18 to 19	5ft. 6ins.	34ins.
19 and over	5ft. 6½ins.	34½ins.

Applications for special entries may only be forwarded in cases of :—

(*a*) Men with former service. In this connection the provisions of D.N.R. Recruiting Memo. No. 4/1925 of 18th March, 1925, as to the re-enlistment of ex-Royal Marines, remain in force.

(*b*) Candidates close to standard and who are specially desirable in other respects, *i.e.*, exceptional cases.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel C. Field's History of the Royal Marines :—

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J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (Retd.),
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Number of subscribers, 313.

We should be glad if all intending subscribers, who have not done so, would send in their names and subscriptions, as we shall be producing before long, and funds will be wanted. It will also enable us to decide on the number of copies of Vol. III. to have printed

J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (Retd.),
Hon. Treasurer.

15.5.25.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

In a recent number of the "G. and L." we asked our contributors to send illustrations, when possible, to supplement articles.

No sooner said than done.

This month we publish an interesting account of a shooting expedition, together with a half-page illustration of the author of the article, H.E. The Governor of Bombay—an old comrade-in-arms, Lieut.-Colonel Sir Leslie Wilson, R.M. (retired).

Although "Tiger Stories" has already appeared in our "Big Game" series, we feel sure that everyone will welcome the article, not only for its interest, but also because the fact that His Excellency has taken the trouble to write the article for his old comrades affords ample proof that, despite the cares of his high office, he still takes a keen interest in his former Corps.

We thank him heartily, as indeed we do all those correspondents who are helping to bring out our paper.

A reader of our Journal wrote recently that he liked the "G. and L." because it had such a cheery note running through it. It is easy enough to bring out a cheery paper when we have such loyal support from past and present members of our Service.

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Three officers on the retired list have asked us to give them information about the present Corps colours. As there may be many other officers who have doubts on this subject, we have asked our old friend "Col." to send us a sketch, and short description. This will be found in the magazine section next month.

In the pages of our Journal devoted to interesting tit-bits of information, such as balance sheets of rifle clubs and subscriptions to the "G. and L." observant readers will have noticed that space is always reserved for the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary of the Britain's Sea Soldiers' Fund.

This space is regularly filled with the names of a few subscribers to the magnificent work produced by Col. C. Field.

Our Journal has a net circulation of close on 3,000 copies; a careful but very moderate estimate of the number of readers is 20,000. If only a limited number of those readers could understand the immense amount of work put into this history of the Royal Marines by its author, and the wealth of information contained in its pages, we feel sure that the sale would be more commensurate with its merit. Apart from its value as a standard work of reference the history's literary and artistic excellence should earn the volumes a place in every library in the land, and it should certainly be found on the bookshelves of all those who are in any way connected with the Corps. We ask all our readers, whose interest in the Corps is sufficiently strong to induce them to read the "G. and L.," to carefully consider the facts set forth by Col. Tupman in his letter to us. This letter will be found under "Correspondence."

In view of the financial anxiety which we feel must be weighing heavily on all concerned with the production of the work, we invite all those who are still hesitating before placing their order to remember the old proverb, "*Bis dat qui cito dat.*"

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"The pen is mightier than the sword." This does *not* apply where editorial work in a Service Journal is concerned. We have reluctantly accepted the resignation of our assistant Editor, Lieut. Kitchin, as for some months he has been busy proving the converse of the proverb, quoted above, at various courses.

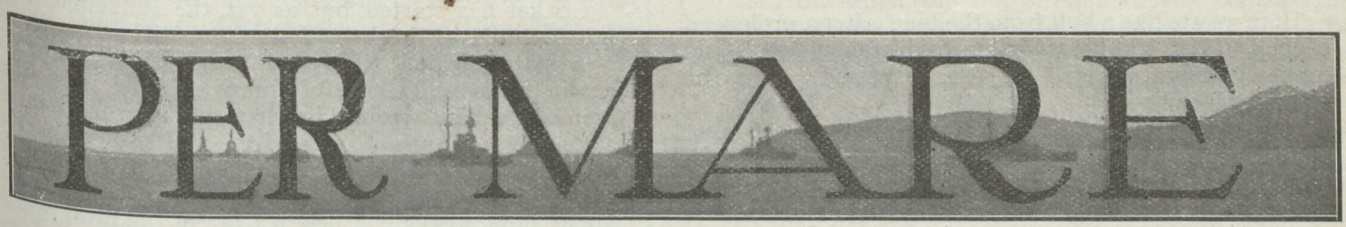
We are grateful to him for his assistance, more especially during the difficult period when he nursed us through the pitfalls which beset a novice's path. We hope that the future will see him securely perched in the Editor's chair, and we are confident that the paper could be in no better hands. While on this subject, we may say that Major Chandos Hill has kindly consented to guarantee the production of the August number, as the Editor hopes to be on leave during the first three weeks of July.

It really is a matter of pain and grief to us to turn down orders for additional copies every month. We have drawn attention to the necessity of placing orders in advance, but we still continue to receive orders, when the month is far spent, for extra copies of the current issue.

The expense of printing a large number of extras on the chance of them being required is prohibitive, when it is remembered that each copy costs considerably more to produce than its cost price to the purchaser.

We again ask our public to give their orders in such time as will ensure us being able to supply. To those to whom the Secretary has been compelled to send his polite regrets we say his sorrow is as nothing compared with that of

THE EDITOR.



POLLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC.

"Hood."

During the Easter leave period we took part in the Plymouth R.M.R.A. meeting. Various duties made it difficult for us to put our very best into the field, but we were greatly assisted by our Commander, who helped us over every obstacle. In the team events we were second in the Victory L.A. Cup, being beaten by two points by "Impregnable," and third in the Mercer Cup after tying with the first and second teams in the number of targets hit.

Of the individual scores, Sergt. Carn was second only to Capt. Field in the aggregate. Finally, we had four representatives in the unit team for the Duke of Edinburgh Cup.

The whole meeting was most enjoyable, thanks to the untiring efforts of Lieut. Buckley, though, as usual, Jupiter Pluvius had too much to say.

Before leaving for the Summer Cruise, the Detachment received some new blood in the form of 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 29 Marines from Barracks.

Vice-Admiral Sir F. L. Field, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., who commanded the Special Service Squadron, was succeeded by Rear-Admiral C. T. M. Fuller, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on 1st May. Our new Captain is Capt. H. O. Reinold, C.V.O., R.N.

We left Devonport on the 8th May for "Invergordon and Gunnery." During our stay there we were Senior Officer, Atlantic Fleet. At the moment, the Squadron is fairly large.

Our programme for the Summer Cruise is :—

Rosyth	... ...	15th–22nd June.
Portree	... ...	23rd–30th June.
Portrush	... ...	1st– 6th July.
Tail of the Bank	...	6th–11th July.
Lamlash	... ...	11th–18th July.
Portland	... ...	20th–27th July.

Then for Devonport and leave !

Gunnery is at present the order of the day. On 26th May we carried out a 5·5 in. long range shoot, and on the 29th May a 15 in. ¾-charge firing six rounds per gun.

Being strong believers in the "All work and no play" adage, we have been diverting some of our energy into other channels. While at Devonport we played a football match against "Royal Oak," winning by 3—0 ; Cotterill, Bayford and Wardle all scored. At Invergordon we had a great game with old friends in the "Resolution," which ended in a draw, one all. Musn. Webb scored for us. The result was thoroughly in accordance with the run of the game.

Among ourselves the W.R.A.s and Band challenged the rest of the Detachment, but were beaten, 3—1. Sergt. Johnson scored twice for the Detachment and Mne. Cotterill once, while Mne. Jones scored for the Band and W.R.A.s.

For some weeks past we have been training for the Fleet Regatta, which is being held at Lamlash. We have two cutters' crews being coached by Sergt. Johnson and Cpl. Macfar'ane, and two whalers' crews by Cpl. Marriott and Mne. Ritchings. There is also a Band whaler's crew under training. We hope that the latter, under the Bandmaster's training, will pull on the great day as well as they can blow !

What with the "Prussianism" of our coaches, the incessant slamming of hydraulic machinery and the eternal stamp of "Form Fours," the week is so strenuous that, when our hard-earned pay is handed to us, we have hardly the energy to go ashore to spend it.

However, an invitation to a dance from the young ladies of Cromarty was too attractive to resist and we, and others from the ship, turned up in strength. This great kindness was returned, to the best of our abilities, when, a week later, "Hood" put up a show at which our band played; a very merry evening ensued.

We are glad to be able to report that the following have expressed a wish to make annual subscriptions to the "Globe and Laurel" fund:—

The Rear Admiral, the Chief Staff Officer, the Commander, and other officers, and the Wardroom and Gunroom Messes, so that our nett sales are steadily increasing. Much enthusiasm has been shown over the nautical cross-word puzzles which we hope the Editor will continue to include in future numbers.

"Ramillies."

Here we are like a bolt from the blue, after a prolonged silence. It is most unsporting to drop one's tools and make "foreign waters," or "leave period" bear the burden of excuse.

However, to take the least line of resistance, one must admit inertia after a busy Spring Cruise, coupled with an "aching heart" after leave. The Detachment has undergone a few changes since the Spring Cruise, and is progressing with the same spirit of efficiency and smoothness as heretofore. After a long gunnery programme the Regatta is the attractive feature of the Summer Cruise, and our boats' crews are all out to be in perfect training for "Der Tag." Officers and men alike exhibit much keenness, extending the maximum encouragement to ensure crews and boats being fit, hence we hope the Detachment will not answer the appeal in vain. This means, after doing our very best, we leave it to team work, in conjunction with the remainder of the ship's company, to carry off top points. A whist drive was held the latter end of May on two successive nights in "the Barracks." This proved a real success, and passed away a few convivial hours. The R.M. Games Fund provided the prizes, which were very acceptable presents. Capt. S. A. Field, R.M., very kindly made the presentations, and a member of the Sergeants' Mess will no doubt often smile when he thinks of the awful struggle to dig down to the Booby Prize. We are told that summer is here, but the weather at present does not make summer all that it should be. Nevertheless, being optimists, we feel sure that there is plenty of sun and blue sky to come. (Quite true!—Ed.) Meanwhile, we trail along the downward course of the cruise, and hope to record a successful issue of work and play by the time our next contribution is due.

"Revenge."

On the conclusion of the Easter leave period "Revenge" left Portsmouth for Rosyth, where she docked. Marked enthusiasm has been shown for regatta practice while the ship was in dock, although the weather has been rather too boisterous for the earlier stages of training a boat's crew.

Up to the present, two cutters and two whalers ably coxswained by Sergts. Waskett, Kingswell and Bent and Cpl. Dwyer, may be observed going away twice daily, and we hope that their zeal and untiring energy will lead them to ultimate victory.

During practice hours there are Royal Marines running around with Jacob-coloured shirts and shorts, with oars on their shoulders. It is noticeable that the whaler boasts a 9-st. coxswain, the cutter a 16-stoner, whose slogan is "Reach out."

I believe the sergts. are hoping that the launch will never be manned by Marines, owing to limited accommodation in their mess.

Corpulent coxswain's remark: "Big ships are all right, but the booms are too far from the water."

It is not possible as yet to say anything as to our chances at Lamlash where the regatta is being held; we are, however, confident of putting up a good show.

The Detachment has lost a tower of strength in Cpl. Chadwick, now in barracks with the Drill Class. Cpl. Ridout has taken his place as Drum Major.

Cricket has started, but, as yet, the Detachment has not featured in the Inter-Part Competition.

A match against the R.M.P. at Crombie resulted in a win for us. Talking of things starting, something seemed to hint yesterday that gunnery had started again; we noticed not a few of the well-known tin cases standing about the ship. The gunnery programme for the Summer Cruise is going to keep us very busy for about three weeks. A new feature of the firing will be the wearing of respirators by all hands. The Turret Shield, now held by the Royal Marines, is also to be competed for. The rifle team sent in to compete for the Ægean and Mercer Cups had the misfortune to fire for their qualification under extremely bad conditions. The results were not nearly as good as those they had many times obtained at practice. Mne. Hurley is to go to Olympia for bayonet fighting, and Mnes. Bethell and Willis hope to be going to Bisley. We wish them luck!

"Calliope."

The second C.S. have now started their Summer Cruise, and after a few days' stay at Weymouth and Rosyth, sailed for Copenhagen June 5th, arriving there June 8th.

The squadron was inspected on Wednesday, 10th, by H.M. the King of Denmark, who hoisted his flag as a British Admiral in the "Carysfort," being received on board by a Guard of Honour commanded by Lieut. C. M. G. Luxmoore.

Two dances have been given by ship's companies during the stay at Copenhagen, which were well patronized and—judging by the appearance of everyone the morning after—very successful.

Great enthusiasm is being shown in the training for the regatta which is being held at Torbay in July.

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Malaya."

"Malaya's" Detachment having failed, up to date, in making their presence felt in the "Globe and Laurel," have now striven to provide material for their maiden attempt. Soon after our arrival in the Mediterranean Station we were sent at short notice to Egyptian waters for about three months, and though fully prepared to quell disturbances on shore, our stays

at both Port Said and Alexandria were, on the whole, very peaceful. Demonstration marches were made, but otherwise we spent our time improving our general knowledge of Egyptians and their customs.

At Port Said we frequently entertained distinguished visitors, and were honoured one day by the Duke and Duchess of York, and Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught who were proceeding East.

Very shortly after our return from Alexandria we carried out our C.-in-C.'s firings, in which the crews of the 6 in. Battery made an excellent score of 300 points. This was very favourably commented upon by the C.-in-C., and records proved that this performance was only beaten by one other ship (H.M.S. "Valiant").

"X" Turret (Marine's) "spoke" with value, and scored as many points as any other two turrets in the ship—gaining fifth place in order of merit in the Fleet.

At football we managed to win the Inter-Port Cup. Two teams were provided, "A" to "M," and "N" to "Z." Both teams did well and the latter were responsible for securing the trophy.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

At the Royal Naval Rifle Meeting individual successes were gained, and a team of one Corporal and five Marines secured the prize for the Tile Competition for the ship, which was commendable in view of the very large number of teams entered (27).

The Detachment carried off the Gibraltar Cup at Ghain Tuffieha, gaining 553½ points, a lead of 51½ points over "Benbow," who secured second place.

FLEET ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Our catchweight team met "Benbow" in the final, but lost by two pulls to nil. Our light-weight team were less fortunate and fell to the better team of the "Barham" after beating "Marlborough" by two pulls to one.

Several of the Detachment ably represented the ship in the running events and special mention might be made of Mne. Press, who came in second in the three-mile race.

This Marine did exceptionally well for the ship in all the Marathon races and invariably made the fastest time.

"Delhi."

The semi-final of the Cruiser Cup was played off at the Empire sports ground, Malta. The result came as a great surprise to us all, as we were unfortunate enough to lose to the "Dragon," 4—0, after a keenly-contested match, and "Dragon" finally won the cup by beating the "Ceres."

Soon after that surprise we went to sea to carry out gunnery exercises and, on completion of these, we anchored outside the Grand Harbour and commenced to paint ship. While this was being carried out, boats were suddenly hoisted and our ship secured for sea, and, after having oiled and provisioned ship, we sailed for the Red Sea at 6 p.m. on the 23rd May. We did not know our destination until a signal received from our C.-in-C. was placed on the notice-board to let the ship's company know for what place we were bound. The signal ran as follows: "Raise steam for economical speed and proceed to the Red Sea. You are required there for duty." On the second day at sea, at 4 in the morning, we received a S.O.S. signal from a Grecian cargo-boat called "Ilkatarine Inglessie," and we immediately commenced to raise steam for 18 knots; at 10.30 a.m. the distressed ship was sighted and at 11.30 we were alongside. Imagine our surprise when we discovered that the crew of this ship had abandoned her, having been taken on board S.S. "Herefordshire" prior to our arrival—although she was well above the water. Pumps were rigged, and after eight hours of hard work we finally managed to get a lot of the water out of the engine-room; a collision mat was placed, and we took her in tow alongside at a speed of ten knots. All went well, although the ship was leaking badly and three pumps were continually at work, until 5 p.m. on the 27th, when the bottom-line of the collision-mat gave out and again we had to carry out the usual evolutions to replace the bottom line. This we carried out successfully, and finally arrived at Port Said, where our prize was taken over by a tug. After oiling ship we again slipped from the buoy to go through the Suez Canal. A wire around our starboard propeller delayed us but this was cleared, and we sailed through the canal at 7.30 p.m. By this time it was dark, so we were not able to see any of the scenery on the banks of the canal, which was very much regretted by the majority of our detachment because it was their first trip through.

EAST INDIES.

"Chatham."

Towards the end of February, "Chatham" left Ceylon for Singapore in order to attend the conference there taking place between the C.'s-in-C. of the China, East Indies and Australian Fleets. On the way we looked in at one of the Nicobar Islands for a few hours. We stayed at Singapore about a fortnight, meeting many "old ships" During our stay several good inter-ship matches of football and cricket were played.

Part of the C.-in-C.'s inspection of the ship was carried out just before we left Singapore and the remainder took place on our return to Trincomalee. On leaving Trincomalee the ship proceeded to the Pearl Banks off Manaar, where we had an opportunity of seeing the "pearlers" at work.

We stayed one day in the vicinity of the Banks and then proceeded to Colombo.

Our stay in Colombo has come to an end, for "Chatham" and "Colombo" leave for a cruise to East African ports and islands in the Indian Ocean. "Cairo" will join later in the cruise; this will include visits to Mauritius, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar and Mombasa. We expect to be back at Colombo on July 24th.

Our stay in Colombo this time was made interesting by an Association Football competition for a silver cup. "Cairo" won it, after a keen struggle in the final between "Chatham" and "Cairo," by one goal to nil.

A shooting competition between "Chatham" and Royal Engineers resulted in a win by 14 points for the ship. Out of the team of 12, Sergts. Pack, Grey, Cross, Band-Cpl. Lightfoot and Mnes. Hall and Edwards represented the Detachment.

Result of football games at Singapore.

" Chatham " *v.* Sussex Regiment, drew, 0—0.
,, *v.* " Concord," won, 3—1.
,, *v.* " Hawkins," won, 4—2.
,, *v.* " Carlisle," won, 2—1.

Result of matches in Colombo :—

" Chatham " *v.* R.G.A., won, 3—0.
,, 2nd team *v.* R.E., lost, 1—2.

Squadron matches :—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
" Chatham "	5	2	2	1	5
" Cairo "	5	3	1	1	7
" Colombo "	4	1	3	0	2

AFRICA.

" Birmingham."

Since our last notes were sent out our doings have been chiefly connected with the visit of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

The meeting of H.M.S. " Repulse " in a dense fog ten miles from Table Bay by the African Squadron is now past history. Royal Marine guards and bands of the Squadron spent a busy forenoon saluting the fog when various functionaries were reported to be passing ; but it was a joy when the fog suddenly lifted to see " Repulse's " Detachment drawn up in full dress as a guard for H.R.H. We are not used to large Detachments here, and had forgotten that there were so many Royal Marines left.

The Guard of Honour for H.R.H.'s visit to Simonstown on 2nd May consisted of 2 officers and 50 other ranks Royal Marines, and 1 officer and 50 other ranks South African Coast Defence Artillery.

We had three days with the " Repulse " at Simonstown and managed to compete with their Detachments at shooting, tug-of-war and rowing. The shooting was not finished owing to rain. The " Repulse " took the tug-of-war by two pulls to one, and we got home in the gigs' race by a bare length.

We thought it most sporting of " Repulse " to turn out teams at such short notice, and we vote them jolly good fellows.

In the dockyard regatta there were six entries for the Service gigs' race, and the " Birmingham " Marines ran a close second to H.M.S. " Wallflower."

" Birmingham," " Wallflower " and " Verbena " are cruising the South and East Coast Ports in connection with H.R.H.'s tour, while " Dublin " is waiting at Simonstown to turn over to " Lowestoft " on her arrival there. We expect to be joined by " Lowestoft " at Durban during the first week in June.

DETACHED SERVICE.

" Repulse."

THE ROYAL TOUR *(continued)*.

(By L.S.W.)

At Sea, 23rd April.

Erratum.—In the last few lines of my third supplement, dated 20th April, for " four times to-day," *read* " twice to-day," *and for* " 600 " *read* " 300."

The trip round Lagos harbour was full of interest as we steamed slowly along within a stone's throw of the streets and houses, the former being crowded owing to the presence of royalty in the town.

One could not help thinking of the story of Tantalus —so near and yet so far—but the breezy interlude was very welcome after our week's confinement to the ship.

At 9.30 a.m. yesterday H.R.H. returned to the ship, and at 10.15, in perfect weather, we commenced our 3,000 miles run to the Cape.

Last night, according to custom, Father Neptune and members of his Court came on board to warn all novices of what was in store for them and, during the forenoon to-day, the ceremony of " crossing the line " was carried out with full honours and formalities, H.R.H. being invested with the " Order of the Seven Seas " and the " Order of the Old Sea Dogs." Sir Lionel Halsey, Capt. Hope and Capt. Dudley North were also invested with the latter Order.

Some 900 of the ship's company were faithfully and thoroughly initiated in the usual manner, and a good deal of time this evening will be devoted to a ship's company dance on the forward decks.

Our actual crossing of the line at 12.55 p.m. to-day was announced by a blast from the syren, which is, I believe, the usual method.

24th April.—The ship's company dance was a great success ; the fancy dresses were judged by the representatives of the Press, and H.R.H. kindly consented to present the prizes, which, I hear, were mostly in liquid form.

Cape Town, 1st May.—The remainder of our journey was uneventful, the weather perfect, but on the morning of the 30th in the middle watch we ran into a thick bank of fog.

However, our rendezvous with the Cape Squadron took place exactly at 7.30 a.m. as arranged, and a Royal Salute was fired by " Birmingham " and " Dublin," our ship's company being fallen in at Divisions.

We were then escorted by the cruisers into Table Bay, where we anchored at 8.30 a.m.

Before H.R.H. went ashore to commence the most important section of his tour, the Earl of Athlone and the C.-in-C. were received on board, the former inspecting the Guard.

Immediately on their departure, the ship's company were mustered on the fo'c'sle and H.R.H. said a few words of encouragement and farewell, appreciation for which was shown by three hearty cheers. " He seems like one of us," someone said.

Night leave is being given here, and it has been very pleasant for all of us to have the chance of stretching our legs after being on board for over a fortnight.

Simon's Town, 9th May.—On Wednesday, 6th May, two days after the departure of H.R.H. up country, we sailed from Table Bay and arrived at Simon's Town the same afternoon.

Immediately on arrival, Sergeant Small, of Chatham billiards fame, came over from the " Birmingham " and challenged our Detachment to various contests of skill, including a shooting match, a gig race of one mile, a football match and a tug-of-war.

The shooting match took place on the 7th and had

to be abandoned owing to rain ; we had, however, fired at two ranges and, up to that stage, the " Birmingham " was leading by 31 points, and would almost certainly have won—a very creditable performance for a Detachment of 30 all told.

The only excuse we could offer was that our team had not, in the majority of cases, fired their rifles before.

The tug-of-war was won by our team yesterday after three really good pulls—one of which lasted 2 minutes, 35 seconds.

Superior training told to-day in the gig race, which the " Birmingham " won by a single stroke after we had led most of the way by about a length.

Our crew had only been away for three days and we hope to have our revenge when the flagship returns from her cruise up the East coast.

(*To be continued.*)

" Concord."

PART I.

We have arrived at our destination, Australia, at last. We reached Napier Broome on the N.W. coast on the 25th March.

Before leaving Singapore, the ships gave a searchlight display, and also illuminated ship for the benefit of the British ashore.

On the Sunday evening previous to leaving, all members of the R.A.O.B. were invited to attend a church parade, assembling at the Union Jack Club, and marching, headed by the " Sydney's " band, to St. Andrew's Cathedral. The chaplain himself was a Member of the Order, and the parade was a big success.

On Monday, the 16th, we sailed in company with the " Sydney " and " Adelaide," and the same evening at 2100 we were hailed by Neptune, with Amphitrite and the royal following. The next day we were introduced to Neptune, who presented the Senior Officers with various Orders according to their branch in the Service. The ship's company, from the Captain downwards, were then initiated into the Order of the Bath.

Amphitrite was represented by Cpl. Hoit ; Mne. Kelly was one of the bears.

The same evening the two Aussies left us, and we arrived off Surabaya, the Dutch Naval Base in Java.

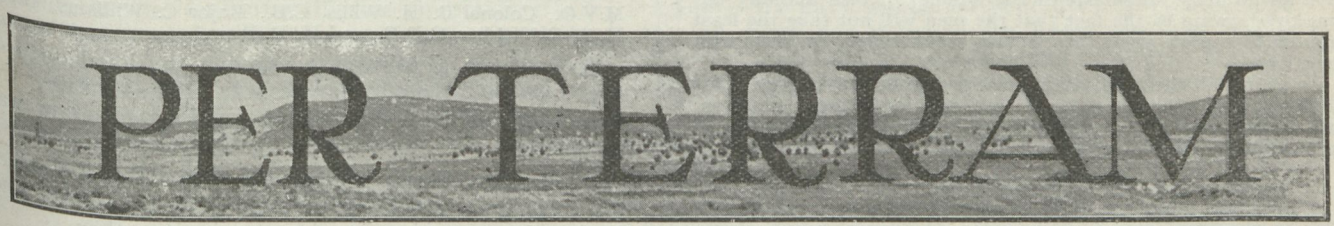
The Dutch people were very friendly to us. Staying here two days, both watches had a run ashore ; we oiled and sailed on Saturday, the 21st instant.

On our arrival at Napier Broome we found the place to be uninhabited. Every afternoon fishing excursions were made up. Until our last day, however, we did not find a decent beach for swimming, there being too much mud. The water is infested with sharks. Several were caught in the net.

Two days after our arrival a boat was seen approaching the ship. It proved to be a crude canoe, cut from a tree-trunk, occupied by six natives. All they wore was a loin cloth and this, we were told, was put on for the occasion. We gave them bread, and one of them could say " Thank you." This he had learnt at a mission some miles away. These Aboriginals had travelled seventy miles to see us, and they were a living picture of the cannibals one reads about.

The miniature range on the fo'c'sle is still very popular. The Marines' team should be in the running for the Cup purchased out of the entrance fees into the Club.

The Marines won the loader competition by a big margin of time.



ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

CHATHAM.

Colonel-Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., was in attendance at His Majesty's Levée on 25th May.

A sale of work, organised by Mrs. Morgan, was held in the Commandant's garden on the 11th June. Articles for sale included home-made cakes and sweets, as well as garments and useful household items. Mrs. Morgan was assisted by a number of ladies connected with the Division, and a portion of the band added to the enjoyment of those present.

The very satisfactory sum of £22 was cleared for the benefit of local funds.

Two large

Congratulations to the able and popular Secretary of the Divisional football team on being promoted Quartermaster Sergeant.

PLYMOUTH.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

Miss D. Eagles, daughter of General H. C. Eagles, R.M. (retd.), of Summerleaze, Yelverton, has very kindly presented the medal for the Baltic (1854–5) ; the Crimean medal with clasp for Sebastopol, and the Turkish medal for the Crimea, all three awarded to two brothers, R. and J. Anstis, formerly Privates of the Plymouth Division.

and Good Conduct Medal, all three awarded to Richard Honer, who was discharged to pension as a Provost Sergeant, have been purchased for the collection.

This is the first Conspicuous Gallantry Medal to be added to the collection, and is a distinction sparingly given, and in consequence, highly prized. The ribbon is the same as that for the Distinguished Cross, *i.e.*, blue, white central stripe, and blue in equal widths.

The award of such medals to the Corps of Royal Marines has been as follows :—Ashanti (1873–4), 10 ; Egypt (1883–4), 9 ; China (1901), 1 ; Somaliland (1904), 1 ; The Great War, 12. Total, 33.

R.M. CORPS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Royal Marine Corps Association was held at 54, Victoria Street, S.W.1, on Friday, 5th June, 1925.

Among those present were General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., R.M., Major General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.G., R.M. (President and Hon. Treasurer), and Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Evans., R.M. (Hon. Secretary).

HON. SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

1. WORKING AND RESULTS.

The total number of men remaining on the books at the present time is 337. Employment has been found since March 20th, 1924, for 120 men, distributed as follows : 52 from Chatham, 55 from Portsmouth, 12 from Plymouth, and 1 from the School of Music. One man on the books of this office, as well as on those of Portsmouth, named Vale, was placed by Portsmouth. It will be seen that, during the year, 35·6 of the total on the books have been placed, a result that compares favourably with those of former years.

The system of circularizing the men periodically in order to test their addresses, and to ascertain whether they have found employment or not, has been continued during the last year, and has been found very useful. In spite of this it is impossible to give an accurate statement of the number of men actually unemployed, owing to the fact that the men will not take the least trouble to report when they obtain employment by their own exertions.

As nearly all the applications received from employers are for domestic service, and generally for couples without children, and as the wives are unwilling to go out with their husbands, it is becoming increasingly difficult to place married couples.

2. NEW OPENINGS.

A new and promising field for employment has opened out. This is the employment of men as Attendants in the Royal Courts of Justice. The men should apply personally by letter to the Secretary to the Lord Chancellor at the House of Lords. Applicants must have seen war service, or must be able to prove that they could not be sent on actual service owing to their being required at the Depot for instructional purposes. N.C.O.s are preferred to privates. There is no fixed standard for height or chest measurement, but all applicants have to pass a medical examination. Age is immaterial, but the younger a man is on joining the better for him, as he must retire at the age of 65, when he is granted a pension at the rate of 1s. a week for every year he has served. Pay and war bonus together amount to about 58s. a week on appointment, with a rise of 1s. a week for every three years' service. There are certain small deductions from the pay for insurance and sick benefits. One week's leave on full pay is granted annually after the first year.

An opening exists for men trained as signallers in the Lighthouse Service in the Red Sea under the Egyptian Government. Ages 35–45. The men have to pass a medical examination, and get a free passage out and home. They have to sign a two years' agreement, and get free quarters. There are three Europeans in each lighthouse. Three months' full pay leave given annually after the first year. Working hours, 8.30 a.m. till 12.30 p.m., and night watch. Pay at the rate of £216 a year.

R.M. DINNER CLUB.

The annual dinner was held in the Edward VII. rooms, Hotel Victoria, on the 5th June.

Major-General J. R. H. Oldfield, C.B., presided, and the following officers were present :—

General Sir W. T. Adair, K.C.B., Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Arbuthnot, Major C. Attwood.

General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., Lieut.-Colonel C. A. Bishop, O.B.E., Majors J. J. Bramble, H. C. Benett, C.M.G., and A. I. Bell, O.B.E., Capt. E. St. J. Brockman.

Colonel E. C. L. Congdon, Lieut.-Colonel G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., Capt. V. G. Clayton.

Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Evans, Major A. K. Evans, O.B.E., M.C.

Lieut.-General H. D. Farquharson, C.M.G., Colonel J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., Lieut.-Colonel R. V. T. Ford, C.B.E.

Lieut.-Colonels H. Gritton and F. H. Griffiths, Majors R. S. Gibson and A. G. W. Grierson.

Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonels L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C., and E. W. Harding, Lieut.-Colonel H. N. H. Houghton, Majors C. E. W. Hill and G. S. Hobson, Capt. E. W. Husey.

Lieut.-Colonel H. A. H. Jones.

Lieut.-Colonels A. G. Little, C.M.G., and W. J. Langford, Majors G. H. Littleton and H. M. Leaf, D.S.O.

Major-General G. J. H. Mullins, C.B., Colonel R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., Capt. R. C. G. Mackenzie, Major C. B. Mullins.

General Sir W. C. Nicholls, K.C.B., Lieut. W. I. Nonweiler.

Major-General J. R. H. Oldfield, C.B., Lieut.-Colonel R. D. Ormsby, C.B.E., Rev. O. E. Owen.

Major-General Sir A. Paris, K.C.B., Colonel P. Peacock, C.M.G., Capt. J. Pearson, M.C., Lieut.-Colonel A. Peel, C.M.G.

Colonels J. M. Rose, D.S.O., and G. V. Robinson, Lieut.-Colonel A. W. G. Ridings, Lieut. W. S. Ronaldson.

Lieut.-General E. J. Stroud, C.B., C.M.G., Brig.-General G. B. Stevens, Majors A. E. Syson, O.B.E., H. K. Stephens, H. H. F. Stockley, M.V.O., O.B.E., and P. Sandilands, D.S.O.

Colonels R. C. Temple, C.B., O.B.E., and J. A. Tupman, O.B.E.

General E. A. Wylde, Major-General H. S. N. White, C.B., M.V.O., Colonel C. H. Willis, C.B., Major C. Williams, Capts. H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., and H. D. Weir.

In reply to a message conveying the loyal duty of the Officers, Royal Marines, to His Majesty, the Colonel-in-Chief, the following gracious telegram was received :—

" I heartily thank the Officers of the Royal Marines for their loyal greetings to their Colonel-in-Chief, and I wish them all an enjoyable evening together.

" (*Signed*) GEORGE R.I."

The annual meeting of the members of the club was held on the afternoon of June 5th.

Lieut.-Colonel R. D. Ormsby, C.B.E., was elected a Trustee of the club in the vacancy caused by the death of Colonel J. H. Lambert, O.B.E.

Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Little, C.M.G., was appointed Honorary Secretary and Treasurer *vice* Colonel P. Peacock, C.M.G., resigned.

A suggestion that the club should invite a " guest of the evening " was fully discussed.

It was considered that the entertainment of any specially distinguished person was a matter for the Corps *at large* rather than for the dinner club. While the initiative should come from the Corps, the committee of the dinner club would be very glad to give any assistance in their power in the organisation of such entertainment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Government House,
Mahableshwar,
12th May, 1925.

From Lieut.-Colonel the Right Hon'ble Sir Leslie Wilson, G.C.I.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.M. (retired).
To The Editor, "Globe and Laurel," Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham.

Dear Sir,

I attach herewith a short account of a tiger shoot in India, as copy has been asked for by the "Globe and Laurel." I also enclose a photograph if you care to reproduce it.

I should like to take this opportunity of heartily congratulating you and all connected with the "Globe and Laurel" on the Journal as now produced. It is very well got up, and most interesting reading.

Yours very faithfully,
(Signed) LESLIE WILSON.

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Ingleside,
Walmer,
Kent.
7th June, 1925.

Dear Sir,

If you or anyone else were asked whether there should be a History of the R.M., you would undoubtedly say "Yes," and on the strength of this assumption 1,000 copies of Col. Field's work were ordered—360 *copies remain unsold* after some three years since inauguration. £650 loans from Divisions, Sergeants' Mess, etc., cannot be refunded until these are sold. The work is generally considered excellent *and the price the cost price of the work*. No profit has been made out of it by the author —except three bound copies of his own work free—not much return for the work of a lifetime culminating in two years' heavy work producing and correcting the proofs of his labour. It was suggested at the R.M. dinner that he should receive a testimonial or some tangible proof of our appreciation, but I would rather it took the form of selling out the unsold copies. *There are many serving who have not taken it.*

Yours faithfully,
J. A. TUPMAN.

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Rocky Close,
St. Ives,
N. Cornwall.
10th June, 1925.

CASPIAN SEA EXPEDITION, 1918–19.

Dear Sir,

May I through your columns thank my unknown correspondent "A Marine Still Serving" for his notes on above service and say that I shall be very glad indeed if he will send me more information; I should especially like to hear particulars of their work at Petrovsk and if any of them were in the Defence of Baku in August, 1918.

I should also like to thank any correspondents who have sent me details of the 525, 526 and 527 Siege Batteries, and hope that some one from 528 will follow their good example.

Any information from correspondents who served on coast of S. Africa in the numerous landings, giving interesting older details would be much appreciated.

Also any details of the numerous actions in the North Sea fought by the Harwich Force Cruisers.

I am, Yours truly,
H. E. BLUMBERG.

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EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER RECEIVED FROM H.E. SIR C. O'BRIEN, GOVERNOR OF BARBADOS.

". . . A young ex-war service Marine supplies me with a copy of the 'Globe and Laurel' and I would like, if I may, to congratulate you on the success of your very interesting paper . . . Which must be of great interest to the splendid Corps of Marines in which I have had many friends."

We beg to offer our thanks to H.E. for the kind thought which prompted him to express his appreciation of our Journal, and we feel that all readers will appreciate his good opinion of the Corps in general.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.B.R.—Ye gods! What a poet laureate has been lost in you! All things considered, perhaps it is as well to omit your contribution, as we have to steer clear of controversial subjects The inspection was an informal one.

J.A.B.—All three points in your letter are welcome news. Now that you have made contact we hope to get your reports regularly. You may be "down under," speaking geographically, but the writer of such a hearty screed is very much "on top" from an Editor's point of view. We are glad to hear of your increased subscription list, and the knowledge that our efforts to please are appreciated acts as a spur to a jaded horse.

JOE.—We have published your litt'e story and hope it's all right as, although we know nothing about gardens, some of the names sound strangely familiar after our recent visit to the local hospital.

J.A.T.—Anything to oblige. You have a strong case, and we wish you the success that is so thoroughly deserved.

D.B.—Oh no! We have nothing to do with recruiting. Try the D.N.R. Rumour says his address is 54, Whitehall.

A.G.S.—There must be a lot of spare money knocking about. You are not the first to ask us to induce some financially-minded friend to write an occasional article on this subject. Our advice is to go to your bank manager; if he can't give you sound advice we are very certain we can't!

G.E.D.—Your p.c. to the Editor, saying you have not had your June copy of "G. and L.," is not considered of sufficient general interest to publish. We have forwarded it on to the Secretary, who makes investigation of such matters his hobby.

F.H.—Don't you believe it, sonny! (This sounds rather familiar but we always like to answer letters in the same strain as they are written to us.) You remind us of the chestnut about the Duke of Wellington and the lady at the reception. "Mr. Smith, I believe," said the lady. "Madam, if you believe that you will believe anything," said the Duke.

H.E.B.—With pleasure. Please let us know when you wish notice cancelled. Sorry can't agree with penultimate paragraph of your letter to us. The mud is too awful and smells like anything in this hot weather.

A.H.R.B. (Not so many initials next time, please. Our printer charges extra for anything over three.).—Hearty congrats. on the good work you and your merry men are doing. A jump from 20 copies to 70 is worth writing home about. If ships took copies according to their length you would rival the "Queen Elizabeth's" 115, and at the rate you are increasing we expect to see her record broken shortly.

H.S.—Dearie me! You can't want still more for your 3d.? Do you ever read Shakespeare? If not, please ponder on these lines of his:

"Blow, blow, thou winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude."

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES (AND OTHERS).

A certain man (nationality unknown) decided to commit suicide by putting his head in a gas oven.

Being of a thrifty nature he asked for the loan of his neighbour's oven in preference to using his own.

We are glad to state that he is still alive and well, for on arrival at his friend's house he found the gas was provided through a shilling-in-the-slot machine.

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Two dormice laid up for the winter in a church. They met in the spring and compared notes.

"How did you get on?" said one to his little friend.

"Had a rotten time, couldn't sleep a wink. I laid up in the belfry and the continual noise was dreadful; how about yourself?"

"Slept like a top, never disturbed once the whole winter; you see, I slept in the offertory box."

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The following yarn was told us in the tailor's shop as a true story. Some of our "true stories" may be open to question—but we have flatly refused to put this one under "This Month's."

A Marine came to the Master Tailor and said he was greatly troubled with moths; they flew about his house and got into his clothes. "Try moth balls," said the Master Tailor, "they are most effective. You get them at the chemist and they are warranted to kill."

The Marine asked for moth balls and was shown a large tinfull for 9d. "I'll take six tins," said the man.

A few days later the M.T. met the man and asked him if he had got rid of the moths.

"Those balls are no good," said the Marine. "I sat up all night throwing them at the moths and never killed one."

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We have told so many stories against the Scotsman that we readily accede to the request of a man from the and o' cakes to give him a chance to get his own back.

An Englishman called in at a butcher's shop and asked him for a sheep's head. "None of your Scotch mutton for me," he said; "give me a good English sheep's head."

The Scots butcher called out to his assistant, "Bring a sheep's head, Jock, take out all the brains and put in two tongues."

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A rejection slip from a Chinese contemporary was recently received. It follows: "We have read your manuscript with infinite delight. Never before have we revealed in such a masterpiece. If we printed it the authorities would ordain us to take it for a model, and henceforth never print anything inferior to it. As it would be impossible to find its equal within ten thousand years, we are compelled, though shaken with sorrow, to return your divine manuscript, and for so doing we beg one million pardons."—*The Leatherneck.*

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"Why do the roses fade slowly away?" she inquired poetically.

"Well," replied the bald-headed man with wide ears, "when you think it over it's all for the best. It's more comfortable to have them fade slowly away than to go off all of a sudden like a torpedo."

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The weather was warm, and Mike M'Mickan decided to shave in the back yard. Mrs. Phinnegan, hanging out her washing in the next-door back yard, was in conversational humour and called out to him:

"Arrah, Mike, oi see ye're shaving outside!"

"An' so oi am, alanna!" said Mike. "Did ye think oi was fur-lined?"

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A MISUNDERSTOOD FEAT.

A short time ago, in a certain flagship in Northern waters, the Guard were being inspected. An individual who wears an anæmic grin was warned to control his "features." It is left to our readers to imagine the "features" of those who saw the hero blushingly look down to see if his "feet" were correctly placed.

THIS MONTH'S (QUITE) TRUE STORY.

Scene—A wardroom of a ship. Several officers discussing a sailing race which was all over bar the shouting.

Enter a signalman.

Signalman: "Whaler's stuck on the mud, sir; tide is still falling."

C.O.: "Damn! How the h—— shall I get her back?"

O.O.W. (energetic, but very young): "Shall I hoist her recall, sir?"

ECHOES FROM THE PAST.

Some 25 years ago, while running through the archives of a consulate at a certain foreign port in search of information about a service mattter, we came across the correspondence printed below. As it was ancient history and non-confidential we were allowed to keep it, and added the papers to our store of odd documents, the collection of which is one of our fads.

From the fact that the inhabitants of the country are none too nice in their customs we think that the first article must have been inspired by a wish to advertise bathing drawers.

The second letter may serve as a reason why officers can now fish in comfort in that particular part of the world.

An unqualified act.

Every person even of medium criteriun does recognise the christian morality, as the edge over which must turn round the Society or country, which inhavitants forget their religious duties not knowing any other Law but what the boddy wants & shakes the sewt, & holy yoke of the holly Law: a nation which inhavitants lost their faith & corrupted their costums following the way of the incredulity and do not be Shamed to make public their detestable actions; only merits to be cried for the unfortunate end expected.

As We understand it thus and we have come to the prefs to procure a good welth for this village, to avoid our being contrary to our concience we must tolk to-day of an act which if should be repited it claims against the authorities to which it is recommended our tranquility for a corrective.

Few days passed, several boats belonging to the British Squadron anchored in this bay put their keels alongside the wall clossed to the fish market. We were pleased to look at them and aproche nearer, but suddenly we had to shut the eyes and retire from that place not to presence the Scandalous sight that the crew offered, sight which only in the center of Africa could be expected but not in this Country where the Cristian decorum & dignity is not lost.

The crew of these boats having taken off their cloths and left completely undressed they jomped in the sea and bath without minding that many persons were present of both sexes and a considerable number of children; those tender harts which are so eassy to take the good way; a single ward a bad example may put them in a criminal life.

Adam did sin and when he recognised his fault covered part of his body with leafs from the trees; though there was no boddy in his presence; but this English sailors though are in foreign Country they have not the precaution that Adam had they do no consider necessary to expend ninepence for a bath cloth which would be happy to sell the "Fantasia."

With great regret I have been informed by your official letter dated yesterday that some officers belonging to the British Squadron had been insulted by a number of young men of about 20 years of age; which success was unknown to me. I immediately ordered the police to investigate who were those men and very soon found them. To-day they have been put in prison and to-morrow I will put them at the Judge's disposal for the punishment merited.

In future officers may come to fish with the guarantee that the Authorities will give them all protection and if I am noticed I will have some men under my authority to whatch them when fishing.

Please splain this to the Admiral in Command of the Squadron as a satisfaction to the offence made the officers by a few young men which want of instruction and sense could have caused that those illustrated officers should doubt of the honesty and nobelnefs of this inhavitants.

God grant you a long life,

(signed) * * *

IN THE P.M.O.'S GARDEN.

By Joe.

"Just have a look round the garden before you go," said the P.M.O. "I've put the dickens of a lot of work into it the last few months."

We stepped from the verandah, overhung with climbing phlebitis, on to the well-kept lawn, where gay beds of scarlet fevers did their best to beat the glow of colour provided by the masses of pyorrhea in the borders.

"What have you got in the greenhouse these days, Doc?"

"Well, we'll trot across and let you look; there are a couple of lumbagos on the wall—they want pruning rather badly—and I'm forcing on some young pink and white double pneumonias for the window-boxes. I don't get much from them in dry weather, though, and the poxes are all small this year, too. We'll go round by the lower path as I want to cut something for your wife."

The "something" proved to be a sheaf of tall, graceful malarias, picked from a bed of which my host was particularly proud. I then duly admired the window-boxes—and could do so with all sincerity; they were splendid!

The P.M.O.'s chief hobby is his beautiful little rock garden, made entirely by himself, so I was hauled off to see his latest treasures, the tiny purple tetanus, and one or two clumps of a small starry flower that looked most effective against the grey rock, called "pink eye."

"I bought 'em at an auction," said the owner. "They threw in some long-stemmed scrofula, and half a dozen corn bulbs."

On our way back to the house we crossed a path flanked by thick bushes of neuritis, planted rather far apart because, so said the P.M.O., "it spreads like anything."

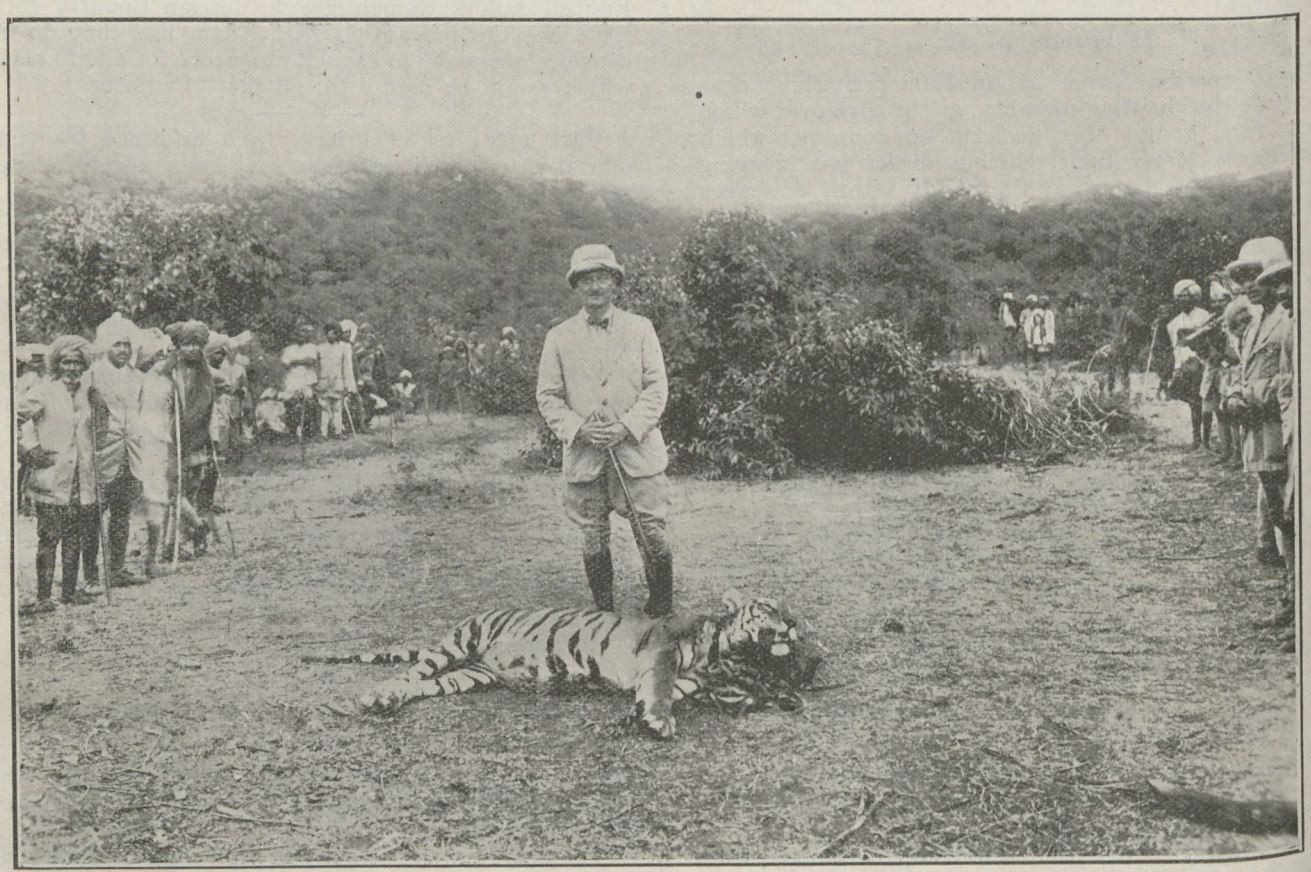
From there it was a short step back to the lawn, a perfect lawn, I thought, but, just before we reached the verandah the neat and careful doctor stooped and, in a neat and careful way, pulled out a wart root, a wicked invader.

BIG GAME SHOOTING EXPEDITION.

By H.E. the Governor of Bombay.

I doubt if there is any more exciting experience than when you put your rifle to your shoulder and aim at a tiger for the first time in your life. The Editor has asked for copy from members of the Corps, and, as I have not yet seen any effort in this particular line, I will try and give some description of a fortnight's *shikar* in India when after tiger.

In April last I was invited to be the guest of a well-known native prince in the Bombay Presidency to shoot tiger. I will not enter into details, nor will I describe the splendid hospitality—proverbial in the case of native princes—shown to me ; but it is sufficient to say that the camp where we were entertained in the jungles, forty miles away from his capital, was in every way the height of comfort.



We were not as fortunate as we hoped for. During six days' *shikar* we only got one tigress and one panther, the tigress falling to my gun, and my first. The way to locate tigers is, of course, well known to anyone who has had any experience. They are known to be in one particular part of the dense jungles or forests of India by their kills. When a shoot is being arranged, young buffaloes or other stock are tied up, and from the killing of these animals by tigers, or the killing of natural kills—namely, the wandering stock of the ryots or agriculturists—the presence of the tiger is announced. A tiger will generally drag his kill some distance after partaking of as large a meal as he desires, but will return to it in most cases again to complete what must be a very tasty repast after the killed animal has been exposed to an Indian sun for some hours, and in the meantime will lie up in some shady spot, generally near water, during the heat of the day. The guns are taken out and put in *machans* —which are either seats made in trees, or ladders tied to trees—and the beaters, with the necessary " stops " to prevent the tiger breaking out, are then placed in position and the beat commences. The guns generally know fairly soon if the tiger is in the beat or not, either by the tapping on the trees by the " stops " to prevent him breaking out, or the roar of the tiger ; but when he or she is coming, or where he or she is coming, is not known till the wonderful sight of a tiger or tigress stalking majestically out, or coming out at full gallop, happens.

My first tigress came out at a stately walk to my left rear—a most unexpected spot—and I might not have seen her had not a jungle fowl been there and risen at her approach. She came out about 30 yards away and I got her in the shoulder, but she leapt in the air and went off full speed behind me. I got in another shot, and she was found dying about 200 yards

away. I confess I was a proud man with my first tiger, and I was photographed, as usual—a copy of which I enclose, although you may not be able to publish it.

My story of tiger-shooting does not end here, for, leaving my most generous host, I went to the south, to the Government forests of Kanara, famed for their sport and for the tiger, bison, panther and other big game to be found there. For two days we had no report of *kubbar*, which means kills, and had two days blank. As I had only six days there, I was getting rather despondent, for I had spent six days in the same jungles last year with no luck. Then fortune smiled on us, and, in the four remaining days, we had seven reports of kills—five natural kills reported by the villagers, and two of our own "ties"—and we created what I am told is a record by getting all the seven tigers. By a remarkable chance we divided them, and my private secretary, my A.D.C. who was with me (I regret it was not the Marine A.D.C.), and I each got a tiger and a tigress, and one of the Forest Officers got the other—a tiger. I am sorry that space will not allow me to relate how each tiger or tigress was killed, but, trusting that I shall not be considered egotistical, I will relate my own experiences with my two.

My first was a tiger, and apparently a well-known one, which had eluded many a gun before because he would not be beaten out. On this occasion we nearly missed him, for the beaters were practically up to my *machan* and I had seen or heard nothing. In fact, I was on the point of unloading and getting down from my ladder when, to my intense surprise, he came charging over an open piece of ground from behind a small bit of jungle about 30 yards in front of me. I was using a fairly heavy gun that day—a ·500—and I hit him in the left shoulder, and he scrambled on all fours almost under my ladder, but got up again and went on. My shot would have killed him, but luckily, one of my party got a shot at him and bowled him over, and so saved a track which might have been a long one, and always one full of possible danger.

My second tiger—or this time tigress—gave me a sight seldom, if ever, vouchsafed to any man. I was in fairly open jungle, and could see most of the ground in front of me for about five hundred yards. My *machan* was placed on the downward slope of a hill stretching to a *nullah*, and with a view of the hill arising from the *nullah*. A very short time after the beat started, I heard the crashing of the bamboos, and I saw on the hill in front of me a herd of about ten bison coming down as fast as they could—and a bison can move very fast—with the tigress in front. Apparently, the beaters had started the bison and tigress at the same time, and I am told that the tigress was being chased by the bison. The bison stopped before crossing the *nullah*, and I had no idea where the tigress was until suddenly she appeared coming up the hill at full gallop, with her tail in the air, her ears laid back, straight for my ladder. A wonderful sight, and one I shall never forget. I was fortunate enough to hit her hard, and she bowled over just like a shot rabbit, dead within a minute, at the foot of the ladder. I then watched the bison, hoping they would come on, but they had winded me, and, as soon as the beaters made themselves annoying to those magnificent beasts, they moved off at full gallop across my front, out of range of any possible shot.

The troubles in India are many—the work in India is very heavy, very onerous and very responsible, but a fortnight such as I have endeavoured, in a very few words, to describe—even though, through it all, papers and files had to be dealt with—makes up for much; and, if any of my readers have sons or relations who have any idea of coming to join that great band of Europeans who have served, and are serving, the Empire in India with such ability and loyalty, let me assure them that India has not only great compensations for all that they may sacrifice as regards home ties, but they will receive, as I have received, in the cities and in the districts, a generous and warm welcome, for the vast majority of all who live in this great country believe, as my readers and I believe, in the friendship and the comradeship of the Indian and the European.

H.M.S. "DURBAN'S" SOUTHERN CRUISE.

PART II.

Our next visit was to Labuan Island, which was reached on Wednesday, the 28th. Labuan, though adjacent to the territory of British North Borneo, is one of the Straits Settlements, and as such is administered by the F.M.S. It was acquired in 1846 from the Sultan of Brunei as a place "Where His Majesty's ships might careen and water." Since then we have extended our influence over the whole of the independent kingdom of Brunei whose Sultan, in return for our promise of protection, allowed certain trading facilities, and who undertook not to surrender any of his territory to any other power without the sanction of the British Government. It is not a "Protectorate" in the strict sense, since we maintain neither troops nor police, but only a Resident who acts in an advisory capacity to the Sultan's government. It is more akin to the Unfederated Malay States.

Here we remained until February 1st, and led a quiet life. The most interesting trip was to the town of Brunei, up the Brunei river, on the mainland. This was reached by "Bluebell" until the tortuous nature of the river's channel compelled a change to the Government launch "McArthur," which took the officers and a few of the seamen, towing two cutters containing the remainder of the party, altogether mustering about 100. We started at 0630 and did not arrive till 1130, where we were met by the Resident.

The town's chief merit lies in its claim to be the largest remaining city built on piles, and has been described erroneously as the "Venice of the East." It is not very beautiful, though its situation on a bend of the Brunei River is picturesque. Most of the time was spent in acquiring local curios and a little of the native silver work that is famous. Perhaps the most

notable purchase was that of an absurdly small prau or dug-out canoe. We intend to use it at Wei Hai Wei for bathing next summer. It cost the vast sum of $9, and even at that I think the crew thought he had been bought too, since he insisted upon being hoisted inboard with the boat.

We tried it the next day on the beach at Labuan. having taken it there in the whaler. We did try to tow it, but eventually had to bring it inboard since there was a stiff breeze and the little beast was in imminent danger of swamping. I hardly need say that at first it simply capsized at every attempt to board. Eventually we got quite skilful though, and found that, provided we sat very still, it could be propelled with safety and at considerable speed, and that even in a big surf it shipped surprisingly little water—which is as well, since it took surprisingly little water to sink it.

Labuan has no trade other than rubber, which comes from the adjacent British North Borneo Territory and is shipped from there to avoid the heavy export duties levied in their own ports. A coal mine was working in the island until comparatively recently but has now shut down as it did not pay.

The ship left on February 1st for Singapore, which was reached on February 3rd, after a wretched passage in a heavy N.E. monsoon. It rained incessantly during the four days we stopped, and so, although we were alongside the oiling jetty in Keppel Harbour, but few people went ashore.

Penang was our next port of call and was reached on February 9th ; on the trip, for the first time, I saw the time-honoured naval evolution of " Prepare to tow aft," carried to its logical conclusion. " Bluebell," having been " captured " by " Durban " as the result of an encounter exercise in the early hours of the morning, was towed into the port of Penang as a prize.

Here we found the hot—but not unpleasantly hot—weather we had been looking for so long and which was to remain with us for the remainder of the cruise. The officers and ships' company teams played the shore folk at most varieties of games, including hockey, soccer and cricket, with varying success. At a boxing exhibition ashore, the prizes for which had been generously presented by the Cricket Club, Mne. Ainsworth met A.B. Moir in a contest for the Ships Heavyweight Championship. Unfortunately, Ainsworth was suffering from the result of a previous accident and, although he put up a plucky fight, the verdict went to Moir in the first round. Bugler Dowdell after an excellent fight, was beaten by Boy Burroughs on points in the Light-weights.

Several expeditions were arranged, perhaps that most appreciated being the bathing parties that went daily to the Swimming Club, about three-quarters of an hour's run by car. Except for Labuan this was the first opportunity of bathing we had had since last summer at Wei Hai Wei. In most of the other places sharks, crocodiles, jelly-fish and sea-snakes combine to render this pastime a trifle too exhilarating.

Penang is a very lovely island, and the usual tourist trip, round the island by motor-car, is well worth the time and trouble, as is also a visit to the Crag. This is the name given to the hill which overlooks the town and harbour ; the summit is reached by means of a mountain railway operated by cables, and is very similar to the Peak tram at Hong Kong. Here, however, the journey is made in two stages, each of 1,100 feet, and the gradient reaches a maximum at one point of one in two. A party of officers went up one day very early in the morning, and, piloted by the Resident, made a tour of the district. The view of the countryside over the tops of palm trees to the town and over the harbour was wonderful. At present there are only a very few houses, since transport difficulties, until the railway was opened a year ago, were so acute ; but now development of all kinds is going ahead, and in a few years' time, no doubt, the Crag will vie with Hong Kong's Peak as a residential district, with the advantage that it is not, for three-quarters of the year, blotted out by fog.

The Pantaloonatics once more gave their celebrated show to an appreciative audience. We are rather proud of our versatile " funny party," and it was gratifying to find that their reputation had gone before them and had even reached Kuala Lumpur, where, later on, another show was given. In this respect the honour of the Royal Corps is ably upheld by Cpl. Heath, who, as Hampstead O'Heath does much to liven up our dull moments.

A dance was given by the residents in honour of the ship's visit at the Penang Club, which several officers attended, and where, by special request, the ship's company dance band once more performed ; the ship responded with a thé dansant on the Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday, at about midnight, we sailed for Langkawi Island, about 90 miles north of Penang, which we reached about 8 o'clock the following day. Here we were met by Mr. Peel, the Adviser to the Sultan of Kedah, which is one of the Unfederated Malay States and to which Langkawi is affiliated, his Mem and two other ladies. They were staying at the rest-house some miles from where we were lying, and had come round by launch. Organized by Mr. Peel, a small party of officers and men left the ship equipped for bathing to visit the island's famous waterslide. This was reached by launch, whaler, and after a walk of about three-quarters of an hour through the jungle, and up a stiff hillside. The waterslide proved to be very good fun and is provided by a small mountain stream tumbling down over solid rock worn smooth as marble and emptying itself into a series of deep still pools one below the other. The *modus operandi* is to seat oneself on a piece of bark cut off a neighbouring palm : the stream and smooth stone do the rest. The pools were very small, though about 15 feet deep, and one of the slides in particular was quite terrifying, since it felt, and looked, each time as though one was bound to be dashed against the rock on the far side. However, there were no casualties and the cold, clear water was most exhilarating after a very hot climb.

In the afternoon a seining party, also clad in bathing costumes, went ashore in the two cutters. Although the catch was not very heavy, the bathing was enjoyed by everybody. The beach was of beautiful white coral sand, and being some miles from the nearest river mouth, is free from crocs. and the water was too shallow for sharks. On the following day a similar programme

was repeated, with the addition of a sailing picnic. Our visit here was all too short. It may have been, and possibly was, only the reaction after the festivities of Penang, but we all appreciated the rest and quietude which the spot afforded. There are no inhabitants, except a few native fishermen, and consequently no entertainments other than those afforded by its natural features. We did not have time to explore the jungle for game, though traces of pig were seen. It is one of the loveliest places I have seen—rugged, jungle-covered hills, the green relieved at intervals by autumn tints of red and brown, pearl-white sands and still blue lagoon-like bays.

We arrived at the Dindinge on the 20th and left again on the 21st. The visit was not noteworthy for anything in particular except one or two abortive pig-shooting expeditions and a ladies' guest night on board, to which the entire European population, some forty people, were invited. The dinner was given on the quarter-deck, and afterwards a cinema show and some items from the Pantaloonatics were provided for the guests' entertainment. The guests were in such an appreciative mood when they left that, instead of making straight for the beach, they steamed round the ship for about an hour chanting weird war cries. The one officer who attempted to reply to this somewhat embarrassing farewell (embarrassing, since several of us sleep on the quarterdeck and were anxious to turn in) by means of a large bundle of Chinese crackers, did so with painful (mental) results to himself.

One or two soccer matches and a golf match, in which latter our " Hong " players scarcely distinguished themselves, concluded the visit.

(*To be concluded.*)

CROSSING THE LINE.

THE NIGHT PREVIOUS TO CROSSING THE LINE.

Ship Stopped.

NEPTUNE (*hailing from the bows*) : Ship Ahoy !

CAPTAIN (*from the top of " B " Turret*) : Standard.

NEPTUNE : " Standard " ! Why, what is the name of the ship ?

CAPTAIN : His Britannic Majesty's ship " Repulse," commanded by Captain H. W. W. Hope, C.B., D.S.O., bound from England for the Southern Seas with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on board.

NEPTUNE : Our greetings to His Royal Highness on this occasion of our second meeting.

CAPTAIN : By what right do you challenge us on the open seas ?

NEPTUNE : By the right of the powers vested in me as King of the Seas. I am Neptune, Monarch of the Deep, with Amphitrite, my Queen.

CAPTAIN : I crave your Oceanic Majesty's pardon and beg permission to enter your domains.

NEPTUNE : We shall be honoured and would request an interview in order that your papers may be examined and to ensure you a safe passage through our domains.

CAPTAIN : I would beg of you to come on board now.

(NEPTUNE *and* AMPHITRITE *then come in over the bows and advance down the fo'c'sle, followed by the principal members of the Court, to the Breakwater.* NEPTUNE *and* AMPHITRITE *proceed to " B " Turret.*)

DOLPHINUS (*to* NEPTUNE) : Having obeyed the instructions of your Most Gracious Majesty, I find that there are 900 novices who are anxiously awaiting to be enrolled as Sons of the Sea.

NEPTUNE (*to* CAPTAIN, *etc.*) : Captain and Officers of His Britannic Majesty's Ship " Repulse," having been informed by certain of our trusty subjects that you were bringing this noble ship into our domains, we heave on board to cause the ship's papers to be examined. As a result it has come to our knowledge that you have on board certain longshoremen and novices who have not been enrolled as Sons of the Sea. We hereby warn you to have these said longshoremen and novices ready by 0930 to-morrow to be presented to us, and, if fit, passed through the hands of Court and duly enrolled as Sons of the Sea.

CAPTAIN : This will be arranged ; and I will cause Your Oceanic Majesty's summonses to be duly distributed round all Messes.

NEPTUNE : Before bidding you good-night, we would ask permission to bring our daughter on board in the morning to be presented to His Royal Highness.

CAPTAIN : I am sure His Royal Highness would be charmed ; I will now personally escort you to the side.

NEPTUNE : I beg of you not to trouble. Being so well acquainted with the " Repulse " and her sister ship the " Renown," I can easily find my way even in the dark.

(NEPTUNE, AMPHITRITE *and Court proceed forward to the bows.*)

NEPTUNE (*from the bows*) : Although having been on board this ship only a short time ago, I hear you have lately re-commissioned, so I bid all skulkers and malingerers beware in the morning. Gentlemen all—Good-night !

NEXT DAY.

NEPTUNE'S ADDRESS TO THE CAPTAIN.

Sir, I must express my pleasure,
Meeting old friends once again.
To the kind of joy I treasure
In this cause I measure,
Since five meetings we attain.

Thrice this gallant ship I've boarded
In her journeys round the world.
She's deservedly rewarded,
All my court and I applauded
When the " Standard " was unfurled.

Pass, " Repulse " ! Your ancient glory
Glimmers in the Battle Scroll,
So keep bright your famous story.
You, Sir, may the days before ye
In good fortune smoothly roll.

NEPTUNE'S ADDRESS TO H.R.H.

Your Royal Highness, pray accept our greeting,
And with it, Freedom of the Seven Seas.
On this occasion of our second meeting
We grant a boon. Command us as you please.

Ten thousand Dolphins tumbling in the Ocean
With beauteous Mermaids combing out their hair.
Or if Deep Sea Music you've a notion,
Mermen with Conches blowing a fanfare.

Flying fishes glittering in the Sunshine
Shall light your path a thousand miles ahead,
Gentle mermaids sew cool sheets of spun fine
Flecks of foam for cov'ring o'er your bed.

O Prince of Empire, we've a lovely daughter,
Fair as the Morn you surely will agree.
As you've no Princess, don't you think you oughter
Take as bride to England a Daughter of the Sea ?

H.R.H.'S REPLY TO NEPTUNE.

Thanks, King Neptune, for your greeting
And the welcome you bestow.
This is indeed our second meeting ;
Your Queen I already know.

I thank you for the kind suggestion
About your beautiful Princess,
But may I ask one question—
Where the Hell did she get that dress ?

But alas ! I'm forced to spurn her,
Though your offer makes me proud,
Yes, my King, I must return her—
Pets on board are not allowed.

NEPTUNE'S ADDRESS PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE COURT.

We've searched thro' all the archives
And records of all kinds,
Of names of Loyal Subjects,
But there is one we cannot find.
He's a native of South Africa
And a member of the Staff,
But the funny thing about it is—
(It's here we get the laugh)—
He has passed through our Dominions
In Merchantmen galore,
And Tramps and such-like vessels,
But not a Man-o'-War.
And it's only in this manner
That we can guarantee
Immunity of all kinds
From the denizens of the Sea.
So if Mr. Greenacre,
Of His Majesty's Welsh Guards,
Will kindly step forward
When called upon to do so
(We recommend him not to wear
His most expensive trousseau)
The defect will be remedied
As quickly as can be,
And he will duly be enrolled
A Loyal Son of the Sea.
But finish this " palaver,"
To the novices we'll pander
And start the ball a-rolling
With the Chief and the Commander.
We hope sincerely no one
Will try to take offence.

Assasins ! to your stations !
Bugler, sound off the " Commence ! "

THE COMING OF CHRISTMAS.

BY D.A.B.

Whilst lying in Kingston Harbour, Jamaica, H.M.S. " Brilliant "—second-class cruiser N.A. and W.I. Station—received orders to proceed to the Bluefields, a stretch of water off the coast of Central America, and to await further orders.

We had not long to wait. The following morning a wireless message ordered us to Belize, British Honduras.

Our ship, with one exception, was the first warship to visit the town for over thirty years.

We were most hospitably received and numerous invitations found their way aboard.

The inhabitants consisted chiefly of dark-skinned Spanish and Mexican, with a good sprinkling of West Indian negro, who were very proud of their British nationality. There was also a large number of British engaged in the timber trade. These merchants were great fellows ! Their faces were the colour of the timber they traded in, and they had a grip like a vice. Right good fellowship pervaded everywhere.

Our next call was Truxillo, where we gleaned that the rebel army, under General Christmas, a soldier of fortune, and self-styled general, had attacked and captured the town the day before our arrival, making much noise with old-fashioned weapons and killing or wounding a few troops.

Discovering that Christmas intended leaving that day with his troops to attack La Ceiba, the next seaport town, the Captain decided to sail at once, so as to arrive before the rebels.

Some of the rebels were to travel by land and some by coastal schooners.

Whilst waiting for Christmas at La Ceiba we had plenty of opportunity for studying the inhabitants and gathering information about the revolution.

The inhabitants are similar to those of British Honduras, but with fewer whites. They are very excitable and quarrel over next to nothing. Life is very cheap and murders frequent. The revolutionary leaders trade on the people's fiery nature to incite them to rebel.

A man with a suave manner and an oily tongue will go among the people, promising them all the good things of life—light taxation, etc., telling them how terribly oppressed they are, and they will rise in their thousands, overthrow the existing president—who will decamp with the fortune he has made—and supplant him with their new-found friend, who in turn makes a comfortable fortune, if he is lucky enough to escape assassination. And so the game goes on.

Christmas never aspired to the president's chair, but was content to take his pay from the nation's treasure chest before handing the country over. He had led one successful revolution before.

Our captain interviewed the local commander and tried to persuade him to give up the town and so avoid

bloodshed, but this he flatly refused to do. So a large number of the ship's company went ashore with stokers' shovels to dig trenches and build blockhouses, for the protection of women and children.

Several days elapsed without sign of Christmas and we began to fear he would not come. We were soon to learn that the town commandant was a cut above the ordinary.

The ship's company began to get impatient, and many were the jokes about " Christmas never comes," and the like. To our relief the rebels arrived on the sixth day and, almost at the same time, an American cruiser, which, compared with our uncomfortable floating home, was fitted out like a liner. The upper decks were covered in, making plenty of space for extra sleeping billets and for recreation. Good cooks, bakers and a special messing staff were also carried.

The rebels settled themselves on the coast about two miles from the town, and the two captains (British and American), accompanied by suitable aides and orderlies, and, mounted on local mules, made their way to their camp. The rebels agreed to give the town until nine o'clock on the following morning to surrender.

When ashore with the trench party I had a good look round the defences. The town commandant knew his job well. He had built excellent and well-concealed trenches, and machine-gun emplacements. A good field of fire had been cleared to the front, and larger trees which had been left standing had been marked with white or red, one for fifty and the other a hundred, up to six or seven hundred yards. At about 7.30 a.m. Christmas sent for a final answer, but the commandant refused to surrender. Soon after 8 o'clock people began to make their way to the neutral zone. Four marines and a sergeant were sent to guard the Consulate. The two captains and a party of bluejackets and marines took charge of the neutral trenches.

At 9 o'clock sharp all was ready. The defenders were in position, and so well concealed that not a soul could be seen. The first shot was fired by the attackers almost as soon as the first stroke of the 9 o'clock bell had sounded. The ship was in an excellent position to see the battle ; she lay about four hundred yards from the shore, with both forces in full view, and the ship's company took full advantage.

The attackers' fire was quickly followed by an answering volley from the defence, and the battle began in earnest. The attackers rapidly approached, led by officers on mules or wiry ponies, but the accurate fire of the defence soon held them up. Men could be seen falling, never to rise again. One man climbed a tree to get a better view, and came down head first, crashing through the branches. A group of nearly a dozen men were mowed down by an old field-piece, which did great damage until the breech blew out. The battle waged fierce for several hours, and although the attackers sustained heavy casualties they still advanced in a slow but determined manner. To the ship's company it was the sight of a lifetime. Whether through design, bad shooting or ricochets, it is hard to say, but the ship was struck several times, and a good many shots entered the water round about, but fortunately no one was hurt.

Towards noon, for reasons unknown to us, the occupants of the outer defences began to retire. Their officers could be seen encouraging, threatening and doing all possible to hold their ground. Finally, the majority made a rush towards the town. They were met by the commandant, mounted on a white pony, who used the flat of his sword to drive them back. But by this time they were panic-stricken. The commandant's appearance was the signal for a tremendous burst of firing from the attackers, and the ground was simply ploughed up round him with shot. The whole ship's company was filled with admiration for this gallant officer, and could not restrain a cheer. When the commandant found he could do no more, he turned his horse and galloped back. He had nearly reached safety when he fell mortally wounded into the arms of two marines, who had rushed out from the Consulate to his aid. He died a few hours later in the Consulate.

(To be continued.)



CORRADINO. MALTA.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT, OLYMPIA.

RESULTS RECEIVED TO DATE.

Result of Field-Gun Competition :—

1st. " Victory and Excellent " team.
2nd. Royal Marines.
Cup for " best run," Royal Marines.

We offer our congratulations to the R.M. team, which was beaten by one point only.

130-STONE TUG-OF-WAR.

This competition has again been won by the Ports. Divn. R.M. In winning again this year the Cup has been won successively since 1912.

Previous to 1914 a money prize was awarded to the winners, but in 1919 a gold medal was substituted. It is interesting to note that Portsmouth Divn. have won the whole set, one by a team trained by Major Gowney, the remaining six by S.M. Ellis.

It is understood that, in future, a certificate is to be awarded instead of a medal.

CHATHAM.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

We were defeated by Portsmouth in both the Tug-of-War events. Our light team might have done better but the heavy team had a hopeless task, as they pulled 9 stone under correct weight. However, we have the satisfaction of knowing that our victors were finalists in both weights and won the heavyweight.

In the Bayonet Team Combat we lost by 11 fights to 7 to Portsmouth, who were the eventual winners. We were unfortunate in being unable to get the requisite number of trained soldiers in the team, and had to rely entirely on recruits, who, in the circumstances, did very well.

TUG-OF-WAR.

A Tug-of-War team was sent to Sittingbourne to compete for the Kent Amateur Championship. The conditions are very different to those at the Tournament, the pull being only 6 ft. and on grass. We were beaten by "R" Division of the Metropolitan Police in the first round.

BOAT PULLING.

WARREN SHIELD.

The annual Inter-Service Cutter Race has been fixed this year for the 26th August. The Cup was a presentation by Major-General Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., F.R.S., Colonel-Commandant R.E., to the Royal Engineers Yacht Club, who are responsible for all arrangements for the race.

INTER-COMPANY CROSS COUNTRY.

This was held on the afternoon of the 21st May. The course was over a distance of about three miles. Starting from the gymnasium, a complete circuit of the Lines was made, round the Memorial and the back of the Town Hall. The finish on the Parade was judged by Colonel-Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C. The first four home were: Mnes. Dainton, Atherfold, Rogers and Goddin.

Points scored towards the Athletic Shield were: "A" Co., 12; "C" Co., 8; "G" Co., 4; "E" Co., 2.

SERVICE SAILING RACES.

We very much regret that the first race of the season was marked by two accidents, one of which resulted in the loss of three lives.

The race, which took place on the 27th May, was started in a stiff breeze. At the far end of the course very broken water was encountered and one or two blinding rain squalls added to the difficulties of the situation.

The R.M. whaler led at the turn for home, but lost ground by running for smooth water before making the gybe.

Soon after the beat back started the leading boat capsized, but a steam boat quickly picked up the crew.

Nothing was known of the second accident until after the race was over, and a fine struggle between "Tenedos" whaler and our boat gave us a win by about three minutes.

R.M. whaler (Lieut.-Colonel Arbuthnot), 1st.
"Tenedos" whaler (Lieut. Burke), 2nd.
Medway Sea Scouts whaler (Rev. C. Reinold), 3rd.

The second race, on the 3rd June, was sailed under very different conditions. The brilliant sunshine was tempered by a pleasant breeze, light at first but freshening as the race proceeded.

The Commander-in-Chief was out in a whaler from the Reserve Fleet.

The boats kept fairly well together as far as the distance mark at the Sheerness end of the course, but in the beat home the R.M. whaler, which made very short tacks close under the shore, gradually drew ahead, and won by 24 minutes.

R.M. whaler (Lieut.-Colonel Arbuthnot), 1st.
Sea Scouts (Mr. Nightingale), 2nd.
Others not timed.

Our third race was sailed on the 10th June, in a light breeze and fairly strong tide.

Only five boats entered, and the race soon became a struggle between "Tumult's" whaler, sailed by Lieut. Caffyn, R.M., and our boat.

At the end of the first round the R.M. whaler was about one minute ahead of "Tumult," but soon afterwards the ship's whaler passed us and, although she took the mud for a short spell, she drew away and won by 4½ minutes.

Result: 1st, "Tumult" (Lieut. Caffyn, R.M.); 2nd, R.M. (Lieut.-Colonel Arbuthnot).

Lieut. Caffyn is to be congratulated on his handling of the borrowed boat. The remaining boats (of which one was "lapped" by the two leading whalers) did not complete the course.

Ideal weather favoured the fourth race. A fresh breeze reduced the heat to a pleasant temperature. At the end of the first round our whaler had a short lead from "Starfish" whaler, after a ding-dong battle with nothing in it either way. The R.M. boat led all the second round and the race resulted:—

1st, R.M. whaler (Lieut.-Colonel Arbuthnot).
2nd, "Starfish" whaler (Lieut. Caffyn, R.M.).

Remaining boats (one of which carried away her rudder but came in third) were not timed. There was only about a minute and a half between the leading boats.

Results to date:—

R.M. whaler, 4 starts; 3 firsts; 1 second.

PORTSMOUTH.

SHOOTING.

At present we are completing our programme for the Non-Central Meeting, which is being fired under ideal weather conditions, especially for the Eastney Ranges. The shooting of teams and individuals has been very good, and it is hoped that we will reach our successes of last year, both here and at Bisley.

As regards matches since our last report, the teams representing the Division have shot very well, both with S.R.A. and S.R.B. rifles.

The matches fired are as follows:—

United Services Conditions.—At Eastney *v.* "Excellent." Divisional team, 1233 points; "Excellent," 1124 points.

First Stage, King's Prize at Eastney *v.* Sussex VIII. Divisional team, 775 points; Sussex VIII., 764 points.

It was proposed to fire this match on the Golf system, but owing to our younger members not understanding the principles, the scores counted as usual; it is interesting to note that the result would have been the same, our team winning by one point. In this match three of our members registered 100.

A four-cornered match was fired at Tipnor under the same conditions. The following teams competed with results as under :—

1st Royal Marines, 726 points; 2nd Railway R.C., 723 points; 3rd "Excellent," 713; 4th "Victory, 699 points.

In connection with the Hampshire Rifle Association, Cpl. Howard won the County Silver Jewel, this being awarded to the highest aggregate in the County Spoon shoots, Cpl. Howard winning two spoons in addition. The annual meeting of this Association is being held at Tipnor on Saturday, 20th; two teams are being entered for the "Humphrey" Cup and a number of individuals have entered for the "Lord Lieutenants" Cup and other competitions.

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

To date the Division has played 11 games and won 8, 3 having been lost. Results are as follows :—22nd May, *v.* Somerset L.I., lost by 14 runs; S.L.I., 96; Royal Marines, 82. On Whit Monday, 1st June, at Ivybridge, a good game resulted in a win for the Division by 2 wickets. Ivybridge batted first, but our bowlers dominated the game, and disposed of them for 44 runs. (Mne. Leech took 7 wickets for 18.) We batted on a drying wicket, and knocked up 101 for 8, and then invited our opponents to have a second knock, but we could not dispose of them this time, and when stumps were drawn had made 74 for 2 wickets.

Royal Marines *v.* R.N.E. College, at Keyham, on 3rd June. The College were too strong for us on this occasion, and, batting first, made 210 (S.Sergt. Cartwright, 3 for 30.) We went in after tea, and were skittled out for a meagre 126, the College thus winning by 84 runs.

Royal Marines *v.* Royal Artillery, at Mount Wise, on June 4th. Royal Marines, 178 for 9 (declared); Royal Artillery, 117.

On 12th June, Royal Marines *v.* "Thunderer" at Mount Wise. A very good game, and some lightning scoring was witnessed. The "Thunderer" batted first, and scored 228 in 2 hours 20 mins., thanks to some forceful batting by Lieut. Garrett (101) and Cadet Saunt (97). We went in after tea, and our task was no light one, as we had to make 229 runs in an hour and a half. However, our batsmen were aggressive from the start, and scoring at a fast rate, the hundred was hoisted in 25 mins. The total crept up gradually, when, at 141, Capt. Farmer's defence was penetrated. The retiring batsman had contributed a splendid 56. Lieut. Smith was now joined by S.Sergt. Cartwright, and runs still came quickly, but at 177 Lieut. Smith was cleaned bowled for 88. His innings included 15 fours. Capt. Cornish was next in, and soon proved his worth by setting about the bowling in workmanlike style, and the necessary runs were polished off without further loss. (Capt. Cornish, 44 not out; S.Sergt. Cartwright, 32 not out).

In the Navy League we are at the top of the ladder, having played 4 games, won 3, and lost 1. Results to date are :—

May 21st, *v.* R.N. Hospital at Cremyll, won by 31 runs. Scores: R.N. Hospital, 24 (S.Sergt. Cartwright, 5 for 7; Cpl. Berry, 3 for 3); R.M., 55.

May 28th, *v.* R.N. Hospital at Cremyll, won by 22 runs. Scores: R.N. Hospital, 61 (Lieut. Dykes, 4 for 17; S.Sergt. Cartwright, 2 for 22); R.M., 83 for 9.

June 4th, *v.* St. Budeaux Camp, lost by 30 runs. Scores: St. Budeaux Camp, 129 (S.Sergt. Cartwright, 5 for 32; Mne. Wilkins, 4 for 15); Royal Marines, 99 (S.Sergt. Cartwright, 32; Mne. Ford, 25 not out).

June 13th, Royal Marine Officers *v.* Kelly College. This resulted in a draw. The officers lost the toss and Kelly College batted first, making 167 all out. Capt. Cornish took 8 wickets. The Officers had made 156 for 8 wickets when stumps were drawn. Lieut. Smith, 72 not out.

SHOOTING.

The season has started well for us and we hope it is a good omen. At the United Services Meeting held at Tregantle we scored the following successes :—

Fairfax Cup.—Team of 10; Methuen conditions—second.

The Port Admiral's Cup.—Team of 10; Robert's conditions—First. This Cup was originally presented by Admiral the Rt. Hon. Lord Chas. Scott, K.C.B., when Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, in 1901. It was won in 1901 and 1902 by Plymouth Division, R.M.L.I.

U.S. Rifle League.—Team of 12; Methuen conditions—second.

The Naval and Military Record Challenge Cup.—Team of 4; Cheyslemore conditions—first and second. This Cup was first shot for in 1901, and then won by the Division, and again won in 1903, '04, and also in '10, '11 and '12.

Revolver Individual—Whitehead conditions—second.

Inter-Services Revolver—Teams of 8; second.

Championship Cup.—Individual, 200, 500, 600—Class A fourth and seventh; Class B first.

The Cambridge Cup.—Team of 8; 200, 500, 600; Inter-Services Competition: first Royal Navy; second The Army; third Royal Marines.

Team Snap-Shooting Challenge Cup, presented by Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, G.C.B., O.M., in 1903; first and second. This Cup has changed hands very often, but has not hitherto been won by the Plymouth Division.

R.M.L.I. Cup.—In this competition the Division took sixth place.

The Best Shooting Unit.—For points during the meeting, was won by Plymouth Division with 78 points, "Vivid" being second with 76. This competition was instituted last year, and was then won by the "Vivid." The Royal Navy carried off 5 cups, the Royal Marines 4, and the Army 2.

FENCING.

On the 19th May, the Final Assault for the Skill-at-Arms Cup took place against the Royal Navy at the Royal Marine Barracks. This resulted in a win for the Royal Navy, who retain the Cup.

Foil.—Won by Royal Navy.
Sabre.—Won by Royal Navy.
Epée.—Drawn.
Bayonet.—Won by Royal Marines.

SAILING.

The following are the results of the sailing races to date :—

Officers.—Whaler, Capt. Stephens. Cutter, Capt. Sergeant, D.S.C.

Wed., 20th May.—Both were unplaced.
Wed., 27th May.—Whaler 4th. Cutter unplaced.
Wed., 3rd June.—Whaler and cutter tied third.
Wed., 10th June.—Cutter (2nd Lieut. Edmondson 1st ; whaler 2nd.

Other Ranks.—Whaler, Mne. Sergeant. Cutter, Sergt. Soden.

Thurs., 28th May.—Cutter 1st. Whaler 5th.
Thurs., 11th June.—Whaler 1st. Cutter gave up.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CRICKET.

The following Table shows results of matches played during month by the 1st team :—

16th May *v.* Devonians. Won by 53 runs. Bandmaster S. Dennis, 30 ; Musn. Chidley, 2 for nil.

20th May *v.* Prince of Wales Volunteers. Won by 52 runs. (Bandmaster G. C. Holloway, 24 ; Musn. Spuffard, 2 for 13.)

23rd May *v.* Mechanical Engineers. Drawn.

26th May *v.* Inland Revenue. Won by 3 runs. (Bandmaster Dennis, 19 ; Musn. Spuffard, 6 for 24.)

1st June *v.* Kent County. Won by 7 wickets. (Bandmaster Holloway, 38 ; Bandmaster Robertson, 10 for 46.)

3rd June *v.* North End Albions. Lost by 27 runs. (Bandmaster Dennis, 20 ; Bandmaster Robertson, 7 for 22.)

6th June *v.* Kent County. Won by 5 wickets. (Major Jolly, R.M., 32 ; Musn. Spuffard, 6 for 19.)

10th June *v.* Early Closers. Lost by 63 runs. (Bandmaster Holloway, 12 ; Musn. McNab, 5 for 24.)

13th June Southsea Rovers. Lost by 44 runs. (Musn. Davies, 13 ; Musn. Spuffard, 6 for 32.)

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Favoured by perfect weather, a capital day's sport was provided at the drill field, Eastney Barracks.

The arrangements were faultless, and a band, under Bandmaster S. H. Hardy added to the enjoyment of the gathering. Subjoined is a list of prize winners.

100 yards (boys under 15).—1, Band-Boy Hughes ; 2, Band-Boy Dodds ; 3, Band-Boy Woodcock, time 12⅕ sec. Ditto, Boys between 15 and 17 years).—1, Band-Boy O'Neil ; 2, Band-Boy Ridout ; 3, Band-Boy Tilbury ; time, 10⅕ secs. Ditto (musicians and boys between 17 and 19 years).—1, Musn. McLean ; 2, Band-Boy Bagley ; 3, Band-Boy Parsons ; time, 11⅘ secs. Ditto (N.C.O.'s and Musicians).—1, Musn. Rule ; 2, Musn. Bennett ; 3, Cpl. Tibble ; time, 11⅘ secs.

Putting the Weight (all ranks).—1, Cpl. Lawrence ; 2, Cpl. Overbury ; 3, Cpl. Johnson ; 25 ft. 11½ in.

Long Jump (boys).—1, Band-Boy Davis ; 2, Band-Boy Bayley ; 3, Band-Boy Rogers ; 17 ft. 4 in. Ditto (N.C.O.s and Musicians)—1, Musn. McLean ; 2, Musn. Bennett ; 3, Cpl. Prior ; 18 ft. 10 in.

220 Yards (boys under 15).—1, Band-Boy Hughes ; 2, Band-Boy Woodcock ; 3, Band-Boy Dodds ; time, 28⅘ secs. Ditto (boys between 15 and 17 years).—1, Band-Boy Ridout ; 2, Band-Boy Tilbury ; 3, Band-Boy O'Neil ; time 27⅕ secs. Ditto (Musicians and boys between 17 and 19 years).—1, Band-Boy Norton ; 2, Band-Boy Styles ; 3, Band-Boy Couzens ; time 28⅕ secs. Ditto (N.C.O.'s and Musicians)—1, Musn. Freeman ; 2, Musn. Bennett ; 3, Cpl. Tibble ; time 25⅘ secs.

High Jump (boys).—1, Band-Boy Sargeant ; 2, Band-Boy Davis ; 3, Band-Boy Beacham ; 4 ft. 5½ in. Ditto (N.C.O.'s and Musicians).—1, Cpl. Prior ; 2, Musn. McLean ; 3, Cpl. Overbury ; 4 ft. 8½ in.

120 Yards Veterans' Race.—1, Musn. Lancashire ; 2, Bandmaster Aldridge ; 3, Cpl. Prior ; time 15 secs.

Boot Race.—1, Band-Boy East ; 2, Band-Boy Goldsmith ; 3, Band-Boy Goater.

440 Yards Relay Race (boys inter-room).—1, Room 56 ; 2, Room 60 ; time 56 secs. Ditto (N.C.O.s and Musicians inter-Room).—1, Room 51 ; 2, Royal Naval Barracks Band ; time 53⅖ secs.

Two Miles Cycle Race.—1, Band-Boy Peters ; 2, Band-Boy Payne ; 3, Band-Boy Goldsmith ; time 6 min. 37 secs.

Sack Race.—1, Cpl. Overbury ; 2, Musn. Oddy ; 3, Band-Boy Clucas.

Four-legged Race.—1, Band-Boys Davis, Rowson and Hunting ; 2, Band-Boys Sargeant, Norton and Goldsmith.

440 Yards (boys under 15 years).—1, Band-Boy Hughes ; 2, Band-Boy Woodcock ; 3, Band-Boy Dodds ; time 1 min. 5 secs. Ditto (boys between 15 and 17 years).—1, Band-Boy Ridout ; 2, Band-Boy Tilbury ; 3, Band-Boy Gilbert ; time 1 min. 2⅘ secs. Ditto (Musicians and boys between 17 and 19 years).—1, Musn. McLean ; 2, Band-Boy Norton ; 3, Band-Boy Dowling ; time 1 min. 3 secs. Ditto (N.C.O.s and Musicians).—1, Musn. Bennett ; 2, Musn. Freeman ; 3, Cpl. Overbury ; time 1 min. 1 sec.

Ladies' Duck Race.—1, Mrs. Tibble.

Three Ways Race.—1, Cpl. Overbury ; 2, Band-Boy Preston ; 3, Band-Boy Sargeant.

Ear Test Race (band only).—1, Musn. Gorridge and Band-Boy Nightingale ; 2, Musn. Woodall and Musn. Larkman ; 3, Band-Boys Jeffery and Herbert.

One Mile Flat (open to Royal Navy and Garrison).—1, Gnr. Newlyn (Royal Artillery) ; 2, Pte. Smith (R.A.S.C., Hilsea) ; 3, Lance-Bombadier Howick (R.G.A). ; time 5 min. 3⅘ secs.

Potato Race.—1, Band-Boy Sargeant ; 2, Band-Boy Woodcock ; 3, Band-Boy Chidgey.

Bicycle Potato Sticking Race.—1, Band-Boy Hobbins ; 2, Band-Boy Mason ; 3, Band-Boy Joyce.

Ladies' and Gents' Sewing Race.—1, Miss East and Band-Boy East ; 2, Mrs. Masters and Cpl. Parkins ; 3, Mr. and Mrs. Firminger.

Bun and Treacle Race.—1, Band-Boy Goldsmith ; 2, Band-Boy Rowson ; 3, Band-Boy Styles.

Pillow Fighting.—1, Band-Boys Clucas and Hobbins ; 2, Musn. Harris and Band-Boy Bell ; 3, Band-Boys Pittard and Goldsmith.

Half Mile Flat (open to R.M. and R.M. Band).—1, Mne. Tooley ; 2, Cpl. Overbury ; 3, Band-Boy Allen ; time 2 min. 28⅘ secs.

Ladies' and Gents' Blindfold Horse Race.—1, Mrs. Dipple and partner ; 2, Mrs. Core and partner ; 3, Miss Hunter and partner.

Cadet Corps Handicap.—1, Rodney Garwood ; 2, Arthur Lamb ; 3, C. Holloway ; 4, A. Fairall.

Boat Race.—1, Room 62 ; 2 and 3, Room 60.

75 Yards Handicap (boys under 12 years).—1, L. Ralph ; 2, F. Ellick ; 3, Victor Rope. Ditto (girls).—1, Betty Haines ; 2, Joyce Hardy ; 3, Rosie Harris.

Half Mile Relay (boys inter-room).—1, Room 60 ; 2, Room 56 ; 3, Room 55 ; time 1 min. 55½ secs. Ditto (N.C.O.'s and Musicians inter-room).—1, Room 51 ; 2, Royal Naval Barracks Band ; 3, B Co. ; time 1 min. 50⅘ secs.

Consolation Race (boys).—1, Boy Brain ; 2, Boy Boorah ; 3, Boy Chrismas. Ditto (men).—1, Musn. Sturmy ; 2, Musn. Hardy ; 3, Bandmaster Cambridge.

Superintendent's Championship Prize.—Musn. McLean (11 points).

Inter-Room Challenge Cup.—Room 60 (35 points).



CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS AND AWARDS, ETC.

The following extracts from the Supplement dated the 3rd June, 1925, to *London Gazette* of 2nd June, 1925.

To be member of the Military Division of the 3rd Class or Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath :—

Col. J. A. M. A. Clarke, C.M.G., R.M.

To be Officer of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire :—

Major F. W. Mattison, R.M.

PROMOTIONS.

Proby. 2nd Lieut. Cordeaux is confirmed in the rank of Lieut. with seniority, 15.10.22.

R.M. Gunners F. O. Botterill, M.B.E., Ports., G. Seyd, Ply., W. Lane, Ports., J. W. Clifton, Chat., promoted to commissioned R.M. Gunners and posted to Divisions as stated against their names. Dated 11.6.25.

Acting R.M. Gunner Yea, Ply. is confirmed in the rank of R.M. Gunner. Dated 25.6.24.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut. E. P. Bickford from Seconded List and posted to Chat. Divn., 13.6.25.

Capt. and Bt. Major McCausland to Seconded List, dated 5.6.25.

Lieut. C. J. Fell from Supernumary List and absorbed in Chat. Establishment.

Capt. Bagot absorbed in Establishment, Ports. Divn., *vice* McCausland.

Lieut. B. R. Reiss-Smith, appointment at R.M. Signal School, Chatham, extended to 11th July, 1925.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major J. W. Snepp, O.B.E., to "Effingham" on commissioning.

Capt. E. E. Johnson to "Malaya" *vice* Jameson to Headquarters.

Lieut. Moxham to Deal for duty, 8th June.

Capt. Stock to "Marlborough."

Lieut. D. J. Grey to "Effingham" on commissioning.

Lieut. Gumm to "Champion" 22nd June, 1925.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Q.M.S.—Clr.-Sergt. J. W. Pawley.

To be Clr.-Sergts.—Sergt. D. G. Morritt ("Pembroke"). Sergt. F. B. Reeland (Depot, R.M.).

To be Sergts.—Cpls. A. V. Quarrington ("Benbow"), A. T. Craddock ("Danae"), L. W. A. Draper (Headquarters), F. C. Howse ("Flora").

To be Corporals.—Mnes. C. H. H. Wallis ("Royal Oak"), T. C. Fletcher ("Marlborough"), J. W. Lovell ("Dunedin"), W. G. Pollard ("Eagle"), C. J. H. Cossey (H.M.T.E., Shotley), C. E. Brown ("Colombo"), A. E. H. Hitchcock ("Marlborough"), S. Brooksbank ("Repulse"), L. B. Band ("Calliope"), H. C. Smith (Headquarters).

APPOINTMENTS.

Motor Drivers.—Mnes. J. W. Culloden, L. K. Kelly.

Divisional Games Storeman.—Mne. S. H. Fuller.

Divisional Butcher (nominated).—Mne. J. Maroney.

Attendant to Lieut. Moxham.—Mne. G. H. Tull.

P. and R.T. Staff.—Sergt. H. Marsh, Cpl. G. E. Hayman.

School Orderly.—Mne. T. F. Briers.

Cook, Sergeants' Mess (appointment confirmed).—Mne. W. E. Smith.

Provost Sergt.—Clr.-Sergt. F. H. Wyld.

Dispenser.—Cpl. H. Hillsdon.

Clerks (Commandant's Office).—Clr.-Sergt. E. J. Pordage (nominated), and Cpl. W. H. Mair.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Ajax." Sergt. S. G. Groves, Clr.-Sergt. John Gorrill. **"Ark Royal,"** Mne. F. L. A. Clifton. **"Blenheim,"** Cpl. Reg. Wilson, **"Ceres,"** Sergts. R. M. Johnson, T. S. Gormley, Cpls. G. F. Cumberland, J. Tilsley, A. P. Evans, Bugler F. N. Barnden, Mnes. John Young, D. C. Gray, S. G. Thompson, P. C. Ingold, Fdk. Arnold, R. P. Rogers, F. S. Haines, E. E. Nobbs, J. F. Bettles, Sd. Hawkings, C. F. Trounce, A. Hubbard, A. G. Hayward, E. R.

Tucker, W. C. Spence, A. E. Marriott, R. F. C. Nunn, J. A. Waller, L. E. Gunn, C. G. W. Young, R. A. Butler, Wm. Cain, F. Hammond, T. Rice, A. E. Chapman, A. J. Bray. "**Cyclops,**" Mne. J. A. Gill. "**Cleopatra,**" Mnes. W. A. S. Blackmore, Ernest Tombleson. "**Hecla,**" Cpl. J. H. Dunn. "**Hermes,**" Clr.-Sergt. Frank Beeston, Sergts. H. Laughton, E. Philpott, Cpls. A. J. Jones, W. H. Wheatley, J. C. Cobb, T. A. Grant, C. W. Lidster, A. E. S. Howlett, Bugler A. J. Blackburn, Mnes. Thos. French, S. G. Dubery, L. L. Brazier, A. W. Clarke, F. H. Drake, A. S. Atherfold, G. T. Baker, R. W. Nixon, B. F. Aston, J. A. Salmon, Mark Styles, E. G. Ingle, E. J. Harding, J. A. Burn, G. H. Cross, D. C. Inman, C. W. Lee, F. H. Simmonds, F. G. Brooks, Cyril Birley, A. J. Coleman, Geo. Patching, A. W. Strong, H. C. New, John McRae, H. J. Roberts, Robert Perry, E. Streatfield, W. C. Grinsell, W. S. Bushell, W. E. Lloyd, J. C. Milham, L. E. Attwood, E. W. Akhurst, J. H. Beaney, W. J. Mundy, R. A. Benjamin, H. J. Lister, Edward Walsh, W. J. Bunce, P. F. Berry, F. G. Cook, H. J. Hill, S. S. Heath, E. A. Pearson, E. R. Hills, J. C. Roosky, W. H. A. Scully, Harold Easterbrook, Wm. Bishop, Jas. Watson, J. H. Turner, Harry Lloyd, W. S. Graver, G. A. Elmer, J. R. Francis, A. E. Wilson, J. D. J. Green, Fredk. Bradley, S. J. Watts. "**Pembroke,**" Cpl. Fredk. Baker, Mne. Herbert Jones, Sergt. A. E. Stuart, Cpl. Horace Andrews. "**Royal Sovereign,**" Sergt. Daniel Elvin, Mnes. Hy. Boxall, R. L. Angell, G. C. Cooper, Wm. Turner, S. C. Carey, J. W. Atkins, Jack Walker, C. H. A. Guttridge, B. G. Footman, H. S. Clout. "**Royal Oak,**" Mnes. W. H. Martin, H. A. Raeburn, E. H. Morris, Jas. Watson, E. W. Beaton. **Shotley T.E.,** Mnes. W. Hopkins, C. E. Humphrey, Cpl. A. T. Welsh, Mnes. Geo. Goodenough, G. H. Scott. "**Vindictive,**" Sergt. H. J. Chowne. "**Vulcan,**" Cpl. Fredk. Wall.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mne. W. C. Beavington, Sergt. A. E. J. Gorden. "**Blenheim,**" Sergt. Douglas Cook. "**Chatham,**" Mnes. W. H. Martin, W. D. Lowther. "**Carlisle,**" Mne. R. P. Stenning. "**Ceres,**" Clr.-Sergts. T. J. Bignell, E. V. Earnshaw, Cpl. A. W. Smythe, Mnes. W. J. Elmes, Jas. Maroney, M. F. Graham, G. H. Prince, Norman Saiger, Frank Hayter, F. J. Stanhope, W. W. Masler, John Allison, F. E. Harris, Bugler W. E. G. Sweet, Cpl. H. P. Rowing, Mnes. Hy. Franklin, E. R. Ives, C. W. Cutler, Wm. Bannister, Harley Bradnam, Sergt. S. A. Bromwich, Cpl. C. S. Baker, Mnes. L. F. Ballard, H. J. Honold, Chas. Lapworth, J. W. Murphy, E. W. Bruce, Thos. Robson, Fred. Gaskill, E. V. Goodman, Sidney Harris. "**Cleopatra,**" Cpl. C. F. Sheppard. "**Eagle,**" Cpls. John McCormack, A. C. Mead. "**Hawkins,**" Cpls. H. Waine, F. Ferrell, F. A. Sellwood, Mnes. L. A. Adams, F. J. Kavanaugh, E. J. Smith, J. Rawlinson, J. Beazley, E. W. Taylor, H. W. Gladman, R. B. Terry, Sergt. G. E. E. Gerald. "**Hecla,**" Sergt. Albert Marsh. "**Marlborough,**" Mne. J. R. Harris. "**Malabar,**" Bugler N. L. Adams, Cpl. C. E. E. Weldey, Mnes. Henry Arris, A. V. Perry, A. W. R. White, T. G. Perry. "**Pembroke,**" Cpl. H. J. Hillsdon. "**Royal Sovereign,**" Mnes. T. J. Byford, L. D. Hodson. "**Royal Oak,**" Cpls. W. C. Hobbs, A. T. Anderson, W. J. A. McManus, J. T. Stokes, E. G. Tucker, Mne. E. P. Neve. **Shotley T.E.,** Sergts. P. D. Langley, Harold Marsh, Cpl. J. H. Branson, Mne. C. E. Plane. "**Victory,**" Sergt. C. E. Spurden, Mnes. A. R. Hawkes, W. J. Burke. "**Vindictive,**" Sergt. R. M. Johnson. "**Vivid,**" Mne. Robin Jackson (to Ply. Divn.). "**Vulcan,**" Mnes. Ernest Woods, W. E. Lewis, Cpl. G. E. Hayman.

TRANSFERS.

To Royal Navy as Regulating Petty Officers.—Cpls. James Castle, E. G. Hazel, A. C. Smith, N. H. H. Hall, W. G. Geary, J. S. Cristol.

To Royal Navy (Supply Branch).—Mne. S. H. Owers.

From Chatham to Portsmouth Division.—Mne. H. G. Simpkins.

From Chatham to Plymouth Division.—Mne. W. H. Roberts.

DISCHARGES.

Second Period of Engagement.—Clr'-Sergts. A. Gillies, A. L. Shotter, A. S. S. Green, Mne. H. J. Bowles, Q.M.S. A. H. Gamble, Mnes. A. Woods, H. G. Head, F. A. Meacock.

First Period of Engagement.—Mnes. A. Gale, F. Boyle, W. W. F. Frampton, E. T. Tiff.

Invalided.—Mnes. J. Laidlow, F. Fawcett, R. Hunter, H. Scott, W. Copestake, G. Widdowson, A. E. Dyke, E. J. Smith, W. C. Tondup, C. E. Mizen, J. J. Roche, G. C. Allen, W. D. Dann, E. Armstrong, V. R. Rathbone, C. E. Sweet.

Payment of Regulated Amount.—Mnes. G. Middleton, L. D. Hodson.

PORTSMOUTH

PROMOTIONS.

To Corporal—Mnes. W. C. Ransley, Norris Artis, V. E. Perkins, Albert Rosier.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergts.—Clr.-Sergts. L. J. T. Dollery, Chas. Hatch, L. A. Scott, G. L. Wood.

Sergeants.—Sergts. W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, Leslie Coppin, G. H. A. Waskett.

Corporals (passed for promotion).—Cpls. Wm. Tickner, F. A. Hiscock, H. T. H. Tuttiett, Leonard Todd.

Candidates (passed for promotion).—Mnes. W. M. East, Herbt. Wathall, A. Hague, K. G. Gunter.

AWARDS.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Mne. F. G. Greenwood.

APPOINTMENTS.

Steward, Sergeants' Mess.—Sergt. H. P. Everett.

Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mne. H. Walker.

Clerk under Training.—Mne. J. H. Cripps.

Attendant, Recreation Room.—Mne. G. H. Sherratt.

M.O.A. to Lieut. R. P. O'Donnel.—Mne. S. G. Prince-Cox.

Groom to Lieut.-Col. Houghton.—Mne. Bertie Caines.

Waiters, Sergeants' Mess.—Mnes. W. H. Pendleton and P. J. Luce.

TRANSFERS.

From Portsmouth to Plymouth.—Mne. P. A. Ridout.

From Deal to Portsmouth.—99th Squad.

From Plymouth to Portsmouth.—Mne. Harry Ward, "Emperor of India."

To the Royal Navy as R.P.O.s.—Cpls. W. C. Goodall, P. J. Hunter, S. F. Webb, W. G. Miller, John Balmain.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

"**Dido**" to "**Revenge,**" Mne. Thos. Godley.

"**Revenge**" to "**Dido,**" Ed. Michaelin.

"**Curacoa**" to "**Dolphin,**" R. G. Seeley.

"**Iron Duke**" to "**Q.E.,**" Mnes. Douglas Shipton, George Warner, P. F. H. Cooper, L. J. Griffen, W. E. Scotney, P. V. Mayes, S. G. Wilson, H. W. Spanswick, J. S. Williams, Henry Lister, P. V. Crieghton.

"**Dolphin**" to "**Argus,**" Cpl. W. E. J. Wall.

"**Hermes**" to "**Lucia,**" Mne. G. F. Craner.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Argus,**" Mne. E. W. J. Steel. "**Barham,**" Sergt. Alfred Gee. "**Centurion,**" Clr.-Sergt. Chas. Helps, Mne. L. T. L. Tunnicliffe. "**Centaur,**" Mne. H. S. P. Stevens. "**Curacoa,**" Mnes. Dan Young, A. M. Ward, E. W. Hayter, H. F. Allen, R. C. James, A. C. Smith, B. H. Webb, D. H. Simpson, W. E. Partridge, C. H. Williams, A. S. Kenchington, A. G. Chalmers. "**Cardiff,**" Mnes. F. A. Rice, Thomas Doyle, F. A. Leach, J. G. Bury, J. H. Windeler, W. C. T. Fitzsimons, Herbert Rampton, D. R. White, Bert Coggins, M. A. Harris. "**Champion,**" Mnes. F. C. Shearing, A. W. Blacker, W. D. Mears. "**Calcutta,**" Mne. C. F. Cope. "**Dolphin,**" Mnes. H. J. Edwards, John Waller, H. A. J. Kent, C. H. Hemming, William Smith. "**Dryad,**" Cpl. McTurk. "**Egmont,**" Mne. C. S. Cunningham. "**Fisgard,**" Cpl. C. S. Meyer, Mne. Herbert Knight. "**Ganges,**" Sergt. R. J. Rogers. "**Tiger,**" Mnes. Ed. Parsons, F. W. Harris, H. D. Moss, H. H. Budd. "**Victory,**" Clr.-Sergt. O. Perkins, Cpls. A. T. Caddye, E. C. Gouge, Mnes. W. H. Edwards, J. M. Purse, A. W. A. Penfold, A. R. Bowley. "**Valiant,**" Mne. W. J. Harmsworth.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Argus,**" Cpl. C. S. Meyer, Mne. H. F. Barrett. "**Columbine,**" Mne. Edward Howell. "**Curacoa,**" Mnes. A. G. Peach, Harry Roper, Charles Bennet, D. E. Pinnigar, H. A. J. Kent, A. Penfold, John Waller, W. E. Drodge, C. A. Ledgwood, H. J. Edwards. "**Centurion,**" Clr.-Sergt. Sparkes, Cpl W. R. R. Leathwaite. "**Centaur,**" Cpl. Frank Green, Mne. C. S. Payne. "**Carlisle,**" Cpl. W. F. Lawrence, Mnes. Thomas Baker, J. R. Craig. "**Champion,**" Mne. A. R. Adams. "**Dolphin,**" Mnes. W. W. Brand, W. A. Pepperell. "**Dryad,**" Cpl. A. E. Ayling. "**E. of I.,**" Mne. C. H. Hemming. "**Egmont,**" Sergt. James Bowie, Cpl. R. J. Upson, Mne. A. W. Dunn. "**Fisgard,**" Sergt. J. W. Owen, Mne. H. D. Moss. "**Hermes,**" Sergts. A. F. Loveless, W. G. Read, Albert Chapman, Cpls. Harry Martin, H. C. King, B. A. Hext, S. W. Eldridge, W. T. Trick, Wm. Aiken,

Buglers H. G. Taylor, G. R. Stevens, Mnes. C. Jory, S. W. Allen, W. E. Barnes, A. E. Webb, H. J. Davis, W. J. Symes, J. L. Morgan, B. C. Millson, R. M. Slinn, B. C. Warren, W. G. Butler, Thos. Varndell, A. Jays, G. A. Chandler, W. H. Frost, C. J. Smith, W. Kirlock, I. F. Mellish, W. J. Kingsbury, W. A. Eaton, F. L. Hurst, R. Price, Arthur Perfitt, S. V. W. Kirby, B. C. Mursell, James Fairley, R. P. Ellis, A. H. Brannan, J. W. Weare, J. F. Ward, A. E. Shotter, L. A. Brown, A. G. Belton, W. R. Ransome, J. M. Gough, G. G. Newman, E. C. Dellar, F. Stubbington, A. Armitt, E. Smith, C. A. Peters, Wm. White, J. H. Weller, H. Rayner, W. G. Ong, G. W. Day, A. R. Simpson, H. H. Cook, Wm. Paulson. "**Iron Duke,**" Bugler Beaton. "**Malaya,**" Cpl. Albert Williams, Mne. J. B. C. Flatman. "**Princess Margaret,**" Mne. C. L. Moody. "**President,**" Bugler C. G. Jones. "**Q.E.,**" Mne. George Warner. "**Royal Oak,**" Cpl. A. P. Lang. "**Ramillies,**" Mne. P. D. F. Torrington. "**Tiger,**" Cpl. W. J. Holliday, Mnes. F. W. Harris, Hubert Pierce, W. W. Power. "**Victory,**" Clr.-Sergt. Fred Chalke, Sergt. Richard Gardiner, Cpl. W. M. Harris, D. E. Prescott, A. W. Harvey, Mne. James Hand.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of First Period.—Mnes. W. T. Bentley, S. A. Wilson, S. V. T. Palmer, A. W. Dunn, W. G. Goodyer.

Termination of Second Period.—Clr.-Sergt. F. G. Sheldrick, Sergt. George Hillman, Cpl. Henry Starkey, Mnes. Lancelot Abel, Ernest Carter, F. M. Wellstead, I. J. Underwood, Frank Fry, Walter Shirfield. G. A. Holloway, F. W. Harris, R. J. Jeynes, Robert Wiskin.

Invalided.—Mnes. C. S. Payne, F. G. Smith, D. O. Fraser.

Purchase.—Mnes. Eric Shawcross, T. A. Erridge.

PLYMOUTH.

EMBARKATIONS.

Depot, R.M., Deal, Clr.-Sergt. Smart, Sergt. Hobson, Mnes. Green, Bates. "**Curlew,**" Mnes. Heath, R. L. Williams. "**Eagle,**" Mnes. Hobbs, Tudor. "**King George V.,**" Mnes. Newey, Streams. "**Emperor of India,**" Mne. Bevis. "**Thunderer,**" Mnes. Matthews, Franks. "**Impregnable,**" Cpl. Buck, Mnes. Hull, Brown, Furzer, Allot, Webb. "**Osprey,**" Mne. Bailey. "**Resolution,**" Sergt. Warren. "**Diligence,**" Mne. McNally. "**Carysfort,**" Mnes. Mills, Kent, Dunlops. "**Victory,**" Sergt. Wilkins, Mnes. James, Hennessy, Rolfe, Morris, Greenhill, Leech, Hooper, Prior.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Impregnable,**" Sergt. Spanton, Cpl. Mellor, Mnes. McCarthy, Plimmer, Aggett, Hagerty. "**Thunderer,**" Mnes. Webster, Green. "**Hood,**" Mnes. Boon, Atkins. "**Osprey,**" Sergt. Humphries, Mne. Revatto. "**Vivid,**" Clr.-Sergts. Boyle, Balsom. "**Hawkins,**" Cpl. King, Mnes. Barber, Wheeler, Williams, Johnson, Bushby, Hunt. "**Chatham,**" Mnes. Pearce, White. "**Tamar,**" Mne. Chown. "**Frobisher,**" Clr.-Sergt. Wright. "**Emperor of India,**" Mne. Jones. "**Caradoc,**" Sergt. Pue. Mnes. Leaman, Gibbs. "**Ramillies,**" Mne. O'Mara. "**Carysfort,**" Mnes. Clark, Barker, Hall. "**Resolution,**" Sergt. Gammon. "**King George V.,**" Mnes. Cleworth, Eptlett. **Depot, R.M., Deal,** Cpl. Dyer.

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Po.A/15557, Sergt. A. C. Tant, Clerk, Paymaster Dept.
Ch.A/23571, Mne. W. C. Keay, Range-Marker.
Ply.A/21694, Mne. J. Quigley, Attdt. to Col. 2nd Comdt. P. Molloy.
Ply.B/13619, Sergt. S. J. Skinner, A/Q.M.S.I. of I.
Ch.B/20083, Mne. W. C. Griggs, Groom, Major Bourne, D.S.O.
Ch.A/23997, Mne. F. Wills, Infirmary Labourer.
Po.A/14963, Sergt. F. A. McGarvey, M.T.I. (P).
Ply.D/17461, Mne. T. Ducker, Garrison Military Police.
Ply.B/18790, Mne. C. F. Wimble, Garrison Military Police.
Po.C/212024, Clr.-Sergt. A. G. Dixon, Range Warden.
Ch.B/20998, Mne. F. A. J. Applin, Groom, Col. 2nd Comdt. P. Molloy.
Po.B/214325, Mne. F. J. Treagus, Boat's Crew.
Po.B/218476, Mne. G. W. H. Smith, Attdt., Major G. Mathew.
Ply.A/21812, Mne. J. Fox, Pioneer.
Ply.D/14730, Mne. E. Hutchinson, Garrison Military Police.
Ply.D/15416, Sergt. V. Packer, Officers' Messman.

MOVES.

To Chatham.—Ch.B/22530, Mne. E. E. Nobbs, (rejoining); Po.B/210923, Mne. T. B. W. Fuller (Anti-Gas Course); Ch.D/14659, Z. W. Kingdon, Ch.D/20905, Mne. J. Heath (rejoining); Ch.D/14689, Clr.-Sergt. C. T. Jones (Anti-Gas Course).

To Portsmouth.—Po.A/21474, Mne. B. B. Bartlett (rejoining).

To Plymouth.—Ply.A/21844, Cpl. W. J. Dyer, Ply.B/18124, Mne. N. H. Hughes, Ply.D/21836, Sergt. G. H. Wenlock (rejoining).

DISCHARGES.

Ply.C/22320 Mne. S. Harrison, N.L.B.E.S.
Depot/B/533, Q.M.S.I. of I. C. S. Jole, to Pension.
Ch.D/14207, Clr.-Sergt. A. G. Shotter, to Pension.
Ply.D/12893, Clr.-Sergt. E. Hartley, to Pension.
Ch.D/24489, Mne. J. Richardson, S.N.L.R.
Ply.C/22501, Mne. H. Tooby, S.N.L.R.
Ply.C/22427, Mne. R. Heywood, Invalided.
Ply.C/22429, Mne. F. H. Gould, Invalided.
Ply.D/2253, Mne. J. J. Roche, Invalided.
Ply.B/22443, Mne. R. J. Brown, S.N.L.R.
Ch.B/24438, Mne. W. T. Harrison, S.N.L.R.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band-Boy S. G. Worsfold to Musician.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

Bandmaster Second Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class).—F. T. Rose, S. H. Rendell, T. A. Murray, P. E. Barnacle, Herbert Wright, J. E. Burnett.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—A. F. Bartlett, Percival Johnson, Sidney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporal).—V. C. Hardy, E. G. Upstell, W. H. Fletcher, V. H. Alley, P. W. H. Robbins, Robt. Morton.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The following Musicians commenced a Course of Instruction to qualify for promotion to Band Corporal on the 15th June:—Musns. J. Mills, J. G. Carter, Frank Upstell, A. G. Houlton, E. G. Chivers, Wm. Lang, A. H. Sturmey, W. H. Heathcote, C. H. Collar, H. D. Swaine, A. B. Larkman.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Iron Duke,**" Bandmaster 1st Class Henry Robson. "**Emperor of India,**" Musn. A. J. Foley. "**Victory,**" (C.-in-C.) Musn. D. S. McNab. "**Hermes,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class G. C. Holloway, Band-Cpl. Henry Smith, Musns. James Barnes, H. A. G. Blaxhall, A. G. Price, A. S. W. Turner, F. C. Piesse, W. S. Woods, C. J. Kimpton, G. L. King, Wm. Mills, S. J. Knight, C. H. Brown, Wm. Carter, S. G. Worsfold. "**Curacoa,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class T. A. Murray, Band-Cpl. H. G. D. Kerslake, Musns. A. E. Bulgin, Fredk. Read, H. E. Bunt, E. F. Jordan, Albert Priestley, A. J. Turner, J. W. Miles, Charles Hayes, C. F. Reed, Mark Burton, J. A. Gurnett, Leonard Knight, J. H. Bell. "**Revenge,**" Musn. Arthur Winepress. "**Resolution,**" P. R. S. Pool. "**Iron Duke,**" Musn. A. T. Neal.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Impregnable,**" Musn. J. H. Gregory. "**Victory,**" (C.-in-C.) Musn. Herbert Newell. "**Hawkins,**" Musns. Wm. Tilling, David Cushing, R. A. Cannon L. P. Ebeling. "**Barham,**" Musn. H. H. Frisby, "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Musn. W. A. F. Pilton. "**Hermes,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class J. W. Relph, Band-Cpl. G. J. Maulkin, Musn. L. A. Hamblin, W. A. Power, Tom Dawson, S. J. Bark, S. G. Carter, G. C. Pegrum, S. C. Harris, H. D. Swaine E. T. Chivers, C. H. Collar, Alfred Phillips, J. F. Weller, H. A. Ford, "**Resolution,**" Musn. C. W. T. Roffey. "**Revenge,**" Musn. O. C. Wilton.

DISCHARGES.

Band-Boy C. J. Wall, "Not likely to become an efficient musician," Musns. Henry Wilkerson and W. J. Roberts, C. Hayward, Termination of their second period of engagement; Musns. C. W. T. Roffey and Herbert Newell, by Purchase; Musn. O. C. Wilton, "Termination of his first period of engagement."

BIRTH.

BOULTBEE.—On 28th April, at 41, Granada Road, Southsea, Daisy, wife of Capt. W. R. P. Boultbee, of a son.

DEATHS.

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st May, 1925.

BAYLIS.—Cpl. G. Baylis, Chat., 6.5.25 (340).
BROCK.—Clr.-Sergt. E. C. G. Brock, R.M.A., 22.5.25 (2158).
BURTON.—Mne. F. W. Burton, Ports., 16.5.25 (6816).
CURNOCK.—Mne. P. D. Curnock, Chat., 17.3.25 (409).
ESAU.—Mne. W. D. Esau, R.M.A., 4.5.25 (2365).
GAUL.—Mne. W. B. Gaul, Ports., 19.5.25 (13754).
HIGARTY.—Sergt. J. Higarty, R.M.A., 19.1.24 (381).
KERSTING.—Mne. A. W. Kersting, R.M.A., 15.1.25 (1684).
LEADBEATER.—Mne. J. Leadbeater, Chat., 24.4.25 (426).
PARFITT.—Mne. C. Parfitt, Ply., 19.5.25 (3607).
ROWARTH.—Mne. E. A. Rowarth, R.M.A., 22.5.25 (6165).
SIMMS.—Mne. T. Simms, Ports., 29.2.24 (870).
TREADWAY.—Mne. A. J. Treadway, 12.5.25 (10650).
WILCOX.—Cpl. J. F. Wilcox, R.M.A., 25.5.25 (15th Co.).
WILMER.—Mne. W. Wilmer, R.M.A., 24.5.25 (10699).
WRIGHT.—Mne. J. Wright, R.M.A., 8.4.25 (8001).
WOLFE.—Mne. J. Wolfe, Ports., 12.5.25 (20th Co.).
WOOD.—Clr.-Sergt. J. E. Wood, Ports., 16.5.25 (1919).
WHITEHEAD.—Clr.-Sergt. W. W. Whitehead, Ply., 26.4.25 (4018).

OBITUARY.

Lieut.-Colonel Henry Seton Bourchier, R.M. (retd.).

This officer, whose death we reported last month, joined the R.M.L.I. as a 2nd Lieut. in 1859. He received his majority in 1881, and the rank of Brevet Lieut.-Colonel in 1887. He was appointed substantive Lieut.-Colonel in 1889, and was placed on the retired list at his own request in 1891.

Among the appointments held by him were those of Asst. Instructor of Musketry, Malta; Adj. Plymouth Divn.; Adj. 2nd Devon Rifle Volunteers, and Musketry Instr. at the Depot, Deal.

He served with the Royal Marine Battn. employed on special service in Mexico, 1861–2, and was in command of the Royal Marines landed for the protection of Cape Coast Castle during the Ashanti War of 1863, being also the Inspector of Prisons. In September, 1864, he was put in command of an expedition sent up the Niger.

In Egypt he was engaged on several occasions while defending the advanced lines at Alexandria and the forts at Mex. He was present at the occupation of Port Said, and at the surrender of Ghimel in September, 1882.

Col. Bourchier was awarded the Greenwich Hospital Pension in 1916 and was in possession of the Khedive Star and 4th Class Osmanieh Order.

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The Hon. Treasurer, "Globe and Laurel," acknowledges, with thanks, the following amounts received from 20th May to 18th June, 1925, inclusive :—

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R. O. PATERSON, Colonel,
Hon. Treasurer, R.M. Officers' Central Fund.

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The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel C. Field's *History of the Royal Marines* :—

£2,384 1s. 4d., previously acknowledged; £4, H.M. Stationery Office; £2 4s. 6d., Col. E. G. Lywood, Rev. J. T. Trelawny-Ross; £2 4s., Admiral R. Backhouse; £2, The Dover Institute; £1 1s., Capt. R. MacDonnell; £1, Lieut. E. J. Woodington; 10s., Officers' Mess, Eastney; 8s., Lieut. C. E. Ransome; 5s., Canteen Depot, R.M.; 2s. 6d., Col. R. G. Meaks.—Total, £2,400 0s. 10d.,

No further accounts will be published till September.

J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (retd.),
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The undermentioned amounts have been received for General Sir H. E. Blumberg's *History of the War* :—

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We believe there is a gentleman called Mr. Harry Tate who entertains the public by giving lifelike representations of such everyday incidents as "Selling a motor-car," "Fishing," and "Broadcasting," but we should like to see Mr. Tate engaged in editing the "Globe and Laurel," without an Assistant Editor, in the midst of an A.G.'s inspection and undergoing a Gas Course at the same time.

Such are the difficulties that your temporary Editor is labouring under, so he pleads the kind indulgence of his readers for any shortcomings in the present number.

He owes a debt of gratitude to Lieut. Kitchin, who has kindly consented to being recalled "to the Colours" to assist in the final make-up, though with the stipulation that this is to be "positively his last appearance."

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We were very glad to hear that a branch of the R.M.O.C. Association has been formed at Shanghai under the presidency of Major E. D'Arcy Anderson, a former Editor of the "G. and L." We hope to publish next month a photograph of their inaugural dinner. We should like to think that there was a branch of the Association in every big town and in every district, so that the ex-Marine should be always sure of a welcome and help if necessary.

Our opposite numbers, the U.S. Marine Corps, have a very live Old Comrades' organisation known as the Marine Corps League, their motto being, "Once a Marine, always a Marine." To quote the objects of the League from the front page of "The Leatherneck," the Corps paper: "A non-political organisation founded on November 10th, 1922, to perpetuate and honor the memory of those who died for their country; to promote comradeship, good will and hospitality among all Marines and to keep alive that *esprit de corps* peculiar to Marines—Once a Marine, always a Marine—*Semper Fidelis*."

We should like to think that every "Royal" who "took his twelve" or his pension, and every officer who retired, had joined a branch of our Old Comrades' Association, the motto of which should be *Quis separabit*?

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We much regret to announce the deaths of General Sir Francis Thomas, K.C.B., and of General F. Baldwin, also those of Lieut.-Colonel W. Smith and Lieut. Roost.

It was only a few weeks back that we had the pleasure of congratulating the first on attaining the great age of 93. A full account of the services of these officers will be found under our Obituary notices.

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It seems a pity that more use is not made of our Births, Marriages and Deaths columns. The "Globe and Laurel" is read all over the world, and there is no charge for insertions.

At present these columns are seldom used except by officers. Other ranks *do* get married, and we believe that other ranks *do* also, from time to time, "receive the gift of a son or daughter," in spite of the wide circulation of the works of a certain lady, so let your

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—"The Leatherneck," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "The Hampshire Regimental Journal," "Cabar Feidh," "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps," "The Snapper," "The Wire," "U.S. Army Recruiting News," "St. George's Gazette," "Army Quarterly," "The R.M.A. Magazine," "Journal of the Honourable Artillery Company," "The Queen's Own Gazette."

own Journal be the medium of conveying the news of your happiness to the world, and of welcoming the little strangers.

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We would draw the attention of all subscribers to Col. Field's "Britain's Sea Soldiers" to a correction by the author to that work on page 217. This has been so printed that it can be cut out and the correction inserted as a footnote in the book.

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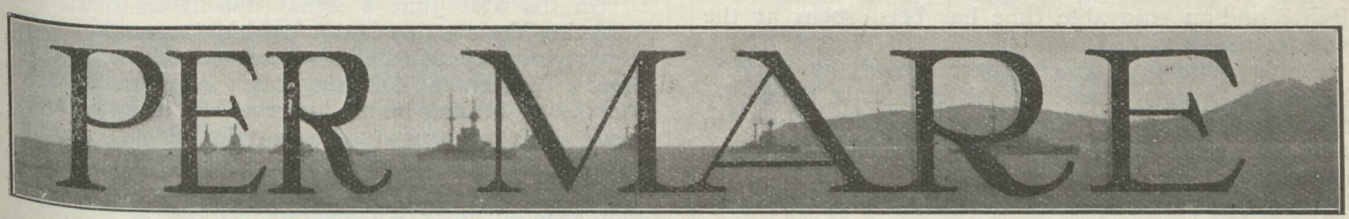
We hear from General Blumberg, who is editing Vol. III, that he is making good progress with this volume, and it is nearing completion. This volume, as is generally known, is the account of the part played by the Corps in the Great War. It should have a good sale among members serving and retired. It will be a work worth handing down to those little strangers we mentioned above. It will tell them what "Daddy did in the Great War," and of the doings of those thousands of "Royals," who served on land and sea in all four quarters of the globe, and from pole to pole.

Good as the book is going to be, it can be made better if there are more purchasers. So do *your* bit now by ordering a copy. All you have to do is to send your order and a p.o. for £1 to Col. Tupman, Ingleside, Walmer, Kent, and he will do the rest.

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Just as we go to Press, a further letter has been received from General Blumberg, asking for information about service in the Armoured Trains in Siberia, and from men who served in the D.A.M.S. For further details see Correspondence.

Surely there must be some readers who can supply the information required.



POLLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC.

"Ramillies."

The gunnery programme ended, we turn to that phase of the cruise where we leave Rosyth and visit places like Oban and Helensburgh. A ship's dance was held at Oban, which proved a merited success. Our attentions are now fixed upon Helensburgh, and being a holiday resort, one sees many visitors on board when the ship is open to them. Admiral's inspection took up two successive days, one day for the inspection of personnel, store-rooms, etc., and the next for evolutions. The Detachment were also inspected by the S.O.R.M.

Hence, everyone breathes more deeply and freely, for these occasions ever promote high tension.

The Fleet will rendezvous at Lamlash by Monday the 13th July, on which day the regatta will commence.

Thus, in these last few days of training, we will leave for Lamlash with a sporting instinct, and the sunny feeling of optimism that we are going to win.

This will bring the cruise very near its close, and our thoughts will divert to the topic of leave, when we hope that sun and blue sky, which we have all lately enjoyed, will still be very much in evidence.

"Hood."

Lamlash, 13th July.—Since our last contribution we have been having a quiet time in contrast to the first part of the cruise. Gunnery stopped abruptly at the end of our stay at Rosyth, and we have since done an independent cruise.

The ship arrived at Portree, Isle of Skye, on 23rd June; the harbour, being well protected, provided excellent opportunities for our boat s crews to practise.

On the 29th the Detachment landed for a route march; this was a welcome change from ship routine and was much appreciated by us all. On the following day a detachment of Marine signallers landed with the ship's portable W.T. set. Signals were successfully passed between H.Q. of an imaginary force in the field *viz* visual and W.T. to the ship.

Before leaving Portree the ship's concert party gave a show at which the Band did yeoman service. On 1st July the ship sailed for Portrush, North Coast of Ireland. During our short stay of five days everything was done to give us a thoroughly good time. A free buffet was provided for the ship's company, and dances were given in the evenings. Free tours were also run to the Giant s Causeway, and many of us took the opportunity of visiting this interesting place. On Saturday the 4th, the town council arranged a sports meeting on the Recreation Ground; this proved to be a great attraction. The Band was in its best form, and a funny party from the ship was immensely popular. The Detachment carried off both the team events included in the programme.

The Tug-of-War team, consisting of Cpl. Francis, Mnes. Fleck, Del Abertouche, Drage, Dockerill, Geldert, Stanbury and Fox, and coached by Mne. Wiley, defeated the Ballycastle Detachment of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the final.

In the relay race the R.M. "A" Team, consisting of Lieut. Buckley, R.M., Cpl. Marriot, Mnes. Sandle and Mansfield, were the winners, while the "B" Team finished second. In the individual events Mnes. Garrod and Westlake won the wheelbarrow race, while Mne. Fleck was a veritable Dempsey in the pillow fight,

and, in partnership with A.B. Martin, won the mop fight. Musn. Smith "wheezed" home first in the Band race. Various other amusements were in progress, and it is rumoured that the Bandmaster is entering for next year's North of Ireland Bowling Championship. The ship was open to visitors every afternoon, and special trains were run from most parts of Northern Ireland. Sunday, the 5th, was the record day, when it was estimated that over 10,000 people came on board. The ship sailed on Monday morning after a most enjoyable and interesting time, and we shall long remember the great kindness and hospitality of the good people of Portrush. The next four days were spent at Greenock, where the ship was again open to visitors.

On the 10th July the fleet re-assembled at Lamlash in preparation for the boat-pulling regatta.

"Calliope."

The 2nd C.S. have now completed their cruise in the Baltic, and an enjoyable time has been spent at the various places visited.

Ship's company dances were given by H.M.S. "Caledon" and "Calliope" as well as a dance by the Squadron, all of which were great successes, so much so that if all "buzzes" are to be believed, many marriages are in the making.

This, however, is looked on as only one of the many perils one faces in "a life on the ocean wave."

Great praise is due to "Clanchy's Band" for the way in which they have helped in making the various "shows" go off well.

Needless to say, the mainstay of the band is Lieut. Clanchy, R.M.

Sports were held at Riga, and all things considered, the results were very good.

RESULTS OF SPORTS HELD AT RIGA.

FOOTBALL.

"Curacoa" *v.* Army Sports Club, lost, 4—1.
"Cleopatra" *v.* Makkabi Club, won, 2—0.
"Calliope" *v.* Mittau, won, 7—1.
"Cleopatra" *v.* Kaiserwald, draw, 2—2.
"Curacoa" *v.* Riga F.C., lost, 3—0.
"Caledon" *v.* Amateur F.C., won, 3—1.
"Calliope" *v.* Latvian Sports Club, won, 4—3.
"Caledon" *v.* Latvian Youths F.C., lost, 1—0.
Squadron *v.* Y.M.C.A., won, 4—1.

CRICKET.

Squadron Officers *v.* British Colony, won by 53 runs.
"Calliope" defeated "Curacoa," "Cleopatra" defeated "Caledon"; "Calliope," in turn, defeating "Cleopatra" by 3 runs.

TENNIS.

Squadron Officers *v.* Cercle des Étrangers, won, 12 matches to 6.

SWIMMING.

50 Metre Relay Race, team of 4.
1st, Baltic Swimming Club (A) team.
2nd, Squadron Team.
3rd, Baltic Swimming Club (B) team.

A.B. Fleetwood of H.M.S. "Curacoa" was 2nd in under-water swimming.

It is reported that during the last Sunday of our stay at Riga 12,000 people visited the two ships lying at the Public Quay.

This number seems large but, judging by the amount of strange faces in the "barracks," is not over estimated.

The Squadron are now at Torbay, and training is going strong for the regatta which is being held in the near future.

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Caradoc."

On the 21st June a signal was made to all ships carrying Marines that Major Washington would conduct a party over an old ruined fort, known as Fort Trinadad, Rosas Bay, on the following day. As it was known to have some bearing on the history of the Royal Marines, none of us were surprised to see that the full numbers allowed attended, and at 9.30 a.m. on the next day we stepped off to spend an hour or two under the guidance of Major Washington.

We were not very long arriving at the bottom of the slope on which the fort stands, but it proved rather a tiring and hot job climbing up to the fort.

Before going into the fort, we were told by Major Washington that we would have about 40 minutes in which to have a good look round, and then he would blow three blasts on his whistle, whereon we were to assemble on the slope outside the fort and he would tell us, shortly, what part the Royal Marines took in the defence of Fort Trinadad.

The following extracts from a Naval History show what happened, and this was told to us in a very interesting lecture, and all who attended this party thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the splendid way in which the lecture was given.

. . . "On the 15th of November, 1808, the French, about 200 strong, with a reserve of 2,000, made a resolute but unsuccessful assault upon Fort Trinadad, one of the defences of Rosas, part of the garrison of which consisted of one officer and 25 privates of the 'Excellent's' Marines. In a second assault, with increased numbers, two of the outer gates were broken open, but, by a steady and galling fire of musketry and hand-grenades from the fort, the French were a second time obliged to retire, leaving their leader, a chief of brigade, and several officers and men, dead under the walls. Expecting a third assault, Captain West, R.N., by means of a rope ladder, threw in a reinforcement of two officers and 30 Marines; of whom only one man was slightly wounded, although the party had bravely entered during an incessant fire of musketry from the besiegers. . . ."

(A full account of the defence of Fort Trinadad is given in Colonel Field's "Britain's Sea Soldiers," Vol. I, p. 220.—EDITOR.)

" Delhi."

After five weeks of terrific heat (116° F. in the shade), our Captain eventually prevailed on King Hussein of the Hedjazs, to accept the proffered assistance of the British Government to take him to some safe place, and finally the King, the Royal Family and suite came on board, and we sailed for Cyprus. On arrival at Port Said we remained one day to oil and provision, because, owing to the small supply of provisions we took in on our departure from Malta, and being unable to get any more supplies, provisions had run very low, so low, in fact, that we were on half rations. Leave was given, and practically all of the ship's company went ashore for the first time for six weeks. On Sunday, 21st June, we left Port Said for Cyprus, where we arrived on the 22nd, and King Hussein went ashore. The King's servants were a constant source of amusement and interest to our lads, especially the butcher, who, regularly every morning at 5.45 a.m., killed a sheep for the day's meat, and it was very interesting to watch the quickness with which the sheep was despatched and skinned. We sailed from Cyprus to Malta almost immediately after the King's departure from the ship, arriving there on Thursday, June 24th, and forty-eight hours' general leave was given in appreciation of services rendered by the ship's company to the King and his suite. On completion of general leave we again oiled and provisioned and sailed for San Remo to rejoin the 1st Cruiser Squadron for the short summer cruise. The Detachment has had plenty of Royal Guards of Honour during our stay at Akaba, being inspected by the King on two occasions when he seemed interested in the Guard and laid his hands on two or three of them.

The Cruiser Regatta will be held at Argostoli in Greece on or about the 12th of August, and although our boats' crews have had very little opportunity to train, they are determined to make the best of a bad job and try and uphold the name of the " Delhi." Water polo is now in full swing in Malta, and our ship's team, in which Mne. Hartwell plays, has won four matches out of five with creditable scores, with the assistance of Hartwell, who has three or four of the goals scored to his credit. The Detachment has a team ready to play, but up to the present we have been unable to get any practice, but we hope to do so in the near future.

Ghain Tuffieha.

The shoot for the United Service Challenge Cup, Malta, took place on Sunday, 31st May, 1925.

Owing to no United Service Rifle Meeting being held this year the shoot took place at the R.M. Range, Ghain Tuffieha.

Three teams entered, Royal Marines, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

The R.M. Team was selected after a series of competitive shoots at Ricasoli and Ghain Tuffieha Ranges, duties of Captain of Team being taken over by Captain Jameson, R.M., H.M.S. " Malaya."

Owing to light difficulties the shoot commenced at 600 yds.

Following are the scores for R.M.'s :—

	600	R.D.	Rap.	Snap.	Total.
Lieut. Farrington ...	41	38	34	27	140
Q.M.S.I. Sloman ...	39	41	31	31	142
Clr.-Sergt. Lee	44	43	39	30	156
Sergt. Morgan	41	40	37	31	149
Sergt. Barker	45	27	37	30	136
Cpl. Blundell	43	37	19	33	132
Mne. Mills	43	35	40	40	158
Mne. Macauley	40	34	30	36	140
			Total ...		1153

Total for R.N. 1246
Total for R.A.F. ... 938

Royal Navy won by 93 points with the fine average of 155·7.

SMALL ARM WEAPON TRAINING.

" Marlborough."—Average for Rifle, 127·9 (numbers exercised, 113); average for L.A., 166·2 (numbers exercised, 10); average for Rev., 111·9 (numbers exercised, 12). Best score Rifle, Mne. Burchett, 184; best score L.A., Mne. Solly, 186; best score Revolver, Mne. Alltimes, 150.

" Egmont."—Average for Rifle, 149·8 (numbers exercised, 15). Best score, Q.M.S.I. Sloman, 186.

EAST INDIES.

" Chatham."

The East African Cruise is now well under way. The " Chatham," accompanied by " Colombo," left Colombo 22nd April, the " Chatham " being bound for Diego Garcia, Mauritius, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Mombasa, Seychelles and Male (Maldive Islands).

On the evening of St. George's Day we had a visit from King Neptune and his Royal Courtiers. Next day His Majesty King Neptune held his Court and passed judgment on all greenhorns.

We arrived at Diego Garcia 27th April. This is quite a small island, noted chiefly for its copra export. It is very isolated, being administered by the Government of Mauritius. Once a quarter a schooner calls there.

On 2nd May we arrived at Mauritius. Most of us had been there before, so we knew the way about. Opportunities were given to view the interesting scenery of the island, the beautiful Blue Bay being especially noted for its delightful features. The ship's football team played five games, securing nine points. The cricket team played two games, winning one and losing one.

After a stay of eleven days we left for Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika Territory. The ship arrived on 18th May for a stay of ten days. H.M.S. " Cairo " joined us there. We were able to sail up the river and see the wrecks of the German ships left there.

The ship's football team played three matches, winning all six points. The cricket team played two matches, drawing one and losing one. The combined rugger teams of " Chatham " and " Cairo " played and beat Dar-es-Salaam 19 points to *nil.*

From Dar-es-Salaam we proceeded to Zanzibar on a stay of seven days. We had rather a busy time there with ceremonial parades. H.H. the Sultan of Zanzibar visited the ship, and lunched with Vice-Admiral Richmond. On the King's birthday a review was held, the Detachment landing with Seamen and Stokers to be reviewed by the "British Resident." The Zanzibar Police also took part in the parade. The Police Band massed with our Band to supply the music.

The football team played and won three matches. The cricket team played two games, drawing one and losing one.

At present the ship is at Tanga, a small town, but one with an important history in the conquering of German East Africa.

Our next port of call will be Mombasa, Kenya Colony. On this cruise the shooting team have shot off matches with Dar-es-Salaam section of Tanganyika Rifle Club, and the Tanga section of the same Club. The ship won each match, Sergts. Pack, Gray and Cross with Mne. Hall contributing towards the scores.

The ship is due to arrive in Colombo on 24th July.

"Colombo."

I regret that we have sent no news for so long, but our O.C. Detachment unfortunately broke his leg whilst playing soccer and was not able to contribute. We hear that he is being invalided home, which we all regret very much.

We left Colombo for our East African Cruise in company with "Chatham," but soon parted and made for Seychelles. On the way we "crossed the line," when the usual Court of King Neptune was held, about 80 per cent. of the Ship's Company being introduced to the Court Barber and Bears. We played a good many games at Seychelles, in most of which we were successful, and, incidentally, caught a shark about 11 ft. in length.

From there we went to Mombasa for two days only, went to Malindi for the week-end, and back again to Mombasa. Then started a good three weeks' sport in which the soccer team met the Mombasa team four times. The result was two victories to each team, Mnes. Clark and Trewick doing very well in these matches. We lost at rugger, but we think that the "Chatham" and "Cairo" will both avenge us, as they have quite good teams. On the King's birthday, the Detachment and two Seamen Platoons made a demonstration march through the town.

We next went to Tanga and found the flagship already there. We played two soccer matches there and won both quite easily: one of them was against a native side who played in bare feet.

The Detachment is in the final of the inter-part cricket matches, and we all hope to win.

CHINA.

"Despatch."

The Detachment completed their annual musketry course at Stonecutters, result being: marksmen, 14; 1st class shots, 11; 2nd class shots, 11; 3rd class shots, 4. We were unfortunate as regards weather, it being the rainy season, and we had more than our share of tropical torrential showers. During our stay at Stonecutters the Detachment took advantage of the open-air life, and nightly could be seen doing a three-mile sprint around the island in the rain. We also discovered some vocal talent, which was unearthed nightly at the R.G.A.'s canteen. The soldiers were highly amused by a step-dance given by that "grand old man," Mne. Marshall.

Before departing from Stonecutters we had the honour of creating a new range record, Mne. Davit making a score of 189. At a rifle meeting held as Kowloon on the 25th and 26th April our team came in 14th in the Tile competition out of 40 teams entered. In the attack event they came in 7th out of about 25 teams entered. In the Musketry competition, 5th out of 25 teams entered. Mne. Mackie, in the individual scores for the Musketry competition, was 3rd with a score of 78, the winning score being 81.

FOOTBALL.

There has not been much football played, owing to the Detachment being out of the ship for the first part of the month. The following are the results of the matches played:—

Inter-part, R. Marines *v.* Stokers Port Watch, lost, 1—2.

"Despatch" R. Marines *v.* "Tamar" R. Marines, draw, 1—1.

We have just completed a two months' refit and very shortly are leaving for Wei-hai-wei, where we hope to be able to send you good results of the forthcoming regatta and rifle meeting.

WEI-HAI-WEI.—We left Hong Kong for Wei-hai-wei on the 6th May, arriving here on the 12th. On the trip up the usual fleet exercises, gunnery and torpedo firing were carried out. We are looking forward to a good season of sport, as in July the fleet regatta takes place, the rifle meeting in August, also the fleet athletic sports. We have a large number of the Detachment in training for all events, and we hope to be able to give a good account of ourselves.

In the Inter-part competition we played the Topmen, the result, after a hard and exciting game, being a draw with no score. The ship played the "Hawkins" in the China Station Football League on the 23rd May. The game resulted in a win for the flagship by one goal to nil. The wind spoilt what would have been a good game. Sergt. Mitchard and Mne. Bond were the two representatives of the Detachment, and thoroughly deserved their positions of outside left and goal respectively.

AMUSEMENTS.

An impromptu concert was held on board, our "grand old man," Mne. Marshall, easily "heading the bill," by his famous song "Tap, Tap, Tapping on the Anvil," followed by his latest success, "A few Shakes of the Bats."

"Tamar."

At the Hong Kong Rifle League meeting—the grand finale of rifle shooting in the Colony till next autumn—the Royal Marines achieved marked successes. Pot-

hunting? No! But, considering the competitions were open to Army, Navy, Police and Civilians, our Far Eastern R.M. experts cannot be accused of having let the side down. The meeting lasted two days—April 25th and 26th—and the weather, combined with the fearful activity necessitated by some events, caused considerable shortage of wind amongst some of the older soldiers—(I beg their pardon, Royal Marines!)—much honest sweat and, ultimately, almost complete immobility. The Sergt. Major of "Hawkins" says this was not entirely due to either the sun or the strenuous practices—but don't you believe it, for he is a *very old soldier*.

Over 300 competitors took part, so the prizes obtained by the Royals of China must reflect great credit on the individual and collective efforts to keep the Corps flag flying.

The Attack Competition—to run from 400 yds. to 300 yds., fire 5 rounds lying, advance to 200 yds. firing 5 rounds kneeling, and advance to 100 yds. firing 5 rounds standing—one minute allowed for each advance, targets, figure 2 (this last advance was designed for chamois or gazelles, *not* water buffaloes!). However, the event was won by Stonecutters Range Staff. Royal Marines were represented by Capt. Sturges, Sergts. Tugwell, Whittingham, Mnes. Blair and Badcock, with the "Ambrose's" Marines (Clr-.Sergt. Thane) third.

The Musketry Competition, 5 rounds deliberate at 200 yds., 5 rounds snap, 200 yds., 3 secs., and 15 rounds rapid, 1 minute at 300 yds., was again won by Range Staff with the same personnel, with "Hawkins" R.M.'s (Clr.-Sergt. Gossett) third. The Staff might, with luck, have cleared the board of team events by taking the Tiles as well, but a lonely sticky pin refused, in spite of being surrounded by the fog of war, to surrender.

On the second day, the Championship of the Colony (peep sights, slings and Mah Jong sets) and U.S. Championship were held. The usual gravel-belly 1st stage King's, 2, 5 and 6, with S.S. The Championship was won by Sergt. Atkins ("Hawkins"), 93, with Cpl. Shaw ("Hawkins") 3rd. In the latter, Mne. Newton ("Carlisle") got second, losing by one point, with Mne. Carrington (Range Staff) 3rd. It was rather late and very dark by the time they got to 600 yds., but they got there in spite of the new moon showing in a most intriguing fashion through occasional clouds, and the many flashes from the civilians firing their Mark VI ammunition.

Sergt. Atkins and Cpl. Shaw are to be congratulated in coming out where they did, competing against all-comers with open sights. Also Mne. Carrington, who came straight out of hospital (there was a bit of a row about it afterwards, but it's blown over now) to win 3rd prize in U.S. Championship.

Combined with the Musketry team competition was an individual event for the best total at these practices. Once again the R.M.s came to the fore. Mne. Spender ("Hawkins"), 1st, 81; Mne. Durrant, 2nd; and Mne Mackie ("Despatch") 3rd.

The Revolver Championship of the Colony was won, after a tie shoot, by Sergt. Tugwell, with a score of 24. The conditions were very difficult, for out of a possible thirty points the average score was under 10.

POLO.

In the Koll Cup, Army, Navy and Civilians, the Civilians, after a good open game, defeated the Navy by 4 goals to 2. The Royal Marines were represented in the Navy team by Capt. Sturges (3) and Capt. Neville (back), who scored both goals.

N.A. and W.I.

"Calcutta."

The ships of the Fleet are now well separated, the flagship cruising round Newfoundland, the "Capetown" in the Pacific, the "Curlew" *en route* to the Argentine, the "Constance" on her way home, while the "Malabar" remains at Bermuda.

The summer cruise started with a visit to Halifax, where good-bye was said to the "Constance" and "Curlew," who, no doubt to their great regret, will not meet the flag again before paying off.

Halifax does not show much sign of increasing trade prosperity, nor does the Dockyard of increased activity, the light cruiser "Aurora" being in the Motherbank state of health. The old golf links at Dartmouth have been much improved by the addition of another nine holes, while the new golf links at Ashburn are in delightful surroundings, and in two or three years' time should be the best in Nova Scotia.

From Halifax the "Calcutta" proceeded to the White Bear River in Newfoundland, which meant a drop in temperature from over 80° at Bermuda to 41°, a change which proved fatal to many hundreds of cockroaches on the lower deck.

Salmon-fishing was the order of the day amongst the officers, but not a great many were killed as the salmon were about a week later than usual in coming up the river. We seemed, however, to have arrived in the nick of time for the black fly, who showed their attachment in their usual manner to all who were brave enough to go ashore.

[We are glad to hear that the slackness of the salmon, in not arriving up to time, saved the lives of many valuable officers.—Ed.]

"Capetown."

At the recent Naval and Military Rifle Meeting, held at Warwick Camp, Bermuda, we were successful in winning the Bermuda Team Championship Challenge Cup after very keen competition, the issue being in doubt until the last details were fired. This Cup is offered for competition annually between H.M. ships and all military units stationed at Bermuda. The outstanding feature in this event was our remarkable shooting at 600 yards, the team returning an average of 19.5 of a possible 25. The Detachment was well represented in this team, 4 being "Royals," whilst the remaining 2 were Naval officers. Mne. Clowes obtained the highest number of points in our team.

We also managed to annex the Rock Target and Rapid Fire Competitions. These teams were comprised entirely of Marines.

In the road race in connection with the Squadron Sports Mne. Burge ran 5th, with Mne. Parry 7th.

On June 6th we sailed on an independent cruise to

the Pacific. Our first stop was the Panama Canal. Here a large number of us had an opportunity of seeing for the first time the wonders of this canal. The thing that impressed most was the speed with which we were passed through the locks, all without a word being spoken. Organisation *in excelsis*. In the afternoon we anchored at Balboa. Here four American warships were already anchored, Balboa being one of their bases.

Early next morning we left for San Diego.

H.M.S. "CAPETOWN."

Winners of Bermuda Team Championship Challenge Cup. Bermuda, 1925.



Back Row:—Left to Right—Mnes. Renny, Baker, Pengelly and Clowes.
Front Row:—Lt.-Com. Preedy, Capt Knowles, D.S.O., Lt. Fearn.

The remainder of the 8th C.S., "Calcutta," "Curlew" and "Constance," left for Halifax on June 6th. "Calcutta" is cruising in Newfoundland and Canadian waters whilst "Constance" left on the 15th June for England to pay off.

"Curlew" is returning to Bermuda some time this month to prepare herself for H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and will meet him somewhere in South American waters.

NEW ZEALAND.

Interesting news from "Philomel" will be found in our Correspondence columns.

AUSTRALIA.

"Concord."

(Continued from last month.)

PART II.

We arrived at Port Darwin on March 30th. Sports were arranged, in which the "Concord" was prominent. The Marines won the tug-of-war, and the "Concord's" rifle team, including five Marines, won the shooting competition. An impromptu concert was held ashore, after which about 200 natives gave an interesting exhibition of native dancing. Port Darwin is a meat-exporting town, but owing to shipping strikes has done no exporting for three years.

Leaving Port Darwin on April 2nd, we arrived at Thursday Island on the 4th. Thursday Island is a pearling station, and nothing very much is to be seen there. The Australians were very good to us, and held a couple of dances for those who cared to go. There is an R.A.O.B. Club ashore, which gave our Lodge a very fine reception, not only on behalf of Thursday Island, but for Australia in general.

After coaling, oiling, and provisioning ship we sailed on the 8th April. As we are travelling to Brisbane by easy stages we anchored for the night and sailed early the following morning. We anchored again the same night, sailed next morning and anchored off Lizard Island on the 10th. We should have bombarded this island in conjunction with the "Sydney," but the weather became so bad that it not only caused the bombardment to be cancelled, but also prevented us from sailing. This is the first bad weather we have experienced so far, but it is doing its best to make up for lost time. Sea watches had to be kept by night.

We eventually sailed on the 13th inst., but anchored again that night owing to a light being out on the reef.

The bad weather accompanied us all the way to Brisbane, washing down both sides. It even prevented the "Sydney" from staying at Cairns, where she should have called.

On Wednesday we passed the sloop "Geranium" on her way to tend to the lights on the reef.

We arrived at Brisbane on Friday the 17th April for a stay of ten days, and are due to arrive at Sydney on the 29th inst.

"Concord," Sydney.

Since writing last we have visited several more interesting places.

Whilst in Sydney the Governor of N.S.W. visited the ship and attended Divine Service on board. Accession Day saw the fleet dressed overall, and both the "Sydney" and ourselves fired a Royal Salute. Several trips were organised, including one to the Blue Mountains and another to the National Park.

On May 14th we sailed for Jervis Bay, arriving there the same day. This place is extremely small, consisting only of the Naval College. The Cadets were on leave, but the few people remaining did their best, and succeeded, in entertaining those who went ashore. Here there was a glut of mackerel, and one did not need to be an expert angler to catch them by the score, as they simply gave themselves up.

On May 18th we sailed for Westernport, and after

a pretty rough trip we arrived there on the 20th. This is the Naval Base, and a fine place it is. About 75 per cent. of the instructors are ex-R.N., and they could not do enough for us.

On May 22nd we sailed for Melbourne and arrived there the same day. On the 23rd we had the privilege of witnessing the soccer match between England and Victoria in which the "Pommies" won easily, the score being 5—0. Numbers of the ship's company attended the match and one can easily imagine the amount of cheering the "Concordians" gave the English team, as each individual player had his own supporters. On the 24th May the Premier of Victoria and the Mayor of Melbourne attended Divine Service on board, the Archbishop of Melbourne conducting the service. It also being Empire Day, the ship was again dressed.

On June 1st the Captain invited a number of boys from St. Paul's Cathedral choir to look round the ship. After they had been round they sang several sacred songs to us, which were much appreciated. This choir is considered the best out of England.

On the 22nd May the officers gave an "At Home" in the ship. A Royal Marine Guard of Honour was asked for to attend the Governor's last Levee. We were conveyed to the Government House by chars-à-bancs. Once more the "Concord's" Marines were highly commended. A guard of the Australian Citizen Forces attended also.

On the 4th June we sailed for Sydney, doing a steam trial *en route*, and arrived on the 6th. Numbers of people assembled to see us sail.

During the last few weeks Sydney and district have been suffering from very heavy rain, which has caused heavy damage to property.

The Royal Marines Miniature Rifle Team won the ship's cup and medals.

DETACHED SERVICE.

THE ROYAL TOUR (*continued*).

By L.S.W. and G.C.C.

Simonstown, 3rd June.—Since sending the last instalment, the writer has enjoyed a fortnight's leave in Durban and Johannesburg and the thread of the narrative has got somewhat frayed.

However, with the very able assistance of my co-correspondent, I have done my best to fill in the gap.

It is difficult at first to realize the distances in this vast country, but let me remark in passing that the particular journey I had the pleasure of doing covered nearly 3,000 miles of railway, and certain other officers, who also took advantage of the free railway passes and visited the famous Victoria Falls, covered an even greater distance.

Our ship's team has played several soccer matches against local teams with varying success, having lost 2 and won 3 in addition to two drawn games. Twice we have lost to the "Dublin," but the Detachment took the sting out of these defeats by beating her Marines 5—2.

At rifle shooting we were rather outclassed by the local teams, whose first three men could usually put up a score of 95 or better. Against the Maitland Police, however, the Detachment on their own put up quite a good show, and were only beaten by 54 points, in spite of firing on a first-time range with open sights and no wind-gauge allowed.

All these local doings in sport are, however, put in the shade by a football tour which started yesterday. A lucky party of stalwarts, including three Marines, will travel to Johannesburg and other important centres, gathering football honours while they may, and taking 18 days to do it, too—how nice it must be to be good at football! We wish them all success, and hope to be able to give a detailed account of their wanderings later on.

A quieter, but none the less interesting, trip took place recently when the Mayor of Johannesburg invited 250 of our officers and men to spend a week in this, the largest town in the Union.

Some 200 in all were sent and were entertained in right royal fashion by the hospitable Mayor and his Council. The programme, which was a full one, is worth giving in detail if only to show how South Africa is paying her debt of gratitude to the ship which brought such a welcome visitor to her shores.

On May 23rd the party left Simonstown to catch the special train at Cape Town, which landed them at Johannesburg on the morning of the 25th.

Here they were received on the station platform by the Mayor and Council, while dense crowds lined the streets as they marched to the United Parties Club to refresh the inner man with a late breakfast.

Each member of the party was made an honorary member of the U.P. and Union Clubs, the former supplying all meals.

The same evening a Ball was given at the U.P.C. in honour of the visitors.

May 26th was a busy day, the forenoon providing an interesting and instructive visit to the Crown Gold Mine, followed by a lunch at the Union Club. This particular mine is one of the "ormolu" variety, where the tunnels and galleries are whitewashed and electric-lighted—it is understood that H.R.H. will visit it during his tour.

After lunch, a fleet of private cars took the party to witness a Zulu war dance, and the day was brought to a close by a dinner at the U.P.C. and a dance at the Railway Institute.

On the following day, separate parties were formed and entertained in various ways, including a visit to an East Rand gold mine (whence, by a curious coincidence, the writer, almost unrecognisable after two hectic hours in the bowels of the earth, emerged from the shaft to be met by an astonished crowd of his own men), games and sports, motor drives, etc., everyone returning to the Masonic Club for dinner and a dance at the Miners' Club in Boksburg. Also this day Germanstown was visited, and the entertainment there was on a similar scale.

28th May.—In the forenoon the entire party marched through the City, led by the local Boy Scouts' Band, returning to the U.P.C. for lunch.

In the afternoon they were entertained by the Automobile Club in the form of a two-hours' drive and an excellent tea at the Zoo. Several dances were held the same night in addition to other private parties.

29th May.—Visit to Pretoria, where an interesting drive round the town concluded with lunch at the Town Hall. A sports meeting was arranged for the afternoon and, when this was over, the satiated sight-seers entrained for Simonstown and serious work once more.

All were agreed that it had been a splendid show, and it will certainly form matter for conversation and home letters for many a day to come.

Yet another tour is arranged to start to-morrow, June 4th, the party consisting of 100 officers and men, and the principal object being a visit to the diamond mines at Kimberley.

What with these long tours and week-end leave being given at the same time, our working hands are sadly depleted, but there is no doubt that even a superficial knowledge of this wonderful country is a far better education than any amount of cleaning flats and polishing brightwork.

We have landed for drill on one or two occasions, and it is possible to get quite a lot of exercise in doing so, seeing that the troops have to climb a hill 800 ft. high to get to the manœuvre area in Klaver Valley.

This same valley will see us all again during the next fortnight, for we are to start our Musketry (I should say, Weapon Training) Course on Friday. Fortunately, we do not have to climb the aforesaid hill every morning and down again the evening, for the Sanatorium, which has been built at the top, will easily accommodate the Detachment in two reliefs.

Sad to relate, the weather has changed for the worse during the last three days and we are having a lot of rain which will probably "wash away" the slight chance we have of completing Table "L."

We also have to shoot for three R.M.R.A. medals (one silver and two bronze), which the whole-hearted support of the Detachment and Band will shortly bring to us by the English mail.

With regard to officers' sports, we have played rugger, hockey and golf matches against local clubs, in all of which games we have been worsted, though we ran the Hout Bay G.C. very close.

I should like to mention here that our two budding journalists very much appreciated the Editor's kind remarks in the May number; they have spurred us on to further efforts on behalf of the "G. & L."

11th June.—Contrary to our fears with regard to the weather, the first Weapon Training Course was brought to a successful conclusion yesterday, and the second batch will go up the hill to-morrow hoping that the Clerk of the Weather will be lenient.

Talking about musketry, we have to report the loss of another match last Saturday against a Police team, but this time only by 8 points. As some of the leading lights of our team were otherwise engaged at the Range, it was hard luck to miss a certain win.

Our touring party from Kimberley returned yesterday after a very interesting inspection of the diamond mines. From all accounts they seem to have been lavishly entertained, as is the custom in this country.

Up to the present date, our football team, which is touring the Union, has lost two matches by small margins and drawn a third.

(To be continued.)



ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

CHATHAM.

General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., was appointed Hon. Colonel-Commandant of the Chatham Division on the 21st June, in succession to General Sir W. T. Adair, K.C.B., *p.s.c.*

The following letter from General Adair appeared in Divisional Orders on the 24th June: "Will you please be so kind as to convey to all ranks of the Chatham Division, R.M., my regret that the completion of 75 years terminates my Honorary Colonel Commandant-ship, an honour which I have very greatly appreciated and of which I shall ever retain pleasant memories."

The following letter from General Blumberg appeared in Divisional Orders of the 25th June: "Will you please convey to all ranks how pleased I am to be associated again with my old Division, of which I have so many pleasant memories, and of which I was always so very proud, as is everyone who has had the honour to belong to the First Division of Royal Marines."

We would like to convey to General Adair the honour we feel that the first Hon. Colonel Commandant of this Division has been the member of a family so long associated with the Corps and with this Division. We wish him every happiness in the future.

We are very pleased to hear of the appointment of General Blumberg, and are looking forward with pleasure to seeing him at his annual inspection of the Division. We also hope that circumstances may permit of his not confining his visits to his official inspection.

PORTSMOUTH.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.

In celebration of H.M. the King's 60th birthday the Colours were trooped at Eastney Barracks before a large and representative gathering. This is the first time the ceremony has been performed since the amalgamation of the two branches of the Corps.

Lieut.-Colonel G. Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., was in command of the parade.

The Colour was carried by Prob. Lieut. C. F. Phillips.

PLYMOUTH.

Great efforts have been made during the past few months to raise funds for the local hospitals. The amount aimed at was £10,000, but thanks to the splendid response to appeals and the energetic work of all concerned in the various organisations, the sum realised has amounted to £21,000!

The final stage of this campaign on behalf of Charity culminated in an Exhibition, popularly described as "The Wembley of the West." Its success was undoubtedly very largely due to the voluntary assistance by all members of the Services, displays being given twice daily by representatives of the Port and Garrison.

Our particular share in the programme was a display of drill in the uniform of three distinct periods.

Sergt. F. A. J. Thorne exercised his pikemen in "The Posture of the Pike," his "souldjers" being in the dress of 1664—broad-brimmed black hats bound with yellow braid, long coats of mustard yellow, red breeches of the pattern "plus four," with red stockings and buckled shoes. The curled wig and feathered hat well became Sergt. Thorne in the *rôle* of a gay cavalier of "The Merry Monarch." The introduction of this novel drill and its excellent performance earned well-merited applause on each occasion.

Lieut. G. R. Hawkins followed with Royal Marines of 1805. Shoulder to shoulder, stiffly proud in cockaded hat and powdered "pigtail," they contrasted strangely with their easy-moving predecessors of 1664. Gay, too, in scarlet coatee, white breeches and long black buttoned gaiters, or, as they were once named "spatter-dashes," these Marines of Nelson's day made a gallant show indeed. The perfect precision of each complicated movement and the dignity of their drill—much of it was in slow time—evoked great applause.

Next came 2nd Lieut. R. A. Edmondson, leading the 100th Squad (the King's Squad, which joined the Division last month), in scarlet tunics and white helmets—the Royal Marines of 1914. Sergt. S. F. Clemow and all ranks acquitted themselves splendidly, their drill was admirable, and won high praise from a keenly critical audience, especially during the evening performances.

The drill display was preceded by a "relief of guard," a very pleasing and picturesque feature which emphasized the difference between the loose order of 1664, the deliberate and stately movements of 1805, and the quick, business-like precision of 1914. This point was particularly noticeable in the case of the three officers who saluted each other in a manner strangely dissimilar as "1805" relieved "1664" and in turn was relieved by "1914."

The three Detachments finally marched off together, having provided one of the most popular items of a long and varied programme.

The Cadet Corps and Girls' Ambulance Company gave a combined figure-marching display, the Cadets also giving a vaulting exhibition, thus contributing their share, and winning the hearts of all who witnessed them.

Apart from those participating in the displays, other N.C.O.'s and men volunteered and rendered valuable service as gate keepers, etc., and among ex-members of the Division we were not surprised to find, as one of the most energetic and hard working members of the Committee, the late Head Schoolmaster, Captain W. T. Goss.

A capital field-gun display was provided by the Royal Navy, while the Army staged a very realistic example of savage warfare. A detachment of the Somerset Light Infantry, disguised as Pathans, defended a native village against a British force composed of infantry and engineers—these troops were found by the R.E. and 5th Devons, both Territorials.

Lewis gun and heavy rifle fire, constant bombing, yelling, a steadily increasing number of corpses and wounded, the final blowing up of the gate, the assault and the capture of the village, thrilled all spectators. Great credit is due to all who organised and took part in this spirited item of the programme.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

N.C.O.S' SOCIAL CLUB.

A most enjoyable day was spent on the 4th July by the N.C.O.s' Social Club and their friends, when they journeyed to Amesbury, near Stonehenge, Wilts. A halt was made *en route* at Salisbury, where advantage was taken to pay a visit to the Cathedral, after which the journey was continued to Amesbury, where lunch was waiting at Antrobus House and was catered for by Mr. and Mrs. F. Fowler, ex-C.S.M., R.M.B. and his wife. After lunch a visit was paid to Stonehenge. In the evening tennis, bowls and dancing were indulged in. After a very enjoyable day a move was made for home at 9 p.m., the party arriving at about midnight.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

A very largely attended Bohemian concert was held at the Veterans' Club on Monday the 6th inst. An especially fine programme was provided by a large number of artistes, amongst whom special mention should be made of Mr. Harold Jones (tenor), Mr. Cliff Hunter (story-teller), Mr. Robert Sittler (baritone), Mr. Jack Stagg (humorist), Mlle. Marie Drosgynska (soprano, Covent Garden Opera Company), and Mr. Jimmy Green (comedian). The chair was taken by Comrade A. J. Saunders, Vice-Chairman of the Association. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the artistes for their services, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

A further concert will be held on Monday, September 7th next.

R.M.O.C.A., CHINA.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A shooting match between the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association and the Royal Marine Range Staff took place at Stonecutters on Sunday, resulting in wins for the latter in all events. The weather conditions were ideal, and Bisley targets were used throughout the competition.

The President of the Association, Lieut.-Colonel Cantrell, was present during the earlier part of the

proceedings. The meeting opened with application practices at 200, 500 and 600 yards ranges for cups presented by Captain Sturges and Comrade J. C. Clarke, and a number of spoons offered by the Association for the highest individual scores at each range. The " big guns " over the event were Captain Sturges and Comrade Grimmett, with scores of 88 and 91 respectively, second and third places on each side being awarded spoons. Scores were as follows:—

R.M.O.C.A.

Comrade A. W. Grimmett	(Cup)	91
Comrade E. Edwards		71
Comrade D. E. Evans		56
Comrade C. E. Frith		55
Comrade J. C. West		52
Comrade J. C. Clarke		46
Comrade W. Kent		31
Comrade J. Clarke, junr.		23
Grand Total ...		425

R.M. RANGE STAFF.

Capt. R. Sturges	(Cup)	88
Sergt. Whittingham		82
Sergt. Tugwell		81
Mne. Blain		65
Capt. West		61
Mne. Brown		48
Mne. Badcool		45
Mne. Siddall		40
Grand Total ...		510

Win for Royal Marine Range Staff by 85 points.

At tiffin the R.M.O.C.A. entertained their opponents, under the Presidency of Lieut.-Colonel Cantrell.

After tiffin a novel competition was executed, this consisting of a five-round shoot at practically indistinguishable figure targets, which appeared at intervals and remained exposed for four seconds. The shoot started at 200 yards and one round fired at about every 25 yards—the targets appearing whilst competitors were walking down the range. This event was won by the Range Staff by one point.

THE FINAL EVENTS.

The final events were the Pistol Competitions, which comprised 6 rounds slow at 20 yards and 6 rounds in 10 seconds at the same range. This event also went to the Range Staff.

At the presentation of the prizes after tea, Captain Sturges, in bidding *au revoir* to the R.M.O.C.A. till next October, thanked them for their support, and, on behalf of the Range Staff, for their kindness in entertaining them to tiffin and providing such a good day's sport. Incidentally, he trusted that those ex-Royal Marines who had not joined the Association would hustle and join up, and in this manner assure a continuance of these sporting meetings.

In congratulating the prize-winners, Chief Inspector Kent expressed thanks to Lieut.-Comdr. Green for carrying out the duties of Point Officer, which was a thankless job. It was a position which was never a sinecure, and on such a broiling day nobody envied him. It was a regrettable fact that the President could not be present to distribute the prizes. Perhaps, if a few more members had attended, the final scores might have been much different. Practice was everything, and the result could not have been altogether unexpected. Concluding, he thanked the Serving Royal Marines for the fine day's sport and hoped that, on their return from the North, the R.M.O.C.A. would be given an opportunity of getting their revenge.

The proceedings then terminated and the parties returned to Hong Kong about 6.30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

H.M.S. " Philomel,"
Auckland, N.Z.
16th May, 1925.

To the Editor, " Globe and Laurel."

SIR,

The undermentioned and enclosed letters (published below) are forwarded for your consideration for publication in our Journal.

It is asking humble forgiveness and with no intention of bragging—only pleasure and, perhaps, some forgivable conceit, that I enclose these two letters from the Governor-General of New Zealand and the C.-in-C., New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy. Copies of these letters were posted on the notice-board in the ship, and the boys under training would all desert and join the Royals if they could now, I believe, judging by their comments.

To be in commission for 12 months without one of the Detachment having been even before the Officer of the Watch as a defaulter is, perhaps, not a record, but I would dispel the idea of any who may think that we are easy-going. Not at all; we have Divisions, Inspections, Guards, etc., the same as all Detachments afloat, but I believe the secret lies in having a mess all on our own, what is generally termed a " closed-in mess " right in the stern under the Captain's quarters and wardroom. Here it is we give each other tips and good examples, for a Marine is a good copier, and does not like to " let his messmates down."

Yours, etc.,
" 10A."

Government House, Auckland.
8th May, 1925.

The Commodore Commanding,
New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy.

Memorandum.

I desire to express the pleasure which it afforded me to visit H.M.S. " Philomel " yesterday, and to see the Ship's Company and the New Zealand Ratings under training.

I was particularly impressed by their smart appearance and turn-out, and was intensely interested in all that I saw.

Among other things which I heard with satisfaction was the fine record of good conduct which has been established by the Detachment of the Royal Marines during the last twelve months—a record which is in accordance with the traditions of the Royal Regiment.

I should be grateful if my thanks and appreciation might be conveyed to Commander Miles and the Staff under his command.

(*Sgd.*) CHARLES FERGUSSON,
Governor-General.

H.M.S. "Dunedin," at Auckland.
7th May, 1925.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to acknowledge and thank you most sincerely for your Memorandum of the 6th May, regarding Your Excellency's visit to H.M.S. "Philomel," on the 5th inst. It is the very greatest satisfaction to me to receive Your Excellency's most kind remarks on the appearance and turn-out of the Ship's Company and the New Zealand Ratings under training; and on the record of good conduct established by the Detachment of Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Philomel," of which I am extremely proud.

May I be permitted to add how greatly the honour of Your Excellency's visit is appreciated by me as Commodore Commanding the Squadron, and by the Captain, Officers and Ship's Company of H.M.S. "Philomel," to whom Your Excellency's most kind remarks have been conveyed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your Excellency's obedient servant,
(*Sgd.*) ALISTER BEAL,
Commodore Commanding,
New Zealand Station.

His Excellency the Governor-General of New Zealand,
Government House,
Auckland.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF REGULAR SAILORS, SOLDIERS, AND AIRMEN (Chatham Branch).

Dock Road,
Chatham.
13th July, 1925.

Dear Sir,

In a recent issue you published a portrait of Q.M.S. Oscar G. Bacon and his numerous trophies, together with an outline of his career.

We enclosed it when submitting his name for a vacancy as Instructor in Shooting, etc., at Amesbury School, Hindhead, Surrey, and I am glad to say that we heard to-day he had obtained the appointment. I have no doubt the cutting assisted materially.

The salary is £180 per annum.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. DARWALL, *Commander, R.N.,*
Local Secretary.

(We congratulate Q.M.S. Bacon on obtaining this appointment. The above shows the value of the Corps Journal.—EDITOR.)

H.M.S. *Ajax,*
Portsmouth.
15th July, 1925.

Dear Sir,

A slight error occurs in July's issue of the "Globe and Laurel," under the heading of Sports, Royal Tournament, Olympia.

Since the inception of the 130-stone tug-of-war competition at Olympia, the honours as champions in this particular branch of athletics have been claimed for *ten* years in succession by teams belonging to the Corps, the successes being as follows:—

1912–14–19–21–22–23, R.M.A., Eastney.
1913–20, R.M.L.I., Gosport.
1924–25, Royal Marines, Portsmouth Div.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. GOWNEY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I have the first five volumes of "Globe and Laurel" nicely bound in boards. Do you happen to know of anyone who would care for them?

Yours faithfully,
H. GRITTON.

(Readers wishing to obtain these early and rare copies of the "G. and L." should apply to Lieut.-Colonel H. Gritton, 378, Goldhawk Road, Stamford Brook, London, W.6.—EDITOR.)

Rocky Close,
St. Ives,
N. Cornwall.
18th July, 1925.

Dear Sir,

May I, through your columns, thank "A Marine Still Serving" for his further contribution, and shall be glad if he will let me have any further incidents.

I wish some of those who served in the Armoured Train in Siberia would follow his good example, and also any of those who served in D.A.M.S. I am anxious to obtain some accounts of encounters with submarines.

I am,
Yours truly,
H. E. BLUMBERG.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.C.B.—Your notice was received too late for publication in July issue; to publish this month would serve no useful purpose.

G.E.D.—We are glad to hear that the mistake was not ours. Your letter came too late to stop our last month's reply. Now we are all happy; you have your paper, the Secretary is gratified by your handsome apology, the Editor is blushing at your remarks, the Treasurer is beaming over your donation, and the advertisement manager scans his correspondence daily in the hope of getting an ad. from you which will put him into touch with the wicked lady typist who was the cause of all our troubles.

L.S.W.—We had to pay surcharge postage of 4d. on your last instalment, but it was worth the money.

C.O'F.—May copy sent as requested, but please note orders for copies should be sent to the secretary, not to the Editor.

E.D'A.A.—We were very glad to hear of the formation of the Shanghai R.M.O.C. Association, and thank you for the block of the photograph of the inaugural dinner, which we hope to reproduce in our September issue. The date of the amalgamation of the R.M.L.I. and R.M.A. was the 22nd June, 1923.

We are glad an "Old Editor'" appreciates the efforts of the present staff.

R.H.P.W.—Thank you for your contributions. Let us have the names of your ship correspondents.

D.B.—We were very glad to receive your article, which we use. If we do not always publish reports in full it is because of lack of space rather than of appreciation.

H.J.S.—Many thanks for your kind congratulations. We always like to hear of old comrades, and are glad that they appreciate the present standard of the Journal. We would welcome stories or reminiscences from any old comrades. What a fund of yarns some of you old soldiers must have!

C.F.—Your information regarding the employment of the Yeomen of the Guard afloat is very interesting. We have used it. Your correction to "Britain's Sea Soldiers" is inserted, and we have drawn attention to it in the Editorial.

F.D.B.—Your congratulations on the improvement in the "G. and L." are much appreciated by the Staff. We apologise for the mistake in your title. The Secretary has been informed.

J.K.R.—You may rest assured that "Concord's" news is always welcome and will find a space under "Per Mare." However, you must remember that many miles of water separate your inkpot and our printer's presses. When the long-promised airship service to Australia is in operation we shall be able to print your reports quicker. Meanwhile, send them in, and try to let us have them by the 15th of the month. It aids punctual publication.

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES (AND OTHERS).

A woman asked at a holiday resort library for a book called "The Week of Ethel." The sub-librarian failed to recognise the title, and therefore asked the help of her chief. He immediately said, "Does the lady lisp?" "Yes," replied the sub-librarian. "Then give her 'The Weaker Vessel.'"—*The London Scottish.*

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In a village cricket match, the local butcher was batting when the ball bumped up and hit him on the head, resulting in a catch for the wicket-keeper.

"How's that?" yelled the wicket-keeper.

"Hout!" said the umpire.

"But it hit me on the head," protested the batsman.

"I didn't know where it hit you," responded the umpire, "but I know the sound of wood, so hout you go."

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While in Edinburgh recently an Englishman was desirous of getting to the Bank of Scotland, and, not knowing the way, he enquired of a small boy: "Can you direct me to the Bank of Scotland?" "Aye, I can," answered the youngster, "if ye give me a sixpence." "But, surely," said the gentleman, "that is rather much for simply telling me the way to the bank." "Maybe," came the reply, "but ye canna expect a fella tae be a bank director for nothing."

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A farmer sold a horse to a cavalry officer, warranting the animal to be a first-rate war-horse. Some time afterwards the officer came to the farmer in a towering rage, and said: "You call this animal a good war-horse? Why, there's not a bit of go in him! A good war-horse indeed!" "So he is," replied the farmer, "he'd rather die than run!"—*Royal Tank Corps Journal.*

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A recruit was posted on sentry for the first time and was not very sure of his orders: when suddenly a General approached his post the recruit very hesitatingly sloped arms and saluted with hand across the butt. The General, noticing this, said to the sentry: "So that's the order in your Regiment, my lad?"

Recruit: "No, Sir; it's the slope."

General: "Ah! You're smart, aren't you?"

Recruit: "No, Sir; I'm Johnson; Smart's next on sentry."—*The Suffolk Regimental Gazette.*

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Jones: "Hullo! Where are you going?"

Brown: "To find a doctor. I don't like the look of my wife."

Jones: "Then I'll come with you, old man. I can't stand the sight of mine."

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Bootneck: "Say, Cookie! These fish-cakes ain't so good as last week."

Cookie: "They ought to be 'cause they're made from the same fish."—*Our Own Gazette.*

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"I am sorry to say," said the doctor, "that your wife's mind is completely gone."

"I'm not surprised," replied the husband. "I have had a piece of it every day for the last five years."

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"Why do you have an apple as your trade mark?" asked a client of the cash tailor. "Well, well," replied the man, rubbing his hands, "If it hadn't been for the apple, where would the clothing business be to-day?"

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Nervous Wife: Oh, Harry, dear, do order a mouse-trap to be sent home to-day.

Harry: But you bought one last week.

Nervous Wife: Yes, dear, but there's a mouse in that.

A DAY ON "THE BOPATS" (CEYLON).

By the Bos'n.

Hark back 20 years. What a lot has happened since then, and, alas! my old hunting-belt won't meet round my front these days. However, those are good old days to look back on, and one did enjoy the sport when work permitted. We were in hard training, too, for tea planting was not an easy game for a "Sinna Dorai" in the early 100's.

It's the open season for Sambhar, and Saturday morning. All day my thoughts have been on those grand, grass-clad valleys, and the day has dragged itself to the four o'clock tom-tom, and by 5.30 the last of the "Pluckers" is weighed up, names in the Pocket Check Roll, and I am clear for the week-end; for has not my P.D. given me leave to get to —— and do what I like till Monday morning's muster? So, my kit having gone ahead with the box coolie, I get out the old and rusty push-bike and hike off for "Bogawanne" and a good time. The local club is on the way, so I call in there and find many neighbours discussing the afternoon's tennis over whisky and sodas. "One for the worms" and off again; I want to be fresh for the morrow, and a surplus of W. and S. won't help my "wind"—never at its best at the high elevation of the Bopats. Over the swing-bridge and up to the bungalow, to find that my hard-working host is still down in the factory; but I am expected, and a hot bath is ready for me, and jolly welcome too! Into pyjamas and have just settled over the fire with a "toot," when a scramble on the gravel path outside and cheery voices announce the arrival of my host, "Sparks," and his brother, M.H. "Fireworks."

It's not long before they join me over the fire, and we swap lies until the Appu announces, "Dinner ready, sah." That over, we collect round the fire again for a final smoke and yarn, and so to bed, for it's up and off early in the morning. Even as we start to move, there's a bump on the door, and Wully Rollo arrives, full of apologies for being so late and coming "unexpected like." However, it's an excuse for another half-hour's yarn over the fire, and incidentally for the passing of the bottle again; anyway, we were all young then. Alas, I find that I have W.R. for a sleeping partner, and ye gods! how he snores!

I had just made up my mind to tell him about it when I heard Sparks yelling at us to "show a leg," for it's the morning after and we must turn out. Bacon and eggs and coffee don't keep one waiting long, and slide down easily at any hour, and then off we go in single file, along the path for the gorge. Hounds have gone on ahead in charge of the dog boys, and we stumble along in the dark, behind S. with his little lantern. Last night's cheery party is strangely silent now, for the road is steep and we want all our wind for the climb.

Daylight is breaking as we clear the jungle in the gorge and debouch on the grass-land (Patnas), and here we overtake the smell dogs with their dusky attendants. I shall have to lose all memory before I forget those early morning first peeps at The Bopats—grand, grass-clad hills, the grass all rainbow-coloured with the dew, and the jungle on the hill-tops just clearing from the night's mist. I fear that Fate will never again permit me to see them, but nothing can prevent dreams, and they often recur. I'm getting ancient, so you must forgive this sudden spasm. S. and F., as joint Masters, go off with the pack to draw a strip of jungle, and W.R. and I, with the "long dogs," three splendid Kangaroo hounds, push on to take up our places under the lee of the jungle, where a stag may be expected to break cover.

Whilst we are waiting here, may I say that Sambhar-hunting over 4,000 ft. elevation in Ceylon is done to "the knife," and no shooting is allowed. Wully, being full of pep and wind, takes "Tiger" and plods off to the far side of the jungle spur that we are to mark. I sit down, as well hidden as possible, with the other two long-'uns, "Boorsh" and "Wallaby," and try to keep them as quiet as possible, and contain my soul in patience.

Faintly in the distance one hears the twang of horns. Now and then a hound opens; again silence, and one wonders if the draw will prove a blank. No. Hark! "Down, you swabs!" "Keep quiet, will you?" "That's a find all right. Which way are they running? Oh, quiet, you idiots, you'll spoil everything." Nearer and nearer, louder and louder the music. D——n, they're at fault. . . . No, they are not, I'm wrong. Oh, hark to 'em! Wow! But they are moving him. Please God, 'tis a stag and not a hind. Then crash! and out on my left bounds a grand fellow, hotly followed by the whole pack. He's in the open now and they haven't a look in as he streaks for the river with his antlers back on his withers; alas for the poor old fellow! Giving him a good start, I slip the two "long dogs," "Yoicks! After him, my beauties," and away they go in their grand style, gaining on their quarry at every leap. As they near him they range up on opposite quarters. "Boorsh" makes a spring for his ear, but misses, and the next minute, splash! they are all three in the river, and the stag is swimming strongly for a sunken rock in the middle of the pool. Reaching this, he turns to bay, and the two long dogs haven't a chance. Puffing along in the wake of the chase, I am passed by the whole pack going all out; the music puts fresh wind into me, but go all I can, Sparks overtakes me, wasting no wind on remarks about my condition. However, I get there in time, and there is the stag up to his elbows in the water putting up a great fight, as, one after the other, and sometimes several together, the hounds go in at him. It's only the fact of being knocked into deep water that saves the braver of them getting badly cut up by his sharp hoofs, and it's high time that one of us got in and helped them in the scrap. Sparks sings out to me to get into it, and so in I go. A few strokes carry me through the deep water and, gaining the rock behind the enemy, I sneak up and grab him by the head, with every intention of knifing him right off. He has other ideas, however, and I am sent looking for mermaids in the pool. On reaching the surface I find

that he has broken bay and is making off hard for the jungle again, with most of the pack and my pals hard on his trail. I'm out of the hunt now for good, and a thorough ducking adds to my sorrows.

I recover my topee, shove my knife back in it's sheath and mournfully swim for the bank; then, shaking myself, plug off after the hunt in faint hopes of being able to catch them up should there be a check. Out of it now all right, but there's always a hope if one keeps on; so on I go, boots getting less squelchy as they dry, and my feet hitting the grass better every step.

Hurrah! Heard hounds then! Sure enough they have brought the stag to bay again, so plug along and hope. Finally, I manage to reach the pool, where there is a grand scrap going on, but with Fireworks on one bank and Sparks on the other, the stag hasn't much chance if he stays there.

Sure enough, before long Fireworks sees his chance and slips in with the knife, and another grand old stag has fought his last fight. It sounds very "butcherish," but you try the game and see what you think of it afterwards.

Hounds are blooded, the box coolie turns up from somewhere, and we all get a very welcome refresher, and so off back, after coupling up hounds, to Bogawãnne and dinner. Alas, I have to dig out directly after, and get back to my little bungalow, for to-morrow starts another week of the old monotonous game of coolie-chasing. Still, cheer up, the Bopats won't run away, and there are plenty more stags in the jungle.

THE COMING OF CHRISTMAS.

(CONTINUED.)

By D.A.B.

The fall of their leader led to a general collapse of the town defence, and within half an hour of their leader's death the defending troops surrendered. The flag of truce could be seen hoisted over the Quartel and other buildings. On hearing of the death of his superior, the Second-in-Command, General Diaz (all officers were generals in both armies) left his command and placed himself under our captain for protection. Diaz had captured Christmas on a previous occasion, placed him in a cage in the public thoroughfare to draw the taunts of the inhabitants, and ordered him to be shot at sunrise. At first Christmas took no notice of the insults, until he noticed the vultures flying overhead.

The natives look upon these scavenger birds as sacred objects and believe they carry the spirit of a departed warrior, or other important individual. Christmas knew this, and began to answer them. He threatened to haunt them with his spirit in the vultures and bring down curses for ever on their heads. This so frightened the natives that they released him during the night and helped him to escape. The captains must have had a very tough job to keep Diaz out of Christmas's hands, for in addition to the "cage" and sentence of death, Christmas on the previous occasion was made to walk through the town barefooted over painful obstacles. The captains got their way and Diaz was sent away on a sailing vessel.

As soon as the fighting ceased, stretcher parties were organised to assist the wounded. I went ashore in charge of one and saw some horrible sights.

Over one hundred and seventy were eventually counted as killed and nearly that number wounded. The doctors and sick bay staff worked all night, sawing, chopping, stitching and bandaging. The wounds were ghastly.

I shudder to think how the poor fellows got on after we left. By the time we got aboard we were heartily sick of the whole show. We should never be so anxious to see men fight with such weapons again.

Christmas's next objective was Porta Cortez. We left for there the following day.

On arrival at Porta Cortez the two captains again went ashore to interview the town commandant—this time with excellent results. It was agreed that the Royalist troops were to evacuate and entrain for Tegucigalpia, the capital of Honduras, and the town handed over to the British and American captains until the arrival of Christmas.

The same evening large parties of the ship's company were sent ashore to enforce martial law. This party included eighteen out of a detachment of twenty-five. The marines were billeted in a house stripped bare of furniture. Our task was to patrol the town and disarm the inhabitants. Some of our fellows were also detailed to patrol the main street in a fruit train, displaying a machine-gun. This was a most unpleasant task. The trucks rocked and bumped over the uneven metals, and the engine funnel belched forth more soot than smoke.

It is certainly rather an unusual sight for a train to career down a main street, but there is only one street in this town, which is also the railway track.

The town is built on a huge swamp and, with the exception of a few odd patches, the main street is the only solid ground.

On the outskirts of the town there is a beautiful large lagoon on the shores of which, in a German warehouse, were our headquarters.

We got no rest that night, but carried out our train and other patrols at frequent intervals. In the morning we shifted billets to the railway offices and stores, where we made ourselves much more comfortable, with straw for beds and, more important still, mosquito nets.

During the morning the town troops arrived from the defences and entrained for the capital. They were a pitiful-looking lot. We were inclined to laugh at first, but eventually felt very sorry for them. Few of them had boots or any semblance of uniform, and their clothing was very ragged. They were armed with old rifles, with almost smooth bores, and machetes. These are like sickles. The natives use them for cutting the banana bunches, and settling heated arguments. I came across two gentlemen fighting with these weapons outside a gin shop. They stopped at my approach,

but one was in such a bad way that he expired before morning. We found by this time that the natives had the utmost respect for the English.

The police station was an old wooden building of several compartments, one of which was the prison, containing ten prisoners. Five of them were murderers —and looked it—three were horse thieves, one convicted of treason, and the other for owning three houses which my new friend the judge thought should belong to him.

Our first job was typical of the Navy. We got a hose and had a Saturday's routine. I then made the prisoners bathe in disinfectant. But I took the precaution of placing an old marine as gaoler in preference to one of the American recruits.

The Aldecre of Police, whose duty I was doing, had left the town with the soldiers. According to a negro interpreter, he was not a nice man to know. He owed his position to the fact that he had killed several men and therefore must have been brave. He did a short term of imprisonment, joined the local force, and became their chief. The judge, whom I have already mentioned, was a fat and oily half-caste, American and Spanish. He spoke English very well. In addition to his income through mulcts for drunkenness—fifty-fifty, self and government—he kept a gin shop, a gambling den, and several other houses.

In addition to disarming people it was one of our duties to question any person found in the streets after 9 p.m. and to arrest those not giving a satisfactory reply.

Patrol duty was not at all unpleasant during the day, but not so pleasing at night. The streets boasted no lights, and the nights were pitch dark. The air was filled with the incessant hum of insects and croaks of the bull-frog. At first I sent the men out singly, but one of the recruits accidentally let off his rifle the first evening, and rushed back shouting that he had been shot. He had slung his rifle across his shoulder, and had probably caught the trigger in his clothing. The kick had made him think he had been shot. On hearing the shot three of us rushed out to search for his assailant in the dark. The only living being we encountered was a pig, which one of the fellows narrowly missed with his bayonet, much to the sorrow of our butcher, who was one of the party. When we returned to the station we discovered what had really happened. I gave orders for a double patrol in future.

During the night a young Spanish woman was brought along. She was very drunk, wet through—having fallen into the swamps—and had been stabbed through the hand. I had hardly got this lady locked in a room before a nigger arrived and said a man had been shot in the chest and was now in a house near by.

The work was certainly getting interesting. I sent one man to headquarters, another for the rail trolley, and went to investigate. On entering the house I noticed a very strong smell of whiskey. The room in which the shot man lay was crowded with natives of both sexes. The wounded man was groaning and giving his jewellery away. He kept moaning about dying, and hoped his good friends would pray for his soul. I asked, through the interpreter, what had happened. He replied that he had been shot by the lagoon and had run home. I knew this to be a lie because the sentry at headquarters would have heard the shot. He wore a light singlet only and this garment was badly scorched round the hole made by the bullet. I asked what he had been wearing and was told " a shirt and coat."

I then thought of the young woman and guessed what had happened. " You stabbed a woman and she shot you," I said, but he stoutly denied this. By this time the trolley had arrived and we took the injured man to headquarters. The doctor was not there. I reported the affair to the officer on duty—a young American lieutenant, and, being able to speak the language, he interrogated the man. We washed his wound, which seemed to be a slight one, and, as no doctor was available, I advised the lieutenant to pretend to be one, and tell the man he was all right but had better report in the morning for dressing. This he did and, to our amusement, the wounded man rushed out of the place and ran all the way home. We afterwards discovered that the cause of his haste was the jewellery he had issued, and which he now wished to retrieve.

When I got back to the station another drunk had arrived ; a young American valet-de-chambre, or some such thing, from the hotel. He was making so much noise that I ordered the gaoler to get assistance and put his head in a bucket of water, and repeat at every fresh outburst. This they did with great relish.

The female drunk now started. She stamped, raved and banged on the door until we could stand it no longer. I called the nigger interpreter to ask what was the matter. The two shouted and gesticulated for some minutes, until, becoming impatient, I asked, " Well, what does she want ? " " She want to change her clobe, sah ! and dress her wound." Fortunately the American lieutenant came along on his rounds. And after a short conversation with the lady he decided to take her to her dwelling for a change of apparel.

In the meantime our First Lieutenant and a party of seamen had been sent by train to Tegucigalpia to take charge of that town.

Early the following morning, much to my relief, I received orders to release the female prisoner. The male drunk was to appear, with others, before the judge. I attended the court with my interpreter in an unofficial capacity. There were several cases for disposal, but the talking was so quick on both sides that the nigger could not cope with it. The judge would start by asking a short sharp question. The reply would be short and sharp. The judge would gain speed and lengthen his questions, the prisoner following suit, until eventually both would be talking together at a rapid pace, keeping time the while with their arms, and working themselves up to a minor hysteria. I gathered that the main argument was finance. How much money had the prisoner got ? and how much could the judge squeeze out of him ? Those who had not brought sufficient would be sent off between two ragged constables to get more. The argument, in English, for my benefit, between the American drunk and the judge created a wonderful diversion. Both used frightful language, in which the Yank was well ahead. He swore the judge had poisoned him with his whisky and robbed him of twenty dollars. The judge solemnly handed him ten dollars, remarking that twelve were taken from him when found drunk and two would be deducted as a fine. I noticed that the wad of notes from which the ten

were counted appeared to amount to about twenty dollars.

By this time we were placed in two reliefs, a petty officer and eight seamen relieving us every eight hours.

To my regret our four marines and myself were relieved from police duties on the fourth day, and ordered to take over the customs in the place of a Leading Seaman who discovered how to open the spirit room, and four A.B.'s who helped him to do it.

After two days' watch-keeping on the Custom House Christmas's army arrived in a number of small schooners.

The two captains ordered Christmas to keep his troops aboard until the following morning, but it was pointed out that the men were so crowded that it would be very cruel to keep them there another night. After discussion it was agreed to allow the men to pass the night in the Cable Company's spacious building, near the Custom House.

During the evening the Custom House was taken over by the rebels. Christmas here took the precaution of leaving one of his generals in charge. Our little party had hardly arrived back at Headquarters when we were ordered to report to the Cable Company's building. Here we found everything in readiness to receive those rebels who were not required for guarding the official buildings. They were not long in landing, and on arrival were ordered by Christmas to remain in the building all night. The four and myself were now left in charge. I placed one at each of the four sides of the building, with strict orders to shout at once if any rebels attempted to leave the building. Machine guns and rifles had been landed with the rebels and placed in a small room by the front entrance. The rebels were given to understand that the guns of both ships were trained on their quarters, and any signs of disturbance would call for drastic action. We were also in telephonic communication with both the ship and headquarters.

We were relieved for two hours only during the middle watch by an American P.O. and four fully-trained marines. These fellows were thoroughly reliable and well up to the standard of our own. We hobnobbed together without the slightest friction.

One or two of the rebels strolled through the front entrance to the verandah during the night, but a word was quite sufficient to send them back. There were over three hundred men in the building, most of them had knives, and all had access to their rifles, but however much they felt the call of the joys of the town they remained peaceful throughout the night, such was their respect for our Captain's orders.

In the morning the whole town, except European property, and agreed neutral ground, was officially turned over to Christmas. Our small party returned aboard during the day, but the headquarter guard and the party at Teugucigalpia remained.

The " Melpomene " arrived two days after the rebels, to relieve us. This ship—as old soldiers will remember—carried a large number of Marines and only a few seamen. Twenty-two marines were for detachment duties, while the remainder did seamen's work. She sent parties ashore to relieve our ship's company on the evening of her arrival.

As soon as our fellows arrived aboard we weighed anchor and proceeded to Port Royal, Jamaica, where we left a very large number of the ship's company—in the soldier's hospital, suffering from malaria. The unusual number of fever cases was put down to delay in issuing and insufficient doses of quinine, and to lack of exercise, but if the ship's company had been asked their opinion, they would have substituted " food " for " exercise."

Fortunately there were no fatal results through the fever and the invalids were given a passage in the " Scylla " to Bermuda, where they picked up their own ship.

BLOGGS REBELS.

By Jack Courtenay.

I can't help it. You needn't read this unless you like, and it is on your own responsibility if you do. It isn't my fault that it has been written at all. It is all the result of a plot between the Editor and Marine Harris J. Bloggs to make a fool of me.

Mind you, I don't say that these two hard task-masters actually patted each other on the back, shook hands and decided, " We will make a fool of Jack Courtenay " ; but the result is much the same as if they had. The Editor started my troubles ; Bloggs doubled them, added one, and didn't even remember to take away the number he first thought of.

How can a man stand between two such mighty fires without boiling ? And how can he boil without letting off steam ? You, my poor readers, are left to inhale the steam—if you care to ; but please don't blame me if you find it *wet.*

Just imagine the plight of an author who is not an author, but a humble slave of toil whose toil lies far from pens and paper, bidden to provide a page or more of printed matter dealing with the eccentricities of a certain Marine, wearily turning to his only source of supply to find it shut off in his face ! Such is my position now.

Let me explain.

Some two weeks ago, the Editor approached me with despair in his face and an empty " Globe and Laurel " cover in his hand.

" Look at this," he sighed. " In two weeks and three days this cover must be filled with printed proofs ready for the machine. The office is empty. The fleet correspondents are all so sweating at the hands that they can't hold pens, and they are laboriously cooling themselves in iced ginger. All the Divisions have finished their summer sports and are preparing for winter ones, so they write with one accord to tell us there is nothing to tell us. The correspondents abroad have all missed the mail, so they have sent their contributions by airplanes which have gone to look for the North Pole. Our advertisements have so inundated our advertisers with orders that their shops are in a state of stampede, and they refuse to advertise

any more. This leaves me and you and Tosti, the typewriter, to fill this cover, and even Tosti never has any inspirations in July."

"Come, come," I encouraged. "It can't be as bad as all that. You'll find MSS. flowing in like bills next week."

"I doubt it," said the Editor, and had a bitter beer. "Anyhow, what it comes to is this. You must let me have at least a page about Bloggs. I know it is a risk; we don't want to lose all our subscribers; but we'll have to take it. We must pad out with something."

The conversation wasn't a bit like that really, but it will do for my purpose. What the Editor really said was, "Do try to let me have some of your Bloggs tripe this month, I'm rather short of copy."

I protested that my time was very short and the heat had seized up my brain, and I could never write unless I had sausages for breakfast and they were out of season, but it was all useless. He made me promise enough words, strung together like the missing sausages, to fill one page, and the subject must be Bloggs.

So with a heavy heart and a blank mind I sought out my hero.

"Bloggs," I said, "the Editor has demanded a yarn."

"'As 'e?" asked Bloggs disinterestedly.

"Yes, and it's got to be about you."

"Oh," remarked Bloggs.

"What are we going to do about it?" I pressed.

"Nothin'. I'm sick o' bein' made a fool of, I am."

"But I've promised him a story."

"You 'ave, 'ave yer? Then you'd better find some other bloke to write abaht. I got better things to do than spin yarns for you to poke fun at."

"But, Bloggs, you can't let me down like this," I protested.

"You won't get nothin' out o' me," he insisted. "My stories is worth good money."

"What on earth do you mean?"

"I means wot I says. I can get paid very 'ighly for writin' me own stories, an' from now onwards I wants 'em all for meself. I'm writin' a hortibiblography."

"Then I wish it luck," I humoured him. "But please do help me this once, and you need never tell me another story as long as you live. I simply must keep my promise."

"My stories is worth good money," he grunted again.

By this time I was getting desperate. "Then you shall have it," I said. "If you'll help me with just one more yarn I'll give you just whatever you think it's worth. I'll give you a note of hand and twelve monthly instalments, delivered in plain motors in twenty-four hours, or any other terms you like to make. I can't go back on my promise now."

"Sorry, can't be did. You've feathered yer nest, you must lay in it."

So that was that.

During the past two weeks I've tackled Bloggs again and again. I've coaxed, threatened and offered bribes, but all in vain. He elects to remain pig-headed and obstinate.

So here I am, on the 22nd of the month, up to my back teeth in work, with reams of virgin-white paper in front of me, and a note from the Editor clamouring to make-up on the 26th. Bloggs is chuckling gently to himself and challenging me to extricate myself from my horrible dilemma.

What is to be done?

If I can't produce my page, the Editor will lose all the faith he ever had in me and will close his hospitable doors to me for ever. Bloggs will proudly cackle to the world of my helplessness without him. I shall never again be able to face my dear, long-suffering public. I shall be forced to retire into the obscure warehouse of some out-of-income furniture dealer and content myself in writing his advertising playlets for him, clad only in the sackcloth of his imitation Chippendale and with the dust of louse-eaten oak upon my head. Finally, I shall be strangled by disappointed customers and expire in agony, and Bloggs will follow my poor remains to the crematorium and start the fire with my own manuscripts. Thrice cursed is he who is conscientious and who maketh a rash promise! Would that I had never created Marine Harris J. Bloggs! Then could he never have risen up like an over-endowed Robot to strike me down in the hour of my adversity.

Yet, need this ghastly dream come true?

Let me analyse my position. I promised to fill a page; but was there any stipulation how I should fill it?

If I repeated the alphabet two hundred and seventy-three times to fill that page, or wrote out, "I must not spell colliflower with a K" two hundred times, as one might have done at school, should I be fulfilling my contract?

No, this page was to be about Bloggs.

Very well then.

If I wrote, "I must not spell Bloggs with a Z" the same number of times, would that meet the case?

Most decidedly.

But I can do better than that. I can produce a page for the Editor which will certainly be about Bloggs. It will show him up for what he really is.

I'll do it. I'll send this in just as it is, written for myself, to relieve my feelings; and nothing Bloggs may spread about me can then reach you before my hard, printed facts.

My hide was once likened to that of a rhinoctopede. To show you how thick it really is I'll tell you, strictly between ourselves, that I'm even going to take the precaution of sending this direct to the printer, and showing it to the Editor afterwards. Once the money has been spent on printing it, his thrifty soul will never let him drop it into the editorial W.P.B. I'm a devil when I'm roused.

I'm sorry for you, my ill-treated readers, but it can't be helped.

I heard the Editor say that he had some of the worst stories in the world in his pigeon-holes. He may think so. Wait till he sees this!

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I've just shown the proofs of this to Bloggs. In the foulest language he admitted himself defeated, but swore vengeance.

I shall never again make a promise. I shall never again write about Bloggs, if he has his way.

I wonder!

ECHOES FROM THE PAST.

True Copy of Order in Council creating the First Regiment of Marines
CALLED

"THE DUKE OF YORK & ALBANY'S MARITIME REGIMENT OF FOOT."

Extract from Privy Council Register Vol: 4 Charles II.

At the Court at Whitehall
the 28th of October 1664.
PRESENT
The King's most Excellent Matie
His Royall Highnesse ye Duke of Yorke Earle of Middleton

Lord Chancellor	Lord Bpp of London
Lord Treasurer	Lord Ashley
Duke of Albemarle	Mr Vice Chamberlain
Duke of Ormond	Mr Secretary Morice
Lord Chamberlain	Mr Secretary Bennet
Earle of Anglesey	Mr Chancellor of ye Dutchy
Earle of Lauderdaill	Sr Edward Nicholas

Upon a Report from the Lords the Comttee for the Affayres of his Mats Navy Royall & Admiralty of this Kingdome this day read at the Board; His Matie was pleased to Order and direct (amongst other thinges) That twelve hundred Land Souldjers be forthwith raysed, to be in readiness, to be distributed into his Mats Fleets prepared for Sea Service Wch said twelve hundred Men are to be putt into one Regiment, Under One Colonell, One Leiutenant Colonell & One Serjeant Maior, And to be devided into Six Companies, Each Company to consist of Two hundred Souldjers; And to have One Captain, One Leiutenant, One Ensigne, One Drume, Fowre Serjeants, & Fowre Corporalls, and all the Souldjers aforesaid to be Armed with good Firelocks; all wch Armes, Drums & Colours are forthwith to be prepared and furnished out of his Maties Stoares; The care of all which is recomended to the Duke of Albemarle his Grace, Lord Generall of his Mats Forces.

EXTRACT FROM A REGIMENTAL ORDER, AUGUST 3, 1778.

"If any Serjeant or Serjeants quit his or their Post (without proper Leave) before the Company is regularly discharged, or are guilty of any Misbehaviour, or shall break their Ranks on their March, or fire their Piece, or fire, fling, or throw, any Squib, Cracker, or other Fire-works (without an Order from the proper Officer so to do), such Person, so offending, shall entirely forfeit and lose all Advantages he may be entitled to for that Day's Duty."

YEOMEN OF THE GUARD
AS BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS.

We are indebted to Colonel Field for the following note:—It is considered that those in possesson of his work might like to add it as a footnote to Vol. I, page 6. "When Henry VIII. fitted out a British Fleet (probably in 1513), he appointed the Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard to command the 'Sovereign,' and gave him '60 of the tallest of the Guard.'* This ship carried the same complement as the 'Henri Grace à Dieu' that year—400 soldiers, 260 sailors, 40 gunners. It is interesting to know that the Yeomen of the Guard once had a Detachment serving as Marines."

* "Hist. of the King's Body Guard." By Sir Regd. Hennell (1904).

OBITUARY.

General Sir Francis Thomas, K.C.B., R.M.

The death occurred on the 25th June, at his residence, 14, New Road, Rochester, of Sir Francis Henry Thomas, reputed to be the oldest officer of the Corps. He was in his 94th year.

Sir Francis was born on May 10th, 1832, and was a member of a distinguished family, his father being Captain J. W. Thomas, Royal Marines.

He obtained his commission in 1849, being posted to the Chatham Division.

He served in the Crimea in 1854–5, fighting with distinction at Eupatoria, Balaclava and Kinburn. For his services at the last-mentioned battle he was mentioned in despatches and received the Crimea Medal with clasp, 5th class Medjidie and Turkish Medal.

He commanded the Plymouth Division in 1885, and was promoted General in 1889.

Retiring in 1897 he made his home in Rochester, where he resided up to the time of his death.

General Frederick Baldwin, R.M.

The death of General Baldwin took place at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, on the 1st July.

He received his first commission in January, 1864, sailing for the Far East in H.M.S. "Rodney" three years later. Here he saw considerable service, being landed for the attack on villages near Swatow, for which action he was mentioned in despatches.

The following year he was again landed for the occupation of the City of Yang Chow.

In 1869 he was present at the taking of Sang Sung, Po Ting, and Ou Ting Poi, all near Swatow, being again mentioned in despatches.

His next campaign was the Egyptian War of 1882, when serving in H.M.S. "Euryalus." He was landed in command of the Royal Marines at the occupation of Suez, being mentioned in Admiral Hewett's despatches.

During the Soudan campaign of 1883–4 he was landed in command of the Royal Marines of the squadron at Suakim. He was present at the battle of Tamai, being mentioned in despatches, and his name brought to the notice of the G.O.C. for gallant conduct.

He commanded the Plymouth Division in 1900, being promoted Major-General in 1902, and subsequently Lieut.-General and General. He retired in 1910.

He was in possession of Medjidie, 4th class, the Egyptian Medal, with Suakim and Tamai Clasps, and the Bronze Star.

Lieut. Edwin H. Roost, R.M. (retd.).

Lieut. Roost was promoted from the ranks in 1918, and was sent to a shore battery at Scapa the same year.

He was placed on the retired list in 1919, but was recalled for special service during the coal strike of 1921.

He relinquished his appointment in the Special Reserve in 1924. He died on the 27th May, 1925.

He was in possession of the L.S. and G.C. Medal, 1914–15 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

Lieut.-Colonel Wilfred Noel Edmund Smith, R.M.

Colonel Smith was born in 1864, and joined the Corps as Lieutenant in 1886 (the rank of 2nd Lieutenant was then dormant), being posted to the Portsmouth Division.

He was placed on the Retired List on account of age in 1912, but was recalled for service in August, 1914. During the Great War he saw service afloat in H.M.S. "Laurentic" (Armed Merchant Cruiser) and was in charge of prisoners of war from the Kameruns.

Previous active service included the guarding of the Puerto Cortez Railway in Honduras, during a revolution in 1911, and also being present in Hayti while similar trouble was being experienced.

During his service in the West Indies in the "Melpomene" (the "All Marine" ship) he was attached to the Staff of General Dalrymple Hay.

He was in possession of the 1914–15 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

He died on the 9th May.

MARRIAGES.

PUCKLE—GRAY.—On June 20th at Stubbings Church, Maidenhead Thicket, Captain K. Puckle, Royal Marines, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bridge Puckle, to Enid, younger daughter of the late James W. Gray and Mrs. Gray, of Paddock Cottage, Maidenhead Thicket.

REES—KEELING.—On 25th June at Westminster Cathedral, Major Harold Frank Pemberton Rees, Royal Marines (retired), to Jane Mary Keeling, eldest daughter of the late Mr. William Keeling and Mrs. Keeling, of Brook House, Donabate, Co. Dublin.

DEATHS.

BROOKE.—On 9th July, at Ganarew, Monmouth, Gertrude, the wife of Colonel C. L. Brooke, C.B. (late R.M.A.).

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th June, 1925.

BARRETT.—Mne. T. Barrett, R.M.A., 27.4.25 (9897).
BARTLETT.—Staff Sergt., W. H. Bartlett, R.M.A., 20.6.25 (7).
BIRKLEY.—Mne. W. Birkley, Chat., 19.6.25 (5127).
BRICE.—Sergt. G. Brice, Ports., 19.6.25 (21).
CLAPP.—Mne. J. Clapp, Chat., 22.6.25 (3372).
COLE.—Q.M.S. J. E. Cole, Ports., 12.6.25 (2123).
HELLIER.—Mne. A. E. Hellier, R.M.A., 8. 6. 25 (4441).
HINKLEY.—Mne. W. Hinkley, R.M.A., 12.6.25 (1625).
JOHNSTON.—Mne. J. Johnston, Chat., 25.6.25 (520).
KELCHER.—Mne. J. Kelcher, R.M.A., 1.6.25 (2 Co.).
KING.—Mne. J. King, R.M.A., 14.4.25 (408).
LAMACRAFT.—Mne. J. Lamacraft, Ply., 4.6.25 (A Co.)
PARSLEY.—Cpl. J. Parsley, Ply., 15.6.25 (15 Co.).
PEARCE.—Mne. F. E. Pearce, Chat., 17.2.25 (11073).
VINER.—Mne. T. Viner, R.M.A., 8.6.25 (1173).
SNELL.—Sergt. J. W. Snell, Ply., 24.6.25 (322).
SPOONER.—Mne. J. Spooner, Chat., 13.6.25 (89 Co.).
WRIGHT.—Mne. J. Wright, Ports., 4.6.25 (1927).

U.S. MARINE CORPS COLOURS.

Gold and scarlet are designated as the official colours of the Marine Corps by orders just issued by the Major-General Commandant. In deciding on colours, historical reasons were the guiding consideration, as, during the early periods, they appeared on the uniforms of officers and men, and since have been used most consistently. All guidons, banners, athletic ribbons, pennants, and other articles ordinarily designed to represent the Marine Corps will be made accordingly. Articles in Marine Corps colours carried by post exchanges will conform to the designated colours, the gold approximating as nearly as possible that in the regulation non-commission officers' chevrons.—(From the *U.S.A. and N. Register*, 2nd May, 1925.)

THIS MONTH'S TRUE STORY.

During the coal strike a Reservist put in for his release to be allowed to work at his allotment.

The Drafting Officer made a few enquiries, and received the report that no trace could be found of the allotment referred to.

He interviewed the man, who remarked with a look of childlike innocence: "Well, that's a pity; someone must have pushed it off my window-sill."



CORRADINO. MALTA.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT, OLYMPIA.

TEAM RESULTS.

Tug-of-War, 130 Stone.

R.M. Championships.—Winners—Po. Div., R.M.

Inter-Services Championships.—Winners—Po. Div., R.M. Runners-up—Royal Engineers.

S.M. C. Ellis (Coach). Cpls. Docherty, Clowes, Crowther, Mnes. Rogers, Payne, Elsey, Plumley, Chisham, Allen, George. Reserves—Mnes. Cumberbatch, Clack, Matthews.

Tug-of-War, 110 Stone.

R.M. Championships.—Winners—Po. Div., R.M.

Inter-Services Championships.—Winners—Royal Engineers. Runners-up—Po. Div., R.M.

Sergt. W. Darters (Coach). Cpl. Gordon, Mnes. Docherty, Newman, Lawley, Batt, Moore, A. Smith, Anglin, Lovering, Day. Reserves—Mnes. Bishop, Hunt.

Bayonet Combat.

R.M. Championships.—Winners—Po. Div., R.M.

Inter-Services Championships.—Winners—Po. Div., R.M. Runners-up—Royal Navy.

Capt. R. Bagot (Leader), Lieut.-Colonel G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., Proby. 2nd Lieut. T. Walker, Q.M.S.I. F. Peasnell (Trainer), Sergts. A. G. Miller, F. Richardson, Cpls. E. G. Smith, A. Facer, Mnes. J. Penfold, Duncan, Yates, R. Curtis, Kerman, Warwick, Hamilton, Muir, Ebbsworth, Mann, Ralph, Corbyn. Reserves—Mnes. H. Watson and Jarvis.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS.

Epée v. Epée.

R.M. Championships.—Winner—Cpl. Clarke. 2nd, Q.M.S.I. Peasnell. 3rd, Cpl. Jerred.

Foil v. Foil.

R.M. Championships.—Winner—Cpl. Clarke. 2nd, Cpl. Jerred. 3rd, S.M. Board.

Sabre v. Sabre.

R.M. Championships.—Winner—Q.M.S.I. Peasnell 2nd, Cpl. Jerred. 3rd, Cpl. Clarke.

Bayonet Combat.

R.M. Championships.—Winner—Mne. Duncan. 2nd., Sergt. Spanton. 3rd, Q.M.S.I. Peasnell.

Inter-Services Championships.—Winner—Sergt. Spanton. 2nd, P.O. Hawkins, R.N. 3rd, Mne. Duncan.

"Cadets" Bayonets.

2nd, Proby. 2nd Lieut. Walker.

INTER-PORT FIELD GUN COMPETITION.

Results.

Winners of Port Cup.—R.M., Portsmouth (two crews), 21 points.

Crew with best aggregate points.—Pembroke "A," 12 points.

Crew with best time.—Royal Marines (A), 2 mins. 49 secs.

	Total Points (Max.) 14	Total Points (Port) (Max 28).	Average time for allowed Runs.	Average time (Port)
Portsmouth.				
"Victory" ...	10	21	3m. $17\frac{4}{5}$s.	3m. 12s.
"Excellent" ...	11		3m. $6\frac{1}{5}$s.	
Royal Marines.				
R.M. (A) ...	10	20	2m. $54\frac{2}{5}$s.	3m. $0\frac{2}{5}$s.
R.M. (B) ...	10		3m. $6\frac{1}{5}$s.	
Plymouth.				
"Vivid" (A) ...	8	16	3m. $14\frac{1}{5}$s.	3m. $17\frac{4}{5}$s.
"Vivid" (B) ...	8		3m. $21\frac{2}{5}$s.	

CHATHAM.

"Pembroke" (A)	12	16	3m. $3\frac{1}{5}$s.	3m. $25\frac{3}{5}$s.
"Pembroke" (B)	4		3m. $48\frac{1}{5}$s.	

Runs were disallowed on nine occasions, when crews score no points. The R.M. teams failed to win on this account, "A" team scoring no points on two occasions.

RESULTS OF FIELD GUN COMPETITION RUNS AT OLYMPIA, 1925.

	Victory	Excellent	Pembroke "A"	Pembroke "B"	Vivid "A"	Vivid "B"	R. Marines "A"	R. Marines "B"	Total Points
"Victory"	–	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	10
"Excellent" ...	2	–	1	2	0	2	2	2	11
"Pembroke" (A) ...	2	2	–	2	2	1	1	2	12
"Pembroke" (B) ...	0	1	0	–	1	1	0	1	4
"Vivid" (A) ...	2	0	1	2	–	2	0	1	8
"Vivid" (B) ...	1	0	2	2	1	–	1	1	8
Royal Marines (A) ...	2	0	2	2	0	2	–	2	10
Royal Marines (B) ...	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	–	10

ROYAL MARINES FIELD GUN'S CREWS, 1925.

"A" Crew	"B" Crew
Po/Sergt. F. A. Weeks (Trainer)	Po/Q.M.S.I. Longhurst (Trainer)
Po/Sergt. C. W. Perry. ...	Po/Sergt. C. E. Bennett
Po/Mne. E. C. Butcher	Po/Cpl. F. W. Hatch
" C. E. Picken	Po/Mne. W. Perkins
" P. W. Powell	" S. E. Storr
" G. M. Robins	" E. P. Layzell
" R. T. Stapleton	" A. C. Tinsey
" W. Rose	" E. Woolmer
" L. J. Durbin	" A. E. Tuck
" V. W. Allett	" H. W. Longman
" C. L. Ide	" R. C. E. Smith
" H. Brooks	" T. Charlton
" E. P. Ham	" A. W. Quin
" C. A. Pierson	Ply/Cpl. W. A. Jeffery
Ply/Mne. James Stewart	Ply/Mne. T. H. Pearson
" W. A. Calvert	" A. Rowe
" E. F. Neal	" J. Adams
" H. Coleman	Ch/Mne. W. E. Harper
Ch/Mne. Henry Leaning	" A. T. Hopkins
" T. H. Hayes	Po/Mne. E. W. Mullins
" G. H. Starling	Ch/Cpl. W. A. Sewell
Po/Mne. W. C. Drodge	Ply/Mne. W. E. Lee
Po/Cpl. Henry Norris	" C. N. Harvey

Po/Sergt. A. E. Andrews (Armourer Sergt.)
Ch/Mne. F. A. French (Carpenter)

CHATHAM.

CHATHAM NAVAL OFFICERS' GENERAL SPORTS FUND.

At a general meeting of officers held at the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham, it was decided to institute this fund. The object of the fund is, briefly, as follows: By the payment of a monthly subscription of 4s. 6d. an officer will become eligible to take part in practically all forms of Service sport in the Port, excepting golf, without a further subscription to the several clubs concerned. The payment of an additional 6d., by the officer himself, will entitle all members of his family to obtain the same privileges. The inauguration of this fund is welcomed, as it is felt that it will benefit considerably all officers, and particularly those who may be resident in the port for only a short period.

July 11th saw the end of the Open Tennis Tournament at the Garrison Gardens. A week of practically undisturbed fine weather encouraged the presence of spectators, who enjoyed some very fine tennis.

The Chatham Company R.M. Cadet Corps have again won the "First Reserve" Challenge Trophy. Sergt. A. Parfitt is to be congratulated on winning the "First Reserve" Challenge Cup for the highest individual score. This trophy has now been held by the Chatham Company continuously since 1920. Chatham was second in the Schomberg Cup Competition, which was won by the Depôt, Deal, Company.

SPORTS NEWS.

The Port Athletic Championships were held on the 17th June, preliminary heats having been held on the previous day. The R.N.C. Greenwich walked away with all the team events and with the majority of the individual events as well.

Cpl. Jerred won the Long Jump with a jump of 19 ft., and was second in the 120 yds. Hurdles. Mne. Walker, from Shotley, won the weight with a putt of 32 ft. 2 in. Cpl. Cossey was third in the 440 yds.

PORTSMOUTH.

RESULT OF SCHOMBERG CUP SHOOTING COMPETITION FOR 1925.

1st.—R.M. Cadet Corps, Depôt, Deal, 200 yds., 140; 500 yds., 140; aggregate total, 280. Holders, 1924.

2nd.—R.M. Cadet Corps, Chatham Divn., 200 yds., 129; 500 yds., 133; aggregate total, 262.

3rd.—R.M. Cadet Corps, Plymouth Divn., 200 yds., 117; 500 yds., 103; aggregate total, 220.

4th.—R.M. Cadet Corps, Portsmouth Divn., 200 yds., 108; 500 yds., 95; aggregate total, 203.

This competition took place on 25th June, 1925.

WATER POLO.

We have commenced the season very well, and, with a fair share of luck, hope to continue to do so. The Division I team are undefeated, having played 4, won 3, and drawn 1, the results being:—

v. R.N. Barracks, won, 5—0.
v. H.M.S. "Vernon," won, 6—1.
v. Portsmouth S.C., won, 2—0.
v. Borough Police, drew, 1—1.

The Division II team have suffered one defeat, their results being:—

v. R.N. Barracks, won, 5—1.
v. R.A.F. Gosport, won, 9—0.
v. H.M.S. "Fisgard," won, 10—0.
v. H.M.S. "Vernon," won, 3—1.
v. H.M.S. "Excellent," lost, 4—3.

BAYONETS.

The Bayonet combat team, trained by Q.M.S.I. Peasnell, won the inter-Services championships, meeting the R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, in the final, whom they beat 11—7. Last year they were knocked out in the final by the 1st Battalion Scots Guards and were looking forward to their revenge, but the latter team were beaten in the Army Championship, and so failed to qualify for the inter-Services.

The team fought well as a whole, but special mention must be made of the following:—2nd Lieut. T. K. Walker, Cpl. E. Smith, Mnes. Muir, Mann, Ebsworth and Corbyn, who, considering it was their first year of bayonet fighting, should eventually be amongst the best in the Corps.

Sergt. Spanton must be congratulated on winning the individual bayonets, losing no fights in the final pool.

The following were the results of the Portsmouth Athletic Championship, which took place on the 24th June:—

440 yards.—Winner, Lce.-Cpl. Dacombe.

One Mile.—Winner, Mne. Pavey.

One Mile Relay Race.—2nd, Royal Marines, Portsmouth.

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

We have not played very many games since our last notes, owing to the Mead Cup Competition intervening, but we have been fairly successful in those we have played.

On 22nd June, at Mount Wise, we entertained the Somerset Light Infantry, and had our revenge for the previous meeting, winning by 67 runs. Scores:—Royal Marines, 174 (Capt. Cornish, 48); S.L.I., 107.

On 23rd June, at Cremyll, *v.* St. Budeaux Camp, we again avenged our defeat in the first game, chiefly through the splendid bowling of Sergt. Cartwright, who took 7 wickets for 21 runs. The scores were: R.M., 90 (Mne. Wilkins, 27); St. Budeaux Camp, 66.

On 25th June we played the Naval Barracks at Keyham in a return League game. The Barracks evidently intended to reverse the decision we gained over them in our former encounter, and they fielded their strongest eleven. A good game ensued and the Naval Barracks emerged winners by 62 runs, scoring 155 against 93 (Mne. Snow, 37).

June 29th was the occasion of a "local Derby" in the nature of Royal Marines *v.* R.N. Barracks, at Mount Wise.

We found ourselves up against a very strong team but went in with the "do or die" feeling, although, unfortunately, that feeling did not stand us in good stead at the commencement of the game, and we lost two good wickets before a run appeared on the board However, a stand by Capt. Farmer and Mne. Wilkins brightened matters, and some hard hitting by Capt. Cornish, 41, and Lieut. Westall, 47, took our score to 157 before the last wicket fell. The Navy replied with 158 for 4 wickets, 2 of which Mne. Wilkins took for 15 runs.

On 2nd July we played "Defiance" in a Navy League game at Trevol, and an exciting game was won by the Royal Marines by 2 runs. Scores:—Royal Marines, 90 (Mne. Kirkby, 38); "Defiance," 88 (Mne. Henwood, 6 for 11).

On 9th July *v.* "Woolwich" at Cremyll. Won by the Royal Marines by 7 runs. Scores:—Royal Marines, 39; "Woolwich," 32 (Sergt. Cartwright, 7 for 7).

We are now second in the Navy League, having played 9, won 7, and lost 2, the Royal Naval Barracks being top with one more win to their credit.

On the 6th and 7th July, *v.* Deal. Plymouth won by 28 runs. Plymouth: 1st innings, 99 (Major Coode, 26; Lt. Smith, 28; Major Hickson, 21); 2nd innings, 123 (Major Hickson, 47; Rev. Peshall, 29). Deal: 1st innings, 78 (Col. Shine, 30); 2nd innings, 115 (Col. Shine, 44).

On the 10th and 11th July, *v.* Portsmouth. Plymouth won by 54 runs. Plymouth: 1st innings, 321 (Major Coode, 46; Capt. Reading, 70; Capt. Farmer, 61; Mne. Wilkins, 39; Capt. Cornish, 38); 2nd innings, 145 (Mne. Wilkins, 23). Portsmouth: 1st innings, 202 (Major Brookes, 52; Capt. Simpson, 49; Capt. Bagot, 36); 2nd innings, 210 (Major Brookes, 77; Mne. Hillier, 46; Capt. Bagot, not out, 30).

SAILING.

June 17th. R.M. Whaler, 2nd (Capt. G. H. Stephens).
,, 24th. R.M. Whaler, 4th (Capt. G. H. Stephens).
,, 25th. R.M. Whaler, 1st (Mne. Sergeant).
,, 25th. R.M. Cutter, 2nd (Sergt. Soden).
July 2nd. R.M. Cutter, 1st (Capt. C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C.).
,, 9th. R.M. Cutter, 1st (Capt. C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C.).
,, 9th. R.M. Whaler, 4th (Capt. G. H. Stephens).
,, 10th. R.M. Cutter, 1st (Sergt. Soden).
,, 10th. R.M. Whaler, 2nd (Mne. Sergeant).

For the service boat races held 15th June under the flag of the Royal South-Western Yacht Club at Plymouth there were ten entries. The results were: 1, 30ft. sloop cutter (R.M. Barracks), Capt. Sergeant; 2, 27ft. whaler ("Thunderer"), Cadet Gardiner; 3, 25ft. whaler (K.H.M., Plymouth), Commander Dibben.

ATHLETICS.

Mne. Price, of Plymouth Division, won the three-mile local Army *v.* Navy race. He represented Devonport in the inter-port meeting, in which he obtained second place. He has been selected to represent the Navy *versus* the Army on the 15th of July.

CADET CORPS.

A Challenge Cup for inter-section competition has been presented to the Cadets by N.C.O.s and men of the Division through funds of the Recreation Room. The cup will be known as "The Plymouth Cup," and will no doubt do much to stimulate keen interest among the rising generation.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CRICKET.

The following Table shows results of matches played during the months by the 1st team :—

17th June. *v.* R.A.S.C., won by 52 runs. (Major Jolly, 99 ; Musn. Spuffard, 4 for 25).

20th June *v.* Portsmouth Trinidad, won by 28 runs. (Bandmaster Dennis, 21 ; Musn. Spuffard, 4 for 19).

27th June *v.* Royal Engineers, won by 88 runs (Musn. Ford, 36 ; Bandmaster Dennis, 3 for 9).

8th July *v.* Borough Police, won by 6 runs (Musn. Spuffard, 33 ; Musn. Spuffard, 5 for 37).

11th July *v.* Signal School, lost by 1 run (Bandmaster Robertson, 17 ; Bandmaster Robertson, 4 for 32).

On the 1st July an interesting match was arranged and played between the Officers and Staff *v.* the Band Boys, and the Band Boys were the " proud victors," winning by 28 runs. At the conclusion of the match the Boys were entertained to tea by the Officers.

The matches in connection with the " Franklin Memorial Shield " are still in process, and, in spite of the very limited numbers at present serving at the School, are providing some keen competition.

ROYAL MARINES CORPS ASSOCIATION.

BALANCE SHEET FOR FIFTEEN MONTHS, ENDING MAY 31ST, 1925.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance brought forward—		
Bank	57 12 7	
Petty Cash	2 11 5	
		60 4 0
Donations—		
Chatham Division		37 10 0
Portsmouth ,, ...		37 10 0
Plymouth ,, ...		2 5 0
Depôt		30 0 0
Officers' Subs.		26 6 0
Interest on Deposit Account		3 1 11
		£196 16 11

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Hon. Secretary's Expenses		62 10 0
Salaries, Postage, Stationery, etc., as Petty Cash Book		19 10 1
Balance—		
Bank	110 15 6	
Petty Cash	4 1 4	
		114 16 10
		£196 16 11

VALUE OF FUND.

	£ s. d.
On Deposit	150 0 0
Balance as above	114 16 10
	£264 16 10

A. R. H. HUTCHISON, Major-General,
Hon. Treasurer, R.M.C.A.

Audited and found correct
R. D. ORMSBY, Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel,
2.6.25. R.M.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FROM 15TH DECEMBER, 1920 TO 14TH JUNE, 1925.

(For Colonel Field's *History* in 2 Vols.)

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14th June, 1925.

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Note by the Author.—I much regret to find that I was in error in stating that the Detachment of Royal Marines which formed part of the Naval Brigade under Admiral Rawson, which went up country to Benin City, was under the command of Captain Byrne, R.M.L.I. The actual C.O. of the Royal Marines was Major T. de M. Roche, R.M.L.I., the Senior Officer of Marines on board the flagship, who, for his services upon this occasion, received the rank of Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, the D.S.O., and the Ashanti Medal with the Benin Clasp.



CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS AND AWARDS.

General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., appointed Hon. Col.-Commandant, Chatham Division, *vice* Adair, 21st June, 1925.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have approved of Major W. Connolly, R.M. (retd.) being granted a Greenwich Hospital Pension of £65 per annum in the vacancy created by the death of Lieut.-Col. H. Bourchier, R.M. (retd.), 21st May, 1925.

Approval has been given for the award of a revolver to Prob. 2nd Lieut. Gerald W. Ross, R.M., consequent on his having obtained the highest number of marks in his batch during their probationary courses of instruction.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major B. Trench placed on the Seconded List on appt. as S.O.(I.), Bermuda.

Major A. I. Millar, Supy. List, R.M. (W.T.) to "President," addl. for W.T. duties on Staff of A.C.R. and for W.T. duties at shore W.T. and D.F. stations, *vice* Gillespie, 12.8.25.

Major E. Gillespie, D.S.O., supy. List, R.M. (W.T.) to "Egmont" for staff of R.A., Malta, as Port W.T. Officer and for charge of shore W.T. stations, *vice* Harrison.

Capt. E. Brockman apptd. Adjutant (tempy.) Chatham Division *vice* Weir for period 12.7.25 to 31.3.26 inclusive.

Capt. Fothergill, Supy. List (W.T.) to Cleethorpes W.T. station, *vice* Millar, 29.7.25.

Capt. H. R. Lambert, D.S.C., apptd. to Depôt, Deal, for duty *vice* Bashall.

An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between the undermentioned officers :—

Lieut. P. Smith Hill from Portsmouth to Chatham.

Lieut. F. Pym from Chatham to Portsmouth.

The appts. of Captain and Bt. Major G. Seath, D.S.O., and R. Glunicke as S.O.(I.), Gibraltar, and Shanghai respectively, have been extended for one year.

The appt. of Captain E. Weston at Plans Division, Admiralty, has been extended to 30th April, 1926.

Capt. A. Reading apptd. Adjutant, Chatham (tempy.) *vice* Brockman.

Sergt. Major (W.O.) E. C. Jarvis apptd. Parade Sergt. Major, Portsmouth, *vice* Ellis, 27.7.25.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major B. Trench to "Calcutta" for duty as Staff Officer (I.), Bermuda, *vice* Wright.

Capt. J. Tuppen has been selected as the officer in charge of detachment of "Diomede," whilst that ship is lent for service under the New Zealand Government.

Capt. and Bt. Major R. A. Brooks, D.S.O., apptd. to "Royal Sovereign," *vice* Grover.

Capt. E. Brockman to "Effingham," *vice* Lieut. Grey, 6.8.25.

Lieut. P. Burgess to "Constance" on re-commissioning.

Lieut. B. Reiss-Smith to "Caradoc," *vice* Pym.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to attend the course for officers before promotion to Major which commences at the S.A.S. Browndown on 21st July, and terminates 21st August, 1925.

Capts. D. Broadwood, C. Parsons, and C. Sergeant, D.S.C., and Lieuts. H. Blandford and R. Hill.

Lieut. C. Power has been selected to attend the Regimental Instructor's Course which commences at the Experimental Station, Porton, on 27th July and terminates 15th August, 1925.

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

The undermentioned officers passed in the subject and sub-heads stated at the examination held at home stations in April, 1925 :—

Subject (d).—Capts. A. M. Craig, O.B.E., R.M., J. G. Johnstone, R.M., J. E. Leech-Porter, R.M., (Bt.-Major) H. M. Franks, R.M.

Subject (d), subhead (d) (i) Part I.—Capt. M. H. W. Webb-Bowen, R.M. (This officer has already passed in other subheads of Subject (d).

Subject (d), subhead (d) (v).—Capt. F. W. Dewhurst, R.M. (This officer has already passed in other subheads of Subject (d).

Subject (d), subhead (d) (i), Parts I and II (iii), (iv) and (v).—Capt. L. C. Hollis, R.M. (This officer has yet to pass in Subject (d), subhead (d) (ii), before being qualified in that subject for promotion.)

Subject (d), subhead (d) (i), Part II (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v).—Capt. G. F. Haszard, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.M. (Secd.). (This officer has yet to pass in Subject (d), subhead (d) (i), Part I, before being qualified in that subject for promotion.)

Subject (b).—Lieut. G. W. Beazley, R.M.

Subject (b), subhead (b) (i), Parts I and II (iii) and (iv).—Lieut. C. L. Edwards, R.M. (This officer has yet to pass in Subject (b), subhead (b) (ii), before being qualified in that subject for promotion.)

The undermentioned officers passed in the subject stated, at an examination held at Malta in March, 1925 :—

Subject (a).—Lieuts. R. F. Cornwall, R.M., Ralph Garrett, R.M.

EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR ADJUTANT.

Capt. Frederick W. Dewhurst passed for the appointment, of Adjutant at the examination held at Deal on 22nd June, 1925, in a "Creditable" manner.

Dated 22nd June, 1925.

RETIREMENT.

Capt. H. Whale is removed from List of Special Reserve of Officers, R.M., having been awarded a disability pension, 7.11.24.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Q.M.S.—Clr.-Sergt. J. W. Pawley.

To be Clr.-Sergts.—Sergt. D. G. Morritt ("Pembroke"), Sergt. F. B. Reeland (Depot, R.M.).

To be Sergts.—Cpls. A. V. Quarrington ("Benbow"), A. T. Craddock ("Danae"), L. W. A. Draper (Headquarters), F. C. Howse ("Flora").

To be Corporals.—Mnes. C. H. H. Wallis ("Royal Oak"), T. C. Fletcher ("Marlborough"), J. W. Lovell ("Dunedin"), W. G. Pollard ("Eagle"), C. J. H. Cossey (H.M.T.E., Shotley) C. E. Brown ("Colombo"), A. E. H. Hitchcock ("Marlborough"), S. Brooksbank ("Repulse"), L. B. Band ("Calliope"), H. C. Smith (Headquarters).

APPOINTMENTS.

Motor Drivers.—Mnes. J. W. Culloden, L. K. Kelly.

Divisional Games Storeman.—Mne. S. H. Fuller.

Divisional Butcher (nominated).—Mne. J. Maroney.

Attendant to Lieut. Moxham.—Mne. G. H. Tull.

P. and R.T. Staff.—Sergt. H. Marsh, Cpl. G. E. Hayman.

School Orderly.—Mne. T. F. Briers.

Cook, Sergeants' Mess (appointment confirmed).—Mne. W. E. Smith.

Provost Sergt.—Clr.-Sergt. F. H. Wyld.

Dispenser.—Cpl. H. Hillsdon.

Clerks (Commandant's Office).—Clr.-Sergt. E. J. Pordage (nominated), and Cpl. W. H. Mair.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Sergt. S. G. Groves, Clr.-Sergt. John Gorrill. "**Ark Royal,**" Mne. F. L. A. Clifton. "**Blenheim,**" Cpl. Reg. Wilson. "**Ceres,**" Sergts. R. M. Johnson, T. S. Gormley, Cpls. G. F. Cumberland, J. Tilsley, A. P. Evans, Bugler F. N. Barden, Mnes. John Young, D. C. Gray, S. G. Thompson, P. C. Ingold, Fdk. Arnold, R. P. Rogers, F. S. Haines, E. E. Nobbs, J. F. F. Arnold, R. P. Rogers, F. S. Haines, E. E. Nobbs, J. F. Bettles, Sd. Hawkings, C. F. Trounce, A. Hubbard, A. G. Hayward, E. R. Tucker, W. C. Spence, A. E. Marriott, R. F. C. Nunn, J. A. Waller, L. E. Gunn, C. G. W. Young, R. A. Butler, Wm. Cain, F. Hammond, T. Rice, A. E. Chapman, A. J. Bray. "**Cyclops,**" Mne. J. A. Gill. "**Cleopatra,**" Mnes. W. A. S. Blackmore, Ernest Tombleson. "**Hecla,**" Cpl. J. H. Dunn. "**Hermes,**" Clr.-Sergt. Frank Beeston, Sergts. H. Laughton, E. Philpott, Cpls. A. J Jones, W H. Wheatley, J. C. Cobb, T. A. Grant, C. W. Lidster, A. E. S. Howlett, Bugler A. J. Blackburn, Mnes. Thos. French, S. G. Dubery, L. L. Brazier, A. W. Clarke, F. H. Drake, A. S. Atherfold, G. T. Baker, R. W. Nixon, B. F. Aston, J. A, Salmon, Mark Styles, E. G. Ingle, E. J. Harding, J. A. Burn. G. H. Cross, D. C. Inman, C. W. Lee, F. H. Simmonds, F. G Brooks, Cyril Birley, A. J. Coleman, Geo. Patching, A W Strong, H. C. New, John McRae, H. J. Roberts, Robert Perry, E. Streatfield, W. C. Grinsell, W. S. Bushell, W. E. Lloyd, J. C. Milham, L. E. Attwood, E. W. Akhurst, J. H. Beaney, W. J. Mundy, R. A. Benjamin, H. J. Lister, Edward Walsh, W. J. Bunce, P. F. Berry, F. G. Cook, H. J. Hill, S. S. Heath, E. A. Pearson, E. R. Hills, J. C. Roosky, W. H. A. Scully, Harold Easterbrook, Wm. Bishop, Jas. Watson, J. H. Turner, Harry Lloyd, W. S. Graver, G. A. Elmer, J. R. Francis, A. E. Wilson, J. D. J. Green, Fredk. Bradley, S. J. Watts. "**Pembroke,**" Cpl. F. Baker, Mne. Herbert Jones, Sergt. A. E. Stuart, Cpl. Horace Andrews. "**Royal Sovereign,**" Sergt. Daniel Elvin, Mnes. Hy. Boxall, R. L. Angell, G. C. Cooper, Wm. Turner, S. C. Carey, J. W. Atkins, Jack Waller, C. H. A. Guttridge, B. G. Footman, H. S. Clout. "**Royal Oak,**" Mnes. W. H. Martin, H. A. Raeburn, E. H. Morris, Jas. Watson, E. W. Beaton. **Shotley T.E.,** Mnes. W. Hopkins, C. E. Humphrey, Cpl. A. T. Welsh, Mnes. Geo. Goodenough, G. H. Scott. "**Vindictive,**" Sergt. H. J. Chowne. "**Vulcan,**" Cpl. Fredk. Wall.

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PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Corporal.—Mnes. W. C. Ransley, Norris Artis, V. E. Perkins, Albert Rosier.

AWARDS.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal to Mne. F. G. Greenwood.

APPOINTMENTS.

Steward, Sergeants' Mess.—Sergt. H. P. Everett.

Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mne. H. Walker.

Clerk under Training.—Mne. J. H. Cripps.

Attendant, Recreation Room.—Mne. G. H. Sherratt.

M.O.A. to Lieut. R. P. O'Donnel.—Mne. S. G. Prince-Cox.

Groom to Lieut.-Col. Houghton.—Mne. Bertie Caines.

Waiters, Sergeants' Mess.—Mnes. W. H. Pendleton and P. J. Luce.

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From Portsmouth to Plymouth.—Mne. P. A. Ridout.

From Deal to Portsmouth.—99th Squad.

From Plymouth to Portsmouth.—Mne. Harry Ward, "Emperor of India."

To the Royal Navy as R.P.O.'s.—Cpls. W. C. Goodall, P. J. Hunter, S. F. Webb, W. G. Miller, John Balmain.

EMBARKATIONS.

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PLYMOUTH.

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DISEMBARKATIONS.

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EMBARKATIONS.

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DISEMBARKATION.

"**Birmingham,**" Band-Corporal Joseph Hatcher.

DISCHARGES.

Band-Corporal Wm. Sharman and Musn. Edward Averly to Pension. Musn. H. H. Frisby, invalided. Musn. Harry Ramsey.

ADVANCEMENT.

Band Boy C. T. Rowe advanced to Musn.

EXAMINATIONS.

The examination of the 5th Students' Class for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class will be held at the School on the 11th, 12th and 13th of August.

APPOINTMENTS.

Band Corporal T. H. Lawrence as Mechanician and Storeman *vice* Cpl. Allen, Musn. A. W. Smith as Barber, *vice* Musn. Averly to Pension. Musn. Tom Dawson as Mechanician and Storeman (Assist.) *vice* Musn. Cleeton.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates appearing on the respective promotion Rosters :—

Bandmaster 2nd Class.—F. T. Rose, S. H. Rendell, T. A. Murray, P. E. Barnacle, Herbert Wright, J. E. Burnett.

Band-Corporals.—A. F. Bartlett, P. Johnson, Sidney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler.

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Sergt. V. J. Ledger, late of Portsmouth Division and now belonging to Plymouth Division (at present serving in H.M.S. "Cairo"), would be glad to hear of a Portsmouth sergeant, rating G.I., willing to change Divisions with him.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

General C. G. Suther, who heads the list of General Officers of our Corps, celebrated his 86th birthday on the 1st ult. He entered the Royal Marine Artillery on the 26th October, 1855, and retired from the Corps in 1904.

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Encouraged by the ready response to our request that photographs might be sent to illustrate stories and articles in the magazine section, we now venture a step further. We should like our correspondents, especially those at sea, to send us a few snapshots, illustrating events which they so ably describe with their pens. For example—the description of a musketry camp in Ceylon, or a sports meeting at Malta.

The "G. and L." is not merely a temporary chronicle of passing events. It is also a permanent record of the doings of our Corps. With the passing of the years all things change—conditions of service, customs, weapons, sports, foreign stations, uniform—all these things and many more have their day; and just as one generation merges imperceptibly into another so does life in our service pass imperceptibly from one stage to the next. The change is often so gradual that we are inclined to think a permanent pictorial record of passing events is not worth the trouble and expense, but we feel that future generations will be glad to look through bound copies of our Journal, and the illustrations above referred to will help to give a true atmosphere of contemporary history which the most nimble pen will fail to produce.

We sometimes receive letters suggesting that more space should be given to technical subjects than is at present done in this Journal.

All suggestions are welcomed, and are given careful consideration; there is, however, a limit beyond which we may not pass. If the subscription is to remain the same we cannot increase the size of the "G. and L." The only section of the paper which can be cut down to provide space for these technical subjects is that part at present devoted to light reading, and, for want of a better name, termed "Magazine."

We are reluctant to reduce this section as so many of our readers appear to enjoy it.

Another reason against this proposed innovation is that we wish to avoid controversial subjects, and we feel that we should soon find ourselves IN hot water and OUT of our depth.

To those readers who are in favour of this introduction of technical matter we commend the study of that very excellent little Journal, "The Marine Corps Gazette."

As all our readers know, the corresponding paper to the "G. and L." in the U.S. Marine Corps is the "Leatherneck." The "M.C. Gazette" is quite a different type of Journal, being devoted wholly to technical subjects. An extract from the contents bill of the current (quarterly) number is as follows:—

"*The Marine at Sea. Training of N.C.O.s. Tactical Training for Small Stations. Retirement of Commissioned Personnel. The Fall (Autumn) Exercises of* 1924. *Professional Notes.*"

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This paper is produced by the Marine Corps Association, and is well worth reading. Our point is that this collection of really interesting articles is kept quite separate from their Corps Journal; and we do not propose to attempt a combination in the pages of the "G. and L."

When a ship is about to pay off, long-established custom of the Service ordains that the commanding officer shall make a speech, during the course of which he passes in review the chief events of the commission; and he also pays a tribute to those of his staff and to certain members of the ship's company who have contributed towards the well-being, happiness and good name of the ship under his command.

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I cannot do better than to follow this example on the occasion of the paying off of the good ship "Globe and Laurel" after her three years' commission at Chatham.

The Journal is in a very sound financial condition. The circulation has increased in a manner which not only gives satisfaction to all concerned with its production in the past, but which carries with it the prospect of a bright future in the hands of its new C.O.—Major Forster, D.S.O.—after recommissioning at Portsmouth next month.

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As I have said in another part of Editorial Notes—written before I knew that the change was to come about so soon—our Journal is not only a vehicle for passing on Corps news, but it is also a permanent work by means of which future generations may be helped to realise the lives of their predecessors with a more vivid atmosphere than that conveyed by the dry-as-dust official records. Through its agency many true stories of bygone days have seen the light—interesting reminders of stirring times which otherwise would have been lost to us for ever. Stirring times are yet to come, but they will be of a different nature to the spacious days which have gone before.

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And just as the best of commissions must have its ups and downs, its trials and its pleasures, its disappointments and its triumphs, its hopes and its fears, so, too, has the "G. and L." had its share of these phases during its three years at Chatham.

Since the Journal is written not for the benefit of the staff but for its readers and all those who have the interest of the Royal Marines at heart, I feel that any expressions of thanks towards those who have contributed towards its production will be endorsed by those who have had any pleasure or amusement from the perusal of its pages.

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First I must thank my predecessor, Lt.-Col. Orde, for his organisation and scheme of local correspondents, which has done so much to relieve me of anxiety as to copy, and which has enabled the paper to be produced on its present lines. To the many correspondents, both regular and (alas, sometimes) irregular, my thanks are also due.

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It would certainly be invidious to mention any particular correspondent where all have done their best; but I cannot help mentioning "the Bos'n," who has written so much for me, and who has modestly cloaked the personality of a mighty hunter under his unassuming *nom de plume*.

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As for my voluntary staff, with whom I have been associated for nine months, and who for so long have given freely of their spare time, they have my sincere thanks. Lieut. Burt, the treasurer, has had a difficult and complicated honorary job, which he has carried out without a hitch. The advertisement manager, Clr.-Sgt. Bowler, has so organised his business that the funds are in the happy position mentioned above, and the Paper has been enlarged and improved in a manner which otherwise would have been quite impossible. Few people realise the difficulties of the secretaryship which Mne. Hulett has so ably carried out. To him falls the distribution of the "G. and L." to an ever-changing population scattered over the four quarters of the globe. Last, but not least, my special thanks are due to my unofficial and anonymous assistant editor, who has cheerfully given up an immense amount of time to the drudgery of editorial work—the rewriting, the verification of names and dates, the sorting, cutting, pasting, pinning and a host of duties without which no paper can be produced.

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So much, then, for the past. For the future, with Major Forster on the bridge, we have no fears; and the best of luck in the new commission is the sincere wish of the present

EDITOR.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

"R.A.O.C. Gazette," "Faugh-a-Ballagh," "The Green 'Un," "Highland Light Infantry Chronicle," "London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "The Leatherneck," "Marine Corps Gazette," "The Sapper," "The Wire," "The Snapper," "The Marine Base Weekly," "The Tank Corps Journal," "St. George's Gazette," "The Gunner," "The R.A.S.C. Journal," "Hampshire Regimental Journal," "Journal of the Honourable Artillery Company."

PER MARE



POLLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC.

"Ramillies."

Having now completed the cruise, the ship rests in dock, whilst undergoing a short refit.

The regatta being a memory of the past (not a bright memory for us, we fear), we think also of those more fortunate people who are the proud possessors of the "Chanticleer," and congratulate them in putting up such a splendid show. May we say, in passing, that, observing the keen and sporting spirit of the ship's company, our failure is just a tonic, knowing our boats are not of the best. Hence, the knowledge we have gained by the regatta will be applied to our advantage next year. Having spoken of the vanquished, we will now speak of a victorious event. We had great pleasure in accepting a challenge from the Royal Marine Police stationed at Crombie to a cricket match. This was played on the 30th July, and resulted in a win for our side by eleven runs. The close score shows that there is an amount of truth in the saying "Old soldiers never die." The R.M.P. very kindly provided tea, and a happy evening was spent in their company.

The ship's company's dance proved a great success on the last night of July, everyone having apparently discovered how to jazz. We will welcome the end of the docking period, and after embarking ammunition hope to go south.

"Calliope."

The long "trained for" regatta took place at Torbay, and the only race open to the "Royals"—cutters, two miles—was won by "Cleopatra's" Detachment, who put up a fine pull and are to be heartily congratulated.

The Corps was represented in the veteran officers' race by Major Bamford, who pulled a pair of sculls in the "Curacoa's" crew.

RESERVE FLEET.

"Centurion."

Considerable interest has been aroused by the annual course of musketry just completed at Tipnor Ranges.

In previous years the Detachments have gone through in twos and threes weekly at Browndown, but this year it was resolved to make two parties of it, each comprising half the Detachments of "Centurion" and "Dido." The result was a great success. Favoured by ideal shooting weather, and a good grass range, with no shingle to "assist" in the rundown, several individual records were made. Cpl. P. Couzens ("Dido"), after having an 8-in. group, went on to score 191, beating his record of the previous year at Browndown by 19 points. Cpl. Pottle ("Dido") was second with 179 points.

Competition was keen between the two ships. The crack shots on either side set the pace, and the 1st and 2nd class shots fought local battles with their friends—the enemy—from the other ship. This attitude was exemplified by Mne. Frank Bell, a small 20-stoner, whose run down the range during the hottest part of the day was worth going miles to see. A score of 30 under the circumstances was distinctly a feather in his cap.

The final averages worked out as follows:—

H.M.S. "Centurion," 25 men, average 139·8
H.M.S. "Dido," 26 ,, ,, 135·5 ,,

Winners of R.M.R.A. Medals, H.M.S. "Centurion."

Best shot in Detachment, Mne. W. H. Freemantle, 175 points.

Best shot for Subscribers' Medal, Mne. F. A. Porter, 166 points.

Our Lewis Gun Course will be fired later in the year, and we are hoping to arrange a novel shooting competition, with rifles, whilst it is going on—one which will give the dud shots as good a chance as the marksmen. The prize, a R.M.R.A. medal, has been provided by a whip round of a 1/- per man, all subscribing. This will make the third medal to be shot for by the Detachment this year.

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Frobisher."

During the summer cruise of the Mediterranean Fleet, the 1st C.S., consisting of the "Frobisher," "Dragon," "Danae" and "Delhi," arrived at Villefranche shortly before 14th July, France's national fête day.

The Area Commander (General Breton) invited the co-operation of the seamen and Royal Marines of the 1st C.S. at a review held at Nice on the 14th July. This offer was cordially accepted, and a company of seamen and a platoon of Royal Marines from the Squadron, and the R.M. Band from "Frobisher," were landed. Both the seamen and Royal Marines were selected from all ships of the 1st C.S., the Royal Marines being under the command of Lieut. F. R. Richardson.

The review was held in a broad and well-shaded street called the Boulevard Victor Hugo. The details landed from the 1st C.S. were drawn up in line, facing the grand stand, where all the leading naval, military and civil officials were seated.

Punctually at 9 a.m. General Breton arrived, and immediately proceeded to inspect the seamen company, and, after that, the Detachment of Royal Marines. While this inspection was taking place, Admiral Waistell inspected a company of Alpins Chasseurs—one of the

crack regiments of the French Army, and which, curiously enough, has for a regimental badge the bugle—dear to the hearts of many of us.

The inspection was followed by a march past, led by the seamen and Royal Marines of the 1st C.S., who, to judge by the applause and by the local newspapers, made a great impression on the spectators.

After the review the men were entertained to lunch by the local civic authorities at the Café de Paris. They were welcomed by the Assistant Mayor, who said, very expressively, in French, "Well, here we are. I'm certain that you must all be very hungry and thirsty. Go to it"—and they did.

A very excellent lunch was followed by a speech from the Assistant Mayor; in his speech he paid some very great compliments to our men, and his remarks had that ring of sincerity about them which is not always to be found at similar functions.

In conclusion, one can unhesitatingly say that a combined ceremony carried out in the same manner as the one at Nice is of very great value in cementing the Entente Cordiale. All ranks who took part in the review will, undoubtedly, retain proud memories of that day, and will treasure the great compliment paid to us by our foremost ally on her national fête day.

Ghain Tuffieha.

SMALL ARM WEAPON TRAINING.

The season 1924–25 was completed on 31st July.

Total numbers exercised:—

Table "R," 940. Table "L," 115. Total, 1055.

"Revolver": Officers, 23; Other Ranks, 109. Total, 132.

Averages.—"Rifle," 132; Mks., 399; 1st Class, 346; 2nd Class, 269; 3rd Class, 41. Total, 1055.

Averages.—"L.A.," 168·6; 1st Class, 68; 2nd Class, 39; Unqualified, 8. Total, 115. (Parts 1 and 2 only).

Averages.—"Revolver," 107·3; Mks., 5; 1st Class, 33; 2nd Class, 70; Fd., 24. Total, 132.

Best scores.—"Rifle": Po/21284 Mne. R. W. Meadon, "Valiant," 192 (station record).

Best scores.—"L.A.": Po/20882, Mne. E. E. Tolfree, "Malaya," 234.

Best scores.—"Revolver": Capt. T. H. Jameson, "Malaya," 151 (station record).

The following was overheard at Ghain Tuffieha:—

The occasion was a cricket match, when, being short-handed, a Marine accompanying the team was being pressed to take over the duties of umpire.

"Umpire," he says, "what do I know about umpire? You can be out leg before, or leg behind, for all I know."

"That's all right," said another Marine, "wait till lunch time and I will tell you all about it."

"Oh, no you won't," he replied; "when I sit down to lunch I want stuffed chicken, not stuffed cricket."

"Delhi."

We have just returned to Malta after our short summer cruise, during which we have enjoyed ourselves immensely. After the forty-eight hours' general leave on our return from Cyprus, to which place we had conveyed King Hussein of the Hedjaz from Akaba, we rejoined our cruiser squadron at San Remo, where we were given a grand reception. Streets were decorated and shops dressed, cinema shows and dances given free, and finally a regatta was held in honour of the squadron. "Delhi" won Sultan Mohamed IV. Cup for racing gigs by five or six boat lengths. Our next port visited was Villefranche, and during our stay there "Republican Day" was celebrated. The Royal Marines of the Squadron landed and marched past in a highly creditable manner. We have two racing boats in strict training, and if we may judge by the results of various races they have taken part in they will be found no mean opponents on the day of the regatta, which will be held at Argostoli on the 10th and 11th August. The ship's polo* team has one representative of our Detachment amongst its players, Mne. Hartwill, who, up to the present, has been found to be a formidable back to attacking forwards.

(* Are we to understand that Mne. Hartwill is a dashing Horse Marine or do you refer to water-polo?—ED.)

AFRICA.

"Birmingham."

The South African Squadron assembled at Durban for the arrival of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales. A R.M. Platoon, formed from the Detachments of "Birmingham" and "Lowestoft" under the command of Lieut. R. V. Walton, R.M., took part in lining the streets and in a subsequent march past of the Naval Battalion in column of platoons.

The appearance and drill of the Platoon were excellent, and many congratulations were received on its behalf.

At a regatta held by the Durban Rowing Club during our stay, the "Birmingham's" Marines whaler ran second in the service whalers' race, for which there were many entries.

"Birmingham" and "Lowestoft" are now cruising Portuguese East African ports, and are due back at Durban on the 2nd, and at Simonstown on the 13th July.

CHINA.

"Tamar."

Owing to the fact that since last month affairs in China have gone steadily from bad to worse, the fleet is being increased, and is very much scattered. We understand that H.M. ships "Hermes" and "Cairo" are now under orders to join the fleet at Hong Kong. "Concord" (with Lieut. Bullock, R.M.) arrived on July 12th from Australia, to take the place of "Diomede," which sailed with Capt. Newman, R.M., for England on July 20th. "Concord" reports having had a great time with the Australian fleet, and were very sorry when they had to leave. Everything at Hong Kong is at a complete standstill. The Hong Kong volunteers are mobilised, and are doing noble work guarding British property and interests. We carried out a big demonstration march through Victoria. The following took part:—R.N. Detachments from H.M. ships "Brisbane," "Titania" and "Foxglove"; R.M. Detachments from H.M. ships "Tamar" and "Titania"; the 1st Battalion East

Surrey Regiment, and the Hong Kong Volunteers. The march was carried out on an exceptionally hot day at 5.30 p.m., and although we started out looking spick and span, we arrived back at the end of two hours as if we had all been " in the ditch."

It is a disappointment that the R.M.s of " Tamar " and perhaps " Foxglove " were not sent to guard the Shameen at Canton as is usual. We are afraid that now the Army have done it they will always have the job, and we shall be left here to carry out working-parties in the Dockyard, etc. However, if the trouble continues we shall eventually be used as soldiers, so we keep smiling and hope for the best. Capt. Mercer (" Despatch ") reports that " Carlisle," " Diomede " and " Despatch " landed parties on the 6th of July at Shanghai, the whole forming one Battalion under Capt. Barret, R.N., of " Diomede."

The R.M.s of " Diomede " occupied the New World buildings, and the R.M.s of " Despatch " took over Hunt's Wharf, Ningpo Wharf and the New Engineering Works. We hear they were exceedingly well looked after by the local inhabitants, and were lent gramophones, punch-balls, mosquito-nets, etc. They will always remember the kindness shown to them. The R.M.s of " Despatch " were ashore for about a week when they suddenly received orders to rejoin their ship immediately, and proceed to Hangkow. Here they found the R.M.s of " Hawkins," with Col. Cantrell, who is now commanding the defence forces of Hangkow. At present all is quiet, but trouble is expected in that quarter.

DETACHED SERVICE.

THE ROYAL TOUR (*continued*).

By L.S.W.

" Repulse."

On Tuesday, June 9th, 400 of our officers and men were entertained at a smoking concert by " The Sons of England Patriotic and Benevolent Society " at the City Hall in Cape Town.

This Society consists of 12,000 British subjects in South Africa and their splendid work is well known out here, especially amongst ex-Service men, whom it helps by subscription to the tune of £6,000 per annum.

Special trains were provided for this large party and those present will not soon forget the very enjoyable and amusing evening they spent.

In fact, to sum up briefly, the refreshments were excellent, the programme first class, the speeches to the point and the cheering spontaneous and genuine. Several artistes from a neighbouring music hall contributed some most amusing items from their repertoire.

There were two toasts—The Royal Navy and The Empire—to which our Commander and Chief respectively replied in fitting terms—a suitable finish to a very pleasant evening.

Yesterday, at an " At Home " on board, our patent " ticker " registered 383 guests, including the Governor-General and Princess Alice.

We sadly missed the Deal Band which is still away touring, but a special jazz band from Capetown nobly filled the gap and made the dancing on the quarter-deck a very popular item.

22nd June.—Out on the high seas once more on our way from Simonstown to Port Elizabeth, where we shall stay for four days.

As a result of the last ten days there are a few items of sport to be recorded ; our football team returned from an interesting tour on the 18th, having drawn their match against Pretoria and beaten the Transvaal XI by one goal to nil. They brought back with them a small silver cup as a memento of their tour ; it was presented by a generous and enthusiastic gentleman who was particularly struck by their sporting spirit and the clean game they played.

The ship's rifle team defeated a team from Rondebosch last Saturday by 12 points when receiving a handicap of 10 points per man to allow for the difference between service rifles and the match rifles used by the local club. This match was decided on the Naval range at Simonstown where, during the forenoon of the same day, having completed the Weapon Training Course, our Detachment and Band competed amongst themselves for the R.M.R.A. Local Medals. The silver medal was won by A/Cpl. Hipkiss with a very good score of 96 for an ordinary " straight shoot " at 200, 500 and 600 yards, and the two bronze medals went to Clr.-Sergt. Fitzgerald and Mne. Chandler, who each scored 86 ; Mne. Chandler is attached to the Depot Band so that the allocation of the medals is all the more satisfactory.

As a change from football and rifle-shooting, we put up a team of eight boxers against the local talent at Capetown the other night and emerged victorious in five of the contests.

Port Elizabeth, 23rd June.—This being the Prince of Wales' birthday, the usual telegram was sent to Johannesburg and the inevitable gracious reply received.

We arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning after a moderately good passage, the ship " moving a bit " for the first time since we left England, except when we rolled seven degrees each way at anchor in Table Bay.

A very full programme has been arranged and, as a start, 50 officers and men left this evening for Cradock, a farming centre some 12 hours' train journey away—they return on Thursday. Meanwhile, those left behind will be entertained to dances, concerts, games and the like.

It was a great disappointment to the inhabitants of Port Elizabeth when the Special Service Squadron passed them by in the early days of 1924, and we are to be the fortunate recipients of their pent-up hospitality—and they certainly seem very determined to give us a good time.

Port Elizabeth strikes one at once as a town of the modern type—in fact, it was founded but a century ago—with wide streets, good shops, electric trams and excellent roads. A very substantial breakwater is slowly thrusting itself out to form eventually a fine harbour which will protect the shipping from the treacherous south-easterly gales.

At Sea, 27th June.—Our four days at Port Elizabeth were, as at other places, fully occupied with various forms of entertainment and sport. Shore hospitality

was returned by having the ship open to visitors every day, a concert in the Feather Market Hall given by our own concert party, and an " At Home " on board which was attended by over 300 guests.

Port Elizabeth has long had the reputation of being one of the most open roadsteads in the world, and it did not belie this same reputation this morning in the early hours when the ship rolled her scuttles under in the Gun Room Flat and certain unsuspecting officers had a very *mauvais quart d'heure*—rather hard to be washed out with the ship lying at anchor, but, after all, this is the " per mare " part of the programme, isn't it ?

The final tasks of getting the last libertymen on board and hoisting picket-boat and launch were somewhat hazardous in the big swell that was running—in fact, we had to weigh to get a lee for the latter operation—but they were satisfactorily accomplished and we sailed—westward once more—for our next port of call, Saldanha Bay, where, so our walking encyclopedia tells us, there is no sleeping accommodation and nothing for men to do after sunset—we do not believe the latter part of that statement.

Saldanha Bay, 30th June.—Imagine a large landlocked harbour with a small island near the entrance, desolate low-lying country all round, and a small fishing village tucked away in one corner to complete the likeness to Scapa Flow, and you have a rough idea of Saldanha Bay.

Our programme of boat-sailing, boat-pulling, general drill and gunnery exercises fits the place to a nicety—that's about all it's good for, and we are certainly having a change from the constant round of gaiety that we are becoming accustomed to.

A small shooting party did 17 miles foot-slogging to-day, and returned to the ship with a bag of five hares and a few small birds which are supposed to be partridges ; anyway, it might have been worse.

On shore the scene is equally desolate with hardly a tree to be seen, and the only link with civilisation is a railway to Capetown, which is 130 miles away—this journey is accomplished in eight hours by the better train of the two.

To add to the discomforts of a heavy swell and a strong breeze by day, the disquieting and insinuating odour of a whaling station is wafted to our nostrils as we sit at meals.

(*To be continued.*)

AUSTRALIA.

" Concord."

We arrived in Sydney on the 6th June. On the 8th, Concord, a suburb of Sydney, invited a number of officers and men to a dinner which was a great success. The captain extended an open invitation to the citizens of Concord, the visitors arriving on board the following Saturday. After they had looked round the ship, tea was provided on the upper deck, the ship's band playing popular tunes.

While at Sydney invitations have been sent to the ship by various theatres for a limited number of men to attend their performances.

The 16th of June was a full day.

In the afternoon a party from the ship visited the Zoo to receive a wallaby which was being presented to the ship as a mascot.

A social was held by the Devon and Cornwall Association, to which the Lancashire Society and all west-countrymen were invited. The gathering numbered about 200 and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The same evening the officers held their farewell ball, the Q.D. being well decorated.

On the 18th June the Marines lost a soccer match against the University of Sydney by 4 goals to 0. Previous to the match it rained heavily for several hours and the ground was in a very bad state.

On the 20th the ship's company held a farewell dance ashore. The majority of our officers and many other naval and military officers attended. The 250 couples present spent a delightful evening.

The Marines' tug-of-war team beat a team from Concord by 2 pulls to 1. This is the first time they have been beaten for six years.

On Sunday, 21st June, the Commodore paid an unofficial visit to the ship to say good-bye. He congratulated us on the way we had upheld the good name of the R.N. The Captain responded and called for three cheers, which were heartily given.

On the 22nd the Governor-General paid an official visit to the ship and was received by a R.M. Guard of Honour.

We sail on the 23rd June and proceed, *via* Thursday Island and Manilla, to China, arriving at Hong Kong on the 15th July.

Since we first touched Australia we have one and all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Everywhere we have been we have met with great hospitality.

The Miniature Shooting Cup, which was won by the Detachment's rifle team, is now fixed in a prominent position in our barracks.

NEW ZEALAND.

" Philomel."

Apropos my remarks in May's issue, there are to be celebrated two marriages amongst the Royals next month—Mne. H. Mealing (Plymouth), of Bath, on the 1st of July, and Mne. C. Harvey (Chatham), of London, on the 25th.

" Dunedin " left Auckland on the 17th for a cruise amongst the South Sea Islands—a very interesting voyage, indeed. All here are watching very closely events in China. It has recently been decided by the New Zealand Navy advisers to enlist 20 suitable recruits for training as Royal Marines. These will form the nucleus of the N.Z. Royals, and will be the beginning of any recruiting for the Royal Corps out here. I will try to obtain the name of the very first entrant, also the other 19, and forward to you, as perhaps this will be interesting data in years to come. No other British possession has as yet opened up recruiting for Marines, although entries for the Royal Navy in Australia, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand, as every one probably knows, have been going on for several years now.

N.A. AND W.I.

"Capetown."

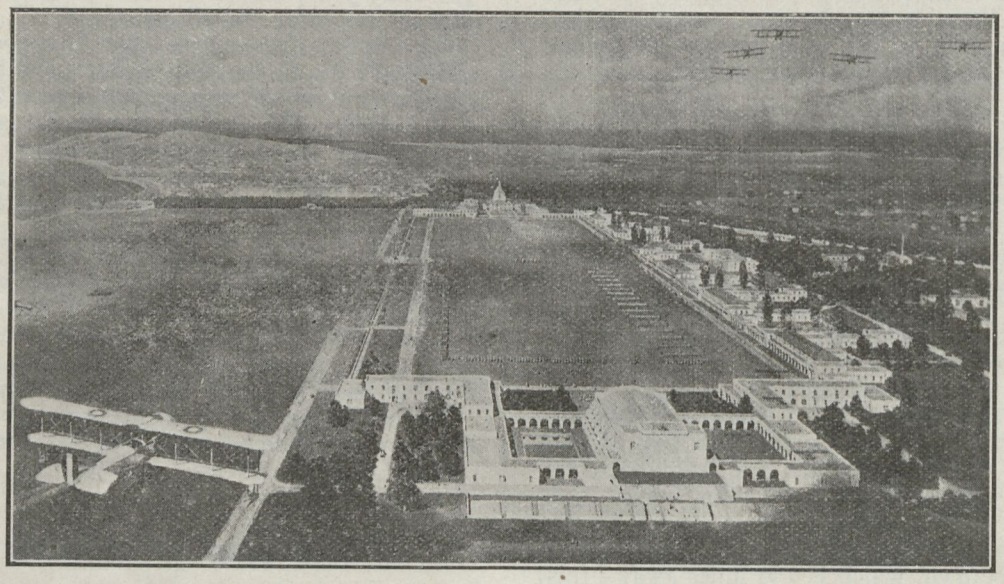
We arrived at San Diego on 23rd June. This beautiful Californian city, on account of its wonderful climate, will shortly rank in the front line of American holiday and health resorts. It is also a naval base for the U.S. Pacific Squadrons and has training establishments for naval and marine ratings. An interesting feature of San Diego is the strength of the British colony—there being upwards of 10,000 Britishers resident there who made us very welcome. Although most of them state that they are not returning to the Old Country, they appear to be intensely loyal, and were delighted to have someone fairly fresh from England to talk to.

Col. J. W. Myers, U.S.M.C., commands U.S. Marine Depot at San Diego, and is proud of the fact that he had a Detachment of British Marines under his command during the China campaign in 1900. He informed us he had the honour of leading some of our Corps in a charge when all other R.M. officers were killed or wounded. He is shown on the R.M. Memorial at Whitehall carrying out this charge. Perhaps some of your readers could supply us with a little information on this subject.

He reminded us with a touch of pride that Col.-Comdt. Halliday won his V.C. in this campaign. He also served with our Corps in South Africa.

A number of our Detachment had an opportunity of visiting the Marine Depot and seeing the conditions under which our U.S. equivalent live and work. This party were met by lorries on landing, and, in the hands of several competent guides, made a thorough tour of the Depot. The Barracks is of comparatively new construction and is self-contained, having its own power station and workshops, etc., and all the latest hygienic and labour-saving devices. The barrack rooms are very commodious and seem almost too large for the 40 men who occupy each. The messing arrangements are very good. Each block has its own galley and mess-room. The galley, where everything down to the "washing-up" is done by machinery, opens direct on to the dining hall. An excellent library, "Post Exchange" (dry canteen), soft drink bar, billiard tables, tennis and ball courts, skittle alleys and a well-equipped gymnasium cater for the recreation side.

The Depot prints its own paper, known as the "Naval Base Weekly," whose offices we visited. We did not see much of the drill side, but they appear to do much the same sort of things as we do—in much the same way. Their recruit is, on the average, ready for service at the end of 14 weeks. The parade ground is so large that a huge megaphone is fixed up to ensure any squads tucked away in a far corner catching up the "stand-easy boat." Eventually part of this parade ground is being diverted to the use of the Marine Aviation Section.



MARINE BASE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, as it will be when completed.

An excellent lunch concluded a very interesting visit.

On the 26th we left for Christmas Island, apparently just in time to miss the earthquakes which have recently swept Southern California.

July 7th.—We arrived Christmas Island.

July 9th.—Arrived Fanning Island, and on

July 11th.—We left for Honolulu.



ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

CHATHAM.

The one drawback in the past to the otherwise magnificent ground on which the principal hockey, cricket and football matches are played has been its exposure to the prevailing south-westerly winds. A high fence extending for some 80 yards in rear of the pavilion has now been erected. The benefit of this scheme is much appreciated by both players and spectators.

Training for football has already started, and practice games commenced during the latter part of August.

The Royal Marines entered for two events in the Sheerness Regatta, and gained first place in both—the Harbour Stakes (open four-oared gigs), in which our boat was ably coxed by Sergt. T. C. Franks; and the race for service sailing whalers, which was easily won by our representative, steered by Lieut. Caffyn.

PORTSMOUTH.

SERVICES FETE.

PORTSMOUTH UNITED SERVICES AND LOCAL CHARITIES FÊTE AND TATTOO.

The Division was well represented in both fête and tattoo. The fête, which was held in Southsea Castle grounds, was, despite the weather, an enormous success both from the amusement and financial point of view. The following "side shows" were run in the Castle grounds by members of the Division :—

Swing the Blade.
Fish Tank.
Garage the Motor Car.
Steeplechase.
Cat's Ladder.
Gunlayers' Contest (3 pdr.).
Coconut Shies.
Ava Go (Overhead Rly.).
Bunty Pulls the Strings.
Shooting Gallery, S.A.
Hoop-La.

These were run under the able supervision of Q.M.S. Woodhouse, D.C.M., who was directly responsible for the amusement side of the Division's efforts for the charities.

The total amount paid in at present is approximately £700 by Royal Marine side-shows alone.

The tattoo side of the fête was catered for as follows :

Marines, 1600 period—Sergt. Lawrence.
Marines, 1700 period—Sergt. Tuttiett.
Royal Marines, 1925 period—Q.M.S.I. Hatcher, D.S.M.

The Marines of 1600–1700 period went through the ceremony of changing guard and posting sentries, as carried out in that period, and in their old-time uniform and ancient arms and arm-drill were very picturesque and effective. Great credit should be given to Sergts. Lawrence and Tuttiett for the time spent in making their part of our effort a success, and they were well repaid by the appreciation shown by the audiences at each show.

The modern squad, which consisted of 50 recruits lately from R.M. Depot, Deal (1st Squad, Sergt. Harrold) were also very good. Their smartness and precision of drill was greatly appreciated. Q.M.S.I. Hatcher is to be congratulated on turning out such a finished production. The late red tunics contrasted well with the yellow and red uniforms of 1600 and 1700, and many were glad of the opportunity to see them worn once more on parade.

It would be interesting to note that £10,000 was taken in the first week of the show.

The organisation from the R.M. side was entirely in the hands of Major Forster, D.S.O., and Captain and Adjutant Brooke-Short. It is owing to their interest and advice that the Division can say that we have done our bit towards making the fête and tattoo the success it was.

(We congratulate the Portsmouth Division on the success which attended their splendid efforts to assist in the above-mentioned fête. It is much regretted that space does not allow of a more lengthy description of their part in the proceedings, and that our printers consider the copies of photos received not suitable for reproduction.—ED.)

WARRANT OFFICERS' RE-UNION.

Past and present Warrant Officers of the Portsmouth Division who have been, or still are, members of the Eastney or Forton W.O.s' Messes, held their first re-union dinner on Saturday, the 25th July last, and spent a thoroughly convivial and congenial evening. The party, numbering 35, mustered at the Central Hotel, Portsmouth, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. H. Horne, Commissioned R.M. Gnr., and an excellent repast was partaken of. Afterwards the party adjourned to the Warrant Officers' Mess at Eastney Barracks, where the remainder of the evening was devoted to music, cards, and chatting over old times, principally the latter. The function proved most enjoyable, and concluded all too soon for every one of the company.

A misunderstanding is believed to exist among certain ex-W.O.s, R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., who did not receive invitations, but this being a first attempt, it was decided to invite only those who had been a member of a Warrant Officers' Mess. It may be possible, however, to extend this function in future to include all who have been W.O.s, Class I.

The menu for the dinner may be interesting to those who were unable to attend, and may help them to decide whether to make an effort to come to the next one.

MENU.

Hors d'Œuvres Variés.

Thick Tomato Soup. Clear Mock Turtle.

Salmon Mayonnaise.

Lamb Cutlets and Tomatoes.

Roast Aylesbury Duck. Green Peas.
New Potatoes. Game Chips.

Vanilla Cream Ice. Fruit Salad and Cream.

Devilled Sardines.

Biscuits, Cheese, Cress.

Dessert, Coffee.

Wines: Amontillado Sherry, Chablis, Beaune, Cockburn Port.

PLYMOUTH.

The remains of the late Q.M.S. G. J. Curthoys, R.M., were escorted to Millbay Station on Saturday, 25th July, with full military honours. The cortége left the R.N. Hospital, headed by the funeral escort and band, the body being borne on a gun carriage drawn by ranks undergoing gunnery instruction. On arrival at the station the body was removed by the bearers (Q.M.S.s Crawley, Eastaway, Twist, Cross, Mills and Beynon), and carried to the platform, where it was entrained for Pilning, near Bristol. The "Last Post," sounded on the platform, concluded a most impressive ceremony.

The officers present included Captain E. Jukes Hughes, O.B.E. (Instructor of Gunnery), Capt. and Adjt. N. K. Jolley, Capt. C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C., Lieut. H. Lumley (Asst. I. of G.), and the officers, N.O.C.s and men of E Company. In addition a large number of the members of the Sergeants' Mess attended.

The interment took place in the churchyard at Pilning on the following Monday, and eight representatives of the Sergeants' Mess attended and carried the body to the grave. In addition to the family wreaths, floral tributes were sent by the Colonel-Commandant and officers, Major H. Ravenshaw, Captain E. Jukes Hughes, O.B.E., the Warrant Officers, the Sergeants' Mess, the Junior N.C.O.s' Club (of which deceased was President), the Gunnery Staff, the N.C.O.s and men of E Company, and the R.M. Detachment, "Resolution."

The inspection of the Plymouth Division by the Hon. Colonel Commandant, General Sir Charles Trotman, K.C.B., took place on 24th July, the anniversary of the capture of Gibraltar.

The Regimental Colour was trooped, O.C. Parade being Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Lampen, Adjutant-Capt. N. K. Jolley, Officer for the Colour Lieut. R. A. Edmondson.

The salute was taken by General Trotman, who, after the parade was over, went down to the drill-shed and congratulated all ranks on their display of drill and steadiness on parade, which was well up to the best traditions of the Corps.

The parade was witnessed by many hundreds of spectators, including Major-General Sir Edward Northey, G.C.M.G., C.B., commanding the South Western Area, and Rear-Admiral L. C. S. Woollcombe, C.B., M.V.O. It was also made the occasion for a gathering of the past and present members of the Corps, among the oldest being Mr. Williams, who fought in the Crimean, and Mr. Ward, who joined the Plymouth Division in 1853. The officers afterwards entertained General Trotman, the retired officers, and their wives, in the Mess, those present including General, Mrs. and Miss Eagles, Mrs. T. Evans, Col. A. P. Grattan, Col. and Mrs. Garrett, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. W. P. Drury, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. M. Orlebar, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hext, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. T. Jolley, Lt.-Col. A. Hamilton Cox, Mrs. G. Cox, Mrs. Cordner, Major G. C. Wainwright, Capt. and Mrs. T. H. Burton, Capt. and Mrs. G. Allan, Capt. Hurford.

The last occasion on which the Colour was trooped at this Division occurred on the return of the Battalion to Barracks after the King's Birthday Review on 30th June, 1905.

The Junior N.C.O.s played an exciting cricket match at Cremyll in the afternoon, followed by a smoking concert in the evening. An excellent concert was also given in the canteen, at which there was a splendid and appreciative audience. The entertainment arranged by the Sergeants' Mess was cancelled owing to the death of Q.M.S.Instr. of Gunnery G. J. Curthoys.

DEPOT.

R.M. CADET CORPS.

The Depot R.M. Cadet Corps engaged a representative team from the London Schools Cadet Brigade Camp in a miniature rifle competition on Monday last, in the south shooting gallery. The conditions of this competition were 10 rounds slow and 10 rounds rapid on a 1924 Bisley target. The Depot R.M. Cadet Corps won this shoot after a very close and exciting finish by 3 points. Results:—

DEPOT R.M. CADET CORPS.

	Slow.	Rapid.	Ttl.
Cadet C.S.M. Heard	43	47	90
Cadet Hilson	45	41	86
Cadet Shelvey	48	47	95
Cadet Dadd	44	44	88
Cadet McManus	46	46	92
Cadet Flynn	46	47	93
Cadet Holyer	48	48	96
Cadet Bell	48	48	96
		Total	736

Average: 92 points.

LONDON SCHOOLS CADET BRIGADE.

	Slow.	Rapid.	Ttl.
Shooter	46	49	95
Bryan	46	45	91
Williams	50	46	96
Foley	46	44	90
Cleaver	43	47	90
Wakefield	43	46	89
Fieller	45	45	90
Booker	45	47	92
		Total	733

Average: 91·6 points.

The result of this match is very satisfactory, in view of the fact that the Depot R.M. Cadet Corps boys are much younger than their opponents.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.

The annual outing took place on Saturday, July 18th, when a large party of comrades and their families proceeded by char-à-banc to Yalding, Kent. The route taken on the outward journey was *via* Bromley, Chislehurst, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge. A substantial tea awaited us on our arrival at the "Anchor Inn," to which full justice was done. A short programme of sports was afterwards carried out.

After "oiling" a start was made on the return journey, which was by way of the new main road from Maidstone, the Veterans' Club being reached at 10 p.m., where an hour was spent in dancing, to bring an enjoyable day to a close.

On Monday, the 10th inst., a lightning billiards handicap of 10 up was held at the Veterans' Club; in the result the prize (a billiard cue given by Mr. Tom Reece, billiards champion) was won by Comrade C. R. Pope.

CORRESPONDENCE.

27th July, 1925.

Sir,

Enclosed is a short article, which I hope you will think worth publishing in the "Globe and Laurel."

Though I admit its literary merit is small, I think it may stimulate research and produce some interesting correspondence.

Yours faithfully,
GARBE D'OR.

The Editor,
"The Globe and Laurel."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C.T.—Have passed your letter to the Secretary for investigation.

H.L.M.—A pleasant surprise to hear from you. Your stories are a little sad. We trust this is not due to the splendid isolation of your surroundings. We will let "the cat" out of the bag next month; but "the telegram" will probably remain undelivered.

M.B.W.—Have printed your Scotsman story, but do give that poor overworked nation a chance. Can't you realise that amongst the Scotsmen we number some of our closest friends?

A.F.—"Shore marines are now hearing lots of news from the sea; can't you arrange that sea marines can hear more of what is going on at headquarters?" Our arrangements consist in having divisional correspondents. If they do not send us news we can only suppose that there is nothing going on at headquarters, and that they are too conscientious to manufacture items for the "Per Terram" part of the Journal.

DODO.—Sorry; we cannot tell you the real names of the authors of the stories mentioned. If you wish to write to them to express your appreciation (or otherwise) of their efforts we will see that they receive your letters. Otherwise "mum's the word."

H.B.C.—No; we are not offering prizes for a competition on those (or any other) lines. We need all our money ourselves for the production of the paper, and are not giving anything away just at present.

J.M.—Being merely an Editor, and not, as you appear to suppose, your Commanding Officer, the Commandant of your Division, the First Lord of the Admiralty, the First Lord of the Treasury, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer rolled into one, we regret that we are unable to help you.

SHIPPY.—"What do you think of it?" We don't think of it; we try to forget it.

AN INTERESTED READER.—Your parcel was forwarded to our contributor as requested. We received an acknowledgment by return of post, and an urgent request to be allowed to send another contribution. Since then we have been consumed with curiosity as to the contents of your parcel.

ECHOES FROM THE PAST.

The following extract relating to the

CHATHAM CHEST

is taken from *The Annual Register* of 1790:—

"The copy of an inquisition taken at Rochester in the fifteenth year of James the first, before commissioners of charitable uses appointed to enquire into the state of the fund belonging to the chest at Chatham, recites the origin of the payment of the six pence (part of the deduction of one shilling) to the chest at Chatham . . . from thence it appears, that this deduction commenced in the year 1590, and was a voluntary gift and contribution of a certain portion of their respective wages, by the masters, mariners, shipwrights, and seafaring men, then employed in the service, to be a perpetual relief for hurt and maimed mariners, carpenters, and seamen.

"The four pence to the chaplain, and the two pence to the surgeon, which are the remaining parts of the one shilling deduction under the title of the chest, are very ancient. The commissioners of the navy have not been able to trace them to their origin. One shilling was the abatement in the chest column in the year 1685.

"The deduction of six pence under the title of the hospital, is ordered, by the act of the 7th and 8th of William the third, chap. 21st, to be made from the wages of the seamen, and applied for the better support of Greenwich hospital. An order of the board of admiralty, dated 3d September 1696, directs the navy board to carry this act into execution.

"His late majesty king George the second, in consequence of a voluntary agreement of the officers of the navy, by a commission dated the 30th August 1732, directs that the three pence in the pound shall be from that time abated from the personal pay and half pay of officers therein described, for the relief of poor widows of commissioned and warrant officers of the navy, and appoints commissioners for conducting this charity: this commission was carried into execution by an order of the board of admiralty dated 29th September 1732, directed for that purpose to the commissioners of the navy.

"The marine stoppages are directed by an order of the same board, dated 2d September 1756."

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES (AND OTHERS).

Educated Egyptian: "You have no wonderful hieroglyphics in England, no mysterious inscriptions, no undecipherable relics of an ancient literature whose secrets the wise men of the ages have tried in vain to discover."

Tourist (humbly): "No, we haven't any of these things, I admit. "But," brightening up, "we have got our railway time-tables."

And the Egyptian, after glancing at one, bowed his head in shame.

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Minister (who has discovered some boys playing marbles on Sunday): "Dear, dear! Do you know what day this is, my lads?"

Small Boy: "Hi, boys, here's a bloke been out all night and don't know what day it is."

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The following is an old Eastern proverb from the Arabians, the inventors of the early sciences:

He who knows, and knows not that he knows—
Is asleep—awake him.
He who knows not, and knows that he knows not—
Can learn—teach him.
He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not—
Is a fool—shun him.
He who knows, and knows that he knows—
Is wise—follow him unto death.—*The Leatherneck.*

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Traffic regulations in Japan: "At the rise of the hand of a policeman, stop rapidly. Do not pass him by or otherwise disrespect him. Whenever a passenger of the foot hove in sight, tootle the horn trumpet to him melodiously at first. If he still obstacles your passage, tootle him with vigour and express by word of mouth the warning, 'Hi, Hi.' Beware of the wandering horse that he shall not take fright as you pass him. Go soothingly by, or stop by the roadside till he pass away. Give big space to the festive dog that make sport in the roadway. Avoid entanglement of the dog with your wheelspokes. Go soothingly on the greasemud, as there lurk the skid demon. Press the brake of the foot as you roll around the corners, and save the collapse and tie-up."—*The Gargoyle.*

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The steamer was only a few feet from the quay when there was a sudden commotion, and a man came running madly from the dock gates, shouting to the officials to wait a moment. Without pausing in his stride, he flung his bags on the boat, took a desperate leap, and landed on the deck with a crash.

"Good," he gasped, as he was assisted to his feet. "Just did it! A few seconds later, and I should have missed it."

"Missed it!" exclaimed one of the passengers, "this boat is just coming in!"—*Railroad Telegrapher.*

Photographer (taking picture of father and college-boy son): Perhaps it would make a better picture, my boy, if you stood with your hand on your father's shoulder.

Father: It would look more natural if he stood with his hand in my pocket.—*Iowa Frivol.*

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A recruit wearing 14's in boots was enlisted in the Irish Free State Army.

One night he was included in a rounding up party, and when the roll was called afterwards, he was absent.

"Has anyone seen O'Halloran?" said the sergeant.

"Sir," said a voice, "he's gone up to the cross-roads to turn round."—*The Snapper.*

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Cop: "What's your business?"

Prisoner: "I am a locksmith."

Cop: "What were you doing in that gambling house when we raided it?"

Prisoner: "Making a bolt for the door."

—*The Leatherneck.*

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A West Virginian darky, a blacksmith, recently announced a change in his business as follows:

"Notice—De copardnership heretofore resisting between Me and Mose Skinner is hereby resolved. Dem what owe de firm will settle with me, and what de firm owes will settle wid Mose."—*Walkover Press.*

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Down where the trees make a vista,
I saw a young maid and a mista,
By the distance between them,
And because I had seen them,
I knew that the mista had kista.

—*Denver Parrakeet.*

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The closest man on earth is the Scotsman who fired off a revolver outside his house on Christmas Eve, and then came in and reported to his children that Father Christmas had committed suicide.

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To a Presbytery luncheon of Scottish ministers—most of whom were teetotalers—came Old Donald. It was whispered to the host that it would be a kindly act to put a "wee drap" of whisky in Donald's glass of milk.

Donald eyed the milk for a few minutes, and then took a sip; more sips followed. Suddenly Donald said to his host, "Mon! What a coo!"

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"Do you know where little boys go to who bathe on Sunday?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

"Yes," said Jimmy. "It's further up the river; but you can't go—girls ain't allowed."

H.M.S. "DURBAN'S" SOUTHERN CRUISE.

PART III.

(Unavoidably held over from August issue.)

Our next halt was at Port Swettenham. This is the port for Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Federated Malay States, and which is about an hour away by train or car. Swettenham itself is a wretched spot, consisting of a narrow jungle-enclosed harbour, evil-smelling mud, a variety of biting insects and a small village. Klang, a few miles away up the Klang river, is better, and has a cheery little club, at which two dances were given, a very good golf course, tennis courts, footer and cricket grounds. It is a centre for the local rubber planters who come in from miles round for recreation.

However, the writer was on leave in Kuala Lumpur during most of the ship's visit and so did not see very much of the Swettenham end. He was sorry to miss the crocodile shooting up the Klang river, which proved so attractive a feature. This is done at night from a motor-boat carrying a powerful spotlight. The light dazzles the croc. lying up on the mud banks and shows his eyes shining up like two small red stars. All that is then required is a rifle and a steady hand. Several quite big brutes were bagged, the palm, I believe, going to our navigator's wife, Mrs. Stack.

Kuala Lumpur itself was so full of entertainments that they would take an article in themselves to describe. It is a large, though, for a capital, not very imposing town. But what the town lacked in beauty its inhabitants more than made up for in hospitality. Special facilities were given to the men for travelling on the railways, and games were organised each day. The officers were greeted with a typewritten sheet from the secretary of the "Spotted Dog"—otherwise the Selangor Club and one of the most famous in the Far West—showing the name, address, telephone and motor-car numbers of his host for the ensuing week.

We were fortunate(?) in selecting a period during which the Selangor Turf Club was having one of its meetings and so had three very good days' racing; also the town was, in consequence, very full, many of the planters having come in from the neighbouring estates. The Sultan of Perak, an enthusiastic race-horse owner, with his entourage and umbrella carrier, all dressed in beautiful embroidered silk *sarongs*, added an interesting and picturesque note to the racing.

At the boxing exhibition organized by the residents, Mne. Ainsworth secured three cups, beating A.B. Townsend in the middles, A.B. Archer in the light-heavy, and L. Sto. Tranter in the heavy-weights.

The Golf Club attracted many of the officers: it offers a more than usually good course, several excellent tennis courts and an extremely pleasant club house where gin slings, *stengahs* and *pahits* may be obtained with ease and rapidity. I may say, *en passant*, that our knowledge of Malay has steadily improved since we came to the F.M.S., and most of us can count up to at least eight, which is sufficient for most "rounds."

A dance at the Lake Club—only one of many dances, and at most of which our band featured—concluded our visit, and those who had stayed up for the last day got back to the ship *via* a special train an hour or so before sailing for Singapore at crack of dawn.

We stayed at Singapore three weeks. A number of cruisers and sloops, together with a depot ship and submarines, had assembled here from the China, East Indies and Australian stations for the Naval Conference; in consequence the town was very much *en fête* during the whole visit, and life somewhat strenuous. The usual round of games was arranged and provided some excellent matches. The Marine Officers of the combined squadrons met in solemn conclave one night at Raffles Hotel and swapped yarns from home, from the Mediterranean, from India and from China and even, I incline to think, from the imagination as well.

We next sailed for Saigon in Cochin China. Here for a week we tried to forget our Malay and renew our acquaintance with French. Saigon lies some hours' steaming up the Saigon river, and is quite a large town with a considerable French population; of Britishers there are only about a dozen, and of Americans about six. It has a very French appearance and is picturesquely situated. We tied up alongside a pontoon and were received by a large concourse of Europeans, natives and a brass band. No one had time to see very much of the surrounding district since there were so many official functions to be attended, either ashore or on board. The "Huron," flagship of the American Fleet in these waters, arrived a short time after us and we renewed a friendship with them which began at Singapore and has been continued since in Hong Kong.

Although official visits, receptions, dinners and dances occupied most of the visit, time was found for tennis, soccer and rugger at the Cercle Sportif. "Durban" was "At Home" on one afternoon, and about 250 guests came on board. We anticipated some difficulty in entertaining such a large number in a small ship, but it turned out to be one of our more successful shows in the end; the ship looked very well with her bunting-draped awnings and myriads of coloured lights. The "Huron's" officers came to a man and proved to be of considerable assistance in keeping the guests amused. Dancing was the principal item on the programme, though the various side shows attracted a large number of people. The next day the "Huron" gave an excellent dance on board and also entertained several French and British officers to dinner.

We left for Hong Kong *via* Hai How in Hainan. The method of turning ship at Saigon is rather noteworthy. The river was too narrow for us to swing, so we moved a little further up, clear of the town, and ran the ship's nose into the bank until it looked as though we were going right on into the paddy fields beyond, and then sat tight and waited for the tide to push our stern round. We only stayed two days at Hai How, which is an uninteresting spot, apparently entirely inhabited by Chinese and by American missionaries and is about a Sabbath day's journey by motor-boat from the ship's anchorage.

On reaching Hong Kong this concluded what has been a most successful and interesting cruise, of which it has only been possible to give the barest outline. Unfortunately, opportunity has not allowed of any purely Detachment games being played, but the Marines are well represented in the Ship's Company soccer team by Cpl. Heath, A/Cpl. Watson, Mnes. Collins, Uppington, Ewings and Heather, while Mne. Ainsworth, besides being a member of the 2nd XI, is also a valuable member of the ship's rugger XV.

We have now commenced our annual refit, and so must reconcile ourselves to at least two months of Hong Kong's dismal rain and fog; it is still very cold here, and although we are in full "blues" we have not yet got accustomed to the change. The one bright thought is three weeks on the rifle range at Stonecutters.

May I, in conclusion, offer the congratulations of all Royal Marines here to those concerned in the production of the "new" "Globe and Laurel." It has always been welcome on board, but is doubly so now with its decorative cover and its variety of new features.

FINIS.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN MARINES.

OCCASIONS ON WHICH THEY HAVE SERVED TOGETHER.

By Garbe D'Or.

In this short article it is not intended to make any reference to American Colonial troops, who, prior to the War of Independence, served as Marines under the British flag, but to confine our investigations to operations that have taken place since 1775.

In Colonel C. Field's "Britain's Sea Soldiers" I can find only three occasions on which members of the Royal Marines and United States Marine Corps have served together.

The first of these was a peculiar one. Indeed, at first, they could hardly be described as allies, though, as time passed, their relationship developed into one of firm friendship.

The circumstances were as follows. In 1855 the U.S.A. and Canada both claimed the island of San Juan, off Vancouver. A provisional agreement was made, under which the island was to be jointly occupied by a small garrison from each nation.

In 1859, however, General Harning, the Commanding Officer in Washington Territory, largely reinforced the American contingent, and made an unqualified declaration that the island belonged to the United States.

This brought a British squadron on the scene, which, after some negotiations between the two Governments, was withdrawn on the understanding that the joint occupation by small bodies of troops should be continued for the time being. General Harning was removed from his command in 1860, and for the next twelve years Great Britain was represented by a Detachment of Royal Marines, its first commanding officer being Captain Bazalgette. The original Detachment had a strength of two captains, five subalterns and two hundred men.

The British and American Detachments continued on terms of good fellowship until it was decided to have the question of the ownership of the island arbitrated upon by the German Emperor, William I., who, on the 21st October, 1872, decided in favour of the United States. The Royal Marines, then commanded by Captain W. Delacombe, evacuated the island on the 22nd of the following month.

Colonel Field tells us that the British blockhouse was still standing in 1905, and that the sites of both the British and American camps are now marked by marble and granite columns with suitable inscriptions.

The second occasion when the Sea Soldiers of the two nations found themselves working together was of a more exciting nature.

The British fleet had bombarded the Egyptian forts at Alexandria on the 11th July, 1882. This bombardment was followed by a wholesale massacre of Christians.

Two days later Arabi withdrew his army 14 miles to the southward, and the British Admiral was able to land 450 Marines to do what they could towards restoring order.

Colonel Field narrates: "They were assisted by 60 American Marines from a U.S. frigate, then in harbour." Some days later the Marines from the fleet were relieved by a Royal Marine battalion, which had been sent out from England. Colonel Field goes on to say: "The acquisition of force was considered to be sufficient to warrant the withdrawal of the detachment of U.S. Marines, who had established themselves in the club building, at the corner of the Great Square. With the view of facilitating and encouraging a 'scrap,' the warriors had left the large portals of the club quite open and undefended, arranging their first barricade and Gatling gun on the staircase at the back of the hall, ready to deal with any desperadoes who might be tempted to enter in search of plunder, and so lay themselves open to a charge of making an attack upon the club premises."

Apparently they were not molested, and the longed-for scrap did not come off. It would be interesting to learn if there are any more details forthcoming of the doings of this landing party, and of the name of their ship.

The third occasion on which British and American Marines served together was during the Boxer troubles in China in 1900.

This time there was fighting of a desperate character.

Colonel Field tells us that there were 543 men of different nationalities engaged in the defence of the Pekin legations.

British Marines numbered 79 under Captains Strouts, Halliday and Wray. The U.S.M.C. was represented by 53 Marines, the officers being Captain Myers, Captain Hall and Surgeon Lippet.

Sergeant Gowney, R.M.L.I. (now Major Gowney), wrote, "A splendid feeling of affection existed between our men and the Americans, quite in contrast to that

shown by two other nationalities alongside whom we had to fight."

We read of one *sortie* made by a force consisting of 27 R.M.L.I., 14 U.S. Marines and 15 Russians, under the command of Captain Myers, U.S.M.C. In the hall of the Officers' Mess at Eastney there is a faded pink and yellow flag, bearing in its centre a Black Dragon. On a brass plate on the pike is the following inscription : "Taken at the assault of the Western Barricade, Tartar Wall, Pekin, 4th July, 1900, by a party of 27 R.M.L.I., 14 U.S. Marines and 15 Russians, under the command of Captain Myers, U.S. Marine Corps. Presented by Captain Myers, U.S. Marine Corps."

This flag was originally presented to the Portsmouth R.M.L.I. Division at Gosport, and was transferred with their other treasures to Eastney, when the R.M.L.I. and R.M.A. were amalgamated.

This sortie is depicted in one of the tableaux on the base of the Royal Marine Memorial in the Mall, near the Admiralty.

The officer leading can be recognised as an American by his felt hat, the British Marines are wearing helmets.

It is pleasant to think that the gallantry of Captain Myers and his men has been recorded on the memorial erected by British Marines in honour of the memory of British Marines.

During the siege of the legations the Royal Marines had one officer (Capt. Strouts) and two privates killed, and both their other officers (Captains Halliday and Wray), one sergeant, two corporals, two lance-corporals and fifteen privates wounded.

Captain (now Colonel-Commandant) Halliday earned the coveted decoration of the V.C.

In addition to the three occasions quoted we should perhaps add that a large number of the U.S.M.C. were serving in the 6th B.S. (the U.S. Squadron) during the Great War.

Though they were denied the opportunity of actual battle, they shared with their British comrades the sweeps down the North Sea in search of the elusive Hun, the minelaying expeditions and the Norwegian convoys .And we must not forget the historic occasion at Rosyth, when the Marines of the 5th and 6th Battle Squadrons landed for drill together.

Perhaps some of our readers may be able to add to the above list of occasions when British and Americans have co-operated in keeping the peace of the world, or if this short article should meet the eye of an American Marine, he may be able to supply some further information.

Our American comrades may rest assured that when the British Marine is in a tight corner and "up against it," he likes to think that he can look to his Yankee opposite number for real and practical backing and assistance, for do we not both wear the same badge, the Globe, and do we not both bear the same nickname, Leathernecks ?

HIGHER EDUCATION.

By E.H.B.

It is a trite saying that "the pen is mightier than the sword," but evidently somebody knew what he was about when that phrase was coined.

"Many a poor old general-service Marine, doing the "middle" on the lifebuoy in a howling gale, has uttered the pious wish, "God help the poor clerks in the pay office on a night like this!" realising his indebtedness to them for working hard to get his transfer list ready in time to catch the boat up.

Taken literally it would, of course, be rather ridiculous to see the last batch of probationary officers saluting gracefully with a fountain pen instead of a sword, or to have to learn the detail of "Take up Pens" by numbers, in an amended Infantry Training.

What I am trying to convey to my readers is that the pen, and by that I mean education generally, is very essential to all who have designs on the Field-Marshal's baton, which on the best authority is in every soldier's knapsack.

What caused my thoughts to stray along educational lines was a new bedside book I have just discovered. I had often seen a mystic formula running something like this :—"K.R. and A.I., App. X., Pt. VI. A., Sec. III., Art. 123 (a) (i)," and whilst wondering what it could mean, thought it was some code of one of the numerous lower deck secret societies—the Welfare Committee, etc.

Instead of which, it turns out to be a tastefully-bound volume of short snappy articles, quite suitable for the best families, edited, I think, by Uncle Caractacus.

Idly running through its pages, my attention was arrested by the heading, "Higher Educational Test—Paper I, General Knowledge." Now I pride myself upon being pretty "hot" at general knowledge, including knowledge that is not quite so general.

Immediately the thought flashed through my mind that here was a field in which I could assist all budding Field-Marshals to negotiate the obstacle presented by the H.E.T.

On reading through the paper, however, it struck me that, whilst admittedly a test of general knowledge, for service purposes it should be much narrower in its scope.

For instance, one question was, "How do you read the daily weather chart in *The Times* ? "

Well, of course, the answer is that I don't. I am afraid, however, that not many marks would be obtained by that answer.

It then requests the candidate to explain "The lines, numbers and arrows on the chart."

This evidently is an effort on the part of the Admiralty to compete with the "Globe and Laurel's" crossword puzzles, and as such deserves to be ignored. So we will pass to the next question, which asks, "What data are required for foretelling to-morrow's weather with some approach to accuracy ? "

Here, obviously, is where the people with corns would shine. Otherwise, Divisional Orders would supply all the necessary data. "Gun drills to attend Infantry drill" signifies that there will be much local disturbance, with strong gusts of wind, air rather sultry, depression

over the parade gradually disappearing through the Sally Port.

"Khaki drill will be worn." This signifies cold, bleak weather, with much rain.

Another question demanded an explanation of "Einstein's Theory of Relativity." Now, I can enjoy a joke with anybody, but there are limits, and after such frivolity I feel impelled to protest by setting what I think would be a good general knowledge test.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PAPER.

Time allowed: 6 hours. Marks: Current Rate of Exchange.
Books allowed: *Sporting Times*.
(Not more than one question to be attempted).

Preliminary Instructions.

10.0 a.m. Parade in the Examination Room.
10.5 a.m. Fall out the sick.
10.10 a.m. Hand in all crown and anchor boards.
10.15 a.m. Distribution (gratis) of papers. (6.30 *Evening News* and final edition *Star*).

Questions.

1. What do you understand by the following:—

(*a*) Swinging the lead.
(*b*) Square pushing.
(*c*) Quids in.
(*d*) For it.
(*e*) Dodging the column.
(*f*) Working your ticket.
(*g*) On the tack.
(*h*) The doings.

2. State what you know of any of the following animals, and indicate those which you consider should be "done" next time out:—

Saucy Sue, Buchan, Manna, Extra Parade, Hobbs, Solario, Parkin.

3. Write a brief appreciation of any two of the following:—

(*a*) Harry Champion.
(*b*) General Messing.
(*c*) Fred Karno.
(*d*) Charlie Braddock.
(*e*) Seven days C.B.
(*f*) Canteen Beer.

4. Explain the following terms:—

Bob each way, Top seat, Up and down, Horse box, Fair wear and tear, Not entitled.

5. Explain the superiority of the present day recruit over the "old sweat" with "three and a swinger." (To be answered by Beatty's Light Horse only).

6. Give your reasons for stating that the Corps is "going down the pan":—

(*a*) Since they started joining "civvies."
(*b*) Since they served out jam.

(To be answered by Canteen Rangers only).

7. State at what place the best beer can be obtained at the present time. Give address and attach sketch plan of shortest route from Examination Room.

N.B.—All candidates who give satisfactory answers to this question will be given full marks and a "D."

TEN YEARS AFTER.

By G.D.G.

On May 8th last there sailed from Toulon the R.M.S. "Ormonde" carrying on board General Sir Alexander Godley, General Sir Gerald Ellison, Colonel the Hon. Sir James Allen (High Commissioner for New Zealand), Major-General Sir Andrew Russell with a party of some 17 other officers (including the writer) who had taken part in the operations in the Gallipoli peninsular in 1915.

Four days later the "Ormonde" steamed up the narrows in the early dawn and dropped anchor in Khelia Bay, which lies about one mile to the north of Maidos, opposite to Nagara Point.

It is there that are situated the headquarters of the British War Graves Commission who had made arrangements for transporting the official party, first to the battlefields of Anzac and Suvla and, two days later, to those at Cape Helles.

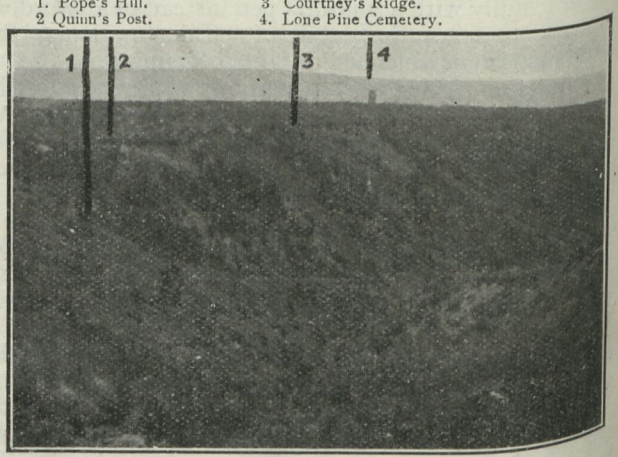
To one who, like the writer, had been at Anzac at the very commencement of the operations in April, 1915, the journey across the peninsular to Anzac was of extreme interest as it clearly demonstrated at what a terrible disadvantage we were in the early days at the landing at Gaba Tepe. The Turkish communications were direct over an open plain which was protected from our artillery by the Sari Bair ridge, and, though the local roads were extremely rough (and still are), it was short work for the Turks to build the small trench railways, which are still in existence, and to improve the roads to such an extent that they were able to get their supplies up to within a few hundred yards of their trenches by motor lorries.

As all who remember those days know, our own communications were extremely fragile, entirely dependent on climatic conditions, and open to hostile fire practically the whole way. This was brought home very clearly as we came out of the plain down on to the beach at Gaba Tepe, and saw stretched along the shore, in the direction of Suvla, boats, lighters, wreckage of the landing jetties and portions of mine-sweepers and other craft which had been sunk close inshore.

From Gaba Tepe the road turns inland again towards the summit of Chunuk Bair, and these last two miles were of the most extreme interest. First is the impressive cemetery and monument of Lone Pine, still surrounded by the network of Turkish and British trenches which look as if they might have been vacated only a few days instead of ten years ago. Water-bottles, equipment, bully beef tins and ammunition are still visible everywhere in these trenches, and the undergrowth, which is now to be found in places blocking the trenches, is the only visible sign of the years that have passed.

From Lone Pine the party proceeded up the new road which skirts the edge of Courtney's post, which will ever be remembered by those that are left of the

1. Pope's Hill.
2 Quinn's Post.
3 Courtney's Ridge.
4. Lone Pine Cemetery.



ANZAC, looking from New Zealanders' ridge towards Cape Helles.



CAPE HELLES.—Showing general Gallipoli Memorial and destroyed French Warship.

Chatham and Deal Battalions of the Royal Marine Brigade. It crosses the place where the Chatham Marines charged on May 1st, when Capt. Hatton and so many of the Chatham Battalion were killed.

Further along is Quinn's Post, which looks very much as it did ten years ago, and the writer actually found and recognised the dug-outs which he used when he was there. The sandbags look, from a distance, as if they had come straight from the makers and had just been placed in position. It is only when they are touched that the illusion fades, for they fall away in dust.

From Quinn's Post to the top of Chunuk Bair takes some twenty minutes, and it is there that the most imposing memorial of the whole peninsular has been erected to the memory of the New Zealand forces who were the first to gain the summit at dawn on August 8th, 1915. The visit of the official party was made the occasion for the formal opening and dedication of the memorial, and an impressive service was held and speeches delivered by General Sir Alexander Godley and Colonel the Hon. Sir James Allen. The ceremony was attended by several Turkish officers, and their presence was appreciated by all present.

General Godley, who commanded the New Zealand Division, described how the summit was gained after terrific fighting by the Wellington Infantry Battalion, supported by the 7th Gloucesters under Colonel Malone. The position was held until just before dawn on August 10th, when the two battalions then holding the summit (the 6th Loyal North Lancashires and the 5th Wiltshires) were overwhelmed by an attack by two full Turkish Divisions led by Mustapha Kemal himself. Their onrush was only stopped by the fire from our ships, but we were driven back to the apex, 400 yards below the summit.

In concluding his speech, General Godley said : " To those of us who served in the Gallipoli peninsular, and to those who lost their loved ones here, whatever our regrets may be, there are two great consolations. First, that here at Chunuk Bair, at Quinn's Post and at Lone Pine, at Helles and at Suvla, was destroyed the flower of the Turkish army. The Turkish army was tied to Gallipoli and was destroyed upon it. Our efforts and our sacrifices were not in vain. Secondly, that our heroes should lie buried in these beautiful cemeteries under the shadow of this great memorial in company with the Trojan heroes of old days—the old world meeting the new in the common brotherhood of arms."

Two days later the party visited the battlefields of Cape Helles where, perhaps, time has shown itself more than at Anzac. There cornfields exist where once were dug-outs, and until one comes across one of the many beautiful cemeteries or goes up into the front lines where the trenches still exist, it would be difficult to believe that it is the site of the fierce fighting that took place in 1915. Only on the beach are very visible signs to be found—a destroyed French warship and half of a large transport lie close together with the strong current of the Dardanelles washing through their rusted sides.

On the point at Cape Helles stands the General Memorial to all the Units of the British Forces which took part in the Gallipoli operations. This has been placed almost on the site of the old lighthouse and looking over towards the still ruined village of Sedd-ul-Bahr.

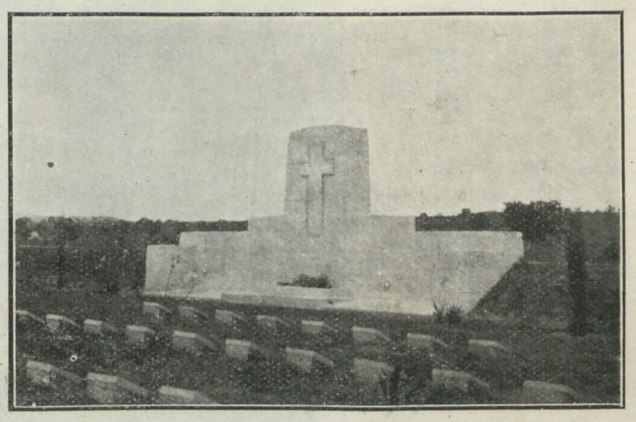
The officers of the party included the following :—

NAVAL.—Lieut.-Commander the Hon. Roger Coke, R.N., Major William Cross, R.M. (temporary) and Lieut. Geoffrey D. Garrett, R.M. (temp.).

ARMY.—Lieut.-General Sir Alexander Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Lieut.-General Sir Gerald Ellison, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Major-General Sir Andrew H. Russell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Colonel A. England, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., Colonel F. D. Wathey, Lieut.-Col. Lord Charles Bentinck, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. A W. Clifton, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. A. Canning, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. Gibson Bishop, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Royce Tomkin, Major Ridesdale, R.A.M.C., Major A. V. Hargreaves, Capt. Clement Jones, Capt. G. L. M. Clausen, Capt. C. Fletcher.

ROYAL AIR FORCE (R.N.A.S.).—Lieut.-Commander A. Scarisbrick, R.N.V.R. (temp.).

On the homeward voyage on May 23rd a commemoration dinner was held in the " Ormonde," when these officers were present with General Sir Alexander Godley in the chair. A message of greeting was sent by wireless to General Sir Ian Hamilton.



CAPE HELLES.—Skew Bridge Cemetery where Col. Luard and many men of the R.M. Brigade lie buried.

R.M.O.C.A. DINNER AT HOTEL PLAZA, SHANGHAI.

1925.



Photo by Ah Tong, with acknowledgments to the China Press.

Sitting, Left to Right.—C. A. Weatherhead, B. Brownrigg, Capt. Glunicke, H. L. Molyneux, Cpl. Dymond, Major D'Arcy Anderson.

Standing, Left to Right.—L. Steventon, F. V. Collison, G. H. Phillips, A. R. Kimber, R. B. Martin, A. Salt, T. H. Spence, A. J. Hope, G. Wynne, P. C. Hale, G. Wombell, A. H. Halford, J. Shaw.

BONITO.

By The Bos'n.

There are many old "salts" who will remember the "Torrens," and to those who want to know more about the ship I may say that they will read it all in Lubbock's book "The Australian Clippers," and those who were privileged to sail in her will agree with me that she ranked with the best, though not so well known as the famous old "Cutty Sark" and others. I served three years as an apprentice in her and look back on those days as some of the best in my life. We were never passed by a "wind jammer" and on several occasions beat steamers, on one memorable occasion holding our own with the "China" from Land's End to St. Catherine's, when the wind left us. We sailed from London for Adelaide, South Australia, about the end of November each year; as a rule we carried 24 passengers, 3 mates, 12 apprentices and about a dozen forr'ad hands, besides the famous "Bill," the steward, and his minions.

I don't think that anyone enjoyed the voyage much until we cleared the Bay, for it was "Pull you, pull me" all the way until that nasty pocket of the ocean was behind us. Then came the grand weather of the N.E. Trades, every stitch drawing, hands busy getting up the old canvas and bending sails, etc., etc., and life easy for all.

That's a hefty opening but I want you to get the kick-off in your mind's eyes, and not think that it was all brass buttons and polish in the good old days of sail. Rolling along one sunny afternoon, I was one of the watch below, a shout of "Bonito" from forr'ad brought us on the run from the aft deck, and sure enough there was a shoal of topping fish racing ahead of the ship and occasionally jumping clear of the water *à la porpoise*. "Daddy," our old sail-maker, was full of good advice and "Billy" and I, both first-voyagers, collected a good strong line with a large hook on which we tied strips of red and white bunting, and proceeded to the end of the jib-boom. The idea was to keep the fly just flicking the tops of the waves and to let the fish do the rest. I won the toss and had first go, but I was too eager and didn't give the fish a chance to connect, so after some fruitless minutes I handed the line to Billy, and he, being wiser, got the bait just hopping on the water and soon had the joy of seeing it disappear down a fish's throat. Bill let out a yell, "Got him!" and, as you can see, there was no chance of playing the fish, for the ship was bowling along at about six knots and, tough as our hands were, they were hardly made of steel, so up he came, hand over hand, and I grabbed him in my arms to fetch him inboard. I've tried electric shock machines, and caught a few eels, but I've never yet struck anything that wriggled so powerfully as that "bonito," and alas, to save myself going overboard I let him go, and the hook came out and we lost the fish, whilst the older hands shouted their opinions of me from the fo'csle head. Downhearted does not adequately describe my feelings, and Billy added his little effort to the rest. But old "Sails" came to the rescue, and told me to try again, this time with a sack, and pop him in when we got him high enough. A kit-bag was produced and we went at it again. Bill got another very shortly, and this time I had the bag open and ready down on the "Dolphin Striker," and Bill was "15—love." I had the next go and Bill bagged him. To make a long yarn a short one, we had nine beauties on deck before eight bells and the port watch bagged another three before the shoal left us, and supper that night is one that I will always remember. You try living on "salt horse" and the old days' "Board of Trade allowance," and you'll know what fresh fish meant to us. I've eaten a good many of these grand fish since then, but never got the same sport, for, after all, it's the "first time" that one remembers, and the first fish is *always* the biggest!

RECRUITING ADVERTISEMENT.

From the *Ipswich Journal* of 26th February, 1780.

"Volunteers

For the First Division of Marines.

Twenty Recruits are wanted immediately to complete the 31st Company,

Commanded by Captain Shairp.

Now is the time for young men of spirit to gain honour and make their fortune by captures from the enemy.

The superior advantages attending the marines service are well known; particularly at this time, when our ports are crouded (*sic*) with French and Spanish Prizes.

Marine soldiers have every advantage of his Majesty's royal bounty; excellent clothing, arms and accoutrements, with the addition of provisions found them gratis when on board ship, besides their full pay; and when in service, they share in prize-money equal with able seamen; these are advantages well known, and can be testified by many in this county, who have made their fortunes in the last, but more particularly in the present war.

All under the age of 40, and above the size of 5 feet 3 inches, will meet with due encouragement, by applying to Captain Shairp in Queen's-street, or to his Serjeants, at the Marlborough's Head, Botolph's Gate, Colchester."

THIS MONTH'S (QUITE) TRUE STORY

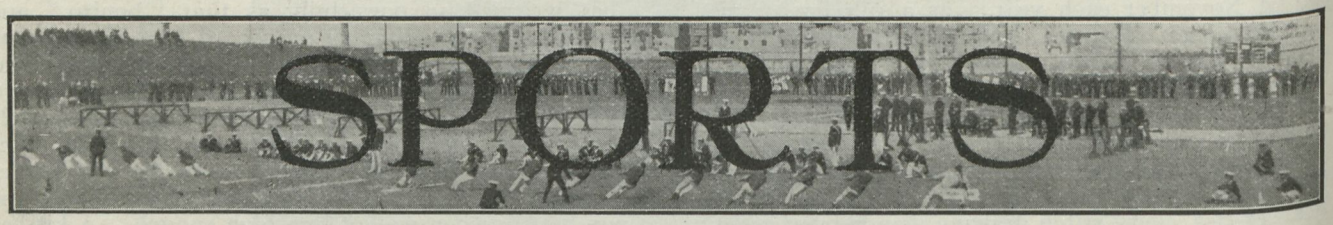
The Drum-Major at a certain division was walking down the street near barracks. A naval officer of high rank passed him in his car, and, not seeing the occupant, the Drum-Major failed to salute. Descending from the car the N.O. asked why no salute had been given, and was told the reason. The next question was, "Who are you?" to which the answer was, "The Drum-Major at these headquarters." "Well, be more careful another time—an old soldier like you with four badges ought to know better," was the unexpected reply.

DEAR CONTRIBUTORS.

We realise that when you send us matter you pay for the postage out of your own pockets. Day after day contributions arrive with the ominous words "postage due" stamped upon them.

The relations between the Editor and Treasurer continue to be friendly, but if you would spare us the black look with which our cheery "Good Morning" is received, and which we know means that the poor Treasurer has had to stump up once more for an underpaid G. & L. letter,—then, dear friends, see to it that the correct postage is on your letters, and so still further rejoice the heart of your very grateful

EDITOR.



CORRADINO. MALTA.

SHOOTING.

UNITED SERVICES CHALLENGE CUP.

At Bisley. Victory in this match brings with it the championship of the British Forces—as distinct from the Indian and Colonial Forces—and the Navy, Marines, R.A.F., and the Territorials were all eager to depose the Regular Army from the position of proud pre-eminence that they have occupied for the past two years. But it was not to be; once more the Army were the winners, although they had to fight hard for their success.

The most remarkable feature of the match was not its result. For the first time a competitor, *Sergt. Barrett, of the Royal Marines*, scored full points in the "fire with movement" practice, the last of the four practices that constitute the test. The other three are "rapid," "snap," and "deliberate," as in the "Queen Mary," but the fourth is the most difficult, because the riflemen have to double between each firing point from 600 to 100 yards, firing prone, kneeling, and standing. Sgt. Barrett's exploit will not soon be forgotten.

BISLEY.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY'S PRIZE (S.R. *a*).

Place.	*Prize.*	*Unit.*	*Rank and Name.*	*Score.*
5	£3	Depot	Sergt. W. E. Buckley ...	169
15	£2	Depot	Sergt. H. Henwood ...	163
23	£2	Ports.	Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott	160
27	£2	Ports.	Corpl. A. J. Howard ...	159
28	£2	Depot	Clr.-Sgt. G. H. Barrett ...	160

THE "WHITEHEAD" CHALLENGE CUP (REVR.).

1.	The Regular Army ...	658 points.
2.	The Royal Navy	658 ,,
3.	The Royal Marines ...	637 ,,
4.	The Royal Air Force ...	600 ,,

Royal Marines team :—

Captain of Revolver VIII : Lt.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O., Plymouth.

Plymouth Afloat.	Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E. ...	...	78
,,	Capt. C. A. C. Lucas ...	...	71
Depot.	Sergt.-Major J. Bach ...	...	72
,,	D.-Major W. A. Gouge ...	...	83
Plymouth.	Clr.-Sgt. W. M. Meatyard	...	71
,,	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton	...	90
Portsmouth	Sergt. A. J. Hadley ...	...	80
,,	Corpl. A. J. Howard ...	...	92
			637

Waiting man : Ports. Sergt.-Major J. Watts.

THE "BARGRAVE DEANE" CHALLENGE CUP (REVR.).

Winners : Royal Marines "A" team, Portsmouth.

"CHEYLESMORE" (S.R. *a*).

3rd place, Royal Marines, Chatham, £5.

"HAMILTON LEIGH" CHALLENGE CUP (S.R. *a*).

4th, £5, "A" team, R.M., Plymouth, 49½ seconds.

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S" PRIZE (S.R. *a*, *b*).

Place.	*Prize.*	*Unit.*	*Rank and Name.*	*Score.*
			(1st Stage.)	
310	£1	Chat.	Clr.-Sergt. C. R. Collins ...	95
319	£1	Ports. Afl.	S.M. E. C. Jarvis	95
325	£1	Depot	Sergt. W. E. Buckley	94
366	£1	Ply. Afl.	Capt. S. A. Field	94
368	£1	Depot	Capt. E. C. Heathcote	94
			(2nd Stage.)	
122	£2	Ply.	Mne. H. Hill	91
125	£2	Ports.	Corpl. A. J. Howard	91
126	£2	Ports.	Sergt. W. T. Emery	91
131	£2	Ports.	Clr.-Sergt. Westcott	91
132	£2	Depot	Sergt. M. McCalpin	91
152	£2	Chat.	C.S.M. F. J. M. Carlton	90
163	£2	Ports.	Sergt. A. J. Hadley	90
167	£2	Ply.	Lt.-Col. M. Filmer-Bennett ...	89
199	£2	Ports. Afl.	Clr.-Sergt. J. A. Burgess ...	87
243	£2	Ply.	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton	86
253	£2	Ports.	Q.M.S.I. Eden	

(3rd Stage.)

Place.	Prize.	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Score.
43	£3	Depot	S.M. J. Bach	211
46	£3	Late R.M.	Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon	210
90	£3	Ports.	Sergt. T. F. Barrett	200
96	£3	Ports.	Sergt. F. T. Crosby	198

These four competitors also receive the N.R.A. Badge.
Eighteen from the Corps shot in the 2nd Stage.

THE "RANELAGH" CHALLENGE CUP (S.R. *a*, *b*).
(In connection with 1st Stage, "King's.")

1st ...	H.M.S. "Victory," Portsmouth	583
2nd ...	H.M.S. "Excellent," Portsmouth	580
3rd ...	H.M.S. "Vivid," Devonport	571
4th ...	Royal Marines, "A" team, Portsmouth	569
5th ...	" " "B" " "	567
10th ...	" " Depot	552
11th ...	" " Chatham	545

ALDERSHOT CUP (U.S. CONDITIONS.)

1st ...	"Vivid"	1249 points.
2nd ...	"Excellent"	1248 "
3rd ...	Royal Marines, Portsmouth :—	
	Q.M.S.I. B. P. Foster 145	
	Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott 155	
	Clr.-Sergt. J. Cooper 157	
	Sergt. S. J. Hadley 159	
	Sergt. W. J. Macauley 152	
	Sergt. T. F. Barrett 167	
	Corpl. A. J. Howard 164	
	Lieut. W. Tollemache 132	
	—	1231 "
4th ...	"Pembroke"	1210 "
5th ...	Royal Marines, Plymouth	1209 "
6th ...	Royal Marines, Deal	1178 "
7th ...	"Victory"	1171 "
8th ...	Royal Marines, Chatham	1127 "
9th ...	Royal Marines, Portsmouth Afloat	1048 "

THE "UNITED SERVICE" CHALLENGE CUP (S.R. *a*).

(One prize only, the above, and a Special Commemorative Souvenir, will be given by the N.R.A. to the Captain and each member of the winning team.)

1st ...	The Regular Army	1309 points.
2nd ...	The Royal Navy	1264 "
3rd ...	The Royal Marines	1260 "

The Royal Marine Rifle VIII were the following :—

Captain of VIII ... Capt. C. R. W. Lamplough, D.S.C.

Plymouth Afl.	Capt. S. A. Field, R.M. ...	155
Depot	Capt. E. C. Heathcote, R.M.	140
Depot	D.-Major W. A. Gouge ...	161
Portsmouth	Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott	166
Portsmouth	Sergt. T. F. Barrett	160
Plymouth	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton	148
Plymouth	Sergt. Ed. Abbott	164
Portsmouth	Corpl. A. J. Howard	166 (Gilt Bar)

Sergt. T. F. Barrett made a possible in the rundown.

THE "METHUEN" CUP, 8TH JULY.

In this competition 17 teams competed.

1st ...	Small Arms School, Hythe	1247 points.
2nd ...	Royal Marines (Eastern Command)	1233 "
3rd ...	"Excellent"	1230 "

The Royal Marines (Eastern Command) team were the following :—

Captain of team ... Capt. C. R. W. Lamplough, D.S.C.

Plymouth Afl.	Capt. S. A. Field, R.M.	154
Depot	Capt. E. C. Heathcote, R.M.	144
Chatham	Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon	169
Chatham	C.S.M. F. J. M. Carlton	160
Depot	D.-Major W. A. Gouge	148
Depot	Sergt. H. T. Masters	158
Depot	Sergt. T. W. Paddon	149
Depot	Sergt. H. Henwood	151

THE "ST. GEORGE'S" CHALLENGE VASE (S.R. *a*, *b*).
(1st Stage.)

Place.	Prize.	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Score.
139	£1 10s.	Ports.	Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott	70
144	£1 10s.	Ports. Afl.	Capt. Leech Porter	70
145	£1 10s.	Ports.	Corpl. A. J. Howard	70
177	£1	Depot	Clr.-Sergt. G. H. Barrett ...	70
179	£1	Ports.	Sergt. F. T. Crosby	70

(2nd Stage.)

Place.	Prize.	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Score.
N.R.A.	Badge & £4	Depot	S.M. J. Bach	71
28	£2	Ply.	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton	70
30	£2	Chat.	Sergt. T. J. Walker	70

THE "BRINSMEAD" CHALLENGE SHIELD (S.R. *a*, *b*.)
(In connection with the 1st Stage, "St. George's.")

Winners : Royal Marines, Portsmouth.

Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott	70	points
Clr.-Sergt. J. Cooper	69	"
Sergt. F. T. Crosby	70	"
Sergt. A. J. Hadley	69	"
Sergt. T. F. Barrett	71	"
Corpl. A. J. Howard	70	"
Total ...	419	"
2nd Cambridge University O.T.C. ...	418	points
3rd Depot, R.M.	417	"

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES'S PRIZE (S.R. *a*, *b*).

Place.	Prize.	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Score.
31	£2	Ports.	Corpl. A. J. Howard	94
36	£2	Q.M.S.I.	O. G. Bacon, late R.M.	94

THE "DONEGALL" CHALLENGE CUP (S.R. *a*, *b*).

20th, £2, Ports., Sergt. A. J. Hadley, 49.

THE "CONAN DOYLE" CHALLENGE STATUETTE (S.R. *a*, *b*).

6th, £2, Capt. Leech Porter, Ports. R.M. Rifle Club.
35th, £1, S.M. E. C. Jarvis, H.M.S. "Victory" Rifle Club.

THE "CLEMENTI SMITH MEMORIAL" AGGREGATE (S.R. *a*, *b*).

8th, £2, Capt. Leech Porter, Ports. R.M. Rifle Club.

THE "STOCK EXCHANGE" (S.R. *a*, *b*).

Class "A."

Place.	Prize.	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Score.
49	£1	Ports.	Sergt. F. T. Crosby	99
50	£1	Late R.M.	O. G. Bacon	99
62	£1	Ports.	Sergt. A. J. Hadley	98

Class "B."

3	£4	Depot	Clr.-Sergt. G. H. Barrett ...	100
17	£1	Chat.	Sergt. T. J. Walker	97
19	£1	Ports.	Sergt. W. J. Macauley	96

Class "C."

10	£1	Ports.	Lieut. Tollemache	96

"ALEXANDRA" (S.R. *a*, *b*).

Class "A."

Place.	Prize.	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Score.
14	£3	Ports.	Clr.-Sergt. J. Cooper	48
77	£1	Ports.	Sergt. T. F. Barrett	46
85	£1	Chat.	Sergt. T. J. Walker	46

Class "B."

47	£1	Ply.	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton	45
48	£1	Chat.	Sergt. E. H. Bonnett	45
50	£1	Ports.	Q.M.S.I. Eden	45

J. H. STEWARD CUP.
(In connection with the "Alexandra.")

1st ...	H.M.S. "Victory."	
4th ...	Portsmouth Divn., "A" team.	
5th ...	" " "B" "	

"MACKINNON" CHALLENGE CUP.

The following were selected to shoot for Ireland in the above match :—

Lieut.-Colonel M. Filmer Bennett.
Captain J. Leech Porter.
Sergt. W. E. Buckley was Reserve.

THE "GRAPHIC."

Class "A."

Place	Prize.	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Score
17	£2	Ports.	Sergt. F. T. Crosby	67
38	£1	Ports.	Corpl. A. J. Howard	67

Class "B."

1	£6	Depot	Clr.-Sergt. G. H. Barrett ...	68
11	£2	Chat.	Sergt. T. J. Walker	66

Class "C."

11	£1	Ports.	Lieut. H. T. Tollemache	64
21	£1	Depot	Capt. E. C. Heathcote	64

THE "WIMBLEDON" CUP (S.R.).

Class "A."

68th, £1, Ports. Afl., S.M. E. C. Jarvis, 33.

Class "C."

9th, £1, Ports., Lieut. H. T. Tollemache, 32.

"CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON" (S.R. *a*, *b*).

Class "A" and "B."

33rd, £1, Chat., Sergt. E. H. Bonnett, 40.

"DAILY GRAPHIC" (S.R. *a*, *b*).

Class "A."

30th, £2, Depot, S.M. J. Bach, 67.

Class "C."

31st, £1, Depot, Capt. E. C. Heathcote, 65.

"DAILY TELEGRAPH" (S.R. *a*, *b*).

Class "A."

Place.	*Prize.*	*Unit*	*Rank and Name.*	*Score.*
42	£1	Ply.	Corpl. A. Ward	67
80	£1	Ply.	Sergt. Ed. Abbott	66
93	£1	Ply.	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton	66
99	£1	Ply.	Mne. H. Hill	66

Class "B."

28	£1	Ply.	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton	66
49	£1	Ply.	Sergt. J. Burnett	64

THE "DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE" (S.R. *a*, *b*).

Class "A."

Place.	*Prize.*	*Unit.*	*Rank and Name.*	*Score.*
1	£5 15s.	Late R.M.	Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon ...	50
45	£1	Late R.M.A.	Lieut. W. T. Hawkins ...	47

Class "B."

30	£1	Chat.	Sergt. T. J. Walker	43

Class "C."

12	£1	Chat.	Clr.-Sergt. G. R. Collins ...	44

THE "KINNARD" (S.R. *a*).

Place.	*Prize.*	*Unit.*	*Rank and Name.*	*Score.*
7	£2	Ports. Afl.	Clr.-Sergt. N. Finch, V.C.	34
7	£2	Late R.M.	Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon	34
15	£1 6s. 8d.	Depot	Sergt. W. E. Buckley	33

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Place.	*Prize.*	*Unit.*	*Rank and Name.*	*Score.*
7	£2	Late R.M.	O. G. Bacon	34
17	£1	Ply.	Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross	33
28	£1	Depot	Capt. E. C. Heathcote	33
37	£1	Ply.	Sergt. Ed. Abbott.....	33

B.S.A.

Place.	*Prize.*	*Unit.*	*Rank and Name.*	*Score.*
5	£3	Ports.	Sergt. T. F. Barrett	33
8	£2	Ports. Afl.	Clr.-Sergt. N. Finch, V.C.	33
11	£2	Ply.	Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock ...	33

(S.R.) SWEEPSTAKES, 7TH JULY.

Place.	*Prize.*	*Unit.*	*Rank and Name.*	*Score.*
1	£3 17s. 6d.	Ports. Afl.	S.M. E. C. Jarvis	35 poss.
5	13s. 4d.	Depot	Sergt. W. E. Buckley	34

(S.R.) SWEEPSTAKES, 9TH JULY.

17	£1	Ports. Afl.	S.M. E. C. Jarvis	34

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

NON-CENTRAL AND CENTRAL MEETINGS.

The following are the principal results of the R.M.R.A. Non-Central and Central Meetings. The outstanding changes from 1924 were:—(1) the selection of the XXs for Rifle and Revolver from 3 nominated cards, the McCarthy Cup and Revolver Bowl being fired separately; and (2) the "Prince of Wales" Cup and "Colquhoun" Cup fired in 2 stages, the second stage at Bisley. These changes proved entirely satisfactory. The presentation of prizes by the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, was held in the "Umbrella" Tent at Bisley on Tuesday, 7th July, the following officers being present:—General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., Major-General C. G. Brittan, C.B., Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., Lieut.-Colonels H. N. H. Houghton and W. S. Poe, D.S.O.

1st R.M. MEMORIAL TROPHY, 1925.

	McCarthy Cup.	Revolver Bowl.	D. of E. Cup.	Officers' Cup.	Rapid Cup.	Aegean Cup.	Mercer Cup.	Officers' Inter-Divl. Shield.	Gatliff Cup.	Victory Cup.	Total Points.
Chatham Divn.	6	–	6	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	18
Portsmouth Divn.	10	3	10	8	4	–	–	–	–	1	36
Plymouth Divn.	3	10	–	4	2	–	4	1	1	–	25
Depot	–	6	3	2	8	–	–	6	3	9	37
Portsmouth Afl.	–	–	–	–	–	9	–	–	–	–	9
Plymouth Afl.	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	3	6	–	10
Chatham Afl.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

THE "DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S" CUP.

YOUNG SOLDIERS' PRIZES.

1. Cpl. E. J. Carey, Plymouth Divn., £1.
2. Mne. F. W. Gronert, Portsmouth Divn., 15s.
3. Mne. J. Hallum, Depot, R.M., 10s.

"McCARTHY" CUP.

1.	Portsmouth H.Q.	927
2.	Chatham H.Q.	900
3.	Plymouth H.Q.	885
4.	Portsmouth Afloat	848
5.	Depot	840
6.	Plymouth Afloat	738

"DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S" CUP.

1.	Portsmouth H.Q.	1000
2.	Chatham H.Q.	981
3.	Depot	965
4.	Plymouth H.Q.	951
5.	Plymouth Afloat	842

"RAPID" CUP.

1.	Depot	619
2.	Portsmouth H.Q.	618
3.	Plymouth H.Q.	557
4.	Portsmouth Afloat	541
5.	Chatham H.Q.	532
6.	Plymouth Afloat	414

"GRAHAM" CUP.

1.	Depot	D.-Major W. A. Gouge ... and prize in kind value £1.	85
2.	Portsmouth H.Q.	Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott	84
3.	Chatham H.Q.	C.S.M. Carlton	83
3.	Plymouth H.Q.	Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock ...	83
3.	Portsmouth H.Q.	Sergt. T. F. Barratt	83

OFFICERS' INTER-DIVISIONAL SHIELD.

1.	Depot	378
2.	Plymouth Afloat	359
3.	Plymouth	352
4.	Portsmouth H.Q.	343
5.	Chatham H.Q.	300

OFFICERS' CUP.

1.	Portsmouth H.Q.	74
2.	Plymouth H.Q.	72
3.	Depot	68
4.	Chatham H.Q.	51
5.	Portsmouth Afloat	49
6.	Plymouth Afloat	30

YOUNG OFFICERS' RIFLE MATCH.

1.	Portsmouth H.Q.	2nd Lieut. C. F. Phillips ...	90
2.	Portsmouth H.Q.	2nd Lieut. G. W. Ross ...	88
3.	Plymouth H.Q.	Lieut. Dykes	87

YOUNG OFFICERS' REVOLVER MATCH.

1.	Plymouth H.Q.	2nd Lieut. H. S. Baker ...	29
2.	Chatham H.Q.	2nd Lieut. Woods	18
3.	Chatham H.Q.	2nd Lieut. Rogers	12

REVOLVER BOWL.

1.	Plymouth H.Q.	594
2.	Depot	586
3.	Portsmouth H.Q.	559
4.	Plymouth Afloat	458
5.	Chatham H.Q.	457

OFFICERS' REVOLVER MATCH. (GATLIFF CUP.)

1.	Plymouth Afloat	271
2.	Depot	246
3.	Plymouth H.Q.	245
4.	Portsmouth H.Q.	230
5.	Chatham H.Q.	179

"VICTORY" CUP.

1.	Depot "A" Company	353
2.	Depot "B" Company	341
3.	Portsmouth H.Q. "I" Company	298

"MERCER" CUP.

		Targets.	Time.	Ammunitn.
1.	Chatham H.Q. "C" Company ...	0	39½	15
2.	Plymouth H.Q. "G" Company ...	0	43	19
3.	Plymouth H.Q. "A" Company ...	0	49¼	19

"AEGEAN" CUP.

1.	Portsmouth Afloat ("Dryad")	7 hits, 31 rounds left
2.	Portsmouth Afloat ("Victory") ...	6 hits, 31 rounds left
3.	Plymouth Afloat ("Resolution") (A)	5 hits, 39 rounds left

THE "PAST MEMBERS'" COMPETITION.

1.	Portsmouth	C.S.M. Barnes	94
2.	Plymouth	Clr.-Sergt. H. Martin	90
3.	Portsmouth	Gnr. Blay, R.M.A.	88

THE "FIRST RESERVE" CHALLENGE TROPHY (CADETS).

1.	Chatham Division	455
2.	Portsmouth Division	331

Only two teams competed.

THE "FIRST RESERVE" CHALLENGE CUP (CADETS).

1.	Chatham Divn....	A. Parfitt	61
2.	Chatham Divn....	C. Collins	59
3.	Chatham Divn....	H. Baker	59
4.	Chatham Divn....	C. C. Alltimes	59

THE R.M.R.A. CHAMPIONSHIP.

1.	Portsmouth H.Q.	Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Westcott	634
		Gold Medal.	
2.	Portsmouth H.Q.	Cpl. A. J. Howard	622
3.	Depot	Sergt. T. W. Paddon	616

COMPETITION FOR THE R.M. VIII.

O. of M.	Unit.	Name.	1.	2.	3 Cards.	Total.
1.	Chatham	Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon ...	164	170	157	491
2.	Depot	D.-Major W. A. Gouge ...	170	156	163	489
3.	Ply.	Sergt. R. I. Stapleton ...	160	163	162	485
4.	Ply. Afl.	Capt. S. A. Field	160	146	171	477
5.	Ports. Afl.	Clr.-Sgt. J. A. Burgess ...	160	154	155	469
6.	Ports.	Sergt. T. F. Barrett	168	144	156	468
7.	Depot	Capt. E. C. Heathcote...	136	168	162	466
8.	Ply.	Sergt. Ed. Abbott	148	151	167	466
9.	Ports.	Cpl. A. J. Howard	153	159	154	466
10.	Ports.	Sergt. S. J. Hadley	160	155	150	465
11.	Ports.	Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock	149	162	153	464
12.	Depot	Sergt. H. T. Masters ...	163	139	159	461

Winner of R.M.R.A. Gold Jewel.—Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon (Chatham). Prize in kind, value £3.

Winner of R.M.R.A. Silver Jewel.—D.-Major W. A. Gouge (Deal). Prize in kind, value £2.

Winner of R.M.R.A. Bronze Jewel.—Sergt. R. I. Stapleton (Plymouth). Prize in kind, value £1.

The "Potters" Jewel.—Sergt. C. W. Sharpe (Chatham).

Winner of the N.R.A. Bronze Medal for the highest aggregate of the scores at 600 yards.—Capt. E. C. Heathcote (Deal).

The First Ten in order of merit have been entered for the "Queen Mary."

THE "COLLARD" CUP.

O. of M.	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Total Pts.
1.	Ports.	Corpl. A. J. Howard	267
2.	Depot	S.M. J. Bach	247
3.	Depot	D.-Major W. A. Gouge	239
4.	Ply. Afl.	Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E. ...	235
5.	Ports.	Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott	229
6.	Ply.	Mne. H. Hill	227
7.	Ply.	Capt. L. C. Hollis	227
8.	Ports.	S.M. J. Watts	225
9.	Ports.	Sergt. S. J. Hadley	225
10.	Ply.	Clr.-Sgt. W. M. Meatyard	225

Winner of the "Collard" Cup and Replica.—Cpl. A. J. Howard (Ports.). 2nd prize in kind, value £2, S.M. J. Bach (Deal); 3rd prize in kind, value £1, D.-Major W. A. Gouge (Deal).

The N.R.A. Bronze Medal, having been won previously by Cpl. A. J. Howard and S.M. J. Bach, is awarded to D.-Major W. A. Gouge (Deal).

The First Ten in order of merit have been entered for the Revolver Medals.

PRINCE OF WALES' CUP (2ND STAGE).

	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Score.
1.	Depot	Capt. E. C. Heathcote	92
2.	Ports.	Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott	90
3.	Ports.	Mne. S. Noyce	84
4.	Depot	Sergt. J. Kennedy	84
5.	Ports.	Q.M.S.I. B. P. Foster	81
6.	Depot	Sergt. W. E. Buckley	80
7.	Ports.	Sergt. T. F. Barrett	80
8.	Ports. Afl.	Clr.-Sgt. J. A. Burgess	79
9.	Depot	Sergt. T. W. Paddon	79
10.	Depot	D.-Major W. A. Gouge	79
11.	Chat.	Sergt. C. W. Sharpe	77
12.	Depot	Sergt. G. Calverley	76

Capt. E. C. Heathcote (Depot, Royal Marines) wins the "Prince of Wales" Cup with Replica, and Prince of Wales' Silver Badge, and is awarded the N.R.A. Silver Medal.

2nd.—Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott, Portsmouth Divn. (prize in kind, value £2).

3rd.—Mne. S. Noyce, Portsmouth Divn. (prize in kind, value £1).

THE "COLQUHOUN" CUP (2ND STAGE).

1st Prize.—The Challenge Cup and prize in kind, value £3.

2nd Prize.—A prize in kind, value £2.

3rd Prize.—A prize in kind, value £1.

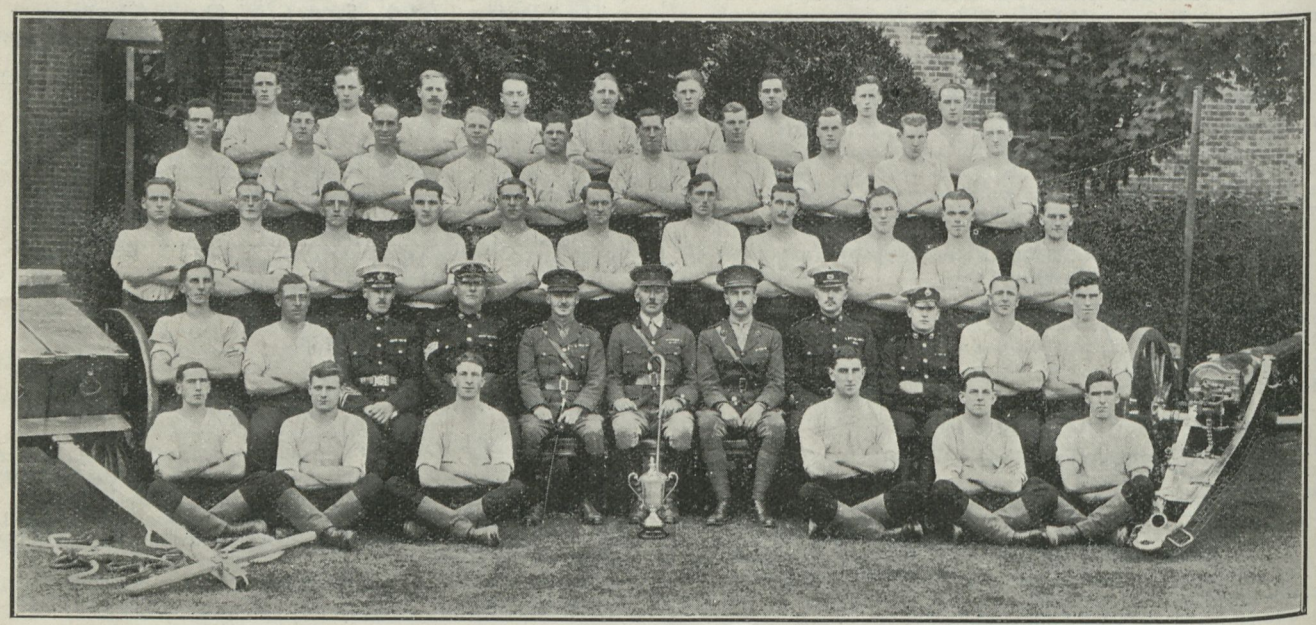
O. of M.	Unit.	Rank and Name.	Score.
1.	Ports. Afl.	S.M. E. C. Jarvis	96
2.	Depot.	Clr.-Sergt. G. Barrett	91
3.	Ports.	Cpl. A. J. Howard	90
4.	Ply.	Sergt. Ed. Abbott	89
5.	Ports.	Clr.-Sgt. J. T. Cooper	89
6.	Depot	Sergt. H. T. Masters	88
7.	Ports.	Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Westcott	88
8.	Ports.	Sergt. F. T. Crosby	87
9.	Chatham	Q.M.S.I. O. G. Bacon	87
10.	Depot	Sergt. W. E. Buckley	86

Prize for Young Soldiers in 1st stage.—Ply., Cpl. E. J. Carey, score, 165.

ROYAL MARINES FIELD GUN CREWS, 1925.

ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

BEST TIME CUP.



Back Row (left to right).—J. Stewart (Ply.), G. H. Starling (Ch.), H. Brooks (Po.), C. E. Picken (Po.), Corpl. H. Norris (Po.), A. C. Tinsey (Po.), H. W. Longman (Po.), A. Rowe (Ply.), W. E. Lee (Ply.).

2nd Row (left to right).—H. Leaning (Ch.), T. H. Hayes (Ch.), W. Rose (Po.), C. L. Ide (Po.), H. Coleman (Ply.), L. J. Durbin (Po.), T. H. Pearson (Ply.), E. Woolmer (Po.), W. Perkins (Po.), W. E. Harper (Ch.).

3rd Row (left to right).—V. W. Allett (Po.), W. A. Calvert (Ply), P. W. Powell (Po.), W. C. Drodge (Po.), E. F. Neal (Ply.), E. P. Ham (Po.), A. W. Quin (Po.), J. Adams (Ply.), T. Charlton (Po.), C. N. Harvey (Ply.), E. P. Layzell (Po.).

Sitting (left to right).—R. T. Stapleton (Po.), Sergt. C. W. Perry (Po.), Arm. Sgt. A. E. Andrews (Po.), Sergt. F. A. Weeks (Po.), Trainer, Lt.-Col. G. Carpenter, Col.-Comdt. J. B. Finlaison, Lieut. J. H. G. Wills, Q.M.S.I. W. J. Longhurst (Po.), Trainer, F. A. French (Ch.), Sergt. C. E. Bennett (Po.), Corpl. W. A. Sewell (Ch.).

Front Row (left to right).—E. C. Butcher (Po.), R. C. E. Smith (Po.), C. A. Pierson (Po.), Corpl. W. A. Jeffery (Ply.), Corpl. F. W. Hatch (Po.), A. E. Tuck (Po.).

R.M. CRICKET.

CORPS CRICKET WEEK.

This was held at Eastney, commencing July 20th, with a match against "I Zingari," who just managed to win a very even game on time. Wednesday and Thursday, the "Quidnuncs" were entertained. The visitors brought a strong side, which included most of this year's Varsity eleven, and effected an easy win by an innings. In the last two days of the week the "Harrow Wanderers" provided the opposition, when another excellent match ended in a draw, slightly in the Marines' favour.

The week throughout proved a great success, being favoured with fine weather. The Commandant and officers were at home each day to a large number of friends, whilst the W.O.s, and Sergeants' Messes also entertained.

It was pleasing to see the consistent form shown with his bat by Capt. H. D. Weir, who came out of the week with the excellent average of 49 over 6 innings. The Navy player, Capt. Congdon, found his form in the "Harrow Wanderers" match, collecting 75 and 102, whilst Lieut. Whitmarsh showed himself the possessor of a pair of safe hands in the deep field.

Royal Marines v. I Zingari.

Played at Eastney, 20th and 21st July. I.Z. won by 4 wickets.

R. MARINES.

1st Innings.		*2nd Innings.*	
Capt. H. D. Weir, c Tattersall b Wilson	63	st. Tattersall, b Wilson	16
Lt. C. N. S. Smith, c sub., b Wilson	45	run out	50
Capt. H. W. Simpson, l-b-w, b Dury	21	c Phillips, b Crawley	23
2nd Lt. W. Whitmarsh, c sub., b Wilson	7	c Tattersall, b Crawley	26
Major J. M. Tuke, b Goldie	24	c Wood, b Tod	7
Major G. R. S. Hickson, c Llewellyn, b Wilson	18	c Tod, b Wilson	55
Capt. M. Webb-Bowen, c sub., b Tod	43	c Bearman, b Wilson	12
Capt. R. W. Bagot, b Tod	28	c Llewellyn, b Crawley	13
Major T. L. Hunton, b Crawley	9	b Wilson	0
Sergt. Henwood, not out	6	not out	4
2nd Lieut. G. Carless, c sub., b Crawley	7	st. Tattersall, b Crawley	4
Extras	21	Extras	25
Total	292	Total	235

I ZINGARI.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
K. O. Goldie, c Henwood, b Carless	65	b Henwood	36
Capt. T. N. Wilson, c Smith, b Henwood	19	b Hunton	82
C. M. Llewellyn, c Tuke, b Hunton	62	b Carless	17
L. G. Crawley, c Weir, b b Henwood	28	run out	12
Major A. Tod, c Hickson, b Carless	33	c Hickson, b Hunton	17
Capt. G. A. Dury, c Hickson, b Carless	3	not out	25
C. F. Phillips, not out	33	did not bat	
Lt.-Cmdr. Curzon-Howe, st. Hickson, b Hunton	1	not out	4
H. V. Bearman, run out	18	did not bat	
Sergt. Wood, l-b-w, b Henwood	5	did not bat	
Lt.-Col. E. H. Tattersall, c Henwood, b Carless	10	b Tuke	51
Extras	9	Extras	2
Total	286	Total (6 wkts.)	246

Royal Marines v. Quidnuncs.

Played at Eastney, 22nd and 23rd July. Quidnuncs won by an innings and 4 runs.

QUIDNUNCS.

J. E. S. Francis, l-b-w, b Brooks	75
L. O. Roberts, c Whitmarsh, b Henwood	41
L. G. Crawley, c Hickson, b Henwood	45
C. T. Bennett, b Henwood	7
H. J. Enthoven, c Whitmarsh, b Henwood	63
R. G. Lowe, b Brooks	12
A. O. Payne, c Weir, b Hunton	30
M. Collis Browne, l-b-w, b Weir	24
H. S. Gilmer, c Whitmarsh, b Weir	12
C. J. Antrobus, not out	0
A. N. Other did not bat	
Extras	12
Total (for 10 wickets)	321

Innings declared closed.

ROYAL MARINES.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Capt. H. D. Weir, b Payne	42	c Payne, b Antrobus	65
Capt. C. H. Congdon, b Enthoven	18	c Gilmer b Lowe	2
Lt. K. Hunt, l-b-w, b Enthoven	8	c and b Enthoven	5
Major R. A. D. Brooks, b Lowe	4	c Bennett, b Enthoven	30
Lt. C. N. Smith, b Antrobus	10	b Payne	18
Major J. M. Tuke, b Payne	17	b Payne	4
2nd Lt. W. Whitmarsh, c Francis, b Payne	4	b Lowe	26
Major G. R. S. Hickson, not out	15	b Bennett	11
Major T. L. Hunton, b Payne	0	c Enthoven, b Crawley	0
Sergt. Henwood, c Francis, b Antrobus	9	not out	8
2nd Lt. G. P. Carless, b Francis	0	c Lowe, b Crawley	2
Extras	5	Extras	14
Total	132	Total	185

Royal Marines v. Harrow Wanderers.

Played at Eastney, 24th and 25th July. Match left drawn.

ROYAL MARINES.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
Capt. H. D. Weir, c Emanuel, b L. G. Crawley	46	b L. G. Crawley	63
Major R. A. D. Brooks, c Anson, b L. G. Crawley	9	b M. L. Buller	69
Lt. K. Hunt, l-b-w, b C. S. Crawley	25	l-b-w, b L. G. Crawley	1
Lt. C. N. Smith, b L. G. Crawley	1	b L. G. Crawley	0
Capt. C. H. Congdon, b L. G. Crawley	75	c M. F. Buller, b Key	102
Major J. M. Tuke, b L. G. Crawley	0	c C. S. Crawley, b Anson	46
2nd Lt. W. Whitmarsh, b Battcock	12	not out	22
Major G. R. S. Hickson, c Blewitt, b Battcock	40	did not bat	
Sergt. Henwood, c L. G. Crawley, b Battcock	22	did not bat	
Major T. L. Hunton, not out	1	did not bat	
2nd Lt. G. P. Carless, b Battcock	1	did not bat	
Extras	34	Extras	16
Total	266	Total (for 6 wickets)	319

Innings declared closed.

HARROW WANDERERS.

	1st Innings.		2nd Innings.
C. S. Crawley, st Hickson, b Hunton	70	l-b-w, b Brooks	15
Capt. M. L. Buller, b Brooks	12	did not bat	
L. G. Crawley, c Hickson, b Hunton	1	c Carless, b Brooks	23
Hon. R. Anson, run out	28	b Congdon	59
C. V. Baker, c and b Hunton	102	c and b Hunton	24
Col. W. F. Parsons, b Carless	22	did not bat	
Capt. M. F. Buller, c Hickson, b Brooks	15	c Weir, b Hunton	16
R. Blewitt, c Congdon, b Henwood	8	b Hunton	11
M. Key, not out	22	not out	3
S. F. Emanuel, b Hunton	2	not out	7
O. A. Battcock, c Henwood, b Hunton	7	c Carless, b Hunton	5
Extras	19	Extras	14
Total	308	Total (for 7 wickets)	177

MEAD CUP COMPETITION, 1925.

DEPOT, R.M., v. PLYMOUTH DIVISION, R.M.

Played at the Depot on 6th and 7th July. Plymouth won by 28 runs.

PLYMOUTH.

First Innings.—Major Coode, b Hunton, 26; Capt. Farmer b Chambers 0; Lieut. Smith, c Shine, b Hunton, 28; Capt. Reading, b Hunton, 6; Major Hickson, c Webb-Bowen, b Hunton, 21; Rev. Peshall, b Thompson, 8; Lieut. O'Donnell, c Cutler, b Thompson, 1; Lieut. Cornish, c Cutler, b Thompson, 2; Major Blount, b Hunton, 1; Lieut. Dykes, c Hansford, b Thompson, 4; Mne. Wilkins, not out, 0; extras, 2. Total, 99.

Second Innings.—Major Coode, b Chambers, 7; Capt. Farmer, b Hunton, 2; Lieut. Smith, c Cutler, b Hunton, 1; Capt. Reading, c Webb-Bowen, b Hunton, 3; Major Hickson, l-b-w, b Escott, 47; Rev. Peshall, c Cutler, b Hansford, 29; Lieut. O'Donnell, not out, 8; Lieut. Cornish, b Hunton, 2; Major Blount, c Trusler, b Hunton, 3; Lieut. Dykes, c Hansford, b Hunton, 10; Mne. Wilkins, c Hansford, b Escott, 3; extras, 7; Total, 122.

DEPOT, R.M.

First Innings.—Capt. Webb-Bowen, b Peshall, 1; Lieut.-Col. Shine, run out, 30; Lieut. Cutler, c Smith, b Reading, 1; Mne. Trusler, c Dykes, b Reading, 10; Major Hunton, l-b-w, b Reading, 1; Mne. Hansford, st. Smith, b Reading, 1; Lt.-Col. Mayhew, b Peshall, 0; Mne. Escott, c Smith, b O'Donnell, 14; Musn. Thompson, st. Smith, b Cornish, 9; Capt. Quianlan, b Cornish, 0; Mne. Chambers, not out, 0; extras, 11. Total, 78.

Second Innings.—Capt. Webb-Bowen, c and b O'Donnell, 16; Lieut.-Col. Shine, c Cornish, b Wilkins, 44; Lieut. Cutler, l-b-w, b Peshall, 17; Mne. Trusler, c O'Donnell, b Wilkins, 10; Major Hunton, c Blount, b Peshall, 3; Mne. Hansford, c Hickson, b Wilkins, 1; Lieut.-Col. Mayhew, c and b Wilkins, 1; Mne. Escott, b Peshall, 2; Musn. Thompson, c Peshall, b Reading, 4; Capt. Quianlan, not out, 2; Mne. Chambers, c Peshall, b Wilkins, 0; extras, 17. Total, 117.

R.N. AND R.M.

LAWN TENNIS.

R.N. AND R.M. CHAMPIONSHIP.

Paymaster Lt.-Cmdr. R. E. Worthington beat Lt.-Cmdr. P. F. Glover in the final of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines lawn tennis singles championship at Roehampton on Saturday, by 6—4, 4—6, 6—3.

Surg.-Cmdr. L. Darby and Eng.-Lt.-Cmdr. L. J. Carr were just too good for Cmdr. Glover and Cmdr. E. G. Spooner in the final of the doubles, winning 8—6, 7—5.

The only Royal Marine representative—Capt. M. Webb-Bowen—succeeded in reaching the semi-finals.

Cmdr. Stoker beat Major A. C. Butt in the final of the veterans' singles, 6—2, 6—4.

CHATHAM.

CRICKET.

R.N.B., Chatham, *v.* R.M. Home. Lost.
R.N.B., 214 (Cmdr. Palmer 76, Pay-Lt. Satterthwaite 41).
R.M., 117 (Col. Morgan 29, Capt. Weir 25).

Gravesend C.C. *v.* R.M. Home. Won.
Gravesend C.C., 169 for 8 (declared).
R.M., 196 for 9 (Capt. Weir 53, Mne. Beard 52, Col. Morgan 26).

Chatham Dockyard Officers *v.* R.M. Home. Draw.
Dockyard Officers, 249 for 6 (declared).
R.M., 207 for 9 (Capt. Congdon 69 not out, Capt. Weir 48, Lt. Whitmarsh 37).

R.M. Depot, Deal, *v.* R.M., Chatham. Away. Lost.
R.M. Depot, 302 (Capt. Webb-Bowen 166, Lt. Cutler 44).
R.M., Chatham, 180 (Lt. Bramall 77, Lt. Whitmarsh 29, Capt. Weir 26).

R.N.B., Chatham, *v.* R.M. Home. Won.
R.N.B., 192.
R.M., 221 (Lt. Bramall 35, Lt. Carless 34, Capt. Hungerford 26, Mne. Beard 26, Lt. Whitmarsh 22).

SERVICE SAILING RACES.

After a long period during which no races were held; for various unavoidable causes, the spell was broken by a race provided for Service boats by the Royal Engineers at their annual regatta on the 24th July.

There was a large entry, but the wind was so light that racing was rather tedious. "Starfish" whaler (Lieut. Caffyn, R.M.) was first over the line, and steadily increasing her lead won easily. The R.M. whaler (Lt.-Col. Arbuthnot) had a close race for 2nd place with "Turbulent's" whaler, our boat finishing 20 seconds ahead of her rival, after a race lasting four hours.

On the following day the Medway Yacht Club provided a race. The same boats entered as those on the previous day, but the conditions were even worse and the race had to be abandoned after a five hours' drifting match.

On the 29th July an ordinary weekly race was sailed. The conditions were excellent—a steady stiff breeze and slack water. Our whaler led at the turn for home, and slightly increased her distance during the first part of the beat back; but, sailing very close to the wind, "Starfish's" whaler (Lt. Caffyn, R.M.) saved a tack, and crossed the line a winner after a capital race. "Tumult's" whaler was third.

The Sheerness regatta took place on the 5th August. A race was provided for Service boats, but only produced an entry of three whalers. "Starfish" whaler, loaned to the R.M., and sailed by Lt. Caffyn, R.M., with a Marine crew, won easily.

The weekly race for the 12th August was officially cancelled on account of the weather. Three of the entrants decided to have a private race, as there was a grand sailing breeze. "Starfish" whaler (with a Marine crew and sailed by Lt.-Col. Arbuthnot) had a comfortable win, the R.M. boat (Lt. Caffyn) making a neck and neck finish with "Tenedos'" whaler for second place after the most enjoyable sail of the season.

The weekly race for the 19th August was abandoned owing to heavy rain.

PORTSMOUTH.

WATER POLO AND SWIMMING.

The Division I team are still undefeated, the record to date being:—Played 7, won 5, lost 0, drawn 2. The latest results are:—

v. Portsmouth S. Club. Won, 2—0.
v. Borough Police. Draw, 2—2.
v. "Dolphin." Won, 7—1.

The Division II team are not doing well, having suffered two more defeats. The record to date is:—Played 6, won 3, lost 3. The latest results are:—

v. "Excellent." Lost, 5—2.
v. Electrical Engineers. Lost, 4—1.

1st round, Hants County Water Polo Championship: *v.* Electrical Engineers. Won, 7—1.

Portsmouth Garrison Swimming Championship: 2nd prize, Mne. E. Layzell.

440 yards Swimming Championship of Hampshire: 2nd prize, Mne. H. R. Jolly.

220 yards Swimming Championship of Hampshire: 3rd prize, Mne. H. R. Jolly.

Corpl. F. V. Borrett and Mne. J. T. Davidson were selected to play for Hampshire against Wiltshire.

Result: Hampshire won 7—1, Mne. Davidson scoring 2 goals.

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

Thursday, 16th July. R.M. *v.* "Thunderer." Lost by 23 runs. R.M., 44; "Thunderer," 67. (Mne. Snow 8 for 14).

Wednesday, 22nd July. R.M. *v.* "Defiance." Won by 13 runs. R.M., 42; "Defiance," 29. (Mne. Snow 5 for 20, Mne. Peploe 4 for 6).

Saturday, 25th July. R.M. *v.* Constructive Draughtsmen. Lost by 28 runs. R.M., 42; Constructive Draughtsmen, 70. (Mne. Snow 3 for 8, Mne. Wilkins 3 for 25).

Wednesday, 29th July. R.M. *v.* O.P. Collegians. Match abandoned.

Wednesday, 5th August. R.M. *v.* Plymouth Trams.

Won by 85 runs. R.M., 144 for 8 (declared); Plymouth Trams, 59. (Lieut. Smith 34, Corpl. Dodge 22 not out, Mne. Peploe 22; Mne. Peploe 4 for 34).

Five matches had to be scratched owing to bad weather.

SAILING.

July 15th. R.M. cutter 1st (Capt. C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C.); R.M. whaler (Capt. G. H. Stephens) fouled the finishing buoy, thereby losing 2nd place.

July 18th. R.M. cutter 2nd (Maj. J. Macnair-Smith), R.M. whaler did not enter.

PLYMOUTH REGATTA.

22nd July. R.M. whaler 2nd (Capt. Stephens); R.M. cutter unplaced (Maj. J. Macnair-Smith).

24th July. Saxe-Coburg Cup. R.M. cutter 1st (Capt. C. M. Sergeant); R.M. whaler 2nd (Capt. G. H. Stephens). This is the first time that this cup has been won by the Royal Marines.

25th July. R.M. cutter 1st (Maj. J. Macnair-Smith); R.M. whaler 2nd (Capt. G. H. Stephens).

5th August. R.M. whaler 1st (Capt. G. H. Stephens); R.M. cutter 2nd (Capt. C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C.).

6th August. R.M. whaler 1st (Mne. Sargeant); R.M. cutter 2nd (Sergt. Soden).

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The Plymouth Division have entered teams for the following:—

United Service League, Division I.
Navy Cup.
Devon Senior and Devon Junior Cups.
Plymouth and Devonport League, Div. I.
Devon Wednesday League.

The first trial match was played on Monday, the 10th of August.

DEPOT.

CRICKET.

Depot R.M. *v.* Dover College, July 15th. Match drawn. Depot 253 for 9 wickets, declared (Capt. Webb. Bowen 29, Capt. Weir 68, Lt. Cutler 33, Capt. Thomson 50); Dover College, 194 for 5 wickets.

Depot R.M. *v.* Hythe C.C., July 18th. Match drawn. Hythe C.C., 296 for 4 wickets; Depot, 143 for 7 (2nd-Lt. Simonds 57, 2nd-Lt. Burnett 34).

Depot R.M. *v.* St. Lawrence College, July 25th. Depot won by 95 runs. (Capt. Webb-Bowen 67, Capt. Thomson 59, Lt. Cutler 67).

Depot R.M. *v.* St. Lawrence C.C., July 29th. Match drawn. Depot, 297 for 8 wickets, declared (Capt. Weir 33, Lt. Cutler 39, Capt. Congdon 129 not out); St. Lawrence C.C., 132 for 5 wickets.

Depot R.M. *v.* R.M., Chatham, August 8th. Depot won by 109 runs and 3 wickets. Chatham, 87; Depot, 196 for 7 wickets (Capt. Congdon 125 not out).

Depot R.M. *v.* Free Foresters, August 11th. Rain prevented play on the first day, and the match was decided on the single innings. Free Foresters, won by 19 runs. Free Foresters, 136 (Hunton 6 wickets for 36, Henwood 3 for 47); Depot, 117 (Capt. Congdon 27, Lt. Cutler 34).

Depot R.M. *v.* Band of Brothers, August 12th and 13th. Depot won by 4 wickets. This is the first occasion that the Depot have won this match. B.B., 226 in both innings; Depot, 215 (Capt. Weir 52, Lt. Cutler 22, Capt. Simpson 24, Capt. Heathcote 27, Major Hunton 47) and 240 for 6 wickets (Col. Shine 42, Capt. Congdon 144 not out, 2nd-Lt. Simonds 27 not out).

SWIMMING.

A challenge cup has been presented for competition by Colonel Commandant L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C.

The competition is run in the form of a series of handicap races, the object being to give everybody an equal chance of winning.

Prizes are awarded for each race, and every competitor scores points towards the challenge cup.

At the end of the summer the cup will be presented to the competitor scoring the greatest number of points. He will hold it for the year, and will also be awarded a replica.

The results of the races up to date are:—

1st Race.—1st Heat: Bglr. Curtis, 19 secs., 1; Rct. Eades, scr., 2.

Heat 2: Rct. Smith, 5 secs., 1; Rct. Pick, 8 secs., 2.

Final: Bglr. Curtis, 1; Rct. Eades, 2; Rct. Pick, 3.

2nd Race.—Heat 1: Rct. Buckland, 16 secs., 1; Rct. Rojan, scr., 2; Rcts. Marsh, 7 secs., and Short, 13 secs., dead heated for 3rd place.

Heat 2: Rct. Pick, 3 secs., 1; Rct. Blatch, 8 secs., 2; Rct. White, 13 secs., 3

Heat 3: Bglr. Curtis, 14 secs., 1; Rct. Quelch, 5 secs., 2; Rct. Driver, 9 secs., 3.

Heat 4: Rct. Travers, 13 secs., 1; Rct. Armstrong, 9 secs., 2; Rct. Meckie, 3 secs., 3.

Final: Pick, 1; Curtis, 2; Buckland, 3.

3rd Race.—Heat 1: Rct. Pick, 1 sec., 1; Rct. Dennis, 12 secs., 2; Rct. Greer, 8 secs., 3.

Heat 2: Rct. Lyall, 13 secs., 1; Rct. Meckie, 3 secs., 2; Rct. Richards, 18 secs., 3.

Heat 3: Rct. Rendall, 5 secs., 1; Rct. Pearce, 10 secs., 2; Rct. Buckland, 13 secs., 3.

Heat 4; Rct. Sandford, 13 secs., 1; Rct. Henchy, 11 secs., 2; Rct. White, 5 secs., 3.

Final: Pick, 1; Sandford, 2; Lyall, 3.

In the final heat Pick and Sandford dead-heated for 1st place, and on the swim off Pick won.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CRICKET.

The following Table shows results of matches played during the month by the 1st team:—

15th July. *v.* R.A.O.C. .... Won by 29 runs. (Corpl. Parkins, 11; Musn. Spuffard, 6 for 23).

18th July. *v.* North End Albion ..... Won by 12 runs. (Musn. Harding, 19; Musn. Davies, 5 for 16).

25th July. *v.* Devonians .... Lost by 13 runs. (Maj. Jolly, R.M., 42; Musn. Davies, 4 for 22).

1st August. *v.* Southsea Rovers ..... Lost by 18 runs. (Bandmaster Rose, 20; Musn. Harding, 3 for 1).

3rd August. *v.* Signal School ..... Lost by 94 runs. (Corpl. Lawrence, 34; Musn. Merecki, 4 for 14).



CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS AND AWARDS, ETC.

The undermentioned have been awarded a Good Service Pension of £200 per annum :—

Major-General Sir A. Paris, K.C.B. (retd.), in the vacancy created by the death of General Sir F. Thomas, K.C.B. (retd.), 26th June, 1925.

Major-General Sir G. Aston, K.C.B. (retd.) in the vacancy created by the death of General F. Baldwin (retd)., 2nd July, 1925.

PROMOTIONS.

Actg.-Lieut. A. E. Westcott promoted to Proby. Lieut., 1st August, 1925.

Proby. 2nd-Lieuts. promoted to Proby. Lieuts., 1st September, 1925 : G. Ross, G. Haward, W. Whitmarsh, T. Walker, R. Edmonson ; 1st October, 1925 : G. Carless.

Bandmr. (W.O.) R. Walker, R.M. Band, promoted to Cd. Bandmr., 19th July, 1925.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. G. P. Orde placed on the Seconded List on appt. to N.I.D. Admiralty, *vice* Mullins, 1st October, 1925.

Major C. Mullins (Secd. List) absorbed in the Establishment and posted to Chatham, 1st October, 1925.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. Franks apptd. Instructor of Gunnery (Mobile Wing), School of Land Artillery, *vice* Chancellor, and posted to Portsmouth Division, 2nd August, 1925.

Lieut. R. Gordon is borne supy. whilst attached to the Fleet Air Arm.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major L. Briscoe to " Centurion " (and as Squadron R.M. Officer), *vice* Orde.

Capt. W Bashall to " Danae," on recommissioning, *vice* Lukis.

Lieut. T. Knox to " Vindictive," *vice* Gordon to Headquarters.

Lieut. W. Dean to " Comus," on recommissioning.

Lieut. J. Robinson to " Weymouth," for trooping trip.

Proby. 2nd-Lieuts. G. Ross to " Furious," on commissioning ; G. Carless to " Ramillies," *vice* Dun to Headquarters ; G. Haward to " Eagle," *vice* Martin to Headquarters ; T. Walker to " Valiant," *vice* Cornwall to Headquarters ; R. Edmonson to " Emperor of India," *vice* Hall to Headquarters ; W. Whitmarsh to " Marlborough," *vice* Lansdale to Headquarters.

R.M. Gunner F. Hoile to " Royal Sovereign," *vice* Clifton to Headquarters, 18th August.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Majors J. Macnair-Smith and C. Williams have been selected to attend the 19th Course of the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, which assembles on 28th September and ends 19th December, 1925.

Major J. Tuke has been selected to attend the Battery Commanders' Course, which commences at the Coast Artillery School, Shoeburyness, on 29th August and ends on 10th October, 1925.

The undermentioned officers having successfully completed the Course at R.N. Staff College on 10th July, 1925, are entitled to the qualification *p.s.c.*(N.) :—Capts. C. Congdon, H. Lambert, D.S.C., and S. Barratt.

Lieuts. H. Bass, H. Balls and D. Grey have been selected to attend the course for Instructor of Gunnery, which commences in " Excellent " on 31st August, 1925, and ends 5th February, 1926.

Lieuts. F. Coucher and G. Hawkins have been selected to attend the Long Qualifying Course, which commences at the S.A.S., Hythe, on 21st September and ends 27th November, 1925.

Lieut. E. Woodington apptd. to " President " addl. for Intelligence Course, 22nd September, 1925.

Lieut. T. Knox qualified as Interpreter (French), June, 1925.

Lieut. C. Kitchin qualified (special) at Regimental Instructors' Anti-gas Course at Porton on 18th July, 1925. The Adjutant-General, R.M., notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

Lieuts. Caffyn and Wright qualified in subject (a) on 22nd July, 1925.

CHATHAM.

(JULY.)

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sergts.—Sergt. E. G. Williams (Depot, R.M.), Sergt. T. Lee (H.Q.).

To be Sergts.—Cpls. J. Ashton ("Repulse"), L. N. Johnson (Depot, R.M.).

To be Corporals.—Mnes. A. W. R. White (H.Q.), A. G. Barrett ("Danae"), J. Lee ("Tamar").

APPOINTMENTS.

Sergeants' Mess Fatigueman.—Mne. T. Donegan on probation.
2nd Q.M. Dept. Clerk.—Cpl. F. N. Quilter on probation.
Comdt.'s Office Clerk.—Mne. G. Jewitt.
Electrician, Bk. Mr. Dept.—Mne. G. A. Yates.
1st Q.M. Dept., Storeman.—Mne. L. A. Vellenoweth.
Billiard Marker, Recreation Room.—Mne. E. P. Carvell on probation.
Groom to Col. Paterson.—Mne. I. Collinson, appointment confirmed.
Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mne. A. A. H. Chittil on probation.
M.T.I. 2nd Class.—Sergt. H. Madelaine.
Assist. Printer.—Mne. W. F. England.
Attendt. to Major Hamar.—Mne. G. B. Cate.
Attendt. to Lt. Bickford.—Mne. W. H. Martin.
Cook, Officers' Mess.—Mne. A. G. Prince, appointment confirmed.
Electrician, Bk. Mr. Dept.—Mne. A. S. Carlisle.
Divnl. Butcher.—Mne. H. Weight.
Dispenser, R.M. Infirmary.—Cpl. A. Hillsdon, appointment confirmed.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ark Royal,**" Mnes. J. Scott, J. Sutton. "**Birmingham,**" Mne. W. E. Guttridge. "**Castor,**" Mne. E. R. F. Simpson. "**Ceres,**" Sergt. A. E. W. Hampton. "**Champion,**" Mne. P. H. Johnson. "**Cyclops,**" Mne. H. E. Tunsley. "**Hecla,**" Mne. W. J. Marriott. "**Marlborough,**" Mnes. T. J. Tidbury, J. R. Wickens. "**Pembroke,**" Mnes. E. F. Pasby, A. V. Perry, Clr.-Sergt. J. E. Stuart, G. A. Gray. **R.S.O., London,** Mne. C. E. Plane. "**Royal Oak,**" Mnes. J. W. Smith, D. N. Prince. **Shotley T.E.,** Mne. Hy. Ariss, T. G. Perry, H. E. Weall. "**Victory,**" Mnes. S. J. Lobjoit, W. F. Prisgróve, A. S. Morgan, C. E. J. Webb, R. W. Col, Hy. Thomasson, R. J. Moore, L. V. G. Dunn, A. W. Gardener. "**Weymouth,**" Mne. E. G. Hambridge.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Clr.-Sergt. E. J. Pordage, Cpl. W. C. Beavington, Mnes. Edwin Smith, A. A. H. Chittil, Chas. Davey, G. E. Thompson, A. P. J. Ferris. "**Ark Royal,**" Mne. S. A. Freeborn. "**Calypso,**" Mne. E. A. Bennett. "**Columbine,**" Mnes. J. Butler, G. H. Wilby. "**Constance,**" Mnes. Hy. Smiles, C. E. Harber, J. G. Price. "**Ceres,**" Sergt. T. S. Gormley. "**Cyclops,**" Cpl. W. H. Mair. "**Champion,**" Mne. F. Thorne. "**Dwarf,**" Mne. W. F. Parsons. "**Hecla,**" Mne. L. A. Vellenoweth. "**Hermes,**" Mne. H. J. Roberts. "**Iron Duke,**" Mnes. H. G. Harfield, C. W. Airnsworth (Po. Divn.). "**Pembroke,**" Mnes. Jno. Scott, H. Cockbill, Clr.-Sergts. J. E. Stuart, G. A. Gray, Cpl. A. R. C. Berry, Mnes. T. J. Hewett, H. T. Everett. "**Philomel,**" Cpl. D. W. Smith. "**President,**" Cpl. P. J. Jerred. **R.S.O., London,** Mne. H. H. Chaplin. **H.M.T.E., Shotley,** Mnes. A. J. Cummings, J. H. W. Warboys, Jas. Wood.

DISCHARGES.

Second Period of Engagement.—Q.M.I. O. G. Bacon, Musn. H. T. Johnson.
First Period of Engagement.—Mnes. H. J. Flynn, E. Smith.
Invalided.—Cpl. J. H. Branson, Mnes. D. A. Collins, R. W. Bryant, W. Rogers, H. Barnby, S. Peacock.
By Purchase.—Mne. A. Steeple, J. N. B. Briscoe, Jack Butler.

(AUGUST.)

PROMOTIONS.

To be Q.M.S. Inst. of Small Arms.—Sergt. E. H. F. Bonnett.

To be Clr.-Sergts.—Sergts. J. Burnell ("**Colossus**"), A. S. Carn ("**Calypso**").

To be Sergts.—Corpl. P. J. Jerred (H.Q.), Corpl. A/Sergt. C. L. Williamson (H.Q.), Corpls. B. Oakley (H.Q.), W. E. Fielding ("**Colombo**").

To be Corporals.—Mnes. H. T. Barlow (H.Q.), G. W. Brown ("**Danaë**"), C. G. Muddiman (H.Q.), A. G. Smith ("**Royal Sovereign**"), H. T. Goode (Depot, R.M.), E. T. Merry ("**Ajax**"), A. O. Day ("**Vindictive**"), R. A. M. Hedges (H.Q.).

APPOINTMENTS.

Clerk, Bk.Mr. Dept.—Sergt. R. Fisher (confirmed).
Inst. on Gun Battery Staff.—Clr.-Sergt. E. V. Earnshaw.
Motor Driver.—Mne. R. P. Stinning.
Divnl. Cookhouse.—Mnes. H. T. Everett, T. J. Hewett.
Tempy. Clerk, School of Signalling.—Mne. R. J. Ashby.
Attendt. to Rev. Archibald.—Mne. W. E. Lewis.
Divnl. Cookhouse.—Sergt. G. H. Dennis.
Parade Staff.—Corpl. H. G. Akhurst.
Clerk, 1st Q.M. Dept.—Clr.-Sergt. Lee.
Ledger Clerk, Paymaster's Dept.—Sergt. T. S. Gormley.
Clerk, Comdt.'s Office.—Corpl. T. C. Stonehouse.
Shoemaker.—Mne. F. Terry.
Storeman, 1st Q.M. Dept.—Mne. T. J. Byford.

SENIORITY LIST.

Senior Clr.-Sergts.—Clr.-Sergts. W. Gossett, E. E. Penney, A. N. Clarke, F. Beeston, J. E. Stuart, L. P. Silver.

Senior Sergeants.—Sergts. C. Dixon, H. J. Milton, F. Bessant, W. J. Day, A. T. Blackgrove, E. Fry.

Senior Corporals.—Corpls. R. H. Keir, A. W. Putman, G. Campbell, P. R. Parker, J. S. Lockhart, J. H. Harding.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mnes. John Allison, E. W. Bruce. "**Blenheim,**" Mne. W. J. Elmes. "**Caledon,**" Mne. E. V. Goodman. "**Calliope,**" Mnes. Jas. Rawlinson, F. E. Harris. "**Castor,**" Corpl. F. A. Sellwood. "**Cyclops,**" Mne. N. Saiger. "**Constance,**" Sergts. W. E. Pepper, Frank Robinson, Corpls. A. Landridge, C. F. Sheppard, Bugler E. B. Astle, Mnes. E. Waind, Wm. Shaw, W. E. Payne, F. Symes, H. Stroud, H. R. Cann, L. E. Hunt, F. Thorne, W. E. Storey, R. E. Dovey, Hy. Rogers, B. G. Fisk, A. Austin, C. A. Kerridge, A. E. Colley, W. A. Winsor, Jas. Heath, L. Frost, W. F. Harper, S. W. Holman, A. Browning, G. E. Thompson, F. R. Hardy, John Bartno. "**Dunedin,**" Mnes. Harold Cockbill, John Hackett. "**Endeavour,**" Mne. H. P. Cockcroft, Corpl. Benjamin Forrester. "**Effingham,**" Mne. W. T. Russell. "**Hawkins,**" Mne. J. G. E. Rintoul. "**Pembroke,**" Sergt. E. F. Eglington, Corpls. A. C. Mead, J. S. Johnson, L. C. S. Hawkes, Jas. Harvey. "**Royal Sovereign,**" Sergt. C. S. MacBrayne (from "**Castor**"), Mnes. H. A. Strange, Harold Ashworth. "**Royal Oak,**" Corpl. W. W. Glover, Mnes. Wm. Anderson, Cyril Chittenden, Chas. Lapworth. **Shotley T.E.,** Clr.-Sergt. E. G. Williams, Corpl. E. C. White. "**Weymouth,**" Corpl. Chas. Knight.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Corpl. E. T. Merry, Mne. H. J. W. Bunting, Sergt A. C. Hutton. "**Blenheim,**" Clr.-Sergt. Buddell, Mne. A. I. W Packer. "**Calliope,**" Corpl. L. B. Band. "**Ceres,**" Mne R. F. C. Nunn. "**Cyclops,**" Mne. A. E. Jenkins. "**Constance,**" Sergts. L. Wilton, F. Douglas, J. Butler, Corpls. Thos. Carter, H. G. Akhurst, Bugler R. Saunders, Mnes. J. C. Heverson. T. H. Funnell, C. G. Taylor, A. E. Warner, P. J. Powell, J. Sigston, F. C. Higgs, R. H. Martin, A. J. Smoker, A. H. Holloway, Ed. Chapman, Jas. Orchard, C. Johnson, G. T. Thewlis, P. F. Heath, Edward Johnson, W. C. Moss, E. H. Hawkes, W. C. Page, E. B. Bargent. "**Dublin,**" Mnes. C. W. Sivyer, A. V. Farthing, R. A. Smith, T. F. Buckingham, P. C. G. Bailey, F. I. J. Hyland, R. E. Sharpe. "**Endeavour,**" Mne. W. J. Goss. "**Hawkins,**" Mne. E. E. High. "**Marlborough,**" Mne. Herbert Monks. "**Pembroke,**" Corpl. A. R. C. Berry, Sergt. G. H. Dennis, Mne. J. W. Hamilton, Sergt. F. H. Woolward. "**Royal Sovereign,**" Sergt. Wm. Staley, Corpl. A. G. Smith, Mne. W. J. C. James. "**Royal Oak,**" Mne. J. F. Jackson, Corpls. D. S. Johnson, L. C. S. Hawkes, Mne. W. E. Wood. "**Repulse,**" Corpl. A. E. Drake. **Shotley T.E.,** Corpl. J. W. A. Franklin, Sergt. H. J. Milton, Corpl. S. A. Northover. "**Tamar,**" Mne. T. A. Newman

"Victory," Mnes. F. J. Lobjoit, W. F. Prisgrove, A. S. Morgan' C. E. J. Webb, H. Thomasson, R. W. Coe, R. J. Moore, L. V. G. Dunn, A. W. Gardiner.

DISCHARGES.

Second Period of Engagement.—Clr.-Sergt. T. G. Kemp, Mne. A. J. Cummings, Clr.-Sergt. C. T. Jones, Mne. C. Davey, A. E. Jenkins.

First Period of Engagement.—Mnes. J. R. Harris, L. Whittle, W. Connolly.

Invalided.—Mne. T. Clegg, Corpl. A. E. Drake, Mnes. L. Vellenoweth, W. E. Oliver, R. T. French, F. Gaskill, J. F. Jackson, W. Skelts, J. W. Greenaway, E. P. Neve, A. V. W. Moore, F. C. Kavanaugh, A. E. Hardway, W. Salt, H. H. Roberts, Corpl. D. W. Smith, Mne. T. Coyne.

Compassionate Grounds.—Mne. W. E. Wood.

Purchase.—Mnes. F. Bray, C. H. Smith.

PORTSMOUTH.

(JULY.)

PROMOTIONS.

To Q.M.S.I. of G.—Clr.-Sergt. T. E. Parker.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. J. H. Brims (Band).

To Sergt.—Cpls. A. J. Webb, Wm. Tickner, N. O. Cawthrow, F. A. Hiscock, H. T. H. Tuttiett.

To Cpl.—Mnes. C. A. Tawney, A. H. Wiltshire, A. W. Bennett, W. M. East, Herbert Wathall.

To Cpl. (Band).—Musn. J. A. Pipe.

APPOINTMENTS.

Pioneer.—Mne. James Fairley.

Band Sergt.—Sergt. J. H. Brims.

M.O.A. to Capt. Noyes.—Mne. B. Redgrave.

Batman to Schoolmasters H. W. Hawkins and C. P. Airey.—Mne. A. Armitt.

G.I. at Land Service (Coast Wing).—Sergt. F. A. Weeks.

L.-Cpl. in Band.—Musn. J. K. G. Hamilton.

Q.M.S.I. of Sea Service Gunnery.—Clr.-Sergt. T. E. Parker.

M.O.A. to Major J. B. Chancellor.—Mne. A. N. Simpson.

M.O.A. to Lt. J. E. N. Knox.—Mne. L. B. Cole.

G.I. at Sea Service.—Clr.-Sergt. B. Morris.

Nominated for C.S.M.—Clr.-Sergt. C. Pendereel, Clr.-Sergt. W. A. T. Martin.

AWARDS.

L.S.G.C. Medal.—Cpl. A. W. Brinkman.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

From **"Dryad"** to **"Victory."**—Mne. Farrow, F. J.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Assistance," Mne. A. E. Freeman. **"Fisgard,"** Cpl. H. G. Pook. **"Barham,"** Mne. Geo. Rollison. **"Centurion,"** Mne W. H. Freemantle. **"Cardiff,"** Bugler Wilmer. **"Columbine,"** Sergt. P. J. H. Hunt. **"Dolphin,"** Cpls. J. R. Bidwell, H. C. King, Wm. Aiken, Mnes. B. C. Warren, Alexander Mills, Arthur Goatley, E. C. Dellar, S. W. Allen, F. L. Hurst, T. S. W. Thrower. **"Egmont,"** Sergt. W. H. Wood, Cpl. Brown, Mnes. L. C. Collins, H. E. Wilkinson, E. R. Young, C. Laker, Charles Ladd, Harold Knott, W. P. Rose, W. J. R. V. Boulter, F. G. Jewell, C. Hall, W. A. R. Gladwin, K. S. Bonfield, L. W. C. Davey, Frank Mellor, A. V. Foster, Thomas West, A. W. G. Painter, Wilfred Thorne, F. E. V. Gale, C. L. S. Wood, A. O. Muscroft, J. Worrall, Harry West, H. W. C. Marsh. **"Effingham,"** Clr.-Sergt. Stanley Sparkes, Sergts. A. E. Asher, Harold Watts, Cpls. W. M. Harris, F. W. Warwick, A. L. Hocking, H. S. R. Mansbridge, A. H. Doherty, W. A. Fowler, Frank Green, Albert Rosier, A. H. Wiltshire, Buglers F. H. Graham, A. J. Barlow, Mnes. E. A. Knight, A. J. Woods, Robt. Dean, F. W. Draper, A. E. C. Hay, J. W. Thorne, G. L. Moody, F. A. Kent, S. J. H. Corbett, F. W. Fishlock, W. T. Herbert, W. G. Baxter, P. E. Simmonds, F. C. Clarke, G. H. Samuels, Edward Whealing, Wallace Slade, D. E. Allen, Arthur Jolly, L. D. Warren, T. J. Carey, W. J. Carey. W. J. Pattle, Jas. McBride, Fredk. Eames, A. E. Robertson, C. E. Davey, L. H. Betsworth, Charles Henshaw, R. C. Kerman. G. W. Jarman, F. W. Shawyer, W. A. Pepperell, V. W. Allatt, C. A. Peters, A. V. Knowlton, Wm. Metcalf, A. G. Belton, John Inness, W. A. Goodchild, J. H. Harrison, H. W. Gough, W. J. Roberts, R. G. Ashby, Ernest Woolmer, F. W. Gronert, H. A. Swinbourne, H. G. Towills, C. C. Tuffnell, F. A. Chandler, H. E. S. Hand, S. A. Longman, A. J. Roberts, A. H. Corbyn, R. J. Mann, E. J. Jarvis, Thomas Charlton, R. W. Harris, W. T. Castleton, E. J. Irish, A. M. Dixon. **"Iron Duke,"** Mnes. L. F. Seldon, Henry Gowler. **"Malaya,"** Mnes. L. W. Mountford, D. C. Fincher, Wm. Johnson, F. H. Preston. **"President,"** Bugler Richard Newman. **"Tiger,"** Mne. C. A. Pierson. **"Victory,"** Cpl. Harry Martin, Mnes. J. R. Craig, Richard Price. **"Dryad,"** Mnes. W. A. Eaton, Wm. White.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Barham," Mne. Oswald Dumphy. **"Centurion,"** Mne. A. H. Walters. **"Diomede,"** Mne. F. J. Stratford. **"Dolphin,"** Mnes. F. James, W. E. Marshall, C. F. Patston, W. W. Wheaton, Albert Little. **"Hermes,"** Mne. R. J. A. Smith **"Iron Duke,"** Mne. C. W. Ainsworth. **"President,"** Mne. W. J. Marsh. **"Victory,"** Cpl. John Merrett, Mnes. Edward Pratt, J. R. Ranson, Clement March. **"Valiant,"** Mne. W. C. Staples.

TRANSFERS.

Mne. L. J. Griffin to Chatham.

Mne. H. G. Harfield, from Chatham.

Cpl. A. T. Caddye to Royal Navy.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period.—Mne. C. Pope.

2nd Period.—Q.M.S.I. S. Ringrose, Clr.-Sergts. W. H. Heighway, N. T. Plumb, Sergts. V. J. Spearing, I. J. Austwick, Mnes. E. J. Keld, W. W. Brand, H. C. G. Bowden, L. B. Hibberd, Mark Brown, W. T. Ashford-Balmond, W. E. Marshall.

Invalided.—Mnes. J. Gaskell, A. E. Dyke, F. C. Marks, L. J. W. Jeffrey.

Purchase.—Mne. L. J. Durbin.

(AUGUST.)

PROMOTIONS.

To Corporal.—Mne. Arthur Hague.

To Sergeant.—Corpl. R. J. Gooden.

SENIORITY LIST.

Colour-Sergeants.—L. J. T. Dollery, Chas. Hatch, L. A. Scott, G. L. Wood.

Sergeants.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, Leslie Coppin, G. H. A. Waskett.

Corporals who are qualified for the rank of Sergeant.—Leonard Todd, J. R. Bidwell, P. C. Couzens, A. J. R. Howard.

Marines who are qualified for the rank of Corporal.—H. A. Blakely, A. Green, P. U. Eckhart, J. W. Ashby, K. G. Gunter, W. T. O'Donnell.

APPOINTMENTS.

N.C.O. in charge of Markers, S.A. School, Browndown.—Corpl. P. H. Beel.

Clerk at R.M. Office.—Sergt. C. Parnell.

Assistant Printer.—Mne. H. G. Harfield.

M.T. Driver.—Mne. Geo. Warner.

M.T.I. 1st Class at R.M. Small Arms School, Browndown.—Sergt. A. E. Paget.

Armourer, Small Arms (re-appointed).—Sergt. Leslie Coppin.

M.O.A. to Lieut. S. G. B. Paine.—Mne. W. J. Kingsbury.

M.T.I. 2nd Class.—Sergt. P. A. Adams, Corpl. F. V. Borrett.

Shoemaker.—Mne. A. J. A. Egan.

AWARDS.

L.S. and G.C. Medal.—Sergts. A. G. Taylor, F. C. Jackson.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

"Barham" to "Ramillies," Mne. J. C. F. Higgs. **"Queen Elizabeth," to "Revenge,"** Mne. J. H. Brooks. **"Flora" to "Iron Duke,"** Mne. P. V. Mayes. **"Coventry" to "Dublin,"** Mne. Walter Moore. **"Lucia" to "Coventry,"** Mne. W. H. Scorey. **"Despatch" to "Lucia,"** Mne. H. A. Neckham. **"Dublin" to "Hawkins,"** Cpl. A. A. Grindey. **"Dublin" to "Lowestoft,"** Sergts. J. R. Barnett, R. S. V. Locke, Corpls. F. Ormrod, O. R. Dyett, E. E. Davey, W. M. East, Bugler C. W. Budd, Mnes. Walter Moore, E. V. Johnson, Albert Le Serve, W. R. Smith, J. W. Howe, W. Atkinson, J. W. Buckeridge, J. H. Castle, Archibald Brown, F. A. Meadows, J. T. Thornley, W. H. Wilkins, G. G. Robertson, F. J. Wigmore, S. A. Blackmore, Harry Gomer, M. J. Gannon, H. L. Wallace.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Champion,**" Mnes. K. E. C. Bishop, C. G. Newman. "**Malaya,**" Mne. C. F. Jago. "**Fisgard,**" Mnes. J. W. Bedford, C. J. Smith. "**Agamemnon,**" Mne. P. C. Wilcox. "**Dido,**" Mne. M. R. W. Summersby. "**Victory,**" Mnes. G. W. Barnes, Fredk. Brown, Sergt. H. W. Howe. "**Conquest,**" Mne. Archibald Burns. "**Tiger,**" L. W. Briggs.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Fisgard,**" Corpl. P. H. Beel, Mnes. Herbert Knight, George Cullen. "**Agamemnon,**" Mne. H. G. Shorter. "**Victory,**" Mnes. H. H. Mitchell, Harry Silver, Corpl. J. M. Neal. "**Dido,**" Mne. Frederick Brown. "**Dryad,**" Mnes. A. J. Howard, E. G. Bone. "**Conquest,**" Mne. W. T. Heatham. "**Dublin,**" Mnes. Ernest Lovett, W. E. Culley, A. F. A. Harris. "**Revenge,**" Sergt. G. H. A. Waskett. "**Dolphin,**" Corpls. R. W. Beasant, Wm. Thorpe, J. M. Masters, Mne. A. Burns. "**Danae,**" Mne. A. C. Field. "**Champion,**" Corpl. J. C. Mansfield, Mnes. Sidney Watts, H. J. F. Brown, C. E. Gerry. "**Effingham,**" Mne. W. T. Herbert. "**Tiger,**" Mne. E. R. J. Poole. "**Diomede,**" Mne. G. T. Matthews. "**Egmont,**" Corpls. Edward Gilding, C. A. Tawney, S. J. Greenwood, Mnes. L. C. V. Rayment, H. T. Gordon, G. H. Keen, C. W. Harris, Thos. Power, B. E. J. Baker, W. G. Davis, C. G. Williams, A. F. Vincent, H. V. Burridge. "**Hermes,**" Corpl. George Shilling. "**Malaya,**" Mne. Thomas Niland, R. St. J. Woodcock. "**Cardiff,**" Bugler G. W. Newlyn, Mnes. G. H. Pottinger, J. W. Gadd, W. J. August. "**Assistance,**" Mne. Albert Davis. "**Constance,**" Mnes. E. J. Preston, F. A. Jeapes, E. B. Bargent. "**Iron Duke,**" Mnes. Thomas O'Brien, A. C. Instrall. "**Barham,**" Sergt. Martin Bell, Mne. L. J. Horman. "**President,**" Corpl. Edward Wright.

TRANSFERS.

To Army (Royal Corps of Signals).—Mne. C. S. Baker.
From Army (Coldstream Guards).—Mne. R. M. Allatt.

DISCHARGES.

First Period.—Mnes. E. R. J. Poole, Harry Silver, Oswald Dumphy.
Second Period.—Corpls. John Merrett, Wm. Thorpe, Mnes. James Hand, Frederick James, T. B. W. Fuller, C. F. Goss, H. H. Mitchell, Albert Speed, Thomas Scott, Albert Little.
Invalided.—Mnes. F. C. Marks, L. J. W. Jeffery, Stanley Skinner, C. E. Gerry, R. T. Gould, J. G. Rayner, E. W. Morris, J. R. Williams.
Purchase.—Mnes. R. W. H. Lewis, F. J. Corbett.
D.D.—Mne. W. C. F. Fitzsimons.

PLYMOUTH.

(AUGUST.)

SENIORITY LIST.

Senior Sergeants.—Sergts. F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, C. Green, E. J. F. Precious, A. E. Shimmings.
Senior Corporals.—Corpls. N. V. Bishop, Wm. Dickman, Geo. Oliver, H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, W. J. C. Osborne.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Calcutta,**" Mne. H. C. Brown. "**Capetown,**" Mne. H. T Ashford. "**Thunderer,**" Mne. J. W. Mansfield. "**K.G.V.,**" Sergt. R. Pue. "**Maidstone,**" Mne. J. B. Rendell. "**Weymouth,**" Sergt. A. W. Male, Mne. A. R. Nottley, R. Atkinson, H. L. Thomas, W. Coleman, J. O'Mara, J. Foden, H. Kelly. "**Leuchars,**" Mnes. W. F. Perkins, F. W. Smith, W. J. Wheeler, W. J. Hunt, A. W. Pearce, A. H. Guppy. "**Woolwich,**" Mne. G. Bellamy. "**Impregnable,**" Corpl. G. A. Keefe, Mnes. A. Robbins, C. Butler, W. House.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Woolwich,**" Mne. E. Jenkins. "**Chatham,**" Mne. R. W. Dowse, T. R. McCrudden. "**Cardiff,**" Mne. J. Stallard, J. Townley, T. Simson, W. E. Hunt, W. A. Taylor. "**Victory,**" Mnes. T. Greenhill, W. Prior, H. W. Morris, J. R. James, W. J. Hennessey, W. C. Rolfe, W. Hooper, J. Leech. "**Egmont,**" Sergt. B. W. Dale, Corpl. H. B. Besant, Mnes. W. Brooks, F. Partridge, P. Lake, A. Cross, E. H. Sartin. "**Valiant,**" Mne. W. Kingham. "**Q.E.,**" Corpl. H. W. Perryman. "**Frobisher,**" Mne. H. Ogden. "**Philomel,**" Corpl. A. Fry. "**Resolution,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. Mumford. "**Flora,**" Corpl. F. C. J. Wather.

DEPOT.

(JULY.)

APPOINTMENTS.

Po. 15162 Clr.-Sergt. R. C. Burt, Clerk, Barrackmaster's Dept.
Po. 213231 Sergt. H. H. York, Secretary, Recreation Rooms.
Ch. 19179 Mne. W. Sweetingham, Coalmeter.
Ch. 15666 Clr.-Sergt. W. A. Morley, M.T.I. 2nd Class (temp.).
P.O. 12648 Sergt. W. E. Buckley, M.T.I. 2nd Class (temp.).
Ply. 14844 Cpl. J. F. E. Cook, M.T.I. 2nd Class (temp.).
Ch. 24126 Mne. G. N. Tull, Attendant to Lt. J. H. Moxham.
Po. 18490 Mne. E. Rouse, Pioneer.
Ply. 19817 H. J. E. Carslake, Recruits Staff, R.R.T. (Appt. L.-Cpl.)
Ply. 21845 Sergt. R. Spanton, Recruits Staff, R.R.T. (L.-Cpl.)
Ply. 21849 Mne. W. E. Prodger, Clerk, 3rd Quartermaster Dept.

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.—Ply. 18553 Mne. W. T. Russell (rejoining); Po. 210897 Mne. A. Gubbins, Ply. 13035 Mne. W. Johnson, Ply. 13003, Mne. S. Mansergh (Anti-Gas Course).
To Portsmouth.—Po. 215549 Cpl. F. A. Lyons, R.M.B. 2784, Musn. A. Selway (rejoining); Po. 17104 Cpl. W. J. Goater (for Promotion Course).
To Plymouth.—Ply. 21940 W. Siddons (rejoining).

DISCHARGES.

Ch. 13029 Mne. F. A. Meacock, to Pension.
Po 22091 Mne W. F. J. Smith, N.L.T.B.E.S.
Depot 576 C.S.M. H. Redford, to Pension.
Ply. 22317 Mne. D. Magee, N.L.T.B.E.S.

(AUGUST.)

APPOINTMENTS.

M.T.I. (P.), 2nd Class.—Corpl. A. G. Crowther.
Boats Crew.—Mne. R. G. Ware.
Sergeants' Mess Steward.—Sergt. H. G. Waring.
Attd. Capt. Lambert, D.S.C.—Mne. W. H. Power.
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Clerk, Paymaster's Office.—Corpl. C. S. Baker.
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Attd. Rev. B. N. Carver, M.A.—Mne. A. R. Preston.
Pioneer.—Mne. R. J. A. Smith.
Pioneer Corporal.—Corpl. H. P. Rowing.
Secretary, Recreation Rooms.—Sgt. H. H. York.
Attd. Capt. D. H. Weir.—Mne. R. E. Tylor.

MOVES.

To Chatham.—Corpl. H. J. Macey, Mnes. S. A. Harris, W. E. Oliver, R. A. Hedges, J. T. Saunders and S. W. Staley (rejoining); Sgt. L. N. Johnson, Corpls. C. S. Baker and W. J. Stokes (for Promotion Course).
To Portsmouth.—Sgts. A. A. R. Waskett, W. E. Buckley, and F. Rowlands, and Mne. W. R. J. Pearse (rejoining); Band Boy F. Plume (rejoining R.N. School of Music).
To Plymouth.—Mnes. G. Steptoe, H. Kelly and S. R. Perriman (rejoining).

DISCHARGES.

Invalided.—Mnes. T. Clegg, T. Coyne, H. Cockram, E. W. Morris and L. Vousden.
By Purchase.—Mnes. R. W. H. Lewis and F. Bray.
To Pension.—Clr.-Sgts. C. T. Jones, J. Wilson, J. A. Porter and J. Mulligan and Mne. S. Mansergh.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boy L. C. Bagley advanced to Musician.

APPOINTMENTS.

Musn. H. E. Bunt as M.O.A. to the Musical Director *vice* Musn. Slemon.
Band-Corpl. S. G. Walkiden as M.T.I. 2nd Class.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates appearing on the respective promotion rosters :—

Bandmaster 2nd Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class).—F. T. Rose, S. H. Rendell, T. A. Murray, P. E. Barnacle, Herbert Wright, J. E. Burnett.

Band-Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—A. F. Bartlett, P. Johnson, Sydney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler.

Musicians (for promotion to Band-Corporal).—V. C. Hardy, E. G. Upstell, W. H. Fletcher, V. H. Alley, P. W. H. Robbins, Robt. Morton.

The following information is given for the benefit of Musn. candidates serving afloat :—Owing to the reduced establishment of the R.M. Band Service, which still leaves a surplus of fourteen Band-Corporals, it is not anticipated that any vacancy for promotion to Band-Corporal will occur until November, 1926. This will bring the average time of waiting up to approximately 9½ years instead of 8 years.

EMBARKATIONS.

"Impregnable," Musn. David Cushing. **"Malaya,"** Musn. Spuffard. **"Victory," (R.N.B.)** Bandmaster 1st Class R. T. Jackson, Band-Corpl. G. J. Maulkin, Musns. J. H. Bradbury, C. G. C. Brand, W. H. S. Oddy, Wm. Pearson, C. J. Harris, J. F. Musgrove, Albert Goby, Wm. Tilling, L. A. Hamblin, S. J. Bark, G. C. Pegrum, S. C. Harris, Alfred Phillips, H. A. Ford. **"Hood,"** Musn. H. G. Rule. **"Royal Oak,"** Musn. Albert Wicker.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"Ramillies," Musn. F. A. Sutherland. **"Curacoa,"** Bandmaster 2nd Class T. A. Murray, Band-Corpl. H. G. D. Kerslake, Musns. A. E. Bulgin, Albert Priestley, E. F. Jordan, H. E. Bunt, A. J. Turner, C. F. Read, J. H. Bell, J. W. Miles, Charles Hayes, Leonard Knight, Mark Burton, J. A. Gurnett, Fredk. Read. **"Victory" (R.N.B.),** Bandmaster 1st Class P. J. Whelan, Band-Corpl. F. A. Cook, Musns. E. H. Skinner, A. W. Cutler, A. E. S. Bashford, John Freeman, A. F. Merecki, Ernest Lowe, Thomas Martin, H. C. Head, John Costigan, Wm. Green, Fredk. Brown, Frank Phipps, Harold March. **"Iron Duke,"** Bandmaster 1st Class, Walter Fleming. **"Hood,"** Musn. C. A. Potter. **"Royal Oak,"** Musn. E. J. A. Cox.

MARRIAGE.

GADD—SMITH.—On July 6th, at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, Edward George Gadd, late Sergeant, Plymouth Division, to Doris Victoria Verrels Smith.

OBITUARY.

Q.M.S. George J. Curthoys, R.M.

We regret to have to announce the death of the above named, which occurred in the R.N. Hospital, Plymouth, on the 22nd July, as the result of a motor accident which took place in North-road on the 19th. Deceased, in trying to avoid a collision with pedestrians, was thrown from his motor-cycle with great force, his head striking the structure of the railway bridge. He died, as above stated, without regaining consciousness.

The late Q.M.S. Curthoys enlisted in the Royal Marine Artillery 12th November, 1906, and was transferred to the Plymouth Division on the amalgamation of the Corps in 1923. At the time of his death he held the appointment of Q.M.S. I. of G. at the Plymouth Division. Deceased was a prominent member of the Sergeants' Mess, being President of the Games and Entertainment Committee, and his loss will be much felt among the members, hon. members and friends of the Mess.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The guard has been relieved. The old guard has presented arms to the new. The new guard now returns the salute, and marches out its first relief.

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To readers who missed the notice in last month's issue, and will therefore wonder what this is all about, it may be well to explain that the care of the "Globe and Laurel" has now been handed over from Chatham to Portsmouth.

An enthusiastic staff has volunteered to serve. With their help, and relying on the support of the faithful band of correspondents afloat and ashore, the Editor hopes to be able to maintain the Corps Journal in the sound state of health which it has enjoyed under the care of his predecessors.

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There are three classes of readers for whose interest the Journal is intended to provide. Those now serving, of whom some buy it and don't read it, while others read it and don't buy it; past members of the Corps, who wish for intimate news of the doings of their successors; and lastly the Royal Marines of the future.

This last class must not be forgotten. It is interesting for us to read in the "Globe and Laurel" of May, 1892, for instance, that the merry cyclists of the Plymouth Division flew along the country roads at a pace which surprised and alarmed the rustics. It might be amusing to our successors if we could portray for them the odd collection of vehicles now kept in the Drill Shed at a charge of 1s. 3d. per wheel. It may interest readers in the distant future to learn how we used the weapon called the rifle. And this brings us to one more point which the Editor would like to mention before settling down to work.

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While avoiding subjects of a controversial nature, it might add to the value of this Journal if articles on technical subjects, or matters in connection with the training of the Corps were included from time to time. Accounts of schemes carried out at our Corps Schools, or by Detachments afloat, would interest a large section of readers, and might be helpful to those who are faced with the awful necessity of passing examinations for promotion.

The Editor will welcome any articles on such subjects, or any suggestions which readers may have to offer in this, as in any other respect connected with the welfare of the "Globe and Laurel."

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The reference to the Royal Marine Memorial in Whitehall by the correspondent of H.M.S. "Capetown" and by "Garbe d'Or" in last month's number has drawn from a correspondent, who took part in the *sortie* in question, an account which will be found in these pages.

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The issue of the new Full-Dress tunic has now started. Detachments of H.M. Ships commissioning for foreign service or home service will in future be supplied with full dress, and the issue will be complete in three years' time.

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Major-General Sir Archibald Paris, K.C.B., paid his annual visit as Honorary Colonel-Commandant to the Portsmouth Division on 21st August.

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Many readers will hear with regret of the death of Major J. M. Palmer, D.S.C., and Captain G. E. Grayston. Obituary notices will be found elsewhere.

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Congratulations to Plymouth Division on the success of the Torchlight Tattoo, an account of which is included in this number.

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Portsmouth Division have been doing great things in swimming and water polo.

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This month has seen the completion of Rifle meetings, and we are now settling down to the serious business of football. It would be nice to see some inter-Divisional matches. A soccer match between Chatham and Portsmouth, for instance, or a rugger match between Plymouth and Portsmouth would be sure of wide support. There would seem to be no insuperable difficulties in the way, and it might lead to the institution of a Corps Football team, which many football enthusiasts would like to see. Perhaps those interested would like to air their views on the subject through the medium of this Journal.

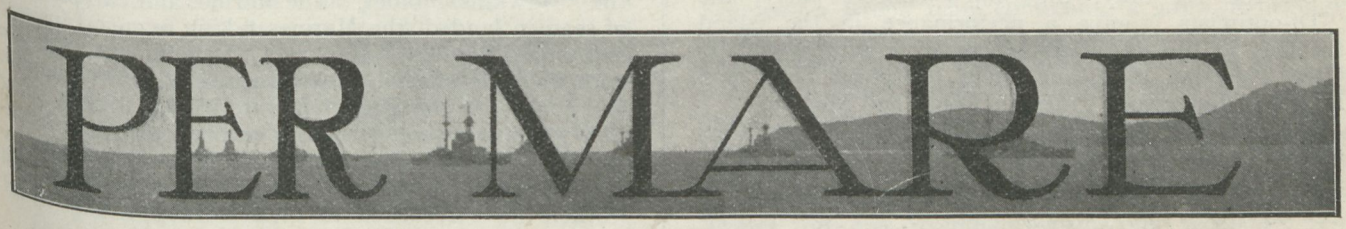
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As the Editorial Office is at present separated by a considerable distance from the Printer, correspondents are requested to be punctual with their contributions. There appears, unfortunately, to be a lack of Fleet news this month, which may be due to the change of address not yet having reached some correspondents. It is almost impossible to include anything arriving after the 15th of the month.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following :—

"The Leatherneck," "The Covenanter," "The Sapper," "The Wire," "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "The Artillery College Technical School and A.C.P. Journal," "The Snapper," "The Royal Engineers Journal," "St. George's Gazette," "Journal of the Honourable Artillery Company," "The Gunner."



MEDITERRANEAN.

"Delhi."

Since our last contribution we have had a fairly busy time. Leaving Malta on 5th August, we took part in various manœuvres, the whole Fleet being at war routine. After two days at sea we arrived at Argostoli in Greece, in company with the 3rd Cruiser Squadron and "Coventry," forming up in two lines for the Regatta, which was held on the 11th and 12th. The Detachment had two boats entered, a cutter and a whaler, the former coming in fifth. The whaler provided a great surprise for all the ship's company, as they were the first crew to get a first place in the whole of the events which "Delhi" entered. It was a race full of thrills from the start ; taking the lead from the commencement, they held it right to the end, successfully beating all who attempted to take it from them, winning by 6 or 7 strokes. The Battle Fleet then arrived, and we had two days of Fleet Regatta. We left Argostoli on the 18th, and arrived on the 22nd at Mudros, where the Danube river-boat "Glowworm" joined the Fleet. During our stay at Mudros a company of men from the Fleet went up the Dardanelles to visit the war graves. Sergt. Barks and Mne. Norris were the representatives from the Marines ; they left the ship early in the morning and went up by destroyer, returning about 9 p.m.

POLLENSA BAY.

As our time for docking was nearly due, prior to our trip to Australia in November, we left the Fleet on the 24th, arriving at Malta on the 27th. On the way the Night Loader Competition was held and won by No. 3 Gun's Crew, which is one of the two Marines' guns, the winners beating No. 5 Gun, the holders of the Day Loader Cup, by one second. As the "Glowworm" is only a gunboat, "Delhi" had to stand by during the trip to Malta, and on account of the heavy swell which was running, which we hardly felt, but which caused the "Glowworm" to roll and pitch, we were compelled to put into Syracuse for the night.

Many of the seamen branch of the ship have taken an interest in our Corps paper, and one or two have asked me to place them on my list of regular monthly subscribers, so I shall be able to dispose of 18 copies practically every month. This means that in four months of receiving our first batch of "G. & L." we have increased our sale by a dozen copies, which proves our paper is both amusing and instructing. On Wednesday, 2nd September, the Detachment leave for Ghain Tuffieha for another course of musketry, this course being the one we should have done if we had been with the Fleet during the forthcoming year, but, as we will be in Australia, they are putting us through while the ship is in dock.

During the time we were at Mudros the Detachment was inspected by Major Pope, R.M.

CHINA.

"Diomede."

We sailed for Wei-Hai-Wai on 19th March. During this month the R.M. Detachment received their cups for winning the inter-part ship's league for the second year in succession. Corporal Light won three spoons for shooting and Mne. Clark won a cup in the ship's billiard tournament.

On 14th April, the R.M. Detachment were second in an inter-part Marathon race, in which the first six home counted points.

On 23rd April, the anniversary of St. George's and Zeebrugge day was celebrated by a ceremonial parade commanded by Capt. H. T. Newman, R.M., in which the R.M. Detachment, one Platoon of Seamen and one Platoon of the 1st Battalion Loyal Regiment took part. The parade was inspected by Mr. Russell Brown, the officer administering the Government. Afterwards the Officers were entertained to lunch by the local residents and the Petty Officers, N.C.O.s and men in the Loyals Barracks. After lunch, sports were arranged by Lieut. Gibson, of the Loyals, in which the Marines were just beaten by the Seamen for a cup presented by Mr. Southcott. Mne. Sells won the 100 yards, 220 yards and long jump, and Mne. Blackal won the high jump.

On the 1st May, the ship's concert party, the "Di-optimists" gave a performance in the island theatre; in this the Detachment were represented by Capt. Newman, Sergeant Simes, Corporal Light and Marines Madgewick, Hilliard, Rolph and Mackie.

On 11th May we were joined by the fleet, and then things started happening in Shanghai and we left at about one hour's notice for that place on 2nd June. We were followed the same night by "Carlisle," and "Despatch" left the next day. While at sea all arrangements for landing were made. "Diomede" and "Carlisle" were each to land one company consisting of three platoons of seamen and one of marines, Captain Newman, R.M., being in command of A Company from "Diomede" and Lieut.-Commander Ackland of B Company from "Carlisle." We arrived in the evening of 3rd June and landed next morning and marched to the New World buildings. These buildings consisted of a Chinese hotel, several theatres and a small "amusement park"; from their general appearance and smell it was at once apparent that the sanitary coolies had been on strike for at least a week. However, with a lavish expenditure of "Lysol," kerosene and fly papers the place gradually became habitable, and in two or three days the company settled down and commenced looking for trouble.

Our job was to patrol a certain area and to keep a guard on the gas works about a quarter of a mile away just on the edge of the settlement. We spent exactly a month ashore and the time passed pleasantly. Although we had no violent excitement, our patrols were kept continually busy and quite a number of arrests were made. In a few days we had inspired terror in the hearts of the Chinese inhabitants of our area.

The best bag was made by Sergeant Simes, who captured a student complete with automatic pistol fully loaded; the latter's excuse was that for the last three weeks he had been trying to throw it away but could not find anywhere to throw it. After being searched by the Marine Guard, "interviewed" by Co. H.Q. and again at the police station, he must have wished he had looked harder for somewhere to drop it!

The situation in Shanghai remained quiet throughout our stay and on 6th July we re-embarked. Lieut.-Col. Cantrell then relieved Commander Barrett as O.C. the battalion, and one platoon from "Hawkins" relieved A Company, being followed by three platoons next day.

We left Shanghai and arrived at Hong-Kong on the 8th July. On the 12th, H.M.S. "Concord" arrived to relieve us and we are now looking forward to sailing for Singapore on our way to Portsmouth.

"Concord."

After arrival at Hong Kong we had a busy time painting ship, and taking in stores and ammunition for ships up north.

On the 19th July we sailed for Shanghai. Arriving at Swatow on the 22nd, we turned over stores to the "Bluebell," and sailed for Nimrod Sound, which we reached on the 23rd. Here we painted ship and sailed for Woosung on the 25th, arriving the same day and anchoring for the night. On the 26th we arrived at Shanghai, where we oiled, dumped the extra ammunition we had on board, and landed one platoon of seamen. The following day we proceeded up the river, taking over the "Hawkins'" billet. The Marines and two platoons of seamen landed, the Marines taking over a Japanese cotton mill from the "Hawkins" Detachment. On the 29th we were relieved by American Marines at the mill, and took over the Shanghai waterworks. Since being here we have supplied a patrol and two guards. Nothing exciting has happened, however, and judging by appearances, everything seems normal. The mill workers have returned to their work, and the wharf coolies are rapidly following their example.

To-day, however, the 17th August, about 2,000 Post Office employees have come out on strike.

AFRICA.

"Birmingham."

The married officers became quite chatty from breakfast onwards on the 12th July, and the Squadron duly arrived on the 13th after a nine weeks' cruise on the South and East coasts. The "Repulse" was anchored in the Bay, and the Detachment soon received numerous challenges to contests of skill, which were unfortunately fated not to come off, owing partly to bad weather and partly to sickness—NO, NOT SEASICKNESS—among our leading athletes. Our small detachment comprises (1) leading athletes, (2) a diminutive bugler, and (3) an elderly O.C., so that a few sick rather cramp our style.

We were very sorry to lose the "Repulse" on the 29th July. Their Detachment is most sporting, and we hope that the remainder of their commission will continue to be thoroughly happy. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales visited the flagship on his way off to the "Repulse," and inspected the R.M. Guard and Band before proceeding round the Divisions.

An interesting finale to the proceedings was the conferring of the Order of Knighthood upon Admiral Sir Maurice FitzMaurice on his own quarterdeck.

The third annual walking race of the Cape Town Spartan Harriers took place on August 4th. An open invitation to novices attracted two most sporting

entries from the Squadron, Corporal C. J. W. Fallace, R.M., and Able Seaman H. Hall, R.N., both of the flagship. The course was from Cape Town *via* Simonstown to Seaforth and back, a distance of 50 miles. Our men had had practically no training, and Hall was unfortunate enough to be forced to retire at half the distance owing to a nail in his shoe. Fallace, too, when going strongly 13 miles from home developed a bad strain in his thigh, and it was only by the exercise of the utmost grit and determination that he was enabled to finish. Of 56 starters, 17 finished the course, Fallace being second novice and 14th in all. His times were: 12 miles, 2 hours 2 mins.; 25 miles, 4 hours 37 mins.; total course, 10 hours 45 mins. A most creditable performance and one which earned him the personal congratulations of the Chief of Staff.

Several open shoots have been held lately by "Birmingham" Rifle Club, and were it not for the Southwood system of handicapping, Marine F. Cusick would have seriously to contemplate matrimony. He has registered the top score on four occasions during the last month.

The R.M. Band have been prominent lately in adding to the laurels of the Detachment and the Squadron.

By special permission of the Commander-in-Chief they took part in the Delville Wood Memorial Service, held in St. Francis' Church, Simonstown, on 19th July, as a result of which the Bandmaster received a special letter of thanks from the Vicar. Further, on 12th August, the Commander-in-Chief, whose musical accomplishments are well known, arranged for a special performance in Admiralty House before the Cape Town Melodic Society, numbering about 65 strong—something of an ordeal. The programme included Haydn's Oxford Symphony and Bach's Suite in "D," and was thoroughly appreciated.

This month our cue-fiend, Sergeant Small, received two separate challenges from Marine Crozier, late of "Lowestoft," to snooker matches of three games up. He won both matches in two straight games.

EAST INDIES.

"Cairo."

Since our last communique, of, I fear, rather distant date, we have completed our refit and the East African cruise and joined in the "war" with China.

To start at the beginning; the only events of importance before leaving Colombo for East Africa were, firstly, "Cairo's" success in winning the Squadron Soccer Cup. Mnes. Pow and Wilkinson played regularly for the first eleven; secondly, the orgy of painting, etc., associated with the end of all refits; and thirdly, our successful steaming trials and gunnery practices.

Leaving Colombo on 11th May we made straight for Mombasa, as our original programme had been cut down owing to the extensive refit. En route, those of us who had not previously entered King Neptune's domains were "rightly and duly administered as his subjects." On arrival at Mombasa we had to oil ship and leave again as soon as possible owing to an outbreak of smallpox ashore, so that next day we left for Dar-es-Salaam and were all vaccinated on the way. We saw a lot of the King's African Rifles there and at their Sports our Detachment tug-of-war team met the "Chatham's" ship's company team, but owing to our lack of training were fairly easily defeated.

For the King's Birthday Celebrations on June 3rd, the Detachment and three seamen platoons formed one company and marched past with the 2nd Bn. K.A.R., the Governor of Tanganyika Territory taking the salute.

Taking into consideration the difficulties of drilling with the sailors and marching with the K.A.R.'s on very loose sandy ground—the K.A.R.'s being in bare feet—the Detachment acquitted themselves very well—so we were told. In the evening the ship's company concert party gave a really good show ashore, much of the talent coming from the "Royals." In the interval those who were not otherwise engaged witnessed a searchlight and firework display given from the ship. Whilst at Zanzibar, our next port of call, the Detachment landed for an early morning route march; and the R.M. 2nd XI played the New Generation Football Club, being unfortunate to lose by 2—1.

At Tanga, the Inter-Divisional football competition and whaler's race were held. In the football competition, played on the "knock-out" system, the Detachment were successful in beating the Torpedo Division and the First Division of Seamen, thus qualifying for the final, in which they met the Second Division of Seamen—a strong team containing a large percentage of the Ship's team. A very even game resulted in the Detachment winning the Cup by 1 goal to nil.

In the Inter-Divisional Whaler's Race we entered two crews who came up against one another in the final, the 2nd Crew winning the Cup by the narrow margin of 3 strokes.

Another equally successful concert was given at Tanga on the evening before our departure for Mombasa, and once again the "Royals" contributed a large share of the items.

At Mombasa, we sent the ship's rugby and soccer teams and a combined boxing team from "Chatham" and "Cairo" up to Nairobi, the capital of Kenya Colony.

Before leaving Mombasa, the ship received orders to go to China to relieve the "Carlisle" during their refit and recommissioning. We sailed on 10th July, stayed 1 day at Seychelles, 2 days at Colombo, 1 at Singapore and arrived at Hong-Kong 31st July. We were sorry to leave our friends in the "Chatham" and "Colombo," especially as they expect to be relieved on the East Indies Station before we return.

However, we soon found a lot more old friends in the "Tamar" and "Ambrose" at Hong-Kong when we landed for drill with them. We were there for a fortnight, during which we played the "Tamar" at water-polo, and we are now at Nanking, about 200 miles up the Yangtse-kiang, where we have relieved the "Durban."

The following marines represented the ship in the various games, etc., during the East African cruise:—

Rugby.—Mnes. Winter, King.
Soccer.—Mnes. Pow, Wilkinson.
Boxing.—Mnes. King, Wilkinson.
Hockey.—Mnes. Bevan, Haymes.
Concert Party.—Mnes. King, Gresty, Wilkinson, Stainer, and Corporal Lynch.

DETACHED SERVICE.

THE ROYAL TOUR (*continued*).

Simonstown, 7th July.—Before leaving Saldanha Bay, our shooting team defeated the "locals" by a generous margin, which victory would have won us a handsome cup if we belonged to this Station.

I think everyone was glad to get back to Simonstown last Saturday and now, between Gunnery and Torpedo Exercises, our pulling crews are assiduously practising against the return of the Squadron on the 13th. Our Marines' gig is a distinctly good crew, and we hope to avenge our defeat by the "Birmingham" last May.

The next touring party is starting for Maritzburg and Durban on Saturday next for a 12 days' trip, which ought to be more enjoyable than any of its predecessors, though 5½ days in the train is a bit of a snag.

23rd July.—Our stay in South Africa is now rapidly drawing to a close, and there is no doubt that the pleasant memories of our visit will remain "green" for a long time to come.

It would take too much space to record all the sporting events which have taken place during this, our last, month; there have been victories and defeats and, if a detailed list of all results were obtainable, it would doubtless make interesting reading—for us.

Our rifle team has improved with practice, and has marched from victory to victory; our football team has won some very good matches, and our boxing enthusiasts have more than held their own; in fact, I hope I may be allowed to say that the "Repulse" has created a good impression wherever she has been represented, either at work or play.

In a knock-out gig race tournament to decide which part of ship should row against the Police, the Marines were beaten a few feet by the P.O.s after an exciting tussle in the final.

The last of our touring parties returned from Durban yesterday, and the rest of our time is being devoted to painting ship in readiness for our departure on the 29th.

We were robbed of our chance of revenge in a return gig race against the "Birmingham's" Marines, as they found it impossible to raise a crew, owing to sickness; a Detachment tug-of-war against the "Lowestoft" also fell through for the same reason—this was hard luck on our team, which had been putting in a lot of practice ashore in their own time in preparation for the event.

Many members of the Corps will be glad to hear news of Colonel and Mrs. Bridges, who are comfortably settled in a small suburb of Cape Town, and of Major Prynne, who runs a farm at Stellenbosch—we saw quite a lot of the former on board the "Repulse," I'm glad to say.

29th July. At Sea.—Another stage of the journey was started to-day, when we sailed from Simonstown at 5 p.m. en route for St. Helena.

In spite of the fact that baggage was being hoisted on board within a few moments of the arrival of the Royal party, the usual ceremonial was carried through without a hitch, and the Governor-General, who came on board to wish his nephew "God-speed," once more inspected the Guard of Honour.

The general feeling on leaving South Africa is one of regret, but there is always the consolation that each day passed is bringing us nearer HOME, and we look upon our departure this afternoon as a sort of turning point for England.

6th August, At Sea.—What must surely be one of the smallest British garrisons in the world is that commanded by Colonel Iremonger at St. Helena, that lonely outpost of the British Empire we have just had the good fortune to visit—most of us for the first time.

After five days' steaming from Simonstown, we arrived at St. Helena last Wednesday, and anchored less than a mile off Jamestown, the capital.

To those who have not been there before the place is a revelation—the bare volcanic hillsides dotted here and there with cactus plants lead one to believe that the whole island is nothing but a barren waste without a square yard of flat ground anywhere—but there are trees to be seen in the distance and, if one takes the trouble to walk (or rather climb) inland for about four miles, the scenery is reminiscent of the prettiest English variety—shady grass lanes, gorse and broom, green fields and copses and other refreshing delights.

The barracks and married quarters for the Marine garrison are a prominent object on the top of a hill immediately above the harbour, and approached from the town by a winding road and an alternative route, which necessitates the climbing of several hundred steps—incidentally, I heard that the record for these steps was seven minutes, a posthumous record unfortunately.

On the morning following our arrival, the Governor (Mr. Harper) and the O.C. Troops came on board to pay the official call on H.R.H., and the latter followed them ashore half an hour later.

The programme was much the same as usual, and the details need not be gone into—suffice it to say that everyone was back on board by 5.30 p.m. yesterday, and we started our nine days' trip to Montevideo shortly afterwards. This will be our longest spell at sea so far, though the distance is not quite as great as that from Lagos to Cape Town.

Montevideo, 15th August.—After a good but monotonous passage, we arrived off the mouth of the River Plate at 7 a.m. yesterday, accompanied by "Curlew," who had taken station astern of us during the night.

Mercifully favoured by a flat calm, the task of transferring H.R.H. and Staff with baggage to the cruiser was carried out without a hitch by means of tugs lent by the Uraguayan Government.

"Curlew," with the Royal Standard flying at the fore, sailed at 9.30 a.m. for Montevideo, where she will lie alongside until to-morrow evening, when the Prince will re-embark for passage to Buenos Aires across and higher up the river.

The Band has deserted us once more for duty ashore and afloat, and is not likely to return before the end of the month.

"Repulse" is at present lying well out in the mouth of the river, with the higher buildings of Montevideo just visible on the horizon, and to-morrow, Sunday, we sail southwards to Mar del Plata, where we shall go alongside a specially constructed mole.

Dredging operations on a large scale have been in progress for the last few months in anticipation of our visit.

L.S.W.

(*To be continued.*)

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ROYAL MARINES PAST AND PRESENT.

PORTSMOUTH, AUGUST, 1925.



CHATHAM.

With the kind permission of Col.-Comdt. R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., a visit to Wembley for Marines only was arranged by the Committee under the presidency of S.M. D. A. Board, and took place on Saturday, 29th August, proving a great success. Two chars-a-bancs left at 7.45 arriving at the Exhibition in good time for the opening. The weather was fine and all arrangements worked without a hitch. Lunch and tea were served in the Palace of Housing and Transport, full justice being done to this part of the entertainment.

The return journey was made immediately at the conclusion of the Tattoo, with all concerned in a very happy frame of mind. It is hoped to make some similar outing an annual event.

The Recreation Room Secretary states that the strong smell of rabbit stew which emanated from his quarters on the following morning, was not the sequel to the murder of a very fat rabbit by one of the char-a-bancs on the return journey.

A new billiard table has been erected in the Recreation Room through the decision of the Committee, thus bringing the total to three. It is a first-class table and now awaits the Dockyard's pleasure for the fixing of lights before being taken into use.

The Recreation Room Whist Drives have proved such a great success that fortnightly Drives are now being arranged. A sum of three pounds has been granted as prizes for the month.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Division was inspected by Major-General Sir Archibald Paris, K.C.B., on Friday, 21st August. He was received on parade by a ceremonial battalion under the command of Lieut.-Col. N. F. Trotman, R.M. The battalion was inspected and marched past. They were then formed into square and were addressed by the Hon. Commandant, who remarked how pleased he was to renew his acquaintance with the Corps, and to see the efficiency maintained. The School of Land Artillery was visited, after which a Tactical Scheme was carried out in the vicinity of Fort Cumberland. The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Messes were visited in the afternoon.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

An outing was arranged for Serving Members (only) of the Sergeants' Mess on the 25th July, 1925, by Q.M.S.I. F. Peasnall, R.M., with a very competent committee.

Rather fortunately under existing weather changes, the day was glorious, and the route selected by the committee defied argument.

Three 28-seaters and one 14-seater chars-a-bancs were filled to overflowing (with the assistance of the means of subsistence between stopping places), and started from the Mess at 8.30 a.m. for Fareham, where the "Mainlanders" were gathered from the various "Out-stations." After a short stay at Fareham, we proceeded via Wickham, Botley, Swathling and Lynd-

VETERANS OF THE SERGEANTS' MESS, PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.



Photo] [Cribb, Southsea

Front Row.—Left to Right: Col.-Sergt. G. Saunders, R.M.L.I., age 78; Sergt. F. McGarvey, R.M.L.I., 65; Col.-Sergt. I. Stamp, R.M.L.I., 77; Sergt. Robert Morris, R.M.L.I., 76; Sergt. J. S. Hetheridge, R.M.A., 87; Col.-Sergt. J. Cutting, R.M.A., 83; Col.-Sergt. J. E. Beagley, R.M.A., 72; Staff-Sergt. H. Tomasin, R.M.A., 76; Band Sergt. T. Osborn, R.M.A., 76; Col.-Sergt. W. Willmott, R.M.A., 69.

Middle Row.—Left to Right: Col.-Sergt. A. T. Ditch, R.M.L.I., age 70; Sergt. Harry Carter, R.M.L.I., 64; Col.-Sergt. F. Bristow, R.M.L.I., 64; Bugle Major C. T. Blakeman, R.M.A., 72; Col.-Sergt. A. S. Frost, R.M.L.I., 65; Col.-Sergt. D. Shill, R.M.L.I., 73; Col.-Sergt. Charles Burke, R.M.L.I., 69; Col.-Sergt. William H. Fleming, R.M.L.I., 66; Sergt. J. Thornton, R.M.A., 74.

Back Row.—Left to Right: Col.-Sergt. William Bedford, R.M.L.I., age 67; Col.-Sergt. H. Burnett, R.M.L.I., 65; Sergt. J. R. Hay, R.M.L.I., 64; Col.-Sergt. Albert Witts, R.M.L.I., 60; Col.-Sergt. C. W. Johnson, R.M.A., 74; Col.-Sergt. F. Puddick, R.M.A., 69; Sergt. Albert Bradley, R.M.A., 77; Sergt.-Major William Tattersel, R.M.A., 83.

Centre of Group.—Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II) A. A. Attwood, Royal Marines, President of the Sergeants' Mess.

The above photograph was taken on the occasion of the first Re-union Dinner of the Sergeants' Mess, Portsmouth Division (R.M. and R.N. School of Music) since the amalgamation of the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., which was held at Eastney on 31st May, 1925.

The average age of those in the group is 72, and their average service was 23 years.

About 600 members and ex-members sat down to dinner in the Drill Shed, and a concert followed in the Gymnasium, at which several officers were present. It is intended to make the re-union an annual function.

Ex-Sergt. Major Tattersel, who carries his 83 years very lightly, replied to the toast of the past members, and recounted many interesting reminiscences. He said he remembered Eastney when Fort Cumberland was insanitary, and nobody was allowed to live there except the officers.

Captain W. H. Jones, who was Sergt.-Major at Eastney at the time of the mobilisation in 1914, and presided at the re-union dinner of that historic year, proposed the health of the present Chairman, Q.M.S.I. Attwood.

hurst to Christchurch, where we had an excellent lunch prepared and enjoyed, although one special room had to be set apart for one of our " corpulent " members, so as to allow the waiters room to move. After lunch we all assembled, feeling rather pleased with ourselves and another start was made for Romsey via Ringwood. We had only gone a few miles when one of the " chars " decided to " konk," which caused us a little anxiety and delay, but eventually we managed to squeeze the load into the other " chars," and proceeded to Romsey, where tea was served in the Mission Hall with the usual texts surrounding us. Needless to say we were not feeling very hungry, so adjourned to the town for a stroll, where great amusement was caused by an impromptu " organist." After an hour's amusement we climbed aboard and journeyed to Botley for a final " wind-up," where we were joined by a few of the Hon. Members and entertained by a few songsters with the assistance of an impromptu orchestra.

Leaving Botley at 10.15 p.m., we journed to Eastney after a very enjoyable day.

SHOOTING.

The Eastney Bisley was revived from 1st September to 3rd September, under fairly good weather conditions, this being the first since 1914. The attendance was very good, over 100 competitors taking part, including Colonel Commandant Finlaison, C.M.G., and several other officers; the youngest competitor was Bugler Princecox, who was awarded a special prize. The matches fired the first day were open to all ranks serving afloat belonging to the Division.

The competitions (which included revolver) were framed on Service lines, S.R.A Rifles being used. The competitors were divided into four classes—Class I, all ranks; Class II, Corpls. and Marines over 5 year's service; Class III, Corpls. and Marines under 5 year's and ranks who had not fired a Trained Soldier's course. Two days were allotted to individual competitions, whilst the third day Team Competitions were held.

A good prize list was put up, which included a Divisional Championship Cup, Silver and Bronze Medals (presented by the Officers), special prizes by Messrs. Blake, Long and Peters, in addition to which Mr. King (late A.Q.M.S. Eastney) and Mr. Alton of the N.L.R.C. each gave a new B.S.A. Sight to be shot for.

Winners of the principal prizes:—

Divisional Championship Cup.—Cr.-Sergt. Westcott.
Col. Peter's Cup.—Q.M.S.I. Foster.
Silver Medal (Officers).—Captain Jameson, D.S.O.
Bronze Medal (Officers).—Col.-Commdt. Finlaison, C.M.G.
Silver Medal (Young Soldiers).—Mne. Arnold.
Bronze Medal (Young Soldiers).—Mne. McDonald.
B.S.A. Sight (Open).—Cr.-Sergt. Westcott.
B.S.A. Sight (Young Soldiers).—Mne. Merckel
Tyros Prize.—Mne. Fittall.

The prizes were presented at the close of the meeting by the Colonel Commandant, who spoke of the need of co-operation of all ranks in encouraging Rifle Shooting, not only for prizes but as a means of increasing efficiency, especially amongst the younger men.

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Adjutant: " What are the Brigade-Major's duties? "
Recruit: " To edit the Divisional Orders."
(Wish I were Brigade-Major!—Ed.)

PLYMOUTH.

PLYMOUTH HOSPITALS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME.

A working organisation has now been formed in Barracks through which all married men residing in the Plymouth District and those with relatives *entirely* dependent on them can subscribe 2d. per week. This entitles free treatment for those relatives and dependents at the Plymouth Hospitals.

Hon. Secretary, C.S.M. H. J. Parker; *Hon. Treasurer*, Lieut.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O.; *Collectors*, one has volunteered for each department at Headquarters and each C.Q.M.S. has consented to act as Collector for the dutymen of his Company. All information respecting the Scheme can be obtained from the Collectors, who will issue the cards to contributors and collect subscriptions.

Men embarking, as well as those ashore, may pay the quarterly, half-yearly or annual subscription in advance. It is hoped that collectors will shortly be found for Harbour Establishments and sea-going ships.

An account of the Torchlight Tattoo held last month is printed elsewhere in this number.

SHOOTING.

The following officers, N.C.O.s and Mne. obtained prizes in the Open Competition at 600 yards of the 5th Devon Area Meeting fired at Trevol on the 5th September:—Lieut.-Col. M. F. Bennett, Q.M.S.I. Cross, Sergt. H. Rudge and Mne. Sweetland.

The result of the Inter-Departmental League Shooting for 1925 is as follows:—

Dept.	*Score.*	*Position.*
Small Arms	2,189	1
Adjutant's (B)	1,829	2
‡Pay Office	1,686	3
1st Q.M.	1,356	4
Barrack Dept.	1,348	5
*Adjutant's (A)	1,286	6
†2nd and 3rd Q.M.	1,206	7
†Gunnery	1,135	8
†Brigade Office	1,121	9

‡ Only 2 men fired on one occasion.
* Only 1 man fired on one occasion and the team missed one shoot.
† Team missed one shoot.

The cups awarded to the competitors of the different classes for highest aggregate of averages in the League were won by:—

Open Cup.—Clr.-Sergt. N. J. Hiscock, average 94·6.

Cup for N.C.O.s not M.T.I.s.—Clr.-Sergt. W. Meatyard, average 92·1.

Cup for Marines.—Mne. H. Hill, average 76.

These cups and shield were presented at Pay Parade on 11th inst. by the Col.-Commdt.

The result of the Shoot for R.M.R.A. Medals held at Tregantle was as follows:—

Department.	*Silver Medal.*	*Bronze Medal.*
Barrack Dept. ...	Mne. L. H. Smith (83)	Mne. A. E. Harris (63)
Rec. Room ...	Mne. L. H. Smith (83)	Mne. H. Hicks (74)
Sergts.' Mess ...	Clr.-Sgt. N. J. Hicsock	Sergt. R. L. Stapleton
Officers' Mess ...	Lieut. J. C. Westall	Capt. L. C. Hollis.
Buglers ...	———	Bugler J. F. Macauley.
Small Arms ...	———	Sergt. E. Abbott.

The Shoot for the Officers' R.M.R.A. Medals was held on Tregantle Ranges on 20th August, 1925. Thirteen officers took part. The conditions were framed on a " Fire with Movement " basis. Rifles were drawn from a " pool " and were unknown to the

competitors. Two sighting shots were allowed at 600 yards, but, as field glasses were not used, and the light was difficult, the spotting discs could not be distinguished. Five shots were then fired at 600 yards ; then the target was lowered, and, after 15 seconds, raised again, when competitors advanced to 500 yards and fired five rounds ; the same procedure was carried out up to and including 200 yards. The target to 300 yards was the N.R.A. 500 yards target. At 200 yards a figure 3 (silhouette) was used. After the 15 seconds' disappearance at 200 yards had elapsed, the target was raised for three minutes, when competitors advanced to 25 yards, picked up loaded revolvers and fired six rounds at the Fig. 3 target. Scoring : On N.R.A. target, 5, 4, 3, 2 ; on Fig. 3 target, 3 points per hit (rifle and revolver). The highest possible score was 133 points, and the best scores were :—

1.	Lieut. J. C. Westall	106 (Silver medal)
2.	Capt. L. C. Hollis	105(Bronze medal)
3.	Lieut.-Col. M. Filmer-Bennett ...	89
4.	2nd-Lieut. J. S. Martin	86
5.	Lieut. C. N. S. Smith	85

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH BRANCH.

The Church Parade of the Greenwich Branch of the Royal Marines Old Comrades Association took place on Sunday September 13th, at St. Alfege Church, Greenwich. The occasion being the 166th anniversary of the death of General Wolfe, a wreath was laid on his tomb, which is in the precincts of the church. The Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Tackley delivered a very impressive service, in the course of which he paid a very high tribute to Wolfe and the Royal Marines. The parade took place in the grounds of the Royal Naval College with the kind permission of the President and Flag Officer Commanding and consisted of 35 Old Comrades under the command of the Chairman, Comrade A. Presland, the inspecting Officer being Major W. Sinclair, O.B.E., R.M., the President of the Branch. Amongst those present being Captain H. M. Jones, R.M. and A. D. Wolfe Aylward, Esq., a descendant of Wolfe, who made a special visit for the purpose from Quebec House, Westerham, and who expressed his pleasure at being present on such an auspicious occasion.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The twelfth Annual Dinner of the R.M. Old Comrades Association will take place at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, W.C.1., on Saturday, October 24th next. Reception, 6.30. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets 10/- each.

The principal guests will be Sir Samuel Hoare, C.M.G., M.P. (Minister for Air) and Admiral Mark Kerr, C.B., M.V.O.

The Committee trusts that as many as possible of all ranks, whether serving or retired, will endeavour to attend. Tickets may be obtained from the Entertainment Secretary, Mr. R. G. Mullan, Supts. Office, Brady Street Dwellings, E.1.

OBITUARY.

MAJOR JOHN MAURICE PALMER, D.S.C., R.M. (RETD.).

The death of Major J. M. Palmer, D.S.C., occurred at Bere Alston on 24th August.

Major Palmer entered the Royal Marines as 2nd-Lieut. in 1902, being posted to the Plymouth Division. He was promoted to Captain in 1913 and Major in February, 1921. During the late War he served in the Mediterranean and 6th Cruiser Squadron, and in "Jupiter," for special service in the White Sea. In September, 1917 he joined the 3rd R.M. Battalion in the Aegean Islands.

He took part in the attack on Zeebrugge on 23rd April, 1918, in the 4th R.M. Battalion, and participated in the ballot for the Victoria Cross for service in that operation.

He was awarded the D.S.C. and Croix de Guerre avec Palme (French) in March, 1917, the Legion of Honour "Chevalier" (French) in May, 1917, and a bar to the D.S.C. in May, 1919 ; and was mentioned in despatches of May, 1918.

On retiring in April, 1921, he lived at Bere Ferrers, where his fine personality made him very popular.

CAPT. GEORGE EDWARD GRAYSTON, R.M. (RETD.).

Capt. G. E. Grayston, who died at Portsmouth on 29th July, enlisted in the R.M. Artillery in 1893. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1900, Colour-Sergeant in 1909, and Q.M.S.I. of Infantry at Eastney in 1911.

During the late War he served as Acting Sergeant-Major at St. Helena from October, 1914, to October, 1915, and on returning home he joined the R.M.A. Anti-Aircraft Brigade in France in November, 1915. While serving in this Brigade he was promoted to Temporary Lieutenant in March, 1916, and took part in the operations in the Ypres Salient in 1916, and on the Somme from February to May, 1917.

He was given the rank of Acting Captain while serving in the R.M. Garrison at Cromarty, which he joined in September, 1917, and was placed on the retired list with the rank of Captain on 30th July, 1919.

BIRTH.

STEWART.—On 2nd September, at Rothesay Terrace, Edinburgh, to Flora, wife of Captain R. A. G. Stewart, late Royal Marine Artillery, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BASHALL—LASENBY.—On 27th August, at St. Nicholas' Church, Thames Ditton, Captain W. E. V. Bashall, Royal Marines, and Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn Lasenby, of Pantiles, Thames Ditton.

PERSONAL.

Will one Marine (G.S.) wishing to transfer from Chatham to Plymouth please communicate with Ply. A/20452, Mne. J. Bloomfield.

TORCHLIGHT TATTOO AT PLYMOUTH.

A Torchlight and Searchlight Tattoo was organised last month at Plymouth Division, in aid of the funds of the Divisional Girls' Ambulance Company and the Volunteer Cadet Corps.

It was carried out on five successive evenings, commencing the 8th September, and, except for a few showers on one evening, under very favourable conditions of weather. Seating accommodation for all was out of the question, for the event proved popular beyond all hopes, and each night many spectators had to remain standing throughout the performance.

Prior to the commencement of the programme proper, the clever fooling and original humour of Marine W. F. N. Nicoll and his able assistants Marines H. C. C. Sweetland and S. J. Smythe, kept the audience each night in roars of laughter. A motor car, ingeniously constructed by Nicoll out of bicycle wheels and various odds and ends and " owner-driven " caused endless amusement. The unflagging efforts of these three resourceful humorists contributed in no small measure to the success of the Tattoo.

A few minutes before 8.30 all lights were extinguished and, as the clock struck the half-hour, searchlights revealed the white helmets and scarlet tunics of the Band and Drums, massed in the centre of the Parade. The " First Post " sounded by the Buglers opened the programme. The first item being a march by the Drums and Fifes (air, " Sai Wen "), then a march by the Band and Drums (air, " Grand Aldershot Tattoo "), followed by a Slow Troop by the Band (air, " Rosa Valse ") and finally a Bugle march (air, " State Trumpeters ").

Drum Major G. W. Dyer was at his very best—which is saying much! His manipulation of the staff was literally magnificent and won universal admiration.

Next came the Cadets with a graceful display of club swinging, followed by another squad which gave an exhibition of vaulting, very neatly and smartly performed. They then made way for Item 3, " 500 Years Ago." Trumpeters having heralded the commencement of a tourney, a crowd clad in the correct costume of the period quickly formed to watch the various bouts of jousting, cudgels and quarter staff, which were preliminary to the more serious combats in which four mail-clad knights engaged. Mounted on curvetting stallions each rode headlong to meet his adversary—lance in rest and shield on arm—under the approving eye of the Queen of Beauty! Each pair gave a spirited exhibition of shock tactics and earned great glory. The duels between these human tanks were reminiscent of the classic encounter between the Red and White Knight in " Alice through the Looking Glass." Knights and chargers were combined in the persons of Lieut. O. C. T. Dykes, 2nd Lieuts. J. S. Martin, H. S. Baker and J. R. Browne.

Next followed a Grand Lantern March organised under the supervision of Major Norcock. Carried out by 140 performers it was extremely effective. The lanterns—red and yellow—were lit by electricity and at the conclusion the following flags were formed :—

(i) Colonel's Colour of " The Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment " of 1664.
(ii) Major's and Company Colour of " The Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment " of 1664.
(iii) Colour carried by Captain Charles Middleton of " The Lord High Admiral's Regiment " in the Virginian Expedition of 1676.

As the last lantern disappeared dancing down the slope at the north end corner of the Barracks, the music ceased and a few moments later the searchlights played upon a Maypole erected in the middle of the Parade. The graceful exhibition of old English country dancing given by the girls of the Ambulance Company met with well-deserved applause each night.

Another excellent item which followed was the Torchlight March by the Cadet Corps. Their instructors must have felt well rewarded by the sustained clapping which greeted the close of this performance. As the lads marched off to the strains of their own band, a startling interruption occurred. Cries of Fire! followed by the fire call and the sudden appearance of flames bursting from roof and windows of the buildings on the north side of the Parade alarmed quite a number of the spectators. Fortunately, any panic which might have ensued was allayed by Marine Nicoll's timely arrival and his own private fire engine! The Fire Brigade also ran on this occasion.

Only the practised pen of an experienced war correspondent could do justice to the next item " Savage Warfare." The brief account taken from the programme reads :—

A British settler on the banks of the river Ozoslo is attacked and captured by the Gunbat tribe of Red Indians. Happily, the settler's son escapes and informs the British Warships " Wilgo " and " Nogo," which come up the river under full steam.

The " Wilgo " arrives and opens fire on the Indians who disperse—a party of British soldiers land in pursuit. This small party are attacked and suffer heavily as they have no time to use their rifles. Retreat is cut off by the Indians.

The arrival of the " Nogo " turns the tide. Heavy fire is brought to bear and a second party land, thus taking the Indians in rear. The Gunbats give up the contest and are marched off as prisoners.

Spectators are requested to keep well clear of the " wash " of the warships as they arrive.

Those who have been privileged to witness the Royal Marine Cadets in action at past Tattoos can imagine how splendidly they again acquitted themselves in this gallant affair. It was a grim business with very little quarter asked or given. Personally, I was very thankful I wasn't told off for the Gunbat side!

The warships were two cutters cleverly camouflaged by Sergt. W. Nevis and the boats' crew. The arrival of these two vessels was most dramatic and their inclusion certainly added a new note of realism.

The Grand Military Pageant which followed was the *pièce de résistance* of the programme. Colour Sergeant N. J. Hiscock again appeared as at last year's Tattoo in the uniform of 1664. A party of pikemen under his command when resting during their drill are ordered to "fall in." To the beat of the drum the pikemen draw their swords and "with loud huzzas" fall in on their weapons. There followed all the quaint old orders required to march off to the western end of the Parade. A picturesque incident admirably portrayed.

The Marines of 1746 next appeared under Sergt. E. J. Humphries. This detachment gave an exhibition of the platoon exercise, loading and firing the fire-lock in 23 motions. Their drill and appearance was capital and caused particular interest, this period not having previously been presented to local audiences. The Royal Marines of 1805, led by Lieut. T. Hawkins followed Shoulder to shoulder, stiffly proud in cockaded hat and powdered "pig-tail," they advanced in slow time to appropriate music Gay in scarlet coatee, white breeches and long black buttoned gaiters, or, as they were once termed "spatterdashes," they made a gallant show indeed.

The perfect precision of each complicated movement and the dignity of the drill—much of it in slow time—evoked great applause.

Next the Band in the white uniform of 1825, a splendid spectacle, headed by the Drum Major in scarlet and gold coatee and white trousers. Incidentally, he had contrived to grow a particularly fine pair of bushy whiskers since appearing earlier in the evening! Then "Blue" and "Red" Marines of 1854 under Corporal J. E. Askew and W. A. Dodge respectively. They well became their handsome uniforms.

Lieut. Edmondson followed with a 1914 detachment in review order, smart as paint and drilling each night "like one man." Finally the present day types in blue and also service dress under Sergt. A. G. South and Corporal J. Graham, both squads conveying an impression of thorough efficiency and worth.

Headed by the Band the various periods marched around the four sides of the Parade and formed up facing the main gate. Lights were extinguished and a torchlight procession of Cadets, Red Indians, Girls' Ambulance Company, Clowns and others marched past the dimly seen lines of bygone sea soldiers, in the rear of whom they formed. The Last Post, "Abide with me," and the National Anthem concluded a most successful Tattoo, the splendid organisation of which reflects the utmost credit on Captain N. K. Jolley and all concerned. The careful preparation of everything necessary to promote success must have required much thought and sacrifice of time. The fixing of fairy lamps, and the lighting arrangements generally, alone involved a great deal of labour. This work was admirably executed under the personal supervision of Mr. W. Higgins, of the Superintendent of the Electrical Department.

The grateful thanks of all are due to him and those other members of the various branches of H.M. Dockyard for their valuable assistance. Such a success would not have been possible without their usual and ready co-operation.

CULLED FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES (AND OTHERS).

Accused, asked to select a prisoner's friend from the officers in court, surveyed those present in silence.

"Well," said the President a little later, "have you decided to have a prisoner's friend?"

"No," replied the accused, "but I could do with a couple of good witnesses." —*The Sapper.*

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Lawyer: "You say you saw the prisoner milking the cow?"

Witness: "Yis, sor."

"Where?"

"A little past th' center, sor."—*The Leatherneck.*

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Sunday School Teacher: "When vast swarms of flies descended upon the Egyptians, were there any flies on the Children of Israel?"

Pupil: "No, ma'am; and there ain't none now."

—*Orient.*

Apropos of answers to school examination papers, a question was set at a girls' school asking for the missing words of uncompleted proverbs. One of these was: "People who live in glass houses . . ."—to which a girl added the words—"should undress in the dark." Another one was: "Man proposes . . ."—to which another girl added what seemed to her to be a perfectly logical conclusion, though scarcely the right one—"Woman accepts"!—*The Royal Tank Corps Journal.*

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A Highland gamekeeper was greeted thus by a friend:

"Well, Donald, and how is the world treating you?"

"Very seldom, sir!" was the solemn reply.

—*London Scottish Regimental Gazette.*

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Wife, to absent-minded Husband: "George dearest, do you know you haven't kissed me for a fortnight."

George: "Haven't I, darling; then whom *have* I been kissing?"

WITH THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN MARINES AT PEKIN, 1900.

By D. J. G.

The interesting account of the visit to the U.S. Marine Depôt at San Diego by the correspondent of "Capetown" in the September number of the "Globe and Laurel" must recall many reminiscences to the minds of those who fought in the Pekin Legation Guard a quarter of a century ago.

Many questions have been asked with regard to the R.M. Memorial in St. James' Park, on which Captain Myers is shown leading British Marines. The circumstances appear to be little known, and the following account may be of interest to "Capetown's" correspondent and other readers. Of the many accounts relating to this incident, that by Mr. Nigel Oliphant ("Diary of the Siege of the Legation in Pekin"), who took part in the attack as a volunteer and assumed command after Captain Myers was wounded, is the most accurate.

Captain Myers, now Colonel-in-Command of the U.S. Marine Depot at San Diego, commanded the Detachment of American Marines at Pekin, and I was one of the British Marines who was proud to serve with him.

In the attack of 1st July both ends of the city wall were evacuated by the Germans and Americans, and afterwards recaptured with the assistance of the British Marines, and it was then decided to erect a barricade midway between the two recaptured positions. With Captain Wray (now Lieut.-Colonel) in command of a mixed force of Americans, Russians and British Marines, we were able to advance under covering fire from the Americans along the wall to the positions where we were to erect the barricade. Owing, however, to a heavy cross fire and the retirement of the Russians, added to the loss of Capt. Wray, and other casualties, we were ordered to retire into Captain Myers' barricade.

Early in the morning of 3rd July I was detailed with a party of our men to help to storm the Chinese barricade on the city wall south of the American Legation. We went up about 1.30 a.m., and found Captain Myers eagerly awaiting us, as his position was in imminent danger. The Chinese had first erected a barricade just on the side of the bastion opposite to the American position. They had done this by first barricading the top of the west ramp leading to the centre bastion, and, under cover of this, breaking a hole in the parapet of the wall; then brick by brick they threw a solid wall to within a yard of the other side. They continued this wall a short distance round the corner of the bastion and then threw a covering wall right across the bastion itself to within a few yards of the American barricade. At the end of this they erected a tower, which at the time we arrived was fully fifteen feet high, with a front eight or nine feet broad, looking almost directly down and along the Americans' barricade. The tower was so close that one could touch it with a stick from the south end of the American barricade: how it had been allowed to go so far I don't know. It was evident that the sooner we took the place the better, and indeed every moment's delay was dangerous, especially if, as was probably the case, the Chinese had heard us come up. When our party had arrived we pretty well filled the narrow barricade; there were twenty-six British and fifteen American Marines and fifteen Russians.

Captain Myers then made a speech, saying that we were about to embark on a desperate enterprise which he himself had advised against, but orders had been given and we must do it or lose every man in the attempt. He explained what we had to do, *i.e.*, line up on the wall and rush the covering wall just under the tower, and then follow it up until we got to the back of the Chinese barricade He ended by saying that the wounded must be left until the barricade was taken, and that if there was anyone whose heart was not in the business he had better say so and clear out. One man—not one of ours—said he had a sore arm and went down. It can be imagined that after this gloomy speech no one felt too anxious to vault over the barricade. It was arranged that the Americans were to go with us to the left hand, while the Russians were to get over the right hand part of the barricade, and attack the top of the ramp occupied by the Chinese, which was a little in advance of the Chinese barricade itself.

After some little delay we were all ready, British and Americans mixed up together, and standing two-deep on a ledge at the bottom of the barricade, which just enabled us to get our heads and arms over the top. At the word "Go" we all scrambled over and dropped down the ten feet on the other side. The noise aroused the Chinese, and almost at once a hot fusillade started from the big barricade in front of us. By that time, however, Captain Myers, Sergeant Murphy, and I and nearly all the others were already in behind the covering wall, between which and the tower there was luckily a small opening. We pressed on towards the Chinese barricade under the shelter of the covering wall. Captain Myers tripped on a Chinese spear and got a nasty flesh wound in the calf. With Sergeant Murphy, Corporal Gregory and Private Mellows of the British Marines, and Corporals Hunt and Turner of the Americans, I pressed on through the small opening and we found ourselves within a couple of yards of the Chinese who held the big barricade and were still blazing away at our now empty barricade, quite ignorant of the fact that we were alongside them. The other Marines were still crowding into the lane, and we paused for a minute to get our breath. We could not see the Chinese, who were firing at our barricade, owing to the curve of their barricade. The next thing to do evidently was to rush the barricade and, with Sergeant Murphy and Corporal Gregory, I actually went out of the mouth of the lane and was calling on the rest to follow, when one of the men cried out that we could not do that, or we should be coming into collision with the Russians. There was no means of verifying this, as I had had no chance of seeing the ground, so we had to retire to our lane again and await developments. There was a good deal of firing, but no bullets seemed to be going near us, until Turner, the American crack shot, who was standing actually touching me, dropped mortally wounded. Two of our Marines carried him through the lane to the

bastion to prevent our trampling on him. Where the bullet came from I don't know, certainly not from any of the Chinese near us, for a few minutes afterwards an unarmed man came walking cautiously round the curve of the barricade, evidently not suspecting our presence. Someone said " Don't shoot, he is a Russian," as I was about to shoot him ; several Americans called out to him " Cossack " and " Russky," but he did not apparently hear. He came crawling on, and turned and said something which was so manifestly Chinese that I raised my revolver and shot him. The shot aroused a man who came sleepily out of the nearest " tent," a sort of lean-to erection of matting against the wall, and he, too, was quickly disposed of.

I was soon tired of waiting for the Russians, and got a few of the men to come out of the lane and to try to enfilade the Chinese firing from the loopholes of the barricade.

I then went back to Captain Myers for further orders and to find out the real truth about the Russians. He said the Russians had returned to the American barricade long ago, having only got half way to the ramp when the fire became too hot for them. He said we must certainly clear the back of the barricade and then occupy the east side of it. I returned accordingly and we cleared out the back of the barricade, which we found easy enough, as all who had not been killed had fled. Few could have got away, as we found a body to every loophole, and several behind the barricade.

As soon as we had occupied it properly I went and helped Myers back to the American barricade. Before he went down to hospital he ordered his own men back to their barricade, which they were to hold under his junior, Captain Hall. I was to take charge of the front barricade in conjunction with the Russian officer, and was to collect all the arms and ammunition. We then set to work, dark as it was, collecting stones and strengthening the Chinese barricade. I felt sure the Chinese would soon start firing from their next barricade, only 120 yards away, so I put sentries on at all the loopholes, and one of our best shots at the top of the ramp to try and silence the sniping, which was pretty hot. We collected rifles and cut off the ammunition belts, and had gathered about 500 rounds of ammunition, when the Chinese started blazing like fury from the next barricade, and I had to get the men in.

Soon after that (it was 2.30 a.m.) the rain began to come down, and continued steadily. We had no great-coats and were soon soaked to the skin. The men were glad to do some work to keep warm, and as soon as it got light, *i.e.*, about 3.30 a.m., we got on pretty well, until later some coolies came up and we had a rest.

I have described this sortie at some length because it eventually proved to be one of the most important factors in the successful conduct of the siege, and turned our somewhat precarious foothold on the wall into a sound and comparatively defensible position.

THE LUCK OF THE NAVY.

By Ex-R.M.

The despatch of Admiral Sturdee and his battle-cruisers to the Falklands was a secret so well kept, from friend and foe alike, that, to Von Spee, leisurely approaching the islands in absolute confidence of an easy victory, the dramatic appearance of the two big ships from their pall of smoke must have come like a crack o' doom.

Yet neither Admiral Sturdee nor the British Admiralty ever knew that by a freak of chance, from a totally unexpected quarter, opportunity and time were given to warn Von Spee of the danger hourly drawing nearer.

It happened in this wise. When war started I was living in Madeira, where there was, besides a strong colony of British, an almost equally strong colony of Germans.

Amongst the various industries of the island there was quite an extensive one of tunny-fishing, and every night some scores of small boats used to put out for the fishing grounds for this purpose, often venturing some thirty or forty miles from land in the exercise of their calling.

One morning, after the action at Coronel, and only a few days prior to the battle of the Falklands, and whilst we were even then speculating as to when Von Spee would make his appearance at Madeira, the fishing fleet returned to port with an extraordinary tale to tell. In the dead of night, in perfect silence, and with all lights extinguished, a large fleet of warships had suddenly swept at headlong speed through their little flotilla, fortunately without causing any damage ; but, in their own words, so great was the commotion caused by the passage of this fleet that their little craft kept bobbing up and down like corks for an hour or more before the turmoil of the water subsided.

The news soon spread, and everyone was soon discussing the identity and meaning of this big fleet, but no one seemed able to hit upon a feasible solution, and the fishermen stuck to their tale, probably adding an extra ship or two at each repetition ; in the end we all gave it up as being probably some wild phantasy of the night.

However, the next we heard was the annihilation of Von Spee and his squadron, and then we could see clearly that it was nothing more or less than the swift passage of the two battle-cruisers themselves which had been actually witnessed by the fishermen.

Now, had these men not been so addicted to the usual Portuguese failing of exaggeration and so magnified two ships into a big fleet, and had they also been observant enough to have noticed the salient feature of each was a tripod mast, the solution of the riddle would have leapt to the eye ; and there was ample time and opportunity for the Germans to have managed to get the news through to Germany and so, by wireless, to Von Spee.

This exaggeration was, therefore, our salvation, and the opportunity which Chance so openly offered with one hand she just as petulantly took away with the other, and the luck of the Navy held.

THE LIGHTER VEIN CLUB.

By D. E. W.

Finding that at times the evenings hung idly upon our hands, some of my chums, my wife and myself, decided to start a club called the "Lighter Vein Club." I unanimously elected myself chairman, the other members being Marines Shorty Thorne, Jimmy Bungs, Tanky Webb, Wiggie Bennett and Pincher Martin.

i

Now Jock, he was a turret rat,
As bold as brass was he:
He'd sailed around the world, so that
He'd done his share at sea.

ii

This Jock, like other men, I wot,
Had weaknesses galore.
He very much enjoyed his tot,
But better still, two more.

iii

One day he had a birthday, and
Consumed potations deep;
Then laid his head upon his hand,
And went straightway to sleep.

iv

He dreamed a dream, and there, behold,
A snake he thought he saw.
"Kill that I must," he thought, so bold,
This member of the Corps.

The rules were that everyone in turn should contribute an item to the general amusement, the items as far as possible being confined to Service matters.

With becoming dignity, I, as chairman, called upon Shorty to entertain us, which he did by rendering the following verses:—

v

He caught the snake behind the head
And wrestled with it, firm
In the belief that he must rid
The ship of this foul worm.

vi

It struggled hard, this fiery snake;
It twined around his leg;
It threw him, and a bump did make
Upon his grey old head!

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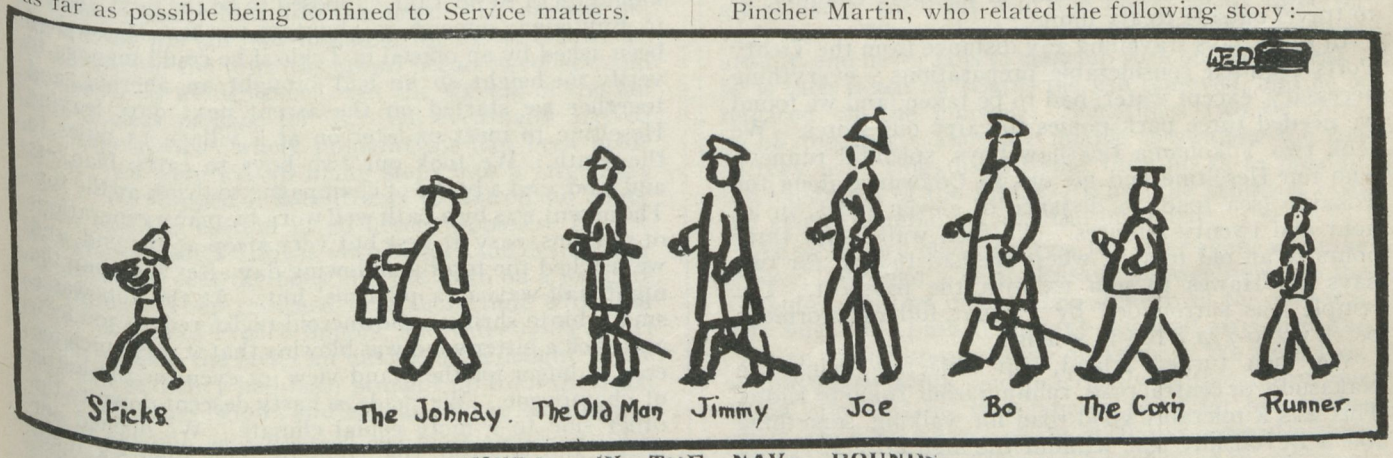
It turned and twisted in his grasp;
It used up all his breath;
Jock's strength was gone—the serpent's clasp
Was choking him to death!

viii

"Now clear up decks," a voice of doom
Smote full upon his ear.
Jock woke—and found— the mess deck broom
The only serpent near!
With that he'd fought all afternoon,
Through too much "One Bell" cheer.

These verses having been loudly applauded, Tanky was requested to continue the entertainment.

He pleaded that he could not talk on account of a bad cold, but producing a piece of chalk, he made a sketch entitled "Sunday Rounds in the Navy." This work of art was, of course, much appreciated. I then called on Pincher Martin, who related the following story:—



SUNDAY IN THE NAVY—ROUNDS.

"RAPID PROMOTION."

A young, and not too intelligent Marine was taken before the Marine Officer for a minor crime.

When asked why he had committed the offence, he replied that a sergeant had told him he was allowed to do it. He could not, however say which sergeant it was, and so was taken before the Commander, where he still maintained that a sergeant had told him that it was all right.

"Which sergeant?" enquired the Commander.

"One of those sort there, sir," replied the man, pointing to a group of Able Seamen, each of whom was wearing three Good Conduct badges.

The laughter having subsided, the talk fell on training in the Corps, and Jimmy Bungs said that he disagreed with the system of training at the Schools. Whilst watching an instructor teaching a class to shift heavy weights about for no apparent reason at Repository, he heard him give the order "Bear down!" Now Jimmy said that his idea was that they should have been told to "Bear up!"

Thinking to give my fellow sufferers something to do to pass the time, I then set the following poser:—

"There were once four mugs (things to drink out of, not Marines). Of these mugs, one was made to contain three pints, which we will call D; one 2½ pints, A; one 1¾ pints, B; and the last 1 pint, C. A, B, and C were filled to the brim with a very precious and expensive liquid made from a weed called hops.

"Now without wasting a drop of the liquid, I was required to place exactly 2¼ pints in the empty mug D, making the least possible number of moves to do this.

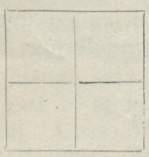
"What was the fewest number of moves in which this could be done"

I gave them one month to think this over.

As it was now getting late, I called upon my wife to furnish us with the last item of the evening. Although she knows more about the Regiment than I shall

probably ever know, she pleaded ignorance of the Service, and instead she set us the following puzzle:—

An Acrostic Cross Word.



Across My first, an act,
My second, a degree.

Down My first owes me money,
My second mends a gun.
My whole, a regulation.

She said she would tell us the answer at our next meeting, and the club was then adjourned till next month.

[A copy of the "Globe and Laurel" for the small charge of 3d. will be sent to readers who send in the correct solutions to the above two conundrums, provided the sum of 1½d. is enclosed for postage.]

(To be continued).

A SIX-WEEKS' TRAMP IN JAPAN, 1874.

By T. E. H.

In July, 1874, three subalterns, R.M.I.I., Heseltine, Hawes, and I arranged to go for a six weeks' walking tour in the interior of Japan. Heseltine and I were members of the R.M.L.I. Battalion then stationed at Yokohama. A force of British and French troops had been stationed there since 1869 at the request of the Japanese Government for the protection of the foreign community in Yokohama. The country was then in a transition state; the forces of the Mikado had recently overcome the forces of the Shogun; the Shogun was pensioned off and his forces dismissed, so that bands of wandering Samurai infested the country for some time after. The central Government was too busy forming a modern army, navy, and police force to look after foreigners. Lieut. Hawes was at that time training a force of Marines for their navy, and through him we were able to obtain an Imperial passport enabling us to travel outside treaty limits.

In those days travelling any distance from the Treaty Ports required considerable preparations; everything necessary, except water, had to be taken, and we found we needed three pack ponies to carry our stores. We took two Yokohama rickshaw boys, splendid runners, who ran Heseltine and me out to Odawarra along the Tokaido (sea road), a distance of eleven miles, in an hour and twenty minutes. We then walked for three hours to an old temple, where we had to wait for two days for Hawes to join us with the passport. The temple was surrounded by a moat, full of enormous perch up to 7 or 8 lbs. in weight.

We then turned inland, our objective being the Nakasudo, or central road, running from Tokio to Kioto. This was a tolerably good road for walking, something like a Devonshire lane without the high hedges. After covering 15 miles we stopped at a tea house close to a pretty waterfall called Shiro-ito-Notaki, or White Silk Falls.

Next day we did 25 miles, and the following day another 25, when we came to a curious village built on each side of a large and swift river. The river ran through a gorge of perpendicular cliffs, with the village about a hundred feet above it, and the only means of communication between the two parts of the village was a rope bridge consisting of two stout manila cables about six feet apart, intertwined with small errope, on which was a plank about 18 inches wide. The distance across was about 60 feet, and there was no other means of crossing for many miles above or below. We dismissed our pack ponies, and our baggage was carried across by natives who ran over with it on their heads. Neither of my companions liked heights; Hawes managed to cross very slowly with the aid of a staff, but Heseltine said he would rather go home. After much persuasion I got him to put a hand on each of my shoulders and look steadily at the back of my neck, and so we made a slow and gingerly journey across, to the intense amusement of the natives.

We had to wait here a day to collect food and pack ponies, and then continued our tramp across country towards the Nakasudo: we did 25 miles that day, and put up at a shanty which went by the name of a "rest-house." Whoever gave it that name had a sense of humour; we were devoured by fleas of a savage and malignant type, and I could hear my companions cursing throughout the night.

We had another 25-mile walk next day to reach the Nakasudo. A few miles from this rose the sacred mountain of Ai no Taki, supposed to be the next highest to Fujiyama, somewhere about 10,000 ft. Hawes had been asked by an official in Tokio if he could manage to verify the height, so he had brought an aneroid, and together we started on the ascent next day, leaving Heseltine to meet us later on at a village 15 miles to the south. We took our two boys to carry blankets and food, and a bottle of champagne to drink at the top. The ascent was by a path well worn by many generations of pilgrims, easy at first but very steep at the end, and we reached the top the following day after spending the night half-way at a pilgrims' hut. At the top was a small shinto shrine; the aneroid registered 10,300 feet, and such a bitter wind was blowing that it was much too cold to linger for the grand view, or even for the bottle of champagne. We made a hasty descent down to the other side to a more genial climate. We opened our bottle and enjoyed the contents, and then set it up on a bank by the path, surrounded by a circle of stones; it probably mystified passing pilgrims. On rejoining Heseltine his first announcement was that we were going to have bear steak for dinner. This was great news, as we were getting rather tired of tinned things. The Japanese bear is quite a small animal, not half the size of the common brown bear. It is very elusive, and lives in the most remote mountains. The flesh is very good eating.

The time had now come for us to make our way back to the Tokaido through entirely fresh country, and we were told there were only rough tracks and the river Fujikawa by which to get there. We started the next day a leisurely walk of 20 miles to the next village. They had been advised of our coming, and did their best for our accommodation, but it was very rough. The village bath house stood in an open space away

from the houses, so we had to trot out in our pyjamas next morning for our tubs, and we were objects of great curiosity, especially to the Musumies (village maidens.) There were plenty of wooden baths in the bath house, filled with water, and as we tubbed we could hear the constant chatter and giggling of Musumies on every side, and exclamations of " kiri kiri," meaning " white " or " fair." On examination we found that little holes had been bored in the paper panels which constituted the sides of the bath house, and we were a peep-show for the maidens of the village.

Our objective next day was the important town of Ida. We arrived after a hot and tiring walk on the banks of the Fujikawa, where we were stopped by three officials from the town, who said we were on no account to enter. On the production of the passport, however, the head official bowed on his knees as usual, but begged us to wait until he had communicated with the Naunshi, and started off, leaving the other two to watch us. Hawes, who could speak Japanese very well, learnt from one of them that Europeans had never been seen in Ida before, and the fear was that we might be mobbed by the too curious inhabitants unless accompanied by a sufficient escort. Presently we saw a party approaching from the town, headed by the Naunshi, an important-looking individual waving a large fan. When he reached us Hawes held out the passport, and the Naunshi made the usual obeisance on his knees, bowing his head to the ground. He apologised for keeping us waiting, and requested us to accompany him into the town. He started off, still waving his fan; we followed, the escort behind us. As we entered the town the crowd began to collect, and got denser as we advanced, but the waving of the fan made a clear passage for us. We eventually arrived at a large temple, where preparations had been made for us; we were led up many steps into a large lofty room. We stopped at the entrance to take off our boots, which was the custom in all decent Japanese houses. We were soon settled down, very hungry and desperately thirsty, so we sent the boys into the town on a foraging expedition. They returned in a short time with four or five bottles of French liquors, and three noble quart bottles of Bass, the latter an unlooked-for delight. The shopman said they had been brought up from the coast about two years before, and he was glad to sell them.

That evening we witnessed the most artistic display of fireworks I have ever seen. It would have made Mr. Brock green with envy. Large shells were shot up about 100 feet and, on bursting, out came purple wistarias, scarlet camellias, chrysanthemums of all colours, and many others. It was a marvellous display.

On the third day the most experienced boatman on the river consented to take us down, at all events, part of the way, although the river was in high flood. We had everything packed in a jiffy, and embarked. There was no need of sail or oars; the current was fast enough, especially in the rapids. The headman steered with an oar, and a man in the bows stood with a long pole to fend us off the rocks. We had a very pleasant and rather exciting trip, but when opposite a small village the steersman ran us into the bank, saying he could take us no further, so there we were, with a 60-mile tramp over the mountains before us. Our destination that day was a hill village 21 miles inland. A runner had been sent on to warn them of our coming. The Naunshi met us outside the village, and told us that, as there was no proper place of entertainment for travellers, he had had to clear the owners out of a house. He also said that if he had known sooner that we were coming he would have got us a kigi (pheasant) for our supper. There was no close time in those days, or any game laws, nor was there any need, so far as the native sportsman was concerned. Their method of pheasant shooting was to sow a plot of ground near a wood with buckwheat (a favourite food of the pheasant), build a little shelter with straw mats inside the fringe of the wood, in which the gunman would ensconce himself in the early dawn with his old flint-lock muzzle-loader, and wait for a pheasant to come for his morning feed, when he would get a nice easy pot-shot. The idea of shooting a bird on the wing was undreamt of, but the increasing influx of Britons and breech-loaders compelled the Government to legislate on the subject of game shooting, and now I believe the game laws are very rigorous.

We got away from our mountain village early, as we had a forty-mile tramp before us to reach the river again. We arrived there tired and hungry, and to our joy found a nice clean tea-house, where they offered us fish for dinner; and very good it was, very like white trout. One of the native methods of catching fish on this river was very interesting: the fishermen used trained cormorants. The birds were placed on the gunwhale of the boat near the bows, about three on each side. When a bird catches sight of a fish he dives after it, and never fails to come up with one in his beak; he is then taken on board, the fish removed, and he is replaced on the gunwale. Sometimes two or three go off together. They are unable to swallow the fish as they have rings fixed round their necks to prevent the expansion of the throat. When the fishing is over the rings are removed and the birds fed.

We were very glad to get on the river again and take it easy. We had a very pleasant passage down to the Tokaido, about 25 miles. The scenery all the way was very fine. We pushed on next day, and arrived in the evening at the seaside town of Atami. We were then within treaty limits, and practically at the end of our round trip. Atami is a famous place for hot baths, which are filled by one of the strangest natural phenomena in the world. There is a large hole in the centre of the town, surrounded by a rough wall about four feet high. Twice a day the water boils up in this hole and fills all the baths in the town. They say it is caused by the action of the tides, but the water is fresh and hot. We had sent across to Ochawarra to have rickshaws ready for us, and on the day our leave expired we embarked in a boat and rowed across the bay. Haru and Sancho, our rickshaw runners, got into the shafts again and galloped us back to camp, fresh as ever, just six weeks from the day we started.

Japan has pushed into the front rank of nations during the last 51 years, and has changed out of all recognition in many ways, but I doubt if the present-day tourists in their comfortable trains and cars find the same zest and excitement as we did in our tramp across country in the year 1874.

A HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Those who have been engaged recently in representing the Marines of old days in the Tattoo at Plymouth, and the Services Tournament and Fête at Portsmouth, may be interested in the following extracts from *The Marine Volunteer*, published by Lieutenant Terence O'Loghlen in 1766 :—

"When a Detachment of Marines is sent on board a man-of-war, the Commanding Marine Officer should take their uniform coats, hats and caps from them, also their white shirts, a pair of their stockings and a pair of shoes, and lock them up in the Marine storeroom.

"By this management the men's cloaths will be saved : besides, it prevents their selling their necessaries for spirits or tobacco, which is commonly done on board a ship. It will answer another very good purpose, that when Marines get wet upon deck in bad weather, they will have dry clean things to put on, which must be very conducive to the preservation of their health. Soldiers should always wear sea caps, jackets and cheque shirts on board a ship.

"The best method, in my opinion, to exercise Marines on board a ship is first to draw up the soldiers in single rank round the deck, facing inwards, and make them go through the manual and platoon exercise. So soon as the platoon exercise is finished, the Detachment must be formed into three ranks at either side of the deck facing outwards. The soldiers are then to get their cartridges, and prime and load ; upon which the preparative beats and the front men move up to the barricade, and the three ranks perform the parapet firings. When the Detachment fires six rounds, the general beats. The officer must then form his Detachment two deep and perform parapet firing in that order.

"When a ship-of-war engages to windward, the Marines must be drawn up to leeward, two deep, and they are to perform the parapet firing standing quite close to the barricade ; after they have once made ready, they should prime and load without moving their feet, or coming to a shoulder, which will save them two motions, and consequently expedite the firing. Marine officers ought to be particularly careful to time their firings with the motions of the ship ; that is to say, never to give fire but when the ship is rising with the wave ; if you fire when she pitches, you hit nothing but salt water.

"As sea engagements are sometimes tedious, I think the ward-room arms should be brought up on deck, in case the soldiers should have occasion for clean muskets. If the enemy should attempt boarding, the Marine officer should draw up some of his men in a rank entire, and post them wherever the effort is most likely to take place, so as to be qualified to receive the assailants upon the points of his bayonets."

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

MAKE SURE OF A JOB ON DISCHARGE.

Though the idea of Vocational Training is becoming better known in the Service, yet the comparatively small numbers who take advantage of it show that its advantages are not yet fully realised by all our N.C.O.s and men.

It is especially true that those who want it most are the last to use it.

To prove the need—nothing less—of some training in subjects useful in civil life, so that men can readily be placed in a job on leaving the service, the returns of men registered and placed by the National Association (Po.) have been carefully analysed.

Nearly 50% of jobs found are those for which the average Marine is not trained, such as engineering, firemen and deck hands in the Merchant Navy, etc.

Of the remaining 50% one-third are jobs for which a man must have had some training beyond mere Service work, jobs such as chauffeur, valet, gardener, carpenter. Training in all these can be obtained through V.T., and a man's chance of getting a job, or getting a better-paid job, is increased by 33% if he has made use of the V.T. facilities offered.

There is little opening for the man who is only fitted for a "position of trust," which usually means a caretaker's job, etc. These jobs are far fewer than before the war, and are usually given to disabled men for whom they are surely better suited than for able-bodied men.

I quote concrete cases to show its value. One N.C.O. recently went through an electrical course, and at once got employment in such work at a good wage. Another even before completing a course of carpentry was offered employment in this trade. A Marine was offered employment as a chauffeur if he was able to qualify at the Naval School of Motoring. He took the course, and though the original job could not be kept open, yet he has been able to get other employment of this kind. All these men, and there are many others, have owed their good employment to V.T.

In the Service we all live so much by routine and in accordance with plans made by others, that we are liable to lose our initiative and forget that in civil life no one will tell us where to go, how to get a job, but we will be left entirely to make our own living. The dinner bugle does not sound outside, nor the fall-in for pay parade, unless real hard work has been done beforehand. It is, then, but elementary common-sense to look ahead, especially as the last year before pension gets close, make up one's mind as to what work one thinks offers the best opportunity, taking into consideration personal ability, opening in the trade, possibilities of work near one's home, and then to try and train for such a job so far as present V.T. facilities allow.

H.N.H.

THE CAT.

By H.L.M.

The old man sat in his chair dozing by the fire. Years of work in the fields had bent his back so that his head, thrust forward, nodded at the flames. His cat, with narrowed eyes, blinked at the fire from the other side of the hearth, and now and then raised her head listening to sounds too faint for human ears.

For a time all was quiet but for the flickering whispers of the fire and the monotonous ticking of the clock.

The cat dozed also, sitting motionless in the quiet room till roused by a warning groan from the clock. In a minute or two, with wheezing and groaning, the old clock struck four, and the cat, now thoroughly roused, heard with alarm the hurried approach of a small crowd.

The door burst open, the old man woke with a start, and the cat slunk hurriedly into the washhouse.

In a moment the room was filled with an angry crowd; rough men all talking together. The old man clutching at the arms of his chair, heard, without understanding, the confused babel. Quiet was restored by a short, thick-set man with a red beard and hard blue eyes, who turned on the crowd shouting in a loud voice:

" Silence all on ye. I be the Captain, 'tis for me only to speak."

The angry talk died down at once. In the ensuing silence he spun round and spoke to the old man.

" George Mundy, we be come, all on us, to tell 'ee to take thy evil eye off Martha Sillence afore 'tis too late. She be mortal sick this day."

The old man half rose, then sank back in his chair, his knees weak—his heart tearing at his chest.

His mouth opened, but no words came and he looked fearfully at the angry men who had burst into his kitchen.

" George, 'tis known how thy evil eye has overlooked Martha, take it off—or into pond thee goes."

The old man licked his dry lips and forced himself to speak.

" 'Tain't my eye on Martha. I do swear it. Ask Vicar."

" What do Vicar know o' Devil's works," said Red beard.

" God help me, I can't take off what I ne'er put on."

" Well, into pond thee goes. Come, men, drag 'en out."

The crowd surged forward, seized the old man and dragged him out of the door, limp, dazed with terror, but still protesting.

The footsteps and hubbub died away in the distance.

The clock ticked, the fire whispered, the cat crept out of the woodhouse and sat down again by the fire, dozing contentedly in the grateful warmth.

As the clock struck five, the old man, wet, muddy and faint, with tears raining down his withered cheeks, staggered through the door, and fell in a heap before he could reach his chair.

The cat, recognising her master hardly stirred and soon settled comfortably to sleep.

Whilst she slept the old man lay still, the water from his clothes forming a muddy pool on the hearth. The clock ticked away the hours, the fire died down and night came on. After a time, the cat, missing the warmth of the fire, woke, rose, and carefully avoiding the wet on the floor, sprang on to her master's chair, coiled herself on his cushion and went to sleep again.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE MAJOR-GENERAL LORD CHEYLESMORE.

(Chairman of the Council N.R.A., 1903 to 1925).

Lord Cheylesmore died peacefully on 29th July after the lamentable motor accident which occurred when he was driving home from Bisley, after the presentation of prizes on the 18th July.

A wreath was sent from the Royal Marines Rifle Association to the Guard's Chapel, Wellington Barracks, for the funeral service, with expressions of the deepest sympathy.

A letter has been received from Lady Cheylesmore thanking the Association for their very kind sympathy, which she deeply appreciated.

The Chairman R.M.R.A. acknowledges the following subscriptions to the special fund raised by Major Hardcastle for providing an artificial leg for Armourer-Q.M.S. G. R. King, late R.M.A.:—

£1 5s. each from Portsmouth Division, Plymouth Division Sergeants' Mess, Chatham Division, and Sergeants' Mess Depot, Deal.

Major Hardcastle has gratefully acknowledged these amounts, and has now received the full sum required.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

B.C.A.—Congratulations and thanks for your co-operation in increasing our circulation. Glad your shipmates have such good taste. The photograph of your doughty whaler's crew will be welcome.

J.H.R.—Right this time, I hope! Yes, please carry on as you are doing; we want the goods, that's the chief thing.

Ex-R.M.—Many thanks for your two stories, one of which is published in this number. I hope the Portuguese are not the only people who exaggerate.

J.G.—If your Fleet correspondent happens to be in another part of the Globe to you, your best course, obviously, is to send your news direct to the Editor.

G.E.C.—Photograph of the R.M. Guard at the British Legation, Seoul has arrived too late for publication this month. May we keep it for future publication if it is found suitable?

R.E.—I am sorry, photographs for publication must reach the Editor by the 12th of the month. You are too late, therefore, with your cutter's crew. Could you send a clearer print?

J.D. Sigs.—The late Editorial Staff wish to thank you for your letter of appreciation and assure you that the Journal will not lose its " laurels " in its new home.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CO-OPERATION OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH MARINES.

9th September, 1925.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Observing in this month's issue of the " Globe and Laurel " a list of occasions when British and American Marines have served together, I beg to forward the enclosed photograph of British, American and Japanese which might be of interest to your readers. It was taken at the Japanese barracks in Seoul, Corea, in February, 1904, and during the Russo-Japanese War when British and American Marines, Russian, Italian, French and Japanese Guards were landed to defend the Seoul Legations.

The British numbered 35 under Captain (the late Colonel) W. T. C. Jones, D.S.O., R.M.L.I., and the Americans numbered well over 100.

Although we were denied the opportunity of fighting we were useful in many ways, including the unsuccessful attempt to put out the fire at the Korean Emperor's Palace, when it was burnt to the ground.

The British and American Legations were quite close to each other and a very friendly feeling existed between our men and the Americans, and by our united efforts we gave several concerts which were very much appreciated by the Europeans in Seoul.

In the photo our American comrades are wearing fur caps and the British N.C.O. is Sergeant Cutcher, R.M.L.I. (now Lieutenant Cutcher).

An account and a photo of the British Guard appeared in the " Globe and Laurel " in September, 1904.

After the Russians had lost at Chemulpo in February, 1904, the Russian Guard received orders to quit Seoul and were eventually escorted by the Japs to Chemulpo, where they embarked, but all the other foreign guards remained in Seoul until the end of the war.

Yours faithfully,

G.E.C.

[Note.—The photograph referred to is unfortunately not clear enough to publish.]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

To the Editor, " Globe and Laurel."

Dear Sir,

May I suggest that a Calendar, showing the dates of forthcoming events of special interest to the Corps be published in the "Globe and Laurel," say the January number. Representatives of functions, such as the Tournament, Cricket Week, Meade Cup, Dinner Club, R.M.R.A., etc., etc., would no doubt furnish the required information. Besides being of interest, such a Calendar might obviate, to a large extent, the clashing of events.

Yours faithfully,

M.F.B.

[Note.—If representatives will kindly forward the information to the Editor before 15th January, arrangements will be made for this to be done.]

DEATHS.

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st July, 1925 :—

BOND.—Mne. A. Bond, Ports., 18.7.25.
CARTER.—Mne. D. Carter, R.M.A., 5.7.25.
CLARKE.—Mne. W. Clarke, Ply., 28.5.25.
COFIELD.—Mne. F. W. Cofield, R.M.A., 18.6.25.
COOK.—Mne. A. Cook, Ply., 13.7.25.
COPELAND.—Mne. H. A. Copeland, Ports., 1.7.25.
EARLE.—Mne. S. Earle, Chat., 7.7.25.
ENNIS.—Mne. J. T. Ennis, R.M.A., 7.7.25.
FARRANT.—Mne. W. Farrant, Chat., 28.6.25.
GOOSE.—Mne. W. Goose, R.M.A., 24.6.25.
HADRILL.—Mne. F. C. Hadrill, R.M.A., 26.7.25.
HART.—Clr.-Sergt. W. H. Hart, Chat., 16.5.25.
JACK.—Mne. J. Jack, Ply., 29.7.25.
JOHNSON.—Bk.-Sergt.H. Johnson, Depot, 21.7.25.
KING.—Mne. H. A. King, Ports., 18.7.25.
LOFTUS.—Mne. R. W. Loftus, Ports., 6.7.25.
MARTIN.—Clr.-Sergt. E. J. M. Martin, Ply., 4.7.25.
MUNRO.—Mne. W. Munro, Ply., 25.6.25.
PACKMAN.—Mne. H. J. Packman, Ply., 28.6.25.
ROSSITER.—Mne. J. Rossiter, Ply., 5.7.25.
SEEREY.—Q.M.S. E. Seerey, Depot, 27.7.25.
SHERLIKER.—Clr.-Sergt. J. Sherliker, Chat., 25.7.25.
SODEN.—Mne. W. Soden, Ply., 9.7.25.
WILMER.—Mne. J. Wilmer, R.M.A., 28.7.25.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer, " Globe and Laurel," acknowledges with thanks the following amounts received from 19th August to 17th September, 1925, inclusive :—

£3 5s., " Durban " ; £2 2s., " Curacoa " ; 18s. 4½d., " Ceres " ; 8s. 9d., " Carysfort " ; 8s., " Cairo " ; 5s. 10d., " Royal Sovereign " ; 4s. 8d., " Dauntless " ; 4s., Messrs. Wylde, Long, Sommers, King, Kirk, Austin, Poole, Mrs. F. J. Cooper, Major Kelly-Evans ; 1s. 6d., " Pembroke," " Blenheim " ; 1s., " Princess Margaret."

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel C. Field's History of the Royal Marines :—

£2,415 7s. 10d., previously acknowledged ; £2 5s., H. Leicester, Esq. ; £2 4s. 6d., G. Benett, Esq. ; £1 2s. 6d., Lieut. F. M. Bramhall ; 10s., Captains C. H. Congdon, J. S. Bassett, Lieut. G. F. Burnett ; 9s., 2nd-Lieuts. W. F. Edds, C. R. Hardy, M. Archdall, G. K. Martyn, H. D. Fellowes, L. J. Moulton, A. J. Harvey, R. W. Simonds, J. P. Phillipps ; 3s. 9d., Junior N.C.O.s, Chatham ; £2, H.M. Stationery Office. Total, £2,428 14s. 7d.

VOLUME III.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for General Sir H. E. Blumberg's History of the War :—

£299 2s. 10d., previously acknowledged ; £1 10s., Mrs. B. N. Elliot ; £1, Colonel F. E. Chichester, Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Darwall, Majors A. C. Pearson, A. R. Chater, Captain R. H. P. West, Lieut. H. E. Balls, Mr. W. R. Waldron ; 10s., Colonel A. G. B. Urmston, Lieut.-Colonel G. P. Orde, Captains H. R. Lambert, H. D. Weir, E. Bowring, Lieut. G. W. Ross, Junior N.C.O.s, Chatham ; 5s., Lieut.-Colonel G. Carpenter, Major H. M. Franks, Captain A. M. Craig, E. L. Bishop, C. Brooke-Short, R. S. Burgess, W. S. Rowe, Lieuts. Wills, B. G. Mitchell, C. L. Barcroft, W. P. Dean, D. J. Grey, J. G. Hume. Number of subscribers, 407. Total, £314 7s. 10d.

J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (Retd.),
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary.

14.9.25.



CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL.

We opened the season in grand style, beating Erith and Belvedere, away, 3—0.

On the 2nd September in the return match at home they obtained their revenge by obtaining 4 goals without reply. The football was very scrappy, and Erith deserved their two points on the run of the play.

At Dartford on the 5th we were unfortunate in being beaten by six clear goals, and had the forwards utilised the chances that came their way the result might have been different.

On the 12th we played our old rivals, Chatham, who beat us 4—1, and thoroughly deserved their victory. The feature of the game was the brilliant goalkeeping of Lieut. Cordeaux, who brought off some miraculous saves, and thoroughly justified his inclusion. Apart from this, the game again revealed our weakness forward, and in the second half it was merely a question of our defence playing the Chatham forwards.

SWIMMING.

The Port Swimming Championships were held at the R.N. Barracks on Wednesday, 2nd September. We were well represented in the diving and plunging events, and our relay team did well to gain 4th place out of eight teams entered. Results :—

Diving.—1st, Ldg.-Seaman Hills, 46 points ; 2nd, Corpl. Moyse (Deal), 44 points ; 3rd, Corpl. Featherstone (Deal), 43 points.

Plunge.—1st, Corpl. Featherstone (Deal) and Sergt. Johnson (Chatham), 59 ft. 3 ins. ; 3rd, Sergt. Waskett (Shotley), 52 ft. 5 ins.

PORTSMOUTH.

WATER POLO AND SWIMMING.

The 1st team are still undefeated. Two League games were played during last month, *v.* R.N. Barracks (won 5—0) and Royal Artillery (drawn 3—3).

In the second round of the Hants County Championship we beat the R.N. Barracks by two goals to one, and so qualify to meet " Dolphin " in the semi-final.

Q.M.S.I. Attwood, Sergt. Ring and Mne. Davidson were selected to represent Portsmouth in the Inter-Port Water Polo Championship, which was won by Portsmouth.

Corpl. Borrett and Mne. Davidson were selected to play for Hants against Wilts, and the latter scored two of the five goals by which Hants won.

Port Swimming Championships.—The following successes were gained :—

100 yards (free style) : 1st, Mne. Jolly.

220 yards (free style) : 3rd, Mne. Jolly.

100 yards (breast stroke) : 2nd, Mne. Hughes ; 3rd, Sergt. Ring.

ROYAL MARINES CUTTER'S CREW.

H.M.S. " COVENTRY."

WINNERS OF ROYAL MARINES OFFICERS' TROPHY (CUTTERS), 1925.



Back Row :—Mne. Hunt, Mne. Creed, Buglr. Parsonage, Mne. Jordan, Cpl. Green, Cpl. Clift.

Centre Row :—Sergt. Jago, Mne. Squires, Mne. Ferris (Cox.), Commdr. Coombes, D.S.O., Mne. Hartnell.

Front Row :—Mne. Cox, Mne. Lambert, Mne. Lynn.

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100 yards (back stroke) : 1st, Mne. Hughes.

Plunging : 2nd, Band Boy Burnett.

Port Relay Race : 1st, Royal Marines (Q.M.S.I. Attwood, Sergt. King, Mnes. Jolly, Davidson, Hughes and Musn. Bennett).

Inter-Port Championships.—Diving : 1st, Corpl. Moyse. Plunging : 1st, Corpl. Featherstone ; 2nd, Sergt. Waskett. Water Polo : 1st, Portsmouth.

FOOTBALL.

Results of matches to date :—

2nd Sept. Hants League. *v.* Gosport Athletic. Away. Lost, 2—3.

5th Sept. English Cup. Extra Preliminary Round. *v.* East Cowes. Home. Won, 3—1.

12th Sept. Hants League. *v.* Basingstoke. Away. Lost, 0—5.

12th Sept. Gosport League. *v.* Stanhope Rovers. Home. Won, 7—1.

16th Sept. Hants League. *v.* Gosport Athletic. Home. Lost, 1—2.

Corpl. Lyons was selected to play for Hampshire *v.* Bournemouth on 12th September, 1925.

Cup draws :—19th Sept. English Cup Preliminary Round. *v.* Gosport Athletic. Home.

14th Oct. Navy Cup. *v.* " Dolphin " or " Excellent." Away.

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

Result of Inter-Company Cricket League :—

	Played.	*Won.*	*Lost.*
E Company ...	6	5	1
A ,, ...	6	4	2
C ,, ...	6	3	3
G ,, ...	6	0	6

E Company receives 2 points towards the Tuckey Cup and A Company 1 point.

SAILING.

ROYAL SOUTH WESTERN YACHTING CLUB.

19th Aug.—Officers' Race : Cutter, Capt. C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C., 2nd ; Whaler, Lieut. C. L. Edwards, 3rd.

20th Aug.—Ratings' Race : Whaler, Mne. Sargent, 2nd ; Cutter, Sergt. Norris, 3rd.

5th Sept.—Ratings' Race : Cutter, Sergt. Soden, 1st ; Whaler did not enter.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The Rugby season opened on 12th September with a match against Brixham at Brixham.

Prior to the match Sergt. South was re-elected captain of the team.

E. R. Gardner, the old International, turned out for us for the last time, looking as fit as ever, despite the fact that he is now on leave for pension.

The match resulted in a win for the Fishermen by 17 points to 4, Sergt. South scoring a dropped goal. This was no mean performance, considering the quality of our opponents and the advantage of their own ground. A record season is anticipated.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

We opened our first League engagement by visiting St. Austell on 29th August, and despite a game struggle were defeated. The Marines commenced stylishly, but lacked the homesters' spirit and dash. Horn tested Paven with a grand cross shot, and from the rebound Wilkins netted for the Marines from close quarters.

Stung by this early reverse, the St. Austell attack livened matters up and Clymo netted two quick goals for them. Vincent was badly injured and had to be attended by the local surgeon. At the interval St. Austell led by two goals to one. On resumption we were forced to play on the defensive, but St. Austell netted three more goals (one from a penalty), before time, the game ending : St. Austell, 5 goals ; Royal Marines, 1 goal.

On the 31st August the deferred final of the Charity Cup competition between the R.N. Barracks and the Marines was played at Saltash before a good gate. The sailors ran out winners by 4 goals to 2.

On 5th September, at Truro, the Marines sprang a surprise on this club by defeating them by 5 goals to 2, Wilkins netting 4 goals, and Shewbrook 1. In defence Smith and Whitnell played splendidly, and Potts, a new outside right with a great turn of speed, was a constant source of danger to the Truro defence.

On 9th September at Longroom, the Reserves opened their League engagements by receiving Liskeard as visitors, and ran out easy winners by 3 goals to 1. Corpl. Bessant (just returned from the Mediterranean) was tried at centre-forward, and played a splendid game. Hight (1) and Wilkins (2) were our scorers.

On 12th September, at Longroom, the 1st XI received Tavistock in their first P. and D. League match, and won by 6 goals to 1. Only twice in the first half did Tavistock become really dangerous. On the first occasion Brown went down the right wing in brilliant fashion, and really a score should have accrued from his centre, which was cleared by the Marines' defence, while later Davidson saved brilliantly from Hunt. Except for that, the visiting attack was out of the picture, but not so their defence. The Marines were always dangerous, and for a long time it was thrust and parry, with the Tavistock backs and custodian always triumphant, until near the interval, when Shewbrook scored twice. The second half was even more in favour of the Marines, and time after time they were crowding round the visitors' goal, and although Tavistock did break away a couple of times there was no sting in their attacks. One goal accrued to them when Kerswell converted a free kick, but against that the Marines brought their total to six, Shewbrook obtaining two of the four added in the second half, and the remainder falling to Wilkins. In defence Whitnell and Pollitt played splendidly, and Bessant, Wilkins, and Shewbrook made a very dangerous trio.

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In the Inter-Company League C Company easily defeated A Company by 9 goals to 2.

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Mnes. Smith, Shewbrook and Wilkins have been selected to play for the South Devon Leagues *v.* North Devon League, at Bideford, on 19th September.

DEPOT.

SWIMMING.

Since the last issue of the " G. and L. " two further handicap races have been held in connection with the challenge cup presented by Col.-Comdt. L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C. The results were as follows :—

4th Race.—Heat No. 1 : Rct. Greer, 13 secs., 1 ; Rct. Sefton, 3 secs., 2 ; Rct. Griffiths, 8 secs., 3. Heat No. 2 : Rct. Lyall, 18 secs., 1 ; Sgt. Anderson, 9 secs., 2 ; Rct. Sandford, 18 secs., 3. Heat No. 3 : Rct. Henchy, 16 secs., 1 ; Rct. Armstrong, 14 secs., 2 ; Rct. Lewty, 20 secs., 3. Heat No. 4 : Rct. Morton, 31 secs., 1 ; Rct. Davidson, 11 secs., 2 ; Rct. Meredith, 14 secs., 3. Final Heat : Morton, 1 ; Henchy, 2 ; Greer, 3.

5th Race.—Heat No. 1 : Rct. Edes, 1 sec., 1 ; Rct. Sandford, 18 secs., 2 ; Rct. Mackie, 8 secs., 3. Heat No. 2 : Rct. Buckland, 21 secs., 1 ; Rct. Armstrong, 14 secs., 2 ; Rct. Baker, 3 secs., 3. Heat No. 3 : Rct. Rendell, 10 secs., 1 ; Rct. Sefton, 3 secs., 2 ; Rct. Richards, 23 secs., 3. Heat No. 4 : Rct. Lyall, 18 secs., 1 ; Rct. Fossey, 25 secs., 2 ; Rct. Pick, 5 secs., 3. Final Heat : Rendell, 1 ; Edes, 2 ; Buckland, 3.

In the Port Swimming Championships held at

Chatham on Wednesday, 2nd September, we had several successes. Two new events were introduced this year, diving and plunging, and in each of these we did fairly well.

In the diving competition Corpl. Moyse obtained 2nd place and Corpl. Featherstone 3rd.

Plunging.—There were a number of entries, but the competition really resolved itself into a fight for 1st place between Sergts. Waskett and Johnson and Corpl. Featherstone. The remainder of the competitors were not worth considering.

Sergt. Johnson and Corpl. Featherstone tied for 1st place with 59 ft. 3 ins., and Sergt. Waskett was 3rd with 53 ft. 2 in.

R.N. AND R.M. SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

These were held at Portsmouth on Wednesday and Thursday, 9th and 10th September, and here again we did fairly well.

The diving championship was won by Corpl. Moyse.

In the plunging there were only two R.M. competitors, who took 1st and 2nd places between them. This was a very close contest. Corpl. Featherstone won 1st place at his third plunge with 61 ft. 1 in., and Sergt. Waskett was 2nd with 60 ft. 11 ins.

As this is the first occasion on which this competition has been held, Corpl. Featherstone is, therefore, the holder of the record for the R.N. and R.M., although he and Sergt. Waskett have both beaten this distance in practice at Deal, where they and Sergt. Johnson jointly hold the Depot bath record with 65 ft. 2 ins.—the length of the bath.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual athletic sports were held in excellent weather on 26th and 27th August. Some keen competition was witnessed, whilst some good times were made.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Halliday in the South Drill Shed, after the meeting. In the Sergeants' Mess, the wives and children were entertained to tea by the members, under a committee with Drum-Major Gouge as president.

Much credit is due to the committee and the P. and R.T. Staff for the efficient manner in which the sports were carried out. The committee were: Lieut.-Col. Mayhew (President) and Major Beard, Capt. and Adjutant Craig, Capt. Conybeare, Capt. Shephard, Lieut. Shackleton, Sergt.-Major Willson, Sergt.-Major Wills, Q.M.S.I. Raylor, Clr.-Sergt. Sinclair, Sergt. Newport and Sergt. Segus.

The R.N. School of Music Band serving at the Depôt played selections during the sports.

The Inter-Squad Athletic Cup, for the greatest number of points in the aggregate in all recruits' events, was won by the 110th Squad (Instructor Sergt. Walker).

The Commandant's Cup, for the recruit gaining the greatest number of points in the field events and the 100 per cent. races, was won by Recruit Taylor, of the 117th Squad.

A prize presented by Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hill, K.C.B., to the recruit who gained the second number of points, was won by Recruit Davin, 105th, King's Squad.

A good deal of time was spent by the Squad Instructors in coaching the men of their squads, and they all deserve great credit. The order of merit of the squads was 110th, 105th, 116th, 111th, 108th, 117th, 106th, 114th, 109th, 112th, 113th, 115th. The junior squad did very well considering that they have not been long at the Depôt, and almost every man in the squad did his best to help.

The results of the events were as follows:—

Long Jump.—1st, Sergt. Moyse; 2nd, Rct. Taylor; 3rd, Rct. Ormerod. Distance, 18 ft. 4 ins.

High Jump.—1st, 2nd-Lieut. Hardy; 2nd, Corpl. Gordon; 3rd, Corpl. Moyse. Height, 5 ft. 2 ins.

Galley Race.—1st, Officers' Military Class; 2nd, P.R.T. Staff; 3rd, A Coy.; 4th, C Coy.

100 *Yards, Final.*—1st, Mne. Dancy; 2nd, Rct. Taylor; 3rd, Sergt. Spanton; 4th, Rct. Davin. Time, 11 secs.

120 *Yards Hurdles.*—1st, 2nd-Lieut. Phillips; 2nd, Corpl. Gordon; 3rd, Corpl. Moyse; 4th, Sergt. Moyse. Time, 19 4/5th secs.

Four-legged Race.—1st, Sergt. Spanton, Corpl. Moyse, Corpl. Wright; 2nd, Rcts. Earthy, Taylor, Harper; 3rd, Sergt. Buckley, Corpl. Botley, Lce.-Corpl. Brooks.

Pillow Fight.—1st, Rct. B. Smith; 2nd, Mus. Marks.

220 *Yards (Depôt), Open.*—1st, Mne. Dancy; 2nd, Sergt. Spanton; 3rd, Sergt. Moyse; 4th, Rct. Staniland. Time, 26 3/5th secs.

Veterans' Race.—1st, Q.M.S. Taylor; 2nd, Mne. Watson; 3rd, Sergt. Bowie; 4th, Sergt. Tant. Time, 12 3/5th secs.

One Mile Race.—1st, Mne. Cooper; 2nd, Rct. Gabett; 3rd, Rct. Horne; 4th, Rct. Almond. Time, 5 mins. 6 4/5 secs.

Sack Race.—1st, Rct. Maxwell; 2nd, Rct. Shaw; 3rd, Rct. Abbs; 4th, Rct. W. Davies.

Tilting the Bucket.—1st, Rcts. Woods and Riddle; 2nd, Rcts. Pullen and Harrison; 3rd, Rcts. Hodges and Saunders.

Pensioners' Race.—1st, Mr. Smith; 2nd, Mr. Brooks; 3rd, Mr. Upsall; 4th, Mr. Wilson.

440 *Yards.*—1st, 2nd-Lieut. Hardy; 2nd, Mne. Ives; 3rd, Sergt. Moyse; 4th, Rct. Strike. Time, 57 secs.

Musical Chairs (on cycles).—1st, Corpl. Bunker; 2nd, Corpl. Mizen; 3rd, Sergt. Seguss.

Company Relay Race.—1st, Military Class Officers; 2nd, A Coy.; 3rd, C Coy.; 4th, D Coy. Time, 2 mins 49 secs.

Obstacle Race.—1st, Corpl. Moyse; 2nd, Sergt. Moyse; 3rd, Corpl. Gordon; 4th, Rct. Hope. Time, 1 min. 56 secs.

Band Race.—1st, Musn. Perratt; 2nd, Musn. Collins; 3rd, Musn. Rice.

Sergeants' Mess Race, Members.—1st, Sergt. Moyse; 2nd, Sergt. Tant; 3rd, Sergt. Coleman; 4th, Sergt. Davis.

Members' Ladies.—1st, Mrs. Masters; 2nd, Mrs. Oldcroft; 3rd, Mrs. Buckley; 4th, Mrs. Henwood; 5th, Mrs. Barnes; 6th, Mrs. Rutland.

880 *Yards.*—1st, Rct. Gabett; 2nd, Rct. Hall; 3rd, Rct. Mulloohy.

Company Tug-of-War.—1st, C Coy.; 2nd, B Coy.

Bumping Competition.—1st, 105th Squad; 2nd, C Coy.

Officers' Race.—1st, Major Bourne; 2nd, Col. 2nd-Comdt. P. Molloy; 3rd, Major Grant.

Recruits' Sports.

Team Events.

Tug-of-War.—1st, 108th Squad; 2nd, 110th Squad; 3rd 105th Squad; 4th, 117th Squad.

Obstacle Race (Team).—1st, 108th Squad; 2nd, 117th Squad; 3rd, 111th Squad; 4th, 110th Squad.

Reveille Race.—1st, 112th Squad; 2nd, 105th Squad; 3rd, 110th Squad; 4th, 111th Squad.

Sandbag Relay Race.—1st, 109th Squad; 2nd, 105th Squad; 3rd, 116th Squad; 4th, 111th Squad.

Relay Race, 880 Yards.—1st, 116th Squad; 2nd, 105th Squad; 3rd, 110th Squad; 4th, 117th Squad.

Cross-country Race.—1st, 110th Squad (Rct. Gabett); 2nd, 108th Squad (Rct. Priestly); 3rd, 110th Squad (Rct. Langley); 4th, 117th Squad (Rct. Short).

Field Events.

100 *Yards.*—1st, 105th Squad (Rct. Davin); 2nd, 110th Squad (Rct. Ryan); 3rd, 109th Squad (Rct. Manning). Time, 11 4/5th secs.

220 *Yards.*—1st, 117th Squad (Rct. Taylor); 2nd, 105th Squad (Rct. Davin); 3rd, 116th Squad (Rct. Rhodes); 4th, 110th Squad (Rct. Webber). Time, 27 2/5th secs.

440 *Yards.*—1st, 117th Squad (Rct. Taylor); 2nd, 110th Squad (Rct. T. Ryan); 3rd, 105th Squad (Rct. Davin). Time, 60 4/5th secs.

880 *Yards.*—1st, 110th Squad (Rct. Gabett); 2nd, 111th Squad (Rct. Langley); 3rd, 114th Squad (Rct. Hall); 4th, 116th Squad (Rct. Harris). Time, 2 mins. 19 1·5th secs.

One Mile.—1st, 110th Squad (Rct. Gabett); 2nd, 111th Squad (Rct. Langley); 3rd, 114th Squad(Rct. Hall); 4th, 105th Squad (Rct. Lewty). Time, 5 mins. 11 4/5th secs.

Obstacle Race (*Individual*).—1st, 106th Squad (Rct. Hope); 2nd, 115th Squad (Rct. Gosling); 3rd, 108th Squad (Rct. Goodwin); 4th, 105th Squad (Rct. F. Smith). Time, 1 min. 58 1/5th secs.

Long Jump.—1st, 117th Squad (Rct. Taylor); 2nd, 105th Squad (Rct. Davin); 3rd, 108th Squad (Rct. Dennis); 4th, 111th Squad (Rct. Jackson). Distance, 17 ft. 2½ ins.

High Jump.—1st, 116th Squad (Rct. Harrison); 2nd, 117th Squad (Rct. Taylor); 3rd, 110th Squad (Rct. Riddle); 4th, 113th Squad (Rct. Ryan). Height, 4 ft. 9 ins.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

Great difficulty is being experienced in forming a football team, owing to the very limited numbers available, but in spite of this severe handicap the School have entered the United Services Leagues, Div. I and II, United Services Charity Cup, also the Navy Cup. In addition, the Band Boys' teams have been entered for the United Services League, Div. IV, Lads Wednesday League, also the Junior League.



CORPS GAZETTE

APPOINTMENTS.

Major B. F. Trench took over the duties of S.O. (I), North America and West Indies on 14.8.25.

Major T. L. Hunton, O.B.E., appointment as Assist. Military Instructor (Deal) extended to 31.3.26.

Capt. F. W. Dewhurst, Ply., I. of S.A., *vice* Jerram, 17.9.25.

Lieut. G. W. Beazley, Chat., A.I. of G., *vice* Adair, 26.8.25.

Capt. D. Broadwood and Lieut. E. B. Dun to the Depot for duty *vice* Dewhurst and Beazley.

Major J. Macnair-Smith is appointed Acting Interpreter in Italian from date of appointment to Plymouth Division.

Lieut. T. E. Knox is appointed Interpreter in French from date of joining "Vindictive."

Lieut. J. G. Hume to be attached to the R.M. School of Signalling for a period of three months from 14.9.25.

FLEET AIR ARM.

Capt. A. B. F. Alcock, D.S.C., to "Furious" and for full flying duties in No. 461 Flight, 16.7.25.

Lieut. B. W. Knowles to "Argus" and for full flying duties in No. 423 Flight, 25.7.25.

Lieut. R. M. Giddy to "Furious" and for full flying duties in No. 421 Flight, 25.7.25.

FROM SECONDED LIST.

Major C. E. S. Wright, O.B.E., Ply., absorbed in establishment *vice* Trench, date 6.9.25.

Major P. W. Malcolm, O.B.E., Chat., borne supernumerary, 6.9.25.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointed as Probationary 2nd-Lieutenants and posted to Divisions as shown:—E. C. E. Palmer, T. P. Honner, and J. G. Fisher, Portsmouth; E. A. Brown, F. C. Hoxton, and F. F. Clark, Chatham; R. G. S. Lang, J. R. C. Browne, E. M. King and D. G. Cornelius, Plymouth.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.

The following officers qualified for promotion to the rank of Major under Instructions for R.M. Divisions, Art. 10, dated 21.8.25:—Capt. D. Broadwood, Lieuts. R. A. K. Hill and H. C. G. Blandford.

CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mnes. R. C. Chivers, P. G. Farrance.
Armourer, Small Arms.—Mne. J. L. Murphy.
R.F.R. Clerk, Comdt.'s Office.—Clr.-Sergt. E. J. Pordage.
Assistant Gardener.—Mne. W. C. Moss.
Junior Sergt. Cook.—Sergt. G. H. Dennis.
Attendant to Lieut. Power.—Mne. Price.
Fatigue Man, Sergts.' Mess.—Mne. W. S. Cook.
Training as Clerk.—Corpl. A. R. C. Berry, Mne. L. L. Wells.
Attendant to Capt. Bashall.—Mne. G. T. Perry.
Pioneer.—Mne. J. Sigston.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. W. J. Day (Headquarters).
To be Sergts.—Corpl. A. Cox (" Marlborough ").
To be Corpls.—Mnes. W. J. Goss (Headquarters), W. H. Sanderson (Headquarters), J. T. Saunders (Headquarters), and W. M. Harris (" Hawkins ").

EMBARKATIONS.

" Ark Royal," Mne. A. H. Holloway ; **" Birmingham,"** Mne. F. G. A. Goodwin ; **" Carlisle,"** Sergts. F. H. Woolward, G. W. Mettam, Corpls. F. C. Tucker, G. W. Milsom, J. McCormack, Bugler J. E. Wilson, Mnes. Chas. Taylor, W. Newman, A. T. Hopkins, D. T. Rogers, G. J. W. Farr, F. Osborn, J. H. W. Warboys, H. Bradnam, E. A. Freemantle, H. J. Ham, E. Woods, R. J. Foster, A. P. J. Ferris, H. J. Simmons, W. E. Williams, R. W. Mitchell, W. J. Canham, W. J. C. James, W. R. Devereux, J. H. F. Houghton, H. W. Fawcitt, G. S. Boxall, F. Reed, W. A. Woods, S. C. Masters, W. J. Tolhurst ; **" Castor,"** Mne. W. Bannister ; **" Caledon,"** Cpl. Fredk. Ferrell, Bugler H. N. Janes, Mnes. T. W. Hands ; **" Cyclops,"** Cpl. Fredk. Ewing ; **" Cleopatra,"** Mnes. E. R. Ives, M. F. Graham, Hy. Leaning, T. F. Buckingham, T. D. Land ; **" Calypso,"** Mnes. B. Rigby, G. R. Boniface ; **" Danae,"** Sergts. H. J. Milton, J. Huddart, Mnes. F. Lawrence, C. W. J. Cory, S. W. Staley, Jas. Wood, W. A. J. Lamb, C. W. Papper, O. C. Bestley, F. J. Williams, J. T. H. D. Nantby, R. A. Jolley, G. T. Perry, A. I. W. Packer, Cpl. G. Campbell, Mne. A. V. Farthing ; **" Dragon,"** Sergt. L. W. A. Draper ; **" Endeavour,"** Mne. E. W. Taylor ; **" Impregnable,"** Sergt. N. W. Dean ; **" Marlborough,"** Mnes. W. J. Ludgate, C. H. Holder ; **" Pembroke,"** Mnes. S. F. Botley, R. H. Martin ; **" President,"** Bugler A. E. Swift ; **" Ramillies,"** Mne. S. Goldsmith ; **" Royal Oak,"** Sergt. John Butler ; **" Royal Sovereign,"** Mnes. G. F. Kemp, A. A. Murray, C. R. Corne, W. W. Maslen, L. F. Ballard, John Booth, Hy. Devine, K. Drummond ; **" Vindictive,"** Mnes. W. R. Jackman, W. C. Paice, R. E. Page, G. F. Horton, C. E. Kelly.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

" Ajax," Cpl. C. Knight, Mnes. P. S. Tickett, V. A. Sandys, A. E. Frances, Leo Harris, C. E. Clifford, E. G. Hambridge, H. G. Bridger, Geo. Hinkley ; **" Benbow,"** Mne. C. F. Coote ; **" Caledon,"** Sergts. T. J. May, L. J. Pond, Cpl. J. S. Lockhart, Bugler R. J. Kemp, Mnes. F. B. Head, C. J. Marriott, P. G. Farrance, E. J. Davey ; **" Cyclops,"** Mne. Thomas Adam, Cpl. Harry Graham ; **" Cleopatra,"** Mnes. W. Dabell, R. Gilbey, W. Foreman, R. Manser, W. A. S. Blackmore ; **" Danae,"** Sergts. H. W. Beal, A. T. Craddock, Corpls. F. Ewing, G. R. White, Mnes. F. S. Smith, F. G. Smith, A. T. Clarke, H. G. Webster, H. W. Bartlett, S. F. Hall, E. T. J. Piper, T. Rourke, E. A. Bravery ; **" Diomede,"** Cpls. M. A. Light, H. V. Hesketh, Mnes. W. L. Sells, A. E. Rolph, J. F. Clark, J. H. Stringer, H. W. Tabner ; **" Endeavour,"** Sergt. W. J. Beard, Mne. T. A. Bond ; **" Impregnable,"** Clr.-Sergt. Jas. Burnell ; **" Malabar,"** Mne. W. H. Sanderson ; **" Pembroke,"** Cpl. A. C. Mead ; **" Royal Sovereign,"** Mnes. E. C. Lilford, J. E. Jones, Cpl. Arthur Moore, Mnes. R. Hutton, W. L. Evans, G. P. Lane, W. H. Berman, A. E. Hayward, S. C. Knight, T. A. Fletcher, B. Escott, L. G. Fenn, G. W. Plumb, J. Fletcher, N. E. Coulstock ; **" Royal Oak,"** Mne. W. A. Bryans, Sergt. Jonathan Huddart ; **" Vindictive,"** Mnes. W. R. Jackman, W. C. Paice, R. E. Page, Cpl. John Onions, Mne. F. A. Perry.

DISCHARGES.

Second Period of Engagement.—Clr.-Sergt. C. N. Previtt, Mnes. T. Eley, E. O. Scragge, W. Laughton.

First Period of Engagement.—Mnes. N. E. Coulstock, S. Adam.

Invalided.—Mnes. L. Yousden, E. A. Marshall, H. Wood, J. Smith, Clr.-Sergt. S. R. Hockley, Sergt. H. Mattongly, Cpl. A. Moore.

Purchase.—Mnes. T. A. Bond, R. E. Page, Cpl. H. Waine.

Not likely to become efficient.—Mne. E. McLean.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Colour-Sergeant.—Sergt. L. Coppin.
To Sergeant.—Cpl. Leonard Todd.
To Corporal.—Mne. H. A. Blakely.
Corporal H. J. H. Sampson is absorbed in the establishment *vice* Todd.

SENIORITY LIST.

Senior Clr.-Sergts.—L. J. T. Dollery, Chas. Hatch, L. A. Scott, G. L. Wood, J. T. Cooper, W. H. Harman.
Senior Sergts. qualified for Clr.-Sergts.—G. H. A. Waskett, F. J. Hancock, C. Millward, David Goadsby, Matthew Young, Geo. Vaughan.
Senior Cpls. passed for Sergts.—P. C. Couzens, A. J. R. Howard, A. P. Elsey, H. W. Bowden, J. H. W. Hansler, J. W. Akrill.
Senior Mnes. passed for Cpl.—A. Green, P. V. Eckhart, J.W. Ashby, K. G. Hunter, W. T. O'Donnell, B. F. Hillier.

APPOINTMENTS.

M.O.A. to Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O.—Mne. Thos. Niland.
Clerk, Bk. Masters' Dept.—Sergt. W. G. Read.
N.C.O. i/c Markers, S.A. Dept.—Cpl. R. J. Upson.
Gun Armourer, Sea Service Battery.—Cpl. L. Todd.
Shoemaker.—Mne. W. W. Wheaton.
M.O.A. to Capt. W. S. Rowe.—Mne. C. H. R. Davie.
M.O.A.'s to Proby. 2nd-Lieuts. E. C. E. Palmer, T. P. Honner, J. G. Fisher.—Mnes. W. S. Beer, L. A. V. Betsworth.
N.C.O. i/c Camp Browndown.—Sergt. G. H. A. Waskett.
To Lce.-Cpl.—Mne. F. Glinn.
Assistant Cook, Officers' Mess.—Mne. F. Brown.
P. and R.T. Instr., H.Q. Staff.—Cpl. F. A. Lyon and Mne. W. J. Trinder.
Rangeman, Browndown.—Mne. R. Anderson.
Guny. Instr., School of Land Arty.—Cpl. J. Lee.
Guny. Instr., Sea Service.—Sergt. C. H. Barker.
Supy., Browndown Canteen.—Cpl. A. W. Brinkman.

AWARD.

L.S.G.C. Medal.—Sergt. W. J. Amery.

EMBARKATIONS.

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Musn. E. J. A. Cox, termination of his first period of engagement.

PROMOTIONS.

Band Corporal A. F. Bartlett to Bandmaster 2nd Class.

Bandmaster F. T. Rose to Bandmaster 1st Class.

ADVANCEMENTS.

Band Boys S. J. Rumfitt and W. S. Clark (R.M. Depot, Deal) advanced to Musician.

EXAMINATIONS.

The following N.C.O.s qualified for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class at the examination held at the School of Music on the 11th, 12th and 13th August, and all obtained a Distinguished Certificate:—Bandmasters 2nd Class E. C. Aldridge, A. F. Bartlett and Band Corporals V. C. Joyce, Sydney Dipple, W. E. Parkins, William Humphrey.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The following Band Corporals commenced a course of instruction for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class on the 1st September Joseph Hatcher, H. G. D. Kerslake, W. J. Thompson, E. R. Long, P. F. Grace, J. S. Stanning, Job Allen, F. P. Harrison.

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PROMOTION.

Bandmaster 1st Class C. T. Mansfield has been nominated for the appointment of Quartermaster-Sergeant i/c Stores in the vacancy occurring 8th January, 1925.

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It is with no little pride that we record that Royal Marines have escorted His Royal Highness throughout these historic voyages.

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The decision of the Admiralty to close the Royal Dockyards at Rosyth and Pembroke provides an interesting parallel to the closing of the Woolwich and Deptford Dockyards in 1869, the sequel to which was the abolition of the Woolwich Division of Royal Marines.

With the economy axe whirling about our necks in these days of inevitable retrenchment, it is at any rate a matter for congratulation that Chatham has not shared the fate of Woolwich.

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The Editor regrets to have to announce the death of General E. A. Wylde, R.M. (retired), which occurred on 12th October, in London. An account of his services appears elsewhere.

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The Officer in charge of the Historical Section of the United States Marine Corps has very kindly sent a brief history of the Corps, which will be read with much interest in this number.

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Photographs of cutters' crews arrive in the editorial post bag in large numbers. If they were all published, this journal would assume the appearance of a rowing-gazette. Photographs for publication are most acceptable, but variety is desirable. It is not suggested that cutters' crews are guilty of excessive vanity, nor is it desired to discourage their splendid enthusiasm, but it seems that other athletes are unaccountably modest.

But it is not intended to limit our illustrations to sports alone; pictures of interesting events or places distinguished by the presence of members of the Corps are specially invited.

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The R.N. School of Music have been asked to blow their trumpets a little louder in the columns of the "Globe and Laurel." Regular news from the School will be provided in future, and R.M. Band ranks, afloat and ashore, are recommended to order their copies at once.

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The editorial staff has been strengthened by the addition of Lieutenant B. G. B. Mitchell, whose offer to perform the duties of Hon. Assistant Editor has been gratefully accepted. Corporal F. M. Brown has also joined the staff as Assistant Secretary.

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The photograph of the veterans of the Sergeants' Mess, Portsmouth, published in the October number was kindly supplied by the Editor of the "Hampshire Telegraph," to whom we now tender our thanks.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following:—

"The Journal of the Army Service Corps," "The Leatherneck," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The Hampshire Regimental Journal," "The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette," "The Wire," "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "The Sapper," "The Chronicle of the Duke of York's Royal Military School," "Journal of the Honourable Artillery Company," "H.L.I. Chronicle," "The Sapper," "On the March," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "The Army Quarterly."

PER TERRAM

ACHI BABA. GALLIPOLI.

CHATHAM.

RECREATION ROOM.

Commencing in October, the following games tournaments will be held monthly until April 26th :—

Billiards, snooker, whist, bridge, chess, crib, draughts, bezique.

In addition to the three pounds for the fortnightly whist drives, three pounds per month will be allocated to provide prizes for the tournaments. At the time of writing, a large number of entries have been received for the opening tournament.

Prizes will be awarded according to the number of entries in each event.

If there are less than four entries for any single event, that event will be cancelled for the month.

The fortnightly whist drives continue to be very popular, and it is hoped to make them even more so.

New light card-tables have been purchased to take the place of the present cumbersome ones.

The committee has decided to partition off a portion of the reading room for the use of boys. A small billiard table will be erected in this space and the inner room will be fitted up as a reading room. When this work is finished, boys under the age of 17 years will not be allowed to play on the men's tables. This arrangement is much appreciated by the men.

To enable our comrades in the Port—who rely on the "Globe and Laurel" for information—to take part in the games tournament, the November tournament will not commence until after the publication of the November Journal.

The dates of the fortnightly whist drives for November are as follows :—

November 11th and 25th, and December 9th.

All Junior N.C.O.'s and Marines serving in the Port are welcome.

The committee invites suggestions for the improvement of the recreation room.

JUNIOR N.C.O.s.

A smoking concert and supper was held in the Junior N.C.O.s' Club on Monday, 12th October, on behalf of the members leaving for H.M.S. "Benbow." Speeches were made by Corporal Lockhart, who was going to pension the same day, and the chairman, Corporal Millar; responses were made by members of the detachment.

The Garrison Gardens annual Club Tournament took place in the week commencing 31st August. The Tournament was very well organised. The weather kept clear for the first part of the week, but some rain during the last days necessitated an extra days' play on the following Monday.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Adjutant-General inspected the Division from the 15th to 18th September, and dined in the Officers' Mess on the last day.

The chief event to record this month is the successful swimming gala, an account of which will be found under the heading "Sports." The first Division Water Polo team is still undefeated.

All other news will be found in the sports columns.

On going to Press we rejoice to announce that the Division Football team defeated H.M.S. "Excellent" in the first round of the Navy Cup, on 19th October, at Eastney, by two goals to nil after a great game. This game was a replay following a draw on 14th October, at Whale Island, when each side scored a goal.

PLYMOUTH.

The past month has been rather quiet, with little to record in the way of news beyond a quarterly dinner—which was very enjoyable—and the annual inspection by the Adjutant-General on the 13th–15th October.

The Officers' Mess premises have been redecorated, and advantage was taken of this opportunity to rearrange many of the pictures. The oil-paintings of former officers which adorn the walls of the breakfast-room have been renovated and attended to by Messrs. Harris and Sons, a local firm with a high reputation in such matters. It is hoped, therefore, that officers of the division who are at present serving elsewhere, will find, on their return to headquarters, that the general appearance of the Mess has gained considerably by the recent alterations and the attention bestowed upon pictures, trophies, etc.

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Three barrack-rooms in "A" Block, adjoining the Sergeants' Mess, have been converted into comfortable cubicles, 36 in all, for the use of the sergeants, who will doubtless appreciate the change from the old dormitory system.

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The automatic system of telephones is now in force throughout the barracks, with all its attendant advantages and disadvantages.

Adjutant to last-joined Recruit, who has failed to salute : "What have you been taught to do on passing an officer ?"

Recruit : "Count five and cut it."

DEPOT.

TORCHLIGHT TATTOO.

The 2nd Torchlight Tattoo to be held since the war was held on the South Green on 6th, 7th and 8th August. A matinee was held on the Saturday afternoon, 8th August.

The tattoo was ably carried out, and much appreciated by the large audiences at each performance.

With the exception of a few minutes' rain on the first evening the weather was certainly very favourable.

The bookings for each performance were exceedingly good, and by the commencement of the performances very few seats were left for late-comers.

A splendid programme was arranged and lasted for approximately 2¼ hours.

PROGRAMME.

Fanfare and marches by massed band and drums.
High horse vaulting with band.
1664 / 1805 / 1925 } Drill of the Royal Marines in the dress of their periods.
Cadet Corps torch march.
Illuminated cycle ride with lanterns.
Band march with torches.
Buglers—First Post.
Illuminated club-swinging.
Lantern-march.
Grand Finale—March-past of all performers.
The Band—" God Bless the Prince of Wales."
" Land of Hope and Glory."
" God Save the King."

The Cadets were well to the front at the matinee, and were included with the Box Horse and P.T. Table.

The Parade Staff provided a mock bull-fight, suitably provided with costumes loaned from Messrs. Clarksons, Ltd.

For the Royal Marines at drill, the dress of the respective periods was also loaned by Messrs. Clarksons, Ltd.

The South Green was splendidly decorated with bunting, and at the evening performances the spectacle was worthy of recommendation on the part of the Electrical Engineers from Chatham, who most ably arranged the lighting arrangements, electric lights of various colours being provided—and in addition the hundreds of fairy lamps added to the picturesque part of the illuminations.

The several departments at the Depot undertook a special part in connection with the carrying out of the Tattoo, and everyone did their utmost to make it successful.

" 1664 " Marines were provided from the 109th Squad, under Clr.-Sergt. Sinclair.

" 1805 " Marines, under Sergt. Martin, were taken from the 112th Squad.

Whilst the present-day Marines were under Q.M.S.I. of I. R. Taylor, and were taken from 104th King's Squad.

They are all to be congratulated on the efficient way they carried out their parts.

Considering that the torches used at the Tattoo were home-made, the individuals responsible are to be congratulated on the fine results obtained.

The whole show was, without a doubt, a huge success, and the Committee deserve all the praise accorded them for their fine effort.

It is hoped to be able next year to put forward a still better show.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The first social event of the season was held in the Concert Hall on Friday, 7th October, in the form of a whist drive and dance for all ranks, which was well patronized. It is hoped to continue these events throughout the season. The prize-winners were: Ladies—1st, Mrs. Baines; 2nd, Mrs. Murray; 3rd, Miss Smith; 4th, Mrs. Brand. Gents—1st, Mrs. Jones (playing as gent.); 2nd, Musn. Garton; 3rd, B.M.I Robertson; 4th, Bd.-Cpl. Overbury.

PORTSMOUTH AND SERVICES CHARITIES FETE AND TOURNAMENT.

The School, as usual, played their part, a band under the conductorship of Bandmaster (W.O.) Arthur Pragnell, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M., attended each day, and the untiring efforts of all those concerned helped to make it such a success.

OBITUARY.

The Superintendent regrets to notify all R.M. Band ranks of the death of Bandmaster 1st Class H. J. T. Taylor, at Bramshott Hospital, on Thursday, 8th October, 1925.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S INSPECTION.

The following letter was received by the Superintendent from the Adjutant-General, R.M., with reference to the inspection held at this Establishment on the 17th September, 1925:—

" I was very pleased with the result of my inspection of the Establishment under your command. The appearance of all ranks on parade was excellent. I am glad to note the clean and intelligent appearance of the new entries.

(Sgd.) A. R. H. HUTCHISON,
" Adjutant-General, R.M."

The final item of the inspection was the following programme rendered by the orchestra and choir:—

ORCHESTRA.—Overture, " Oberon " (Weber).
QUINTETTE FOR SAXOPHONES.—From " Lucia di Lammermoor " (Donizetti).
QUARTETTE FOR SAXOPHONES.—From " The Mikado " (Sullivan)
CHOIR.—Anthem " The Beleaguered " (Sullivan). Glee, " Oh who will oe'r the Downs " (de Pearsall).

A FIRST IMPRESSION.

John Chinaman often has novel powers of description. One of them when asked his impressions on seeing a motor-car for the first time, expressed high approval and enthusiastically declared, " No haulee! No pullee! Allee samee, go like Hellee! "

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

(LONDON).

The Annual Church Parade took place in the historic Guildhall Yard, King-street, Cheapside, on Sunday, September 20th last, when 118 comrades attended. Two companies were formed, No. 1 being commanded by Comrade A.C. Carter, and No. 2 by Comrade R. G. Mullan. Comrade R. J. Williams acted as Sergt.-Major, the Parade being commanded by Capt. R. H. Winne.

A number of Comrades from our Greenwich Branch, and also several of the Zeebrugge survivors attended and helped to swell our numbers.

The officers present were the Adjutant-General, Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Gen. Sir W. C. Nicholls, K.C.B., Major-Gen. H. S. N. White, C.B., M.V.O., and Major H. L. Jones, O.B.E. The parade was inspected by Major-Gen. H. S. N. White prior to the arrival of the Adjutant-General, and marched off headed by the band of Greenwich R. H. School, under the Bandmaster, Comrade J. S. Brown. Divine Service was attended at St. Sepulchre's Church, Holborn Viaduct, and was conducted by our Hon. Chaplain, the Rev. W. H. Ward, M.A.

After service the companies reformed and marched to the Veterans' Club, where they were addressed by the Adjutant-General and the senior officers present, each of whom expressed his pleasure at being able to be present and congratulated the Comrades upon their smart and soldierly appearance on Parade and while marching to and from church.

After dismissal the band boys were entertained to lunch, and then played a number of selections which were greatly appreciated by the Comrades and their wives and families, the proceedings finally terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

The offertory was in aid of the Royal Seamen and Marines Orphan Home, Portsmouth.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ANNUAL SUPPER AND SOIREE.

The second annual supper of the Greenwich Branch of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, held at the "Prince of Orange" Hotel, Grenwich, on Saturday, the 26th September, was a pleasant and entertaining affair. A merry party of over a hundred sat down, the chairman being Mr. A. Presland, who was supported by Captain H. E. Beere (Liverpool), Captain J. Swain, Mr. H. Osborne, Neil Hamilton, T. Emanuel, and J. Mallard (hon. secretary). There were several serving members present. The entertainment committee, which assisted, being Messrs. S. G. Dacombe, D.C.M., A. T. Taylor, and W. H. Sillett.

"Following the Royal Toast, the chairman proposed "the Corps, the Association and Absent Comrades." In welcoming the company, he referred to a recent statement by Earl Haig, that he found the spirit of comradeship that prevailed during the War had somewhat gone astray in these days of unrest. When he looked round that gathering it was plain that Earl Haig could not have been thinking of the Royal Marines who fought under him in Flanders. The Royal Marines Old Comrades had banded themselves together and were always a happy party, ready to help one another. He was at a large gathering recently at Portsmouth when 600 Old Comrades of the Corps met together in a spirit of Comradeship that proved that they had not forgotten their Old Association. They had present that evening some old veterans of the Corps who could recall the days of 1860 and 1870 in a way that made others feel like young recruits. They were glad to have those veterans with them and hoped they would be long spared to enjoy those gatherings.

Mr. Mallard replying, emphasised the Comrade note, saying it signified a great deal to the Association, inasmuch as we are banded together under the freedom of the Union Jack for which we are all proud to have served, and for the cause of friendship to our fellow-beings. He thanked the chairman, committee and members for the way they had rallied to make the Association a success. Last year, he stated, their numbers were verging on the half century, to-day the numbers were 75, and considering their motto was "Once a Marine, always a Marine," it was not too much to expect to double that figure next year. He expressed the thanks of the Association to Councillor T. Hearn for his great assistance to the Association, and regretted that their President, Major W. Sinclair, was unable to be with them that evening owing to unforeseen circumstances, but he had sent his fraternal greetings to all Old Comrades for a very pleasant evening.

Captain Beere responded to a request for a few words, and said he was pleased to see so many old pals and to meet their chairman again. They had served together and had rough times and good times. As long as he lived he would never be anything other than a Royal Marine.

Following the supper, the room was cleared for an excellent concert and dance, the music being provided by the L'Etoile Orchestra. Songs were rendered by Miss Peggy Lang, Miss Winifred Watts, and Mr. Jack Addis, and thus one more social event was added to the success of the Association.

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st August:—

BACON.—Sergt. G. Bacon, Depot, 8.8.25.
CLIFTON.—Mne. H. J. Clifton, Chat., 11.8.25.
DAY.—Mne. A. J. Day, Ports., 30.8.25.
HASKELL.—Sergt. G. Haskell, R.M.A., 24.3.25.
HOLTON.—Mne. C. Holton, Chat., 4.8.25.
HOW.—Mne. J. How, Ply., 7.8.25.
JEFFERY.—Sergt. J. Jeffery, R.M.A., 26.8.25.
JENKINS.—Mne. J. Jenkins, Ply., 16.8.25.
KNIGHT.—Mne. W. Knight, Ports., 28.4.25.
LEE.—Mne. J. Lee, R.M.A., 23.8.25.
OGBORNE.—Mne. W. Ogborne, Ports., 17.8.25.
OLIVER.—Mne. H. J. E. Oliver, Chat., 22.8.25.
PEARCE.—Sergt. J. Pearce, R.M.A., 14.8.25.
ROBINSON.—Q.M.S. J. Robinson, Chat., 29.8.25.
SMIRTHWAITE.—Sergt. H. Smirthwaite, Ply., 31.8.25
TAYLOR.—Clr.-Sergt. A. R. Taylor, Ports., 23.8.25.
THOMPSON.—Sergt. E. Thompson, Ports., 24.8.25.

PER MARE

POLLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC.

"Royal Oak."

The Marines' turret came well up to scratch on the occasion of each big shoot last cruise. One unfortunate piecé of bad luck in the shape of a jammed cartridge spoiled a run, but it was quickly cleared at the expense of one round.

The last big shoot of the cruise was one of 16 rounds per gun at seven targets towed by Tiger, and here again X turret was sold by pure bad luck. The turret was putting up its usual show when our old enemy—the misfired tube—decided that we were doing too well, and robbed us of the prize money and honours.

On the whole, the work of the turret's crew from shellroom to gunhouse has been very creditable, and if efficiency and hard work were the deciding factors, X turret would be second to none. Those acquainted with power-worked guns will appreciate that there is a great element of chance in operating them, but we are satisfied that X turret will maintain its standard and improve on it.

Our long stay at Rosyth produced more games and general amusement than we had at first anticipated. We got some very useful cricket, and met some very good teams. Mne. J. E. Workman did some pretty work in securing 35 wickets for 101 runs, and the team were remarkably keen throughout.

Results were:—

St. Andrews	Lost	83—59
Dockyard	Won	93—85
Crombie C.C.	Won	53—19
Dockyard	Lost	38—86
Baptists C.C.	Won	52—42
R.M. Police	Won	87—25
Kelty C.C.	Lost	61—47
H.M.S. "Swallow"	Won	109—53

The promotion class, under Sergt. Lynham, seized the opportunity and the local parade ground, and got down seriously to the question of drill, to the intense interest of the dockyardmen, who languidly shifted their armchairs round to face the proceedings. The daily run through I.T. Vol. I, away from the ship, had a marked effect on the military efficiency of the class, and one can only regret that such opportunities are not more frequent.

The commotion due to the appearance of the drill class however, was a mere ripple in comparison to the tidal wave that surged through the dockies when the Royal Guards for Cowes turned out to get their arm-drill up to standard. Two guards of one half-company each were paraded on alternate days, and one gallant "matey" was actually seen to stand up and assure his colleagues that "them's Marines, and they knows all abaht it." "It" might have meant anything, but we gathered that the remark was intended as an obscure compliment to the Corps, and left it at that.

The signal and topography classes were temporarily suspended, as these subjects did not fit in extra-ordinarily well with arm-drill and enamelling ship for Cowes.

Early in the commission the detachment won the inter-port cutters' shield, and repeated the performance again this year.

It came as something in the nature of a shock to the crews in training for the regatta to realise that the ship could not leave dockyard hands in time for them to feature at Lamlash. The difficulty was overcome by towing the boats round by canal and despatching the crews by train, a camp having already been rigged by an advance party under R.M. G. Ryman.

In the Marines' whalers' race, the Royal Oak whalers were found to be inferior boats to those of the other competitors, and this with all due modesty we claim as the reason for coming in 3rd and 9th.

The Fleet Marines' cutters' race was started in a fog, and the Royal Oak's 1st Marines' cutter leapt so far ahead that they had no idea the race had been abandoned until they had gallantly finished the course and won—against nobody. The race was re-rowed next day, against some formidable rivals this time. The Marines won again, and were duly presented with the cup.

At Cowes, the Marines' 1st cutter purloined without any ceremony the Aymar-Johnson Cup, in the all-comers' race, a race which has been won by the Royal Yacht's Marines for some years.

Shortly after the ship had docked at Rosyth, the detachment sent a deputation, headed by the Sergt.-Major, to descend on the R.M. Police at Crombie and make some arrangements for waking things up a bit.

The immediate result of the call was a cricket match, in which the police were thoroughly whopped just to show that the marines were there for cricket as well as cheap drinks and a discussion of the coal question.

The police, however, being none too sure of their cricket and anticipating a second-best result, had mapped out reprisals in advance, and immediately challenged the Marines to billiards, darts, shove-ha'penny and marbles, which were accepted promptly and with all due solemnity.

The return cricket match was again a win for the Corps, but they were sadly left at the post with regard to the rest of the programme. The old soldiers of the Corps are "pretty to watch" at indoor games, and very soon showed the Marines that their job was to do the watching. The visitors were provided with tea and suitable music, and returned to the ship at a late hour, more than a little impressed with the strong spirit

ROYAL MARINES CUTTER'S CREW,
H.M.S. "ROYAL OAK."
WINNERS OF ATLANTIC FLEET MARINE CUTTERS RACE, 1925.



Back Row:—Mnes. Lovern, Hamar, Judge, Martin, Lovell, Curel, Hayes, West.
Front Row:—Mnes. Nicholls, Richards, Sergt. Huddart (cox), C. A. Fountaine, C.B., A.D.C., R.N., Capt. W. F. S. Fawkner, R.M., Mnes. Harding, Ruell.

H.M.S. "QUEEN ELIZABETH"
ROYAL MARINES CUTTER'S CREW.
(Winners of Ramillies and Miles Cups, 1925.)



Top Row:—Mnes. Anning, Drew, Farrant, Wheeldon, Finnis, Wiltshire, Henderson, Allen, Lewis, Ballard.
Middle Row:—Capt. V. D. Thomas, Sergt. Wyatt (cox), Captain G. K. Chetwode, C.B., C.B.E., R.N., Major A. C. Barnby, Lt. K. L. Cooper.
Bottom Row:—Mne. Pease, Cpl. Branton.

of esprit-de-corps which always characterises such occasions.

Shortly afterwards the police, complete with wives and families, made a tour of the ship and were entertained to tea in the " Barracks." Another cricket match was arranged, which the marines duly carried off in style; and the ship being due to leave, they parted from the R.M. Police and their very real hospitality with much regret.

A series of very successful dances was run at the local Palais, at which the Marines figured with much more enthusiasm than grace, and the Royal Oak band produced everything that was weird and wonderful in the way of jazz.

The marines' shooting team met the Royal Corps of Signals at Dunfermline in an interesting match and proved very conclusively that the musketry-eye of the sea-soldier is not greatly affected by contact with cross-wired telescopes—either that, or the markers were thoroughly drilled in the art of poking holes with pencils.

During our stay as guardship at Cowes Regatta, the R.M. Guard of 1 officer and 15 file was changed daily on the quarterdeck with full military ceremonial, and this we believe to be the first time it has been done at sea. The guards were in review order, bugle-calls were sounded off as in barracks, and the new guard was marched on, and the old guard off the quarterdeck with the band. The ceremony created something of an impression at Cowes, and did not succeed in escaping the attention of the camera.

" Calliope."

Since last writing the 2nd Cruiser Squadron have been engaged in carrying out Gunnery and Torpedo exercises in the Northern Mists.

Judging by the weather, which is snow and mild hail, mist is hardly a strong enough term, and it was overheard being described in some foreign language which cannot be repeated, owing to the fact that the " Any language in seven day's " course we have just completed, does not seem to contain a lesson on it.

Previous to joining with the remainder of the Squadron, " Calliope " was detached to do duty with No. 480 Flight, R.A.F.

An interesting time was spent and those who were lucky enough to get a " Flip " were very enthusiastic about it, and now pose as being entitled to use aeronautical language.

The exercises were based on Campbeltown as a starting point, and during our stay there, two dances were given, which were much appreciated; also a Charity Football match was played against Glenside, a local team.

Up to the present two matches have been played in the King's Cup competition. Results:—

Calliope ... 3; Curacoa ... 1
Cleopatra ... 4; Caledon ... 3

The " Corps " is well represented in Calliope's team, having a representative in each line.

Mne. Boaz, goal; Mne. Annetts, back; Mne. Farrell, half; and Mne. Miles, forward.

The 2nd C.S. have been lucky in being able to secure Dundee's football ground for a match during our stay there.

Everyone appears to be training for the Marathon which is being held at Harwich.

" Vindictive."

We commissioned at Chatham on 16th April, 1925, for service on the China Station, but owing to unexpected delay in completing trials we are still in Chatham Dockyard. We understand that we leave for Portsmouth on 5th October for further trials, and hope to get to China by the end of the year.

From April to June we were attached to the Atlantic Fleet, carrying out commissioning trials.

Whilst at Chatham the Detachment has been able to put in a lot of useful work, including the annual course of Musketry and a week at Field Training, both carried out at Chatham with satisfactory results.

The Ships' Athletic Sports were carried out at Chatham on 15th and 16th September, and the Royal Marine Detachment carried all before them, winning amongst others, the 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, long jump, high jump, inter-part relay and tug-of-war, and the cup presented by the Captain and Officers for the best athlete—the latter being won by Mne. Inggs, who carried off no less than six cups.

At football our 1st team are unbeaten, and stand at the top of the League (inter-part), and with the keenness and talent at our disposal we hope to more than hold our own in all sports.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Queen Elizabeth."

22nd September.

We are at present on our summer cruise, which up to date, has been very dull. During the first part we went to Corfu for the battleship regatta, and to Argostoli for the Fleet regatta. Exercises then followed, and we went off by ourselves to a remote place for shooting, which was not so bad, as in ten days we got a mixed bag of 550 head.

We are now at Volo for the Fleet sailing regatta. The economy bomb has fallen and the Fleet is returning from here to Malta by easy stages, instead of going to Alexandria. We are going on our cruise as before, however, except that we cut out Cyprus, which means we go to Jaffa and Alexandria.

We are taking on the Army at Cairo and Alexandria at bayonets, tug-of-war, boxing, etc. The R.M. Detachment run the first two by themselves and we have not got at all a bad team. The Detachment also make up more than their share of all the other teams.

When we get back to Malta we hope to settle down to some work in land artillery training. We also hope next year to have another combined operation, on a larger scale than last year's effort, which was really most instructive.

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A very corpulent R.P.O. had occasion to take an inoffensive A.B. before the Commander for a trivial offence. After hearing the " charge " the Commander asked who was bringing the allegation against the offender. The corpulent R.P.O., stepping forward, remarked, " Sir, I am the 'alligator.'" H.E.T. required.

" Malaya."

A DONKEY DERBY AT GHAIN TUFFIEHA.

This novel event was organised by the R.M. Detachment of the " Malaya," under the direction of Sgt. Combes. Donkeys were obtained from " Robber " (a well-known local Maltese figure in this neighbourhood), and were re-named " Water Tap " (still running); " Dusty Carpet " (wants some beating); " Salmon Trout " (wants catching); " Manna " (a sure winner); " By Gollum," and " Tishy."

The first problem was to make the " bronks " toe the line. Being on their worst behaviour, this proved a grave difficulty, and to overcome it, we had to call in the help of the Maltese boys. A start having been made, some interesting riding was exhibited and some useful talent discovered. Owing to one moke wishing to go to his stables every time the race started it was suggested that the winning post should be shifted, but this was overruled by the committee. Consequently, " Water Tap " had to be strained to hard-a-starboard if its jockey was to win. The heats concluded, the final was run, with the following result:—

1.—" Water Tap," ridden by Sgt. Walsh (Camp Staff).
2.—" Manna " ,, ,, Mne. Thurston.
3.—" By Gollum " ,, ,, A/Cpl. Odey.

Fancy dress also was very well displayed considering that there was very little material to make up from, but as usual, several managed to find something (as only Royals can), whilst others climbed up the galley flu to alter their complexions and thus make a show, if only a black one.

Marine Bollam and Marine Thurston managed to take the prize for this event as the Sheik and his bride, and if any one wants instruction in the art of loving a horse, donk, moke, gee or quadruped—well, ask our Sticky Wilkinson. He is adept at the game, and it was a picture no artist could paint to see him finish his race clasping his steed round the neck, hugging it for all he was worth.

Our grand finale came with a concert, various talent being brought to the fore, and a very enjoyable evening was spent under the auspices of our hard-working S.N.C.O.

The motor-lorries came for us at last and dragged us back to the Oven. (Sorry! H.M.S. Malaya), and the remainder of the detachment took our place.

The usual sports were engaged in by this party and a large number of individual competitions were arranged such as inter-hut bayonet fighting, relay races, swimming races, etc.

A BULL FIGHT.

Another amusing episode arranged by the " Malaya " detachment was a bull fight in honour of the Duke and Duchess of Ghain Tuffieha (Mne. Kelly and Cpl. Martin respectively). The proceedings were also graced by the arrival of the King and Queen of Gozo (Capt. and Mrs. Dawson), the national anthem " D'ye ken John Peel " being played. They were accompanied by the Sultan of Scrub-and-Wash-Clothes (Lieut. Pym, R.M.), a distinguished gentleman from England who is likely to stay with us for some while; and many other notable persons.

The Master of Ceremonies then introduced the fighters. The Matador (Mne. Carter), the Picadors (Mnes. Day and Lapworth), their horses (Mnes. Croad and Thompson), and the Banderilleros (Mnes. Box, Davies, Newman and Smith). Everything ready, the bull (Mne. Knowlton, sometimes called " Tiddles "), was released and dashed into the bull ring dressed something like a bull. The fight then took place in real style and the red (firing point) flag was used with commendable skill, considering the dangerous nature of the task. Finally the bull became exhausted through loss of blood caused by the darts and thrusts from the Picadors staves, and the Matador stepped into the ring to finish the deed as humanely as possible. The bull was by no means dead and gave the killer some anxious moments, but finally it was subdued under the skill of so great and experienced a Matador that with one thrust the sword was driven through the heart, and the bull gave up the ghost. The band gave selections during the interval (while the bulls were " swapping " clothes —Mne. Prior acting as a relief bull), and the whole show was a great success, being very similar to a real fight witnessed at Valencia during a recent stay. The next three bulls were dealt with in the usual manner, and after the fight the Matador, well-pleased with his achievements went to the " Royal " box for the congratulations of the Queen of Gozo, who threw her favour to him, which he caught, kissed, and placed amongst his treasured belongings.

" Caradoc."

Since last writing, the Fleet has held its boat-pulling regatta in which the " Caradoc " was well to the fore. We were successful in carrying off both the " Fiume Trophy " and " Cambrian Cup," which were competed for by all ships of the Fleet, and the " Young Seamen's," "Cusani" and Aggregate Cups for the Cruiser Squadrons. We also had the honour of taking 15 firsts.

Two days after the regatta, we left the Fleet for Port Said, where we arrived on the 21st of August; here we were to have the honour of embarking Lord Plumer, who was taking over the Governorship of Palestine.

Lord Plumer arrived on board at 2 p.m. on the 24th inst. and at 7.30 p.m. we sailed for Jaffa. At 7.15 a.m. the following day we were met by a squadron of aeroplanes and at 7.30 a.m. we dropped anchor about three quarters of a mile from shore.

A Royal Guard had been told off previously and at 8.10 a.m. we were required to salute the Acting Governor, who came on board to pay his respects to the future Governor.

At 8.30 a.m. Lord Plumer informed the Captain he wished to inspect the Royal Guard and once more we were marched on to the Quarter Deck.

We were then inspected and His Excellency asked almost every man in the Guard some question or other. He left immediately afterwards, accompanied by Lady Plumer, the Acting Governor and Staff, for Jerusalem, where he arrived at 11.30 a.m.

Our stay lasted four days and thereby enabled all those who wished to, to visit Jerusalem.

On the 28th inst. we left for Mudros where we rejoined the Fleet.

FIRST CRUISER SQUADRON CRUISE IN THE BLACK SEA.

On the morning of 27th August, " Frobisher " and " Dragon " sailed from Mudros for Varna in Bulgaria. During the forenoon Capt. C. E. Turle, D.S.O., R.N., gave the ship's company of " Frobisher " an interesting lecture on the Gallipoli Campaign.

Instead of proceeding directly through the Dardanelles, the ships steamed into the Gulf of Saros, and on arriving abreast Suvla at about 1330, turned to the S.W. and steamed slowly passed Suvla, Anzac, and the beaches to Cape Helles. During the afternoon Major H. C. Pope, R.M., lectured on the work of the Royal Marines in Gallipoli, and pointed out various places of interest to an appreciative audience.

We passed through the Dardanelles and entered the Sea of Marmora with no incident other than that of an infuriated pilot, who tried, with conspicuous lack of success to stop us abreast of Chanak.

On the morning of the 29th, the majority of us were on deck as soon as it was light to get our first glimpse of Constantinople. Unfortunately, the sky was overcast and there was a sombre light over Stamboul, which appeared like some sinister animal. The rising sun was blood-red, and its light for the few minutes it appeared enhanced the sombre appearance of Stamboul.

Passing through the Bosphorous was especially interesting to the old timers of the 11th Battalion. Tash-Kishla, Harbie, The Armoury and Yildiz were all plainly visible. We arrived at Varna about 1800 on 29th August. The harbour is very pretty and reminds one of parts of the Dorset and Hants coast.

Czar Boris was in residence at his Summer Palace, Euxinograd, which is about 4½ miles from Varna. On 3rd September, he visited H.M.S. " Frobisher," and was entertained to luncheon by Admiral Waistell. He was received with a Royal salute and a Royal Guard. It is of interest to know what this is the first occasion, since ascending the throne some six years ago, that he has been saluted by any nation other than his own. After luncheon he was conducted round the ship, and before leaving he expressed his great appreciation of all he had seen.

Admiral Waistell and the senior officers of " Frobisher " and " Dragon " were honoured by lunching with H.M. the Czar on 4th September. The royal grounds at Euxinograd Palace, famous for their beauty, were thrown open to the men of the squadron for two days at the express command of the Czar.

The Bulgars have taken up association football very keenly. In 1919 a British division occupied Varna and district for about six months, and introduced this game to the Bulgars. There are seven clubs in Varna, and the standard of play is high and clean.

" Dragon " sailed from Varna for Galatz, 100 miles up the Danube, on 6th September. " Frobisher " sailed from Varna on 7th September, arriving at Constantza, Roumania, the same afternoon. To the great delight of the majority of the ship's company the ship was taken inside the harbour and secured alongside the quay. This operation was watched by a large number of the population.

At about 1900, a fire broke out in a warehouse on the opposite side of the port and a fire party from the ship did yeoman service.

A few football matches were played against the two local clubs, but the standard of play is considerably lower than that of the Bulgars. Dancing and revelry at night appear to be the chief attractions of this Roumanian seaport.

On 14th September, H.M. Queen Marie of Roumania and her son, H.R.H. Prince Nicholas, were entertained to luncheon by Admiral Waistell. Before leaving the ship she presented medals to seven of the ship's fire party who had assisted at the fire on the night we arrived. In the evening H.M. the Queen held a reception in the Royal Pavilion.

In pouring rain and half a gale of wind " Frobisher " sailed from Constantza on the morning of the 15th, H.R.H. Prince Nicholas taking a passage to Volo. Quite a number of our friends, in spite of the inclement weather, came to the quayside to say a last farewell to us.

After a stormy passage across the Black Sea, which did not agree with the weakened constitution of our revellers, we had an uneventful voyage to Volo, where we found the Fleet moored.

From Volo we went to Milo, where " Frobisher " held an inter-part Marathon race, twelve constituting a team. The R.M. distinguished themselves by winning the Challenge Cup by over 100 points, Marine Gospel coming in second and Marine Clarke eleventh. Capt. Turle presented the cup on Sunday, 4th October, to the team and prizes to the first four competitors.

N.A. AND W.I.

H.M.S. " Capetown."

We arrived at Prince Rupert, British Columbia, on 28th July. This town is comparatively of recent origin, being only some 12 years old. It deals with the halibut trade largely, and boasts the largest cold storage in the world. Numbers of the detachment took the opportunity of inspecting it. We played a Canadian Regiment at Soccer, the result being a draw. We left Prince Rupert on the 5th August for Esquimalt, and arrived on the 7th. We had a very enjoyable stay of 11 days, and full advantage was taken of seeing the wonderful scenery this corner of Vancouver Island has to show. We fixed a shooting match here against the 2nd Canadian-Scottish, and we went down to the tune of 101 points. It is rumoured that most of the team went to the Bay the next morning for an eyesight test.

After a short stay at Hanaimo and Comox we dropped anchor in Vancouver Harbour on the 25th August. Here we had a great time, the whole community uniting with one another to make our stay enjoyable. The detachment managed another shooting match (miniature this time) against the 29th Vancouver Regiment (a hot shooting contingent by all accounts). However, we managed to run out winners by a narrow margin of 6 points. On 4th September we said " Goodbye " to Canadian waters (with much regret).

We are now en route for San Francisco to take part in the Diamond Jubilee of the admission of California to the United States.

U.S. MARINES ENTERTAIN BRITISH ROYAL MARINES,

JUNE, 1925.



ROYAL MARINES OF H.M.S. "CAPETOWN" AT SAN DIEGO, CAL.
(*Reprinted from "Marine Base Weekly."*)

EAST INDIES.

"Chatham."

We returned to Colombo after our East African cruise on July 24th to wait for our relief, the "Effingham." The Detachment went up to camp on July 31st when some useful training was done; musketry, Lewis gun and machine-gun courses were carried out. The average for the rifle course (Table L.IV), was 132.4, which was very good in view of the tremendous glare on the range.

A naval assault-at-arms was held in camp, this attracting a large number of spectators. One of the items which the Detachment carried out was a "Bayonet Assault," the men wearing steel helmets and gas-masks, heavy smoke being produced by two smoke floats; the effect was very realistic. An interesting film was then staged entitled the "Wages of Gin," which excited a lot of amusement; no doubt this will shortly appear on the screens. As a finale, a torchlight tattoo was given, the whole affair going off very well.

In the sports held we won the Inter-Platoon Football Competition, the relay race and cross-country race. The tennis doubles were won by Musician Boyce and Marine Dutton.

On the occasion of the last Sunday Divisions here, the Detachment and Band were addressed by Capt. N. F. Lawrence, D.S.O., who specially congratulated them on their general smartness and behaviour whilst on the station.

This will mean our last letter to you, as we expect the "Effingham" on 23rd instant, and we sail at last for home on 28th September, after an absence of 2 years, 8 months.

NEW ZEALAND.

"Philomel."

We had a short visit from H.M.S. "Dunedin" from 24th till 28th on her return from her cruise amongst the islands. She then proceeded to Wellington, there to await the arrival of visiting American Fleet on the 11th August.

FOOTBALL.

The Royals played two matches to a successful finish during the month for "two legs of pork." The first match was played against the seamen of this ship and the second was Royals versus Petty Officers. We are h—— after the pig. The matches from a scientific point of view were not up to Cup Final standard, but the amount of spirit and enjoyment (with an earnestness to win that would cheer up the old Kaiser himself) which we all obtained from them would compensate the most exacting trainers of any club. I would not care to

write down all the remarks passed about poor piggie's legs but everyone was counting on his portion. The spectators were promised the tail by the winners and they in turn went a little further in their offer to the vanquished. Our ship's team representing the Navy in the League matches has played very well but has been dogged by hard luck. The result of last three games were 2 drawn and third a loss, 3—2, the winning goal being scored by one of our own men. Still, we are cheered up by the remarks of the team as to what is going to happen next season.

GENERAL NEWS.

The citizens of Auckland have already commenced decorating the town preparatory to giving the Yankee Fleet a good time. The Stars and Stripes are everywhere, mingled with the Union Jack and the Red Ensign with its four stars in the right bottom corner and the Union Jack in the left top corner (the New Zealand flag). Half the American cruising fleet comes to Auckland and the other half to the capital city, Wellington. Altogether, approximately 1,200 officers and men are being catered for, that being the number expected. They are going to have a good time too; the Government are allowing them free railway travelling anywhere and the City Corporations are giving free tram rides, and all municipal places such as the Zoo, baths, etc., are opened free.

AUSTRALIA.

" Concord."

[The following account of " Concord's " visit to Brisbane, prior to her being detached to China, should have been included in a previous number.]

The Governor of Queensland paid an official visit to the ship on April 18th and complimented the guard on their smart appearance.

Various trips were organised to sugar factories, plantations and inland towns, including one to Toowoomba, Australia's largest inland town. They proved a great success, and were much appreciated by those who took advantage of them.

The 25th being Anzac Day, the ship landed 2 platoons of seamen and the Marines, the Company being made up of 1 Platoon of R.A.N.R., whose band led us.

After marching through a number of crowded streets, we halted to give time for various detachments of ex-" Diggers " and their numerous bands to form up. Resuming our march we proceeded to the base and formed up for the March Past. The company was then headed by Major-General Brucke, and the March Past was a credit to the ship as was shown by the ovation it received. Continuing the march again, we eventually arrived at the rendezvous, where thousands of people were gathered. After a short service, speeches were made by the Premier, Governor, and others, and then we prepared to march back to the ship. The seamen, of course, led, and were roundly clapped. Then came the Marines amid renewed clapping and jocular remarks, the people crowding around us; one could hear such remarks as " Well done, Royals," " Good old Imperial Navy," and they did not forget our name "Leathernecks."

The Governor later said he was very much impressed by our smartness and appearance during the march, and also during the ceremony.

We sailed for Sydney on the 28th April, arriving there on the 30th.

DETACHED SERVICE

THE ROYAL TOUR (*continued*).

Mar del Plata, 20th August.—Leaving Montevideo at 4 p.m. last Sunday, we arrived here at 2 p.m. the following day, and, three hours later, were tied up alongside the new breakwater inside the harbour.

This being merely a popular bathing resort in summer, there are very few people here and very little to do in the way of amusement, but to enable every member of the ship's company to see Buenos Aires, six special parties of 250 men each have been arranged and these trips give a whole day for sight-seeing with a journey of 250 miles each way by night.

Buenos Aires is well known to be the largest city south of the Equator and is well worth a visit if only to see its wonderful shops and hotels and the rich splendour of its residential quarter—the streets in the town are, on the whole, rather narrow, but the roadways are good and clean, with reasonably broad pavements; unlike London, tramlines intersect the city in all directions and this interferes considerably with the enormous volume of motor traffic.

4th September.—Having been here now for nearly three weeks, we are able to realise how much is being done for us; surely, never before has a British man-of-war been so lavishly entertained by a foreign country, and it would be hopeless to try and calculate how much our five weeks' visit will cost the Argentine Government, apart altogether from the programme arranged for the Prince of Wales and his retinue.

I have already mentioned the excursions for the men and I should like to add a few words to show what is being done for the Officers.

At the Naval Centre, the English Club and a few private houses in Buenos Aires, free acommodation has been put at the disposal of any 20 officers who happen to be on leave or duty in the city; free meals and drinks are provided at the Plaza Hotel, one of the best in the place, and they have been made honorary members of all the best clubs, both social and sporting.

Free passes on all the railways were issued to each officer on our arrival and sleeping accommodation on the trains is always provided free of charge.

The Railway Company even goes further than this—when the Captain wishes to travel, a special coach containing dining-room, smoking room, bedroom and kitchen is attached to the train for his sole use.

The town of Mar del Plata is about 3 miles away from the ship, but can be reached by boat and tram. However, the place is nearly empty at present on account of the season and there is very little amusement to be found.

L.S.W.

(*To be continued.*)

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS.

From an Article by Major-General John A. Lejeune, Commandant U.S. Marine Corps.

November 10th, 1775, the formation of two battalions of Marines was authorised by the Continental Congress, then sitting in Philadelphia. These Marines constituted the first armed forces established for the service of the infant American nation, then in the throes of birth, and were the first men to bear the name, American Marines, a title since rendered illustrious through time by deeds of soldierly devotion and heroism on countless fields in all quarters of the earth.

These first American Marines did not have long to wait for active service against the foe. The companies of one battalion were drafted almost immediately on board the ships of the Continental Navy, then being created, while the second was held ashore in Philadelphia for an emergency. The emergency came in the autumn of 1776, when Washington called for all possible reinforcements to enable his army to make a stand on the Delaware River, following its disastrous retreat across New Jersey.

Joining Washington on the eve of the battles of Trenton and Princeton, this powerful, well-trained battalion of Marines' regulars proved a force of inestimable worth in the conflicts that followed, their heavy casualty list attesting to the severity of the fighting.

After these battles this Marine Battalion remained with the Army throughout the remainder of the Revolutionary War, serving brilliantly through the long land campaign to its victorious conclusion, while their comrades at sea participated in the victories of Barry, Hopkins, and John Paul Jones.

So much for the service of the American Marines during the Revolution. Their record since that time has been equally distinguished and noble.

A search of the nation's annals shows that Marines have been in action more than ninety out of a hundred and forty-seven years since the declaration of independence. Since the birth of the nation not a generation nor a decade has passed that has not been marked by one or more Marine expeditions or campaigns. As a result the Marine Corps has always been a Corps of veterans and there have always been and are to-day in the Corps a goodly sprinkling of officers and men who have grown grey in war, with seldom an opportunity of enjoying more than a few short intervals of peace.

Sagas of adventure, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty might be written from the history of the Corps. In the early days Marines fought in the war with France; against the Mediterranean Pirate of Tripoli and the Barbary States; in the war of 1812; the Mexican war; the Civil War; against West Indian Pirates; against the Chinese; the Japanese; the Cannibals of the South Seas; against several tribes of American Indians; and others too numerous to mention.

In recent years the Marine Corps has been equally busy and the annals of the Corps during the lifetime of the present generation form an epic of heroism and soldierly virtue of which the average American knows little or nothing. Of the twenty-four years, from the Spanish-American War in 1898 to the conclusion of the war with Germany, twenty-three were marked by Marine campaigns and expeditions. One only, 1913, was a year of peace.

In 1898, Marines took part in the Spanish War. In 1899, they were in action during the Philippine Insurrection and also in Samoa to protect American lives during a native uprising. In 1900, one brigade of Marines was busy in the Philippines, while another formed a part of the Peking Relief Column in the Chinese Boxer Rebellion, and still a third force was landed at Panama. In 1901, and 1902, Marines saw action in a new Philippine uprising in Samar and another Marine force was again landed at Panama. In 1903, Marines were landed in Santo Domingo, Corea and Panama, and a force was also sent to far-off Abyssinia. In 1904, more trouble in Panama necessitated the landing of Marines at Ancon. In 1905, an expedition was sent to Cuba with an eye to disturbances which happily did not materialise. In 1906, another force was landed in Cuba, remaining until 1909, as a party of the Army of Cuba Pacification. In 1907, Marines landed following an uprising in Honduras, and also went to assist survivors of the Jamaica fire and earthquake. In 1908, Marines were again landed in Panama, and also took part in the relief work following the great earthquake at Messina, Italy. In 1909 and 1910, two different Marine forces were landed in Nicaragua, and in 1911 and 1912, Marines operated in China to protect American life and property following the overthrow of the Manchu Dynasty. During 1912, also, a Marine force operated in Nicaragua. Nineteen hundred and thirteen was notable in Marine annals because there were no wars, but Marines were sent to Haiti and Santo Domingo in 1914, during which year they also took part in the occupation of Vera Cruz. In 1915, the occupation of Haiti was undertaken following the murder of President Sam and the violation of the French Legation, and a Marine Brigade has been maintained in Haiti ever since. In 1916, the occupation of Santo Domingo became necessary, which was continued until July 15, 1924. In 1917, the Marines were sent to Cuba, but their presence exerted a steady influence and disorder was avoided. In 1917, also the United States entered the war with Germany, during which the part played by the celebrated fourth Marine Brigade, which stopped the German advance on Paris at Belleau Wood in the Chateau Thierry Sector, is familiar to all. The heroic achievements of the Fifth and Sixth Marine Regiments and the Sixth Machine Gun Battalion are too well known to require mention. Among the first to land in France, they took part in the action in the Chateau Thierry Sector, Soissons, St. Mihiel, Blanc Mont in the Champagne, and at the Meuse-Argonne, covering their standards with glory and compiling a record seldom equalled in the annals of war. In 1920, Marines were landed at Vladivostok, Siberia, and in 1924 they were again landed in Honduras during a native uprising.

Such in brief is the history of the Marine Corps from its founding. We believe that at present it is in a condition of efficiency and readiness for service to the nation, worthy of its matchless record, and may look to the future, confident that they will prove worthy of the priceless heritage of the Corp's heroic past and of its motto—"Always faithful."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Extracts from "Globe and Laurel," November, 1900.)

NAVAL BRIGADE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"We were all very pleased to get orders to take part in the general advance with Gen. Pole-Carew's Division, to which we have been attached since May 4th. We left Middleburg on August 22nd, at 7 a.m. and marched to Pau Siding, arriving at noon on one of the foulest camping grounds it has ever been our lot to meet. Close to us, and, unfortunately to windward, was a row of forty-eight dead—very dead—horses. Next day we marched to Wonderfontein, arriving about mid-day in a storm of wind and dust which pretty well blinded us all. The following day we started for Belfast at 6.30. Hardly had we got under weigh when the leading 4.7 gun—manned by the Bluejackets had the ill-luck to get stuck in a bog. After several ineffective attempts to haul it out, the Marines gun was ordered to proceed. Having arrived within three miles of Belfast, the march of the Division was interrupted by the news that the enemy whom we had been chasing so long was at last making a stand.

On Sunday, 26th, we took up a position on Monument Hill, where an unpleasant amount of stuff was flying about. Wilson's gun came into action against a Creusot gun. and also later against some snipers who were annoying us from a farmhouse. Wilson was hit by a Mauser bullet. Sergeant Burroughs, R.M.A., had his puttee cut by a bullet which also grazed the Captain's boot.

On Monday, 27th we were in action all day, our first object being a Long Tom, which was shelling some field batteries on our left. We eventually put it out of action, having to sink the trail to do so, as the range was 10,500 yards, or 500 yards beyond our sighting. We next engaged a gun, probably 15-pdr. Krupp, which we never managed to hit, as the Boers changed the position after each shot, to judge by the puff of white smoke, which was the only target we had to range on. The following morning found the Boer position deserted.

The war is so near its end now that I think we may safely say we hope to be home again very soon."—A.H.F.

Extract from "The World" of 26th September:—"Major F. White R.M.L.I., is the officer to whom the credit of the heroic defence of Ladyhard is due. He had previously distinguished himself and will certainly come in for recognition."

DEFENCE OF PEKING LEGATIONS.

Peking, 1900.

We arrived here in conjunction with the remaining International Guards, on May 30th, as protection for the Legations and the Europeans residing there. On June 7th, we had orders to put the Legations into a state of defence. With the aid of sandbags, etc., the houses were made into forts, all walls loopholed, and, where the surrounding walls permitted, forts were erected. On the 13th hostilities commenced, and from this to the date of our relief we have been under fire, and right well has our small force behaved. The fighting has been very severe at every Legation, for out of a total of about 500, including volunteers, we have had over 200 casualties. We were all elated on hearing the welcome sound of the heavy guns and Maxims on the early morning of the 14th, which proved to be the allied forces bombarding the walls of the outer Chinese city. Our relief was effected none too soon, for on the following day, the 15th, several large mines were discovered, one running right under our Legation.

"The World" of 26th September, says:—"Captain Halliday, Royal Marine Light Infantry, the senior surviving officer of the Legation Guard at Pekin, has been promoted to a brevet majority. Sir Claude Macdonald has reported in the highest possible terms of the heroism of the Royal Marines during the siege. Their officers set them a splendid example. Thus once more the Corps has been able to maintain its world-wide reputation."

(Note:—The R.M. Officers were Capt. B. M. Strouts, who was killed on 16th July; Capt. L. S. T. Halliday, wounded 24th June and awarded the V.C.; and Capt. E. Wray, wounded 1st July. The Marine Batallion, 250 strong, which took part in the relief was commanded by Major Luke.)

TEDWORTH WOODLAND HOUNDS

Lieut.-Colonel F. Eady, R.M. (Retd.), who is secretary to the above-named private pack of foxhounds will be very glad to help any hunting members of the Corps who would like a day with the hounds.

The pack was started in 1923, to hunt the big woodlands of Savernake Forest and Collingbourne Wood, on the east side of Tedworth, and Harewood Forest in the south-west corner of the Vine. It is in a way connected with the Corps and the Royal Navy. The Joint Masters are Mr. W. J. Yorke-Scarlett who held a Captain's commission in the Corps during the late war, and Lady Yarrow, the wife of Sir Alfred Yarrow, who designed and built so many of our destroyers; while the secretary is Lieut.Colonel Eady.

Mr. Yorke-Scarlett hunts the hounds himself, and hunting days are Tuesday and Saturday. The Tuesday meets are usually for Collingbourne Wood, or Harewood Forest, and those on Saturdays for Savernake Forest.

There is no subscription and no cap, but regular followers, except farmers, are requested to subscribe.

The hounds hunted on 69 days last season, and never had a blank day.

Marlborough is a very good centre for the Saturday meets; there are several good hotels, and hunters can be hired there. There are good hotels at Andover for the Tuesday county, but it is not easy to hire hunters there.

THE LIGHTER VEIN CLUB.

By DEW.

What's that?

Yes, our last report was chopped about a bit, wasn't it?

We discussed the question very heatedly at the meeting, but decided unanimously that, anyway, the whole thing was no more disjointed than a joint of ship's beef when the butcher has done with it, and a "caution" met the requirements of the case.

"Talking about butchers," remarked Pincher, filling his pipe appreciatively at my tobacco jar, "reminds me of a yarn I once heard." He paused to gain the necessary attention, and then proceeded.

"In the year dot, on board one of H.M. vessels which shall be nameless, there abode a butcher. Now this butcher was also employed in the ship as a member of the carpenter's crew, inasmuch as he regularly every afternoon measured off about six feet of wooden stool for the carpenter.

Spending so much time in assisting Chippy, he naturally had to hurry over his own work a little, and in consequence his joints were sometimes cut in very erratic fashion. Complaints were continually being taken to the ship's steward, for, said the ship's company, these joints not being exactly square as every one knows a joint should be, would not fit the meat dishes, so that a "straight rush" could not be made.

At last the steward paid a visit to the God in his Temple, in the beef screen, having first peeped in to make sure that he was sober.

"Now, look here, Butch," he began, "Why can't you serve the meat out in a regular service style?"

"I do," replied the butcher with the well-known politeness of butchers in the Navy. "'Op it!"

"But you don't," exclaimed the steward.

The butcher lovingly scrutinised the inside of a rum fanny, to make sure there was none left. "I do," he repeated absently. "Fore part for'ard, after part aft!"

This yarn was received with roars of laughter at the expense of butchers in general, my wife meanwhile enquiring into the nature of a "straight rush." I explained that this was a joint that was rushed straight from the butcher to the oven, straight from the oven to mess table, and straight from the mess table to the marines' interiors, without wasting time over such silly things as flavouring, etc. She, of course, fell in love with this idea at once, but I strictly forbade her to make any such experiment with my dinner.

I then called upon her to give us the solution of her cross-word puzzle of last month, which was as follows:

D	O
R	A

Having had various complaints from members who had tried to work out my jug problem, to the effect that much valuable liquid had been wasted in fruitless attempts to solve the enigma, I decided to give them the solution myself. Here it is:—

1.—Pour B to D.
2.—Pour C to D.
3.—Pour A to C, filling it, and place the remainder of A in B.
4.—Pour D to A, filling A.
5.—Pour C to D.
6.—Fill C from B.
7.—Pour C to D.
The amount in the jug will then be found correct.

I then called for a volunteer to sing a song, and Wiggie Bennett rose to his feet.

Now, Wiggie is a man of few words, and had not yet contributed anything to the general entertainment. But alas, Wiggie is a Cockney of very spicy flavour, and, fearful for my wife's tender ears, we all begged him to desist. But he would not be denied, and began

"There was a young lady from——"

"Order, order!" we all shouted together, drowning the rest of his epic.

He looked round with a pained expression. "I was only goin' to say that there poem abart the——"

"Yes, but never mind, let's have something different to that," I interrupted, and he wrinkled his brow in deep thought.

"'Ow abart this?" he queried, and began.

i

Now, darn our alley, which ain't far
From China Tarn, yer know,
There lived a maiden, with 'er pa.
O' course, she 'ad 'er beau.

ii

This beau, 'e pushed a whelk stall round
The bloomin' livelong day,
And very good the trade 'e found—
So other costers say.

iii

Well, August, in the year 'fourteen,
As many of yer know,
Saw Willie Hun, whose 'ands ain't clean,
Strike art 'is dirty blow.

iv

Nar, we all thought the blinkin' show
'ud fizzle art in smoke
When we 'ad let old Willie know
The stuff of an English bloke.

v

But when we see 'e wouldn't stop
Till 'e'd caught it in the neck,
We all joined up, to 'ave a pop
At makin' 'im a wreck.

vi

So, arter many months o' toil
A learnin' of our trade,
We went acrost to 'elp to spoil
The front line 'e 'ad made.

vii

Nar, soldierin' 's no bloomin' joke
At any time o' day,
Especial when the Sergeant bloke
'as got a lot ter say.

viii

But Bert, that was the lady's beau,
'e stuck it like a brick.
'e always cracked 'is joke, yer know,
When all of us felt sick.



OLD " PART-WORN."

ix
The Major said " That ruddy 'ound
'll drive me off my poll! "
But 'e also said " Not a man more sound
On all our muster roll."

x
At last it come our turn to go
And get in close with steel.
Well—Fritz, 'e ain't no craven foe,
And we all 'ad a squirmy feel.

xi
'cep' Bert. When the order come " Advance! "
'e jumped up with a smile.
'e semed to be in a bloomin' trance,
With that grin all over 'is dial.

xii
In the 'ell on earth of the next 'arf hour
'e worked wonders with point and butt,
But just when we 'ad 'em in our power,
'e stopped one right in the nut.

xiii
When we'd strengthened our 'old on the German line
An' drove off the counter attack,
I looked, and found 'im smokin' a 'bine
Lyin' flaked out on 'is back.

xiv
'e says to me, grinnin' a twisted grin,
" I'm booked, mate, for Kingdom Come!
But it's where I bin wantin' to go, old Jim,
For they've killed 'er, the dirty scum."

xv
Then 'e died. So I went through 'is pockets to find
The address of 'is next-o'-kin,
An' I found there a note, no address, and not signed,
" Mary killed by a Zeppelin."

This poem was much appreciated, though hardly designed to promote laughter, which was, after all, the main object of our club. " Ah well," sighed Shorty sadly, " An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and a quid for twenty-five. Such is life! "

However, to lighten the atmosphere a little, Jimmy told the following yarn.

It has the unusual quality of being perfectly true, having taken place at the Portsmouth Division not so very long ago.

A Colour Sergeant in the course of his duties came in contact with a senior officer of the Corps whom he had not seen for years.

" Ah, Colour Sergeant, where have I seen you before? " enquired the S.O.

Thinking he was gaining points fast, the Colour Sergeant sprang smartly to attention and saluted.

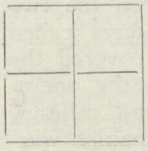
" When I was passing for Corporal in 1906, Sir! " he replied.

" Hum," remarked the S.O. slowly, " and is that the same tunic you were wearing then? "

One presumes that the Colour Sergeant volunteered for Foreign Service the following day.

This yarn caused no small amusement, and having thus regained our usual good spirits, I called upon our artist of last month to furnish us with a sketch, and taking a piece of chalk, he executed the accompanying masterpiece, entitled " Old part-worn serving out clothing."

My wife enquired into the nature of the being called " Old part-worn," and, on being told he was a person employed in the Quartermaster's Stores to make the lives of Marines trying to draw clothing a misery and a burden, produced paper and a pencil, and set us the following Acrostic Cross Word, after the same fashion as last month's:—



Across My first is an Officer rose from the ranks,
My second in war time earns National thanks.

Down My first is on guest night the scene of much fun.
My second, a little word meaning " upon,"
My whole is old ' part-worn ' his service done.

As it was now time to retire, she gave us till next month to solve the riddle.

(To be continued).

A party of " Royals " carrying out " Tactical Training " under canvas were feeling rather fed up owing to the glorious weather. One morning the camp had to be ready for inspection and the troops on parade very early. An " old soldier " stood outside the tent having a shave whilst the gale continued, when a sympathetic recruit asked him if he always shaved outside? The old soldier thought it was intended for a joke and replied: " Yes, you ——, do you fancy I am ' fur lined ' ? "

AMPHIBIAN OPERATIONS.

(By SIR HERBERT RUSSELL.)

"FROM THE NAVAL AND MILITARY RECORD."

Now that fairly full accounts have come to hand in this country regarding the Spanish landing at Alhucemas Bay, it is possible to study both the strategical conception and the tactical development of this phase of the campaign against the Riffs. It is the most interesting phase of the operations, for, although the French offensive was on a bigger scale, this was a purely military movement from a pre-existing line of advance. But at Alhucemas the Spaniards had to gain a foothold against strong enemy opposition, and in the fact that they were heavily repulsed on the first attempt is pretty clear evidence as to the nature of their task.

Certain of our newspapers have described this landing as the "Spanish Gallipoli." Without any desire to minimise the skill and valour of the Spanish troops, I think the comparison is altogether extravagant. I do not know Alhucemas Bay, but the photographs of the successful landing show it to have been carried out across a very flat foreshore, sloping very easily up from the surf and extending back beyond rifle range—how much beyond I cannot say. I do know Gallipoli. The land all around Cape Helles consists of bluff cliffs, with very small sandy beaches at their base. In many places these bluffs are perfectly easy to climb. But they lend themselves most effectively to defence. They are within easy range of artillery fire from Kum Kale on the Asiatic shore. They can be dominated by batteries on Achi Baba, to which the broken nature of the ground offers abundant concealment. I have looked upon the small square shelter trench on the spot at which the Essex men "scratched" themselves in at the top of their bloody trail from where the River Clyde lay, and I could only marvel how they ever got there.

But we may admit this similarity between the two landings; they were both what is nowadays called "amphibian." That is to say, warships covered the debarkation of the troops, thereby making the operations combined undertakings by naval and military forces. The first covering attack by the Spanish warships at Alhucemas failed to "smother" the enemy sufficiently to enable the troops to maintain their foothold. The second in which a number of French ships took part, was more successful. I gather that the character of the country hereabouts is very much more favourable to direct fire than it was in Gallipoli. Moreover, the Allied warships had plenty of spotting aircraft. Had we been able to loose-off a hundred aeroplanes when the Fleet opened its bombardment upon Cape Helles, the landing of the Twenty-Ninth Division would have been a very different affair.

When the truth about the great heroic exploit began to be known—or rather guessed at from the terrible magnitude of the casualty lists—there was a good deal of criticism at the comparative inadequacy of the naval support to the landing. Apparently the general impression was that a great fleet should be able to so plaster a given coast defence with projectiles as to render the debarkation of troops a comparatively simple matter. The warships "did their damnedest" in this respect. Their concentrated fire probably amounted to the nearest approach to a hurricane barrage which that stage of the war had yet produced—at any rate on our side.

But we had yet to learn how the conditions of warfare had changed since the Fleet had last covered military operations on a big scale. The bombardment of fortresses in the Dardanelles during the attempt to force the Straits a month earlier had proved tolerably successful. Immense destruction had been wrought against large, visible, solid targets. But the direct fire from the ships passed almost harmlessly over the honeycomb of machine-gun nests on the Helles cliffs, and the hidden field guns ranging between Krithia and Sed-el-Bah. When it was all over we could see the cause of failure. We wanted howitzers for high-angle fire, and aeroplanes, both to spot for the gun-layers and to bomb on top of the puffs of vapour belching forth from vineyards and gullies.

Amphibian operations under modern conditions of warfare call for the largest possible measure of aerial co-operation. The Queen Elizabeth blazing away from her 15-inch guns at anything she could see, or thought she could see, was a magnificent spectacle, but the results were not worth the cost of the ammunition. I do not say that many men both in the Navy and Army had not visualized the possibilities of amphibian operations. But there had never been any serious rehearsal. Some combined manœuvres were carried out on the East Coast a few years before the Great War. They furnished some good films to kinematograph operators and some excellent pictures to the illustrated papers. But of instructional value they possessed about as much as the naval manœuvres of thirty years ago did in the way of showing what was going to happen at Jutland.

The fact is it had long been a tradition that it is not the business of the Navy to engage land fortifications. In the age of very limited ranges this was undoubtedly true. Indifferently protected ships, with a fire delivery of two or three miles, were likely to come off badly in a duel with massive fortifications. But the extraordinary development of gun power has changed all that. Massive fortifications are no longer built these days, because they cannot resist high explosive. The fate of Liege demonstrated this.

The Germans taught us the value of high-elevation gun mountings for plunging fire in naval actions, and to-day our ships are very much better equipped to support a military landing than they were in 1915. Students of war will probably regret that the long-talked-of and fully-rehearsed amphibian attack upon Ostend was never delivered. The idea, it will be remembered, was to try and land an immense number of tanks under cover of a smashing bombardment by the Navy. It is, perhaps, idle to speculate upon what

never can be proven. Had the attempt come as a surprise it might have succeeded. In this case the right flank of the German Army would have been rolled up from the coast, and we should have had to keep Ostend open as a port of communication, which, I rather suspect, would have proved a costly business.

Coming back to the Alhucemas operations, one could form a better estimate of the achievement if one knew the strength of the opposing forces and the gun power and dispositions which had to be subdued. I am prepared to believe that the Riffs fight as well as the Turks and that they are being quite as well led. But the Spanish forces had what we so totally lacked in Gallipoli—an effective aerial reconnaissance. Even so, they were forced to withdraw after their first landing. From this I am rather disposed to infer that the airmen had not done their reconnoitring very thoroughly, for aerial photographs and powerful magnifying glasses put a heavy discount upon even the most skilful camouflage.

The recent grand manœuvres by the United States Pacific Fleet were in the nature of amphibian operations, a big landing of Marines being carried out at Hawaii. The umpires declare that the attack succeeded and that the landing was made good, but there has been rather an unkind suggestion that propaganda was one of the purposes of the demonstration, to persuade Congress to vote more money for the defence of Hawaii. If the bombardment was levelled against the static defences of the place, it is not difficult to believe that it did succeed.

FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES (AND OTHERS).

Any Sergeant-Major is equal to any other Sergeant-Major, unless he is a Regimental Sergeant-Major, when he is equal to anything.

A straight line from one end of a Company in line to the other end is a line drawn by the Sergeant-Major. Any line drawn by any other N.C.O. or by a junior sub. is not straight, unless the Sergeant-Major be not on parade.

The shortest distance between the Camping Ground and the Wet Canteen is the line taken by the oldest soldier.—*Daily News.*

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"My wife's gone to the West Indies."

"Jamaica?"

"No, she went of her own accord."

—*Green Howard's Gazette.*

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The small girl was getting ready to go to the party. "What frock shall I wear, mummy?" she asked. "I don't know, dear," answered her mother, "I must see which is the cleanest." "Could you find out now, mummy," went on the child, "'cos I want to know whether to wash for a square neck or a round one!"

—*The Royal Tank Corps Journal.*

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A lady who had named her house "Kismet" engaged an Irish servant. Bridget, desiring to know the meaning of Kismet, was told it signified "Fate." Shortly after, Bridget, was painfully and laboriously descending the stairs. "What is the matter?" asked her mistress. "I've got fearful corns on my Kismet," was the reply.—*On the March.*

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Tripper: "I believe you're the same man that took me out fishing when I was down here last year."

Boatman: "D'ye mind me face, sir?"

Tripper (thoughtfully): "Well, it's a bit crinkled and the colour's rather fierce. But, no, I don't really mind it."—*London Scottish Regimental Gazette.*

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A delightful example of unconscious wit in a child is revealed in the following true incident which happened not a hundred miles from the Married Quarters, Hilsea.

Little Tommy ——, aged seven, had appropriated a pair of horn-rimmed spectacles belonging to his mother and was proudly disporting them on a quarter of an inch of nose, when he was greeted by a certain W.O. living next door with "Hullo, Harold Lloyd." The child removed the spectacles and, pointing to them, explained with a grieved air: "No, they're celluloid!"

—*Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette.*

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Commercial travellers, unlike old soldiers, do sometimes die. Smith departed this life in rather reduced circumstances. His colleagues thought that probably some of the customers on whom Smith used to call might be willing to subscribe toward the funeral.

With this idea in mind, a certain customer was approached. "Certainly," he said, "I'd do anything for the sake of poor old Smith. Here's a pound!"

"That's very generous," said the emissary, "but we think we shall have quite enough if the subscription is limited to half-a-crown."

"All right," replied the customer, "but keep the change and bury another seven travellers!"

OBITUARY.

GEN. EDWARD ANDREE WYLDE, R.M. (RETD.).

General E. A. Wylde, R.M. (Retd.), who died in London on 12th September, at the age of 67, joined the Plymouth Division, R.M., as at Lieutenant in January 1876. His first sea service was in H.M.S. " Raleigh," on the Mediterranean station from 1877 to 1880 and H.M.S. " Wolverine " on the Australian station from 1880 to 1882.

He was in command at Kyronia, Cyprus, for four weeks in 1878, and landed at Api, New Hebrides, at the destruction of five native villages in August, 1880. He was in command at the landing of Royal Marines in the attack on Kala, New Guinea, in August, 1881.

On promotion to Captain in April, 1885, he was posted to Portsmouth Division. He was Instructor of Gunnery at Chatham from 1890 to 1895, and was promoted to Major in September, 1892. He remained at Chatham Division on being promoted to Lieut.-Colonel in September, 1899.

He became Col. 2nd-Commandant at Chatham, in April, 1905, and Commandant of the Depot from October, 1908 to April, 1910.

At the outbreak of the late war he was in New Guinea and was made a prisoner by the Germans in August, 1914, being afterwards liberated on parole.

He was promoted to Major-General in May, 1919, Lieut.-General, April, 1921, and General, April, 1922, and was placed on the retired list in January, 1923.

BIRTH.

ISAACSON.—On 16th September, at No. 6, Shore Street, Cromarty, to the wife of Gunner S. Isaacson (Pensioner R.M.A.), a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

SHEPHARD—THOMAS.—On 19th Sept., at St. Matthias' Church, Richmond, Surrey, Capt. D. A. C. Shephard, R.M., and Mary Olivia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Easton Thomas, of Onslow Avenue Mansions, Richmond, Surrey.

DEATH.

WYLDE.—On 12th Oct., at 11, Evelyn Mansions, Carlyle Place, Westminster, General Edward A. Wylde, R.M. (retd.).

PERSONAL.

Will any Marine wishing to transfer from Plymouth to Portsmouth on " Barham " paying off, please write to Mne. Hutchins, H.M.S. " Barham."

CORRESPONDENCE.

ROYAL MARINES " BATTLE HONOURS."

Sir,

For something like a century the Corps has been satisfied to carry Colours with nothing on them which commemorates its manifold and world-wide services to its country. It may, and probably will be said by many, " There is ' Gibraltar ' and the motto " Per Mare per Terram" which is practically the same thing as that of " Ubique " with which the Royal Regiment of Artillery is content.

But I venture to suggest, that while the latter Corps is associated, in the minds of the general public, with every battle that takes place on shore, the services of the Royal Marines are not only unknown, but even unsuspected by their fellow-countrymen and women who do not live within the neighbourhood of our three great Naval Ports.

Take the late Great War, for instance. Even the ephemeral so-called " Naval " Battalions which shared with the Royal Marines in the fighting in France, Belgium and the Dardanelles have had their services recorded in Official lists which have been published, but nowhere have I seen similar lists of the battles in which the Marines are officially recognised as having participated.

As for " Gibraltar," the present Corps was not even in existence in 1704 and 5 when the Rock was taken and defended. We are, of course, proud to be the modern representatives of the various Marine organisations which have preceded us, and so may well claim to have inherited a share in the honours which they won for British Marines generally, but as far as actual descent is concerned, the actual and lineal descendants of the Marines who won and held the famous Rock are the 4th, 30th, 31st and 32nd Regiments, or at any rate their 1st Battalions.

We all know the old story that at the time the pattern of the 1827 Colours was being decided on, the motto " Per Mare per Terram " was chosen on the pretext that " the mainsail of a man-of-war would not be large enough if all the services of the Royal Marines were to be inscribed upon it." That might almost be said of any regiment with as long a history as that of the Marines, if *every* little fight and skirmish was to be emblazoned on its Colours. But it has always been the custom to select the most prominent occasions on which a Regiment distinguished itself and in many instances between twenty and thirty " Services " appear upon the Colours of a Regiment.

I should think it probable that a representative list not exceeding that number might be compiled and emblazoned upon our own Colours with great advantage not only to our own " Esprit de Corps," but to recruiting and to the more general recognition of the services of the Royal Marines by the great body of the nation. These are advertising days and the hiding of one's light " under a bushel," such as a general motto, is neither expected nor appreciated.

I append my own suggestion for a selection of " Battle Honours," etc., to be placed upon our Colours. I daresay a better one might be compiled, but I give mine for what it may be worth.

Leaving " Gibraltar " where it is at the top of the

Colours, my suggested list of services would run down each side as follows—

St. Esteven	China
Quebec	Baltic
Belleisle	Sebastopol
Havannah	Ashantee
Bunker's Hill	Tel-el-Kebir
1st June	Soudan
Acre	Peking Legations
The Nile	South Africa
Aboukir	Antwerp
Trafalgar	Gallipoli
Algiers	The Ancre (?)
Navarino	Jutland
Hernani	Zeebrugge

Twenty-six names in all—not counting " Gibraltar." This is less than some line Regiments. For instance, the Royal Scots have 29, Royal Welsh Fusiliers 27, Gloucesters 32, South Staffords 29, and the Black Watch 28. Moreover, these numbers do not include any given later for the Great War.

I submit that, in any case, the question of applying to have a selection of " Battle Honours " added to the Colours of the Corps, is at least worth consideration and discussion. There is, of course, one word to be said against it, the same word that probably has withheld the handsome gold fringe which adorns the Colours of all other Regiments, and that is " Economy." But all the same, when so much money seems to be found for disloyal and turbulent elements, the word seems rather out of place should a Corps so distinguished for its loyalty as the Royal Marines wish to have a few pounds spent on adorning its ensigns with a brief record of its services to its King and Country.

Yours faithfully,

C. FIELD, Col. (Late R.M.)

THE FLYING POSTMAN.

A correspondent in H.M.S. " Eagle " writes to say that he is known as the " Flying Postman," as he has carried out his duties as postman by seaplane. He wishes to know if he has earned the distinction of being the first R.M. postman to soar heavenwards. If any reader desires to enter a prior claim to this honour, will he please inform the Editor, in order that a fitting decoration may be awarded to the rightful claimant.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JOHN BULL.—Your dislike of the transport vehicle which you mention cannot be more intense than ours, but we hesitate to be responsible for international complications by raising such a question in the columns in the " Globe and Laurel." We can only suggest that at the time they were commissioned they were the cheapest in the market, and that they are not likely to be replaced until they have rattled to pieces. Of course, if you like to hasten this disintegration by waylaying yours on a dark night with a steam roller, it is no business of ours.

TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED THEIR COPIES LATE LAST MONTH.—We plead " Guilty," with extenuating circumstances. Editing and distributing a magazine to the four corners of the earth is an experience entirely new to all members of the staff. Add to this that we are at present separated from our printers by a good length of Southern Railway, and we think we may fairly claim pardon. Copies will be a little less late this month, and, we hope, punctual the following month.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE KINDLY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF OUR FIRST EFFORT.—Very many thanks for the encouragement which is most welcome., We shall keep your letters to read when all the complaints come in.

C.R.L.S.—Sorry your photograph is not clear enough to publish. Many thanks, and better luck with the next one.

NEW WORKS BY LT.-COL. W. P. DRURY, C.B.E.

Under the title " Tales of Our Ancestors," J. M. Dent and Sons (London) are publishing, in January, two new volumes by Lt.-Col. W. P. Drury, C.B.E. They comprise the course of twelve lectures on English history recently given by Col. Drury, under the *aegis* of the Board of Education, to the Secondary Schools of Plymouth. Each volume will have a coloured frontispiece and, to bring the work within reach of the schools, will be issued at 1/6.

In these tales Col. Drury has been less concerned with the political than with the romantic side of history, and the setting of the stories has been designed to give children a picture of social England at twelve different periods between the reigns of Elizabeth and Victoria.

During the past school term Col. Drury was again commissioned by the Education Authorities to broadcast to the schools a series of talks entitled " Characters and Episodes from History."

These talks he has been repeating, by request of the B.B.C. to evening audiences, the last of the series is billed for the 23rd October, entitled " The Company at the Cheshire Cheese," which will be relaid from Plymouth to London and all stations throughout the Kingdom. By the date that these lines appear in print many of our readers will, no doubt, have had the pleasure of listening-in and enjoying this and former lectures given by Col. Drury.

The recent exhibition of pictures and drawings by officers and ex-officers of the Regular Army, on view at the Galleries of the Royal Society of British Artists, was one of the largest and most interesting amateur collections London has seen for some time. We quote from a London art critic the following:—" There are no artists belonging to Westcountry regiments represented, but two delightful Italian studies by Lt.-Col. Drury are among the brightest little pieces in the collection. " A Villa Gateway, Alassio," was particularly admired for its rich colour contrasts, which fairly light up the corner of the room where it hangs. In the background can be seen a village maiden waiting for her fisherman sweetheart at the end of the sunlit path.

" An Old Alassio Church " is another charming picture, in a more subdued tone, of the same beautiful town."

We offer our sincere congratulations to Col. Drury on adding this recent success to his already long list of achievements.



CHATHAM.

SHOOTING.

The Annual Divisional Rifle Meeting was held at Borstal Ranges on 15th and 16th September. The first day was gloriously fine, but the afternoon of the second day was spoiled by rain.

There was an exceptionally large entry of 160, and as only 100 entries had been anticipated, the time-table was not strictly adhered to. Everything worked very smoothly, however, and the programme was carried out in its entirety.

Despite the bad weather of the second afternoon, there was a large attendance of officers and ladies on this day, when the presentation of prizes by Mrs. Paterson took place.

Before the prizes were distributed, Capt. H. R. Haines, O.B.E., said that, although there had been smaller grants from the various funds than heretofore, there were more prizes, owing to the large number of entries. He thanked the ladies who had come and risked the elements that day, and also everybody connected with the meeting.

At the conclusion of the prize-giving, Colonel R. O. Paterson, O.B.E., Colonel Commanding the Division, thanked the Instructor of Small Arms and his Staff for arranging what had been a very successful meeting.

The results are tabulated as follows :—

Class A : Marksmen and 1st Class Shots ; Class B : 2nd and 3rd Class Shots, and Recruits who have not fired Table " R."

MATCH I, 200 SLOW.—1st : Class A, Cpl. Akhurst and Mne. Ashby (tie) ; Class B, Mne. Cooper.

MATCH II, 200 SNAP.—1st : Class A, Clr.-Sergt. Earnshaw ; Class B, Cpl. Anderson, Mnes. Hockley, Cook and Bishop (tie).

MATCH III, 300 SLOW.—1st : Class A, Sergt. Mercer ; Class B, Mne. Southern.

MATCH IV, 300 RAPID.—1st : Class A, Mne. Gardiner ; Class B, Mne. Boyle.

MATCH V, 500 SLOW.—1st : Class A, Sergt. Sheerman ; Class B, Mne. Harber.

MATCH VI, 500 RAPID.—1st : Class A, Clr.-Sergt Ford ; Class B, Mne. Craig.

AGGREGATE SLOW.—1st : Class A, Mne. Ashby ; Class B, Mne. Aris.

AGGREGATE RAPID AND SNAP.—1st : Class A, Q.M.S.I. Bonnett ; Class B, Mne. Southern.

GRAND AGGREGATE AND CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.—1st, Q.M.S.I. Bonnett ; 2nd, Clr.-Sergt. Collins ; 3rd, Sergt. Walker.

OFFICERS' AGGREGATE AND MCCAUSLAND CUP.—Capt. Clayton.

SERGEANTS' MESS AGGREGATES.—*Slow and Carter Cup.*—C.S.M. Carlton. *Rapid and Barnett Cup.*—Q.M.S.I. Bonnett. *Aggregate Cup.*—Q.M.S.I. Bonnett.

TEAM COMPETITIONS.

MARCHING TEAM.—1st, " E " Co. ; 2nd, " G " Co.

TILE COMPETITION.—1st, " E " Co. ; 2nd, " C " Co.

L.G. COMPETITION.—1st, " A " Co. ; 2nd, " G " Co.

ALL RANKS COMPETITION (fire with movement).—1st, Sergeants' Mess ; 2nd, Marines.

ONSLOW CUP (for Company aggregate of Matches I to VI).—1st, " E " Co. ; 2nd, " A " Co.

OPEN REVOLVER.—1st, Capt. Haines and C.S.M. Carlton (tie) ; 2nd, Sergt. Mercer.

MALDEN CUP (Officers' Revolver).—1st, Major Attwood ; 2nd, Lieut. Beazley.

LADIES' COMPETITION (Officers').—1st, Miss J. Arbuthnot ; 2nd, Miss P. Arbuthnot.

LADIES' COMPETITION (other ranks).—1st, Mrs. French ; 2nd, Mrs. Hughes ; 3rd, Mrs. Chennery.

In addition to the Individual and Challenge Cups, there were 288 prizes, varying from £1 downwards.

FOOTBALL.

It is not proposed in this number to describe each match in detail, and accordingly only the salient features of the month's play are depicted below. The two redeeming features were :—

(1) The defeat of Bromley at Bromley in the English Cup.

(2) The defeat of Gillingham Reserves in the Kent League.

As regards the former, history merely repeated itself in that our veteran Col.-Sergt. Hibben played the game of his life at centre-half, vice Robotham, indisposed. Better known to the Bromleyites as " The Sgt.-Major," he was easily the best man on the field, and thoroughly deserved the applause he duly received.

The defeat of Gillingham Reserves is particularly interesting, because we played them again on the 14th October, in the Kent Senior Shield, and lost 3—0. Considering they had six of their Third League team playing (presumably due to cold feet), the result was not too bad.

Apart from the above, there is very little else of interest to point out, except, perhaps, to pay tribute to the defence generally, who continue to do sterling work. The forwards have yet to strike their form.

PORTSMOUTH.

SWIMMING GALA.

The usual Annual Swimming Gala was held at Eastney on the 17th September last, and proved a great success. The Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, being in Portsmouth for the Annual Inspection of the Division, honoured us with his presence, and all available accommodation for spectators was filled.

As Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., presented a Cup to the competitor scoring the highest

aggregate, each event was keenly contested. In the competition for this Cup, Mne. Davidson and Musn. Bennett, R.M.B., tied, each securing 14 points. The Cup was presented to Mne. Davidson, however, in view of the fact that he had registered three firsts as against one by Musn. Bennett.

The programme concluded with a Water Polo Match between the Royal Artillery and the Borough Police in the 2nd Round of the Hants Championship. The Artillery proved the better team, and deserved to win by 4—2, after leading 2—1 at the interval.

The Officials for the evening were :—

Starters.—Capt. Brooke-Short, and Lieut. Maton.

Judges.—Capt. Bagot, Lieut. Paine, C.S.M. Baines, and Sergt. Gerrey.

Stewards.—Drum Major Wilson, and Sergt. Miller.

Timekeepers.—S.M. Watts and Jarvis, and Q.M.S.I. Peasnell.

Record-keeper.—S.M. Smith.

Handicapper.—Sergt. Ring.

M.C.—Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II) Attwood.

The prizes were presented by Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G.

Details :—

Two Style Race, breast and back, 4 lengths.—1, Mne. Hughes ; 2, Bandmaster Rendell ; 3, Musn. Bennett. Time : 1 min. 26 sec.

Two Lengths Handicap.—1, Mne. Davidson (3 sec.) ; 2, Bugler Beaton (" Go ") ; 3, Musn. Bennett (6 sec.).

Two Lengths Handicap, Officers.—1, Proby. 2nd Lt. Palmer (8 sec.) ; 2, Proby. 2nd Lt. Honnor (" Go ") ; 3, Lt. Payne (14 sec.).

Five Lengths Club Championship.—1, Mne. Davidson ; 2, Musn. Bennett ; 3, Cpl. Tawney. Time : 1 min. 20 sec.

Two Lengths Handicap, boys under 17.—1, B. B. Lashmar (16 sec.) ; 2, B.B. Every (10 sec.) ; 3, B.B. Clucas (6 sec.).

Mop Fight in Punt, Officers.—1, Proby. 2nd Lt. Honnor ; 2, Lieut. Walker.

Mop Fight in Punt.—1, B.B. Squires ; 2, B.B. Clucas.

Diving Competition.—1, Musn. Bennett ; 2, Cpl. Lawrence ; 3, Mne. Hughes.

Diving Competition, Buglers and Band Boys under 17.—1, B.B. Buick ; 2, B.B. Squires ; 3, B.B. Lane.

Junior N.C.O.s' Relay Race.—1, No. 3 team ; 2, No. 2 team.

Crocodile Race.—1, Cpl. Lawrence and Bandmaster Rendell ; 2, Band Boys Pratt and Every.

Pillow Fight on Pole.—1, B.B. Clucas ; 2, B.B. Herbert.

Two Lengths Obstacle Race.—1, Mne. Davidson ; 2, Musn. Bennett ; 3, L.-Cpl. Glinn.

Company Challenge Cup (teams of 6).—1, " N " Co., time : 3 min. 13 sec.

Two Lengths Handicap, R.M. Cadet Corps.—1, Cadet Ingram (1 sec.) ; 2, Cadet Julnes (12 sec.) ; 3, Cadet Otten (10 sec.).

Cork Competition.—1, B.B. Herbert ; 2, Mne. Hughes.

Eight Lengths Relay Race. (open to any Club in Portsmouth and District).—1, Gosport Athletic ; 2, Royal Artillery ; time : 1 min. 49 sec.

WATER POLO.

Division I.

Two games were played in this League, *viz.*, *v.* " Vernon," won, 6—0 ; and *v.* " Dolphin," won, 6—0 ; the latter match being the Semi-Final of the Hants County Championship, as well as for League points. We have now to meet the Royal Artillery in the Final of the Hants Championship, and this match will take place at the Royal Naval Baths, Portsmouth, at a date to be fixed later.

We have only one more League game to play, that also being against the Royal Artillery. Much depends on the result, as both teams have lost three points only —R.A. having lost one and drawn one, and R.M. having drawn three.

Division II.

One game was played during the last month, this being against " Vernon." Result : lost, 4—1.

League Record.

	Played.	*Won.*	*Lost.*	*Drawn.*	*Points.*
Division I ...	11	8	0	3	19
Division II ...	11	4	6	1	9

The following represented the R.N. and R.M. against the Assurance Companies which took place in London :— Q.M.S.I. Attwood, Sergt. Ring, Mnes. Davidson and Jolly. Result : Lost, 6—1.

FOOTBALL.

Results of matches, etc., to date :—

19th Sept. *v.* Gosport Ath. (English Cup), home, won 2—0.
19th ,, *v.* R.A.F. (Gosport League), won 7—1.
26th ,, *v.* R.A.F. (Hants League), away, lost 2—4.
26th ,, *v.* Fareham (Gosport League), away, lost 1—2.
3rd Oct. *v.* Gosport Albions (English Cup), away won 5—3.
3rd ,, *v.* Burrfield Park (Gosport League), away, won 4—1.
7th ,, *v.* R.N.S. of M. (U.S. League Div. I), home, won 9—1.
10th ,, *v.* R.A.O.C., Hilsea (Amateur Cup), won 5—1.
10th ,, *v.* Havant Rovers (Gosport League), lost 0—1.
10th ,, *v.* R.A.F. (Gosport Hospital Cup, Junior), away, won 2—1.
14th ,, *v.* " Excellent " (Navy Cup), away, drawn 1—1 after extra time.
14th ,, *v.* R.A. Portsmouth (U.S. League, Div. I), lost 1—6.

The English Cup-Tie *versus* Gosport Athletic was played at Eastney in very wet weather, and the " gate " was very poor. Having lost both League games to this club, our team were on their mettle. Davidson and Hamilton scored the goals, and our team played splendid football considering the state of the ground.

The Gosport League game *versus* Fareham was played at Fareham, and we were unlucky to lose ; a draw would have been a true result of the game. Jolly scored our only goal with a fine first-timer.

The English Cup-Tie *versus* Gosport Albions was played at Gordon Park, Gosport ; the Albions started

off in fine style and were a couple of goals up in the first twenty minutes, but then they faded away and our team kept their backs and goalie busy, but in spite of every effort on the part of our forwards it was just on half-time before Williams scored. The second half was all in our favour and goals were added by Williams, Hamilton (2) and Davidson.

The Amateur Cup-Tie *versus* R.A.O.C. was played at Eastney. After about seven minutes' play Elsey opened the scoring with a first-time drive from a centre by Ormston. The remainder of this half was hotly contested with abundance of mid-field play. As the score indicates, the second half was all in our favour.

PLYMOUTH.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

The Miniature Rifle Club reopened on the 22nd September. At present its supporters include mainly old stagers, but new members will, it is hoped, soon join up.

After having fired a couple of practice shoots, a trial match was arranged with a team entered by the Marines of the Divisional Recreation Room. Usual conditions with 8 to fire and only 6 to count. The result was not very flattering to the Club team, although they averaged 93.3. The Club won by 43 points. Credit is due to the Marines, who really put up a good show.

Another trial match will soon be shot against the Sergeants' Mess. More members are required and all who can give their support to the Club are invited to apply to the Hon. Secretary.

The Club will shortly be competing with outside clubs in the Plymouth and District Leagues, and hope to make good use of the new rifles presented to the members last season and again this year, the officers having recently granted a rifle and also a second one having been voted from funds of the Recreation Room.

The presentation of these rifles has been much appreciated by members of the Club and should do much to encourage success.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The popularity of the handling code is certainly increasing in this Division, to the great satisfaction of all our old Rugby enthusiasts who still follow the game with the keenest interest.

To cater for the increasing number of players, "A" team matches have been arranged.

On Sept. 16th the first "A" team match was played against the R.N. Barracks "A"; this resulted in a win for our team by 8 points to 6 points, after a very pleasant game. Everyone was pleased to see the number of officers who turned out.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

On 15th Sept., at Longroom, we met the Plymouth St. Thomas A.F.C. in a Plymouth and Devonport League fixture, and ran out easy winners by 3 goals to *nil*. Play in the first half was distinctly in favour of the Marines, the St. Thomas team only occasionally becoming dangerous. An early lead for the home team through Shewbrook scoring two clever goals put the issue beyond doubt. In the second half, Wilkins added a third after a splendid individual effort, and only for the brilliance of Stanbury, the St. Thomas' custodian, the score would have been much higher.

On the 19th Sept. the South Devon League met the North Devon League at Bideford, and Mnes. Shewbrook, Wilkins, and Whitnell were selected to play for the South. Wilkins proved a very dangerous leader, and crowned a glorious afternoon's performance by scoring 3 goals, Shewbrook bagging 1. South Devon won with ease by 6 goals to 1.

At the Longroom on the 26th Sept. the Marines and the Ship's Company Team of "Ramillies" met in a friendly. Shewbrook was early prominent with a fine dribble, which he finished with a tremendous drive just over the bar. Wilkins proved again the marksman of the Marines, netting 4 goals, the home team winning by 4 goals to *nil*. Shewbrook and Bryant played a splendid game, and in defence Whitnell and Pollitt were very safe.

On Oct. 3rd we met the South Staffordshire Regt., at Crownhill, in a Plymouth and Devonport League fixture, and good goal-keeping was a feature of this match, for, had it not been for the many remarkable saves by Tomkinson, the home goal would have been subjected to further penetration. Within five minutes the Staffs scored from a free kick, but Lieut. Cornelius soon equalized, from a judicious pass from Shewbrook, Shewbrook himself giving the Marines the lead just before the interval. In the second half Bryant scored 2 more goals, the Marines winning by 4 goals to 1.

At Oreston on 10th Oct. we met the Oreston Rovers (the League leaders) before a good "gate." This proved a very fast and exciting game, the Rovers winning by the only goal scored. The game was nearing the end when Whear headed into the net for Oreston, thus giving them the points.

The Reserves are putting up a very creditable performance in the Devon Wednesday League, their record for the last three matches being as follows:—

On Sept. 23rd at Longroom *v.* Metropolitan Police—Won, 4—0.

On Sept. 30th at Oreston *v.* Plymouth Wednesday—Drew, 2—2.

On Oct. 10th at Crownhill *v.* Crownhill—Won, 2—1.

In the Inter-Company League "E" Co. sprang a surprise on "C" Co. by defeating them by 4 goals to 2.

Mnes. Shewbrook, Wilkins and Pennell have been selected to play for the R.N. and R.M. *versus* Devon County at Home Park on 21st Oct.

TUCKEY CUP.

Boat Pulling.—This took place on the 23rd of Sept. and resulted in a win for "C" Co., with "G" Co. second, and "A" and "E" Cos. third and fourth respectively.

TUG-OF-WAR.

6th October:—

1st Round.—"A" Co. *v.* "G" Co.—"A" Co. won by 2 pulls to 1. "C" Co. *v.* "E" Co.—"C" Co. won by 2 pulls to *nil*.

Final.—"A" Co. *v.* "C" Co.—"C" Co. won by 2 pulls to *nil*.

CRICKET.

A cricket cup has been bought by the Games Fund to be presented annually to the winner of the Inter-Company Cricket. Previously cricket has been the only sport counting towards the Tuckey Cup for which

no separate trophy has been given. We hope that all the cricketers in the Division will be now contented.

SWIMMING.

The R.M. Cadets took part in a swimming sports held at the R.N. Barracks on the 9th of October.

Cadet R. Judge won the obstacle race, and the relay team obtained third in their race.

DEPOT.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL RESULTS.

1ST TEAM.

v. R.A.F., Manston ...	Drawn	2—2
v. R.A.F., Manston ...	Lost	0—6

2ND TEAM.

v. Cavalry Depot ...	Lost	0—5
v. Stanlee	Lost	2—4
v. R.A.F., Manston ...	Lost	0—2
v. Barton	Drawn	0—0
v. R.A.F., Manston ...	Lost	1—2
v. Dover A.	Drawn	1—1

3RD TEAM.

v. St. Lawrence ...	Lost	1—7
v. Betteshanger ...	Drawn	4—4

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

The 1st and 2nd teams in U.S. Leagues, Divisions I and II respectively, are not having a very favourable season, but with all the set-backs we have received we are looking forward to better results in the future.

The following is an extract from the *Portsmouth Football Mail*:—

"MUSICAL TRY-HARDS."

"For dogged determination and pluck there is likely to be nothing better than the School of Music's performance in local Service Soccer this winter. The School has not got the choice of many players of even average ability, but the way they are living up to the Establishment's reputation for sticking to their guns (or should it be their instruments?) in the face of repeated set-backs is worthy of the utmost praise. Their persistence indicates that they will win through, even if they do not rake in a host of cups or a big haul of League points. At the moment, Prior, their goalkeeper, appears to be one of the hardest-worked custodians in the port; if some of the other players could raise the same standard in the field as he is maintaining in goal, the School might do a good deal better. But the season is yet young, and who knows what surprises may be sprung from the least expected quarters?"

The Senior Boys have been fairly successful in the various Leagues, not having lost a match in the Portsmouth Lads' Wednesday League, but still have to register their first victory in U.S. League, Division IV.

The Junior Boys are carrying all before them in the Portsmouth Lads' Junior League, their record up to date being:—Played, 4; won, 4 (for, 40; against, 4).

Two more games still remain to be played in the Boys' Inter-Room League, but the result of these games will not affect the championship, as this has already been won by No. 60 Room, who have won the whole of their games. This Room also won the Cup presented by the Superintendent and Officers for the Room obtaining the highest number of points at the Annual Sports.

The following are the various League Tables up to date:—

	Played	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts
U.S. League, Div. I ...	4	0	4	0	4	20	0
,, ,, ,, II ...	5	1	4	0	4	35	2
,, ,, ,, IV...	4	1	3	0	12	15	2
Ports. Lads' Wed. League	3	2	0	1	9	5	5
,, ,, Junr. ,,	5	5	0	0	52	4	10

WATER POLO AND SWIMMING.

At the Annual Swimming Gala Royal Marines and R.N. School of Music held on the 17th September the School performed very creditably in carrying off several of the chief events, Musn. Bennett, our star artist, being very unfortunate in not carrying off the Championship Prize.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following donations and subscriptions received from 17th Sept. to 19th October inclusive:—

£8 4s. 11d., R.M. Division, Plymouth; £3 10s., "Queen Elizabeth"; £2 18s. 9d., R.M. Depot, Deal; £1 18s. 3d., "Marlborough"; £1 13s., "Resolution"; £1 8s., "Malaya"; £1 2s. 9d., "Delhi"; £1 1s. 9d., R.M. Division, Portsmouth; £1 1s., "Eagle"; £1 3s. 4d., "Barham"; £1 2s., "Ramillies"; £1 "Cairo"; 14s., "Calypso"; 13s. 8½d., "Revenge"; 12s. 6d., "Argus"; 11s. 8d., "Conquest"; 10s. 6d., "Resolution" and R.M.O.C.A., London (per Mr. Marshall); 10s., Major Leslie; 8s. 9d., Royal Marine Office, London, and "Coventry"; 7s. 7d., "Frobisher"; 7s., "Calliope"; 5s., Messrs. Huskisson, Snook, McQuillan and Beck; 4s. 8d., "Dauntless"; 4s. 6d., "Centurion," Messrs. Snepps and Swinerd; 4s., Messrs. Hill, Parker, Betteridge, Eady, Williams, Collis, Jacobs, Tibley, Jackson, Binney, Clark, Braysher, Tong, Smith, Wilmot, Clarke, Murphy, Hutchins, Huxtable; 3s. 6d., "Maidstone"; 2s., "Cyclops"; 1s. 6d., "Hecla"; 1s., "Ark Royal."

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel C. Field's History of the Royal Marines:—

£2,428 14s. 7d., previously acknowledged; £2 8s., Major N. A. W. Scott; £2 6s. 6d., Capt. D. Broadwood; 10s., Capts. C. H. Congdon, E. J. Noyes, Lieut. F. M. Bramhall; 9s. 6d., 2nd Lieut. G. F. Burnett; 8s., 2nd Lieuts. W. F. Eddy, C. R. Hardy, M. Archdall, G. K. Martyn, H. D. Fellowes, L. J. Moulton, J. A. Harvey, R. W. Simonds, J. P. Phillipps; 5s., Canteen Depot, R.M.; 2s. 6d., Capt. S. J. Bassett, Lieut. R. Baseby. Total, £2,439 10s. 7d.

VOLUME III.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for General Sir H. E. Blumberg's History of the War:—

£314 7s. 10d., previously acknowledged.; £1 10s., Capt. H. D. Weir; £1 8s., Lieut. L. H. Wrangham; £1, Col. J. A. Tupman, Lt.-Col. P. Arbuthnot, Majors P. Sandilands, M. K. Gray, C. Attwood, Capt. D. Broadwood, V. G. Clayton, Lieuts. L. D. Caffyn, G. Hill, Clr.-Sergt. F. J. Reckett; 17s. 6d., Lt.-Col. J. P. Shine; 17s. 3d., Major C. F. Jerram; 15s., Capt. J. F. Richards; 14s. 6d., Lieut. F. P. Lorden; 10s., Col. R. O. Paterson, Capt. H. R. Lambert; 7s. 6d., Capt. S. J. Bassett; 6s. 10d., Mr. A. Miller; 6s. 6d., Mr. W. S. Hobbins; 5s., Lt.-Col. G. Carpenter, Major H. M. Franks, Capts. W. F. Lukis, T. H. Jameson, G. S. Hayman, E. L. Bishop, C. Brooke-Short, R. S. Burgess, W. S. Rowe, R. D. Hale, Lieuts. J. H. Wills, B. G. Mitchell, C. L. Barcroft, J. G. Hume, D. J. Grey, C. La R. Salter, Mr. A. E. Russell. Total, £336 15s. 11d. No. of subscribers, 423.

J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (retd.),
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary.

14.10.25.



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Prob. Lieut. V. H. Deane confirmed as Lieut., 31st Jan., 1925.

N. R. M. Skene to be Prob. 2nd Lieut., 25th Sept., 1925.

The appointment of E. M. King as Prob. 2nd Lieut. is cancelled.

Prob. Schoolmaster H. G. Brown, M.A., is confirmed in the rank of Schoolmaster (W.O.), 19th March, 1925.

Actg. R.M. Gunner C. B. Feary confirmed in rank of R.M. Gunner, 27th August, 1925.

Lieut. J. B. Porter to be Lieut., Special Reserve, 27th Aug., 1925

APPOINTMENTS.

Major C. E. W. Hill to be Drafting Officer, Chatham Divn., *vice* Grierson, 1st Oct., 1925.

Major F. A. Hamer to " President," addl. for 4 months' study in France, 28th Sept., 1925.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major J. B. Chancellor to " Egmont," *vice* Inman, to Headquarters, date of joining.

Major G. Harrison, Sup. List (W/T) to " President " for duty inside Admiralty as D.S.D., *vice* Miles, from date of expiration of foreign service leave.

Major E. G. Cheeseman, Sup. List (W/T) to " Victory," addl. for Signal School, tempy. on completion of full-pay sick leave.

Major H. S. G. Bird to remain in " Cardiff " on re-commissioning.

Capt. W. G. H. Miles, Sup. List (W/T) to " Tamar " for charge of Stonecutters W/T Station, date of joining.

Capt. A. Whitworth to remain in " Benbow " on re-commissioning.

Capt. A. B. F. Alcock to " Furious," and for full flying duties in No. 461 Flight, on re-commissioning.

Lieut. J. M. Fuller to " Furious," and for No. 421 Flight, Sup., for final deck landing training, 23rd Sept., 1925.

Lieut. W. S. North to " Repulse," *vice* Phibbs, date of joining.

Lieut. M. Marchant to remain in " Benbow " on re-commissioning.

Lieut. R. M. Giddy to " Furious " for No. 421 Flight, on re-commissioning.

Lieut. J. L. L. Rees to " Furious " for No. 443 Flight, 1st Sept., 1925.

Commissioned R.M. Gunner J. W. Clifton to " Centurion," temp., date of joining.

R.M. Gunner H. W. Edmunds to " Barham," *vice* Murdoch, to Headquarters, 30th Oct., 1925.

Commissioned R.M. Gunner W. A. Young to remain in " Benbow " on re-commissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major H. E. Ravenshaw to " President," addl. for Senior Officers' War Staff Course, 19th Oct., 1925.

Lieut. C. J. Fell has been selected to attend the qualifying course which commences at the Machine Gun School, Netheravon, on 19th Oct., and terminates 19th Dec., 1925.

CHATHAM.

SENIORITY LIST.

Senior Clr.-Sergts.—W. Gossett, E. E. Penney, A. N. Clarke, F. Beeston, J. E. Stuart, L. P. Silver.

Senior Sergts.—C. Dixon, H. J. Milton, F. Bessant, E. Fry, A. Upton, J. A. Cox.

Senior Corpls.—R. H. Keir, A. W. Putman, G. Campbell, P. R. Parker, J. H. Harding, A. J. Scovell.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sergts.—Sergt. A. T. Blackgrove (" Repulse ").

To be Sergts.—Cpl. L. C. S. Hawkes (" Pembroke "), Cpl. E. E. Holloway (Deal).

To be Corpls.—Mnes. W. A. Alltimes (" Marlborough "), G. J. Trafford (" Benbow "), C. V. E. Blythe (Headquarters), V. G. H. Radford (Headquarters), J. L. Edwards (" Calypso "), A. G. Knill (" Royal Oak "), J. G. E. Rintoul (" Hawkins "), W. H. Hand (" Royal Sovereign ").

APPOINTMENTS.

Attached to Works Dept.—Mne. C. Johnson.

Clerk, 1st Qrmr. Dept.—Mne. A. T. Clarke.

Pioneer.—Mne. T. H. Funnell, J. C. Heveron.

Recreation Room Attendt.—Mne. T. Bell.

Groom to Capt. Haines, O.B.E.—Mne T. Rourke.

Barrack Master's Dept. Storeman.—Mne. C. F. Coote.

Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mne. P. G. Farrance (appt. confirmed).

Shoemaker.—Mne. H. A. Cook.

Attendt. to Lt. Nonweiler.—Mne. E. T. L. Player.

EMBARKATIONS.

" Benbow," Mne. F. J. Fisher, Clr.-Sergt. J. E. Stuart, Sergts. N. Wilton, L. J. Pond, W. J. Beard, Corpls. A. C. Mead, A. J. Anderson, H. J. Macey, W. F. Brown, Bugler D. R. Pankhurst, Mnes. Leo Harris, C. E. Clifford, Wm. Foreman, L. G. Fenn, A. E. Warner, W. H. Berman, V. R. Rumbelow, J. L. Mead, J. McI. Livingstone, R. A. Smith, P. C. G. Bailey, F. T. J. Hyland, R. E. Sharpe, E. J. Davey, W. H. Spicer, G. F. Steer, S. Harris, E. Catterall, E. Johnson, H. Weight, D. E. Hillier, R. S. C. T. Blackgrove, N. Priest. **" Birmingham,"** Mnes. W. Dabell, C. W. Livyer. **" Caledon,"** Mne. John Bright. **" Castor,"** Mne. A. E. Francis. **" Calypso,"** Mnes. B. Rigsby, G. R Boniface. **" Cyclops,"** Corpl. Fredk. Ewing. **" Defiance,"** Mnes. E. T. J. Piper, W. L. Evans, H. D. C. Humphries, A. C. Trevett. **" Diomede,"** Mnes. J. E. E. Jones, G. J. Rose, H. G. Easterbrook. **" Danae,"** Mne. A. V. Farthing. **" Dragon,"** Sergt. L. W. A. Draper. **" Hecla,"** Mne. E. H. Hawkes. **" Marlborough,"** Mnes. W. J. Ludgate, C. H. Holder, E. Smith. **" Pembroke,"** Mnes. A. J. Snoker, E. W. Clark, Corpls. Chas. Knight, Harry Graham, Mnes. E. G. Hambridge, J. Bright, W. L. Jackman, W. C. Paice. **" Royal Oak,"** Sergt. Jno. Butler, Mnes. E. C. Godden, H. W. Bartlett. **" Titania,"** Clr.-Sergt. C. J. Buddell, Mne. John Holcroft. **" Vulcan,"** Corpl. Albert Bennett.

TRANSFERS.

To Ports. Div.—Mne. R. B. Terry.

To Ply. Div.—Mnes. H. J. Lister, I. J. Davies.

From Ply. Div.—Mne. T. A. Crews.

DISCHARGES.

Second Period of Engagement.—Mne. A. G. Bodman.

First Period of Engagement.—Mnes. W. E. D. Sutton, T. H. Fuller, H. J. Honhold.

Invalided.—Mne. K. Speak, G. S. Lane, R. Hutton, A. McCormack, B. Escott, F. W. Matthews, L. J. Dixon, C. J. Marriott, G. Thewlis, W. Cox.

Purchase.—Mnes. R. Butler, C. H. Smith, W. L. Clark, W. G. Horseman

Not likely to become efficient.—Buglers H. G. J. Bedborough, L. W. Adams.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

" Ajax," Mnes. E. J. Anderson, W. H. Gillingham. **" Benbow,"** Sergts. J. C. Gee, J. D. Griffiths, A. V. Quarrington, Mnes. E. J. Beckham, F. J. Lavender, W. Butterfield, Corpl. E. G. Biles, Mnes. A. R. Skinner, G. J. Garside, A. Wilson, A. Godfrey, A. W. Bales, Fredk. Hall, J. H. Osmond, G. McQuillan, W. G. P. Lightfoot, H. G. Poppy, Oram Astley, G. C. Bayne, T. McManus, A. J. Pudney, A. G. W. Speary, D. H. Reynolds, H. S. Axby, F. B. Hawkins, L. J. W. Tew, B. W. Hardy, P. Stephens, C. O. Laming, E. F. Towndrow, W. Watson, Sergts. A. E. Rees, F. A. Geater, Corpl. H. A. Hayden, Mnes. Chas. Rose, N. W. Askew, Corpl. G. S. Trafford, Mne. A. G. Prout, Bugler F. E. Keen. **" Cyclops,"** Cpl. Harry Graham. **" Caledon,"** Mne. A. D. McKechnie. **" Centurion,"** Mne. W. D. Flory. **" Cardiff,"** Sergt. P. Curtis, Mne. E. C. Willis. **" Danae,"** Mne. Thos. Bell. **" Dublin,"** Corpl. W. P. J. Bishop, Mnes. F. Hannah, S. J. Hicks, M. F. Barker, I. T. Jones, F. Caplehorn, L. P. Lillycrap, J. E. Ferwin. **" Eagle,"** Mne. A. P. While. **" Hecla,"** Mne. J. H. Bradshaw. **" Marlborough,"** Mnes. H. Batley, E. Smith. **" Pembroke,"** Corpl. A. C. Mead, Mnes J. Bright, R. H. L. Martin. **" President,"** Mne. C. Saberton. **" Royal Oak,"** Mnes. G. E. Anderson, B. Powell, L. S. Shelton, C. W. Wells, J. C. Greenhill, R. S. Demaine, C. J. Singleton, A. E. Goodard, J. McI Livingstone **" Sandhurst,"** Mne. A. E. Webber. **" Tiger,"** Mne. L. W. Briggs. **" Tamar,"** Mne. G. McMillan. **" Victory II,"** Mne. A. J. Tapley. **" Vernon,"** Mne. E. Edser. **" Vindictive,"** Mne. J. Wilson. **" Vulcan,"** Corpl F. Wall.

" Cardiff," Cpl. J. Cox, Mnes. C. Candell, F. J. Fielding, A. G. Piper. **Chatham (Headquarters),** Mne. J. M. Howell. **Depot,** W. T. Flynn, (106th King's Squad.) **" Hawkins,"** Mne. H. Boyd. **" Hood,"** Mne. H. J. Delabertauche. **" Impregnable,"** Clr.-Sergt. H. Wilson, Mne. W. Leacock. **" Maidstone,"** Mne. R. F. Hone. **Portsmouth,** Mnes. H. Colman, E. F. Heal, A. F. Rogers. **" Q.E.,"** Mne. A. Luke, G. Kerslake. **" Ramillies,"** Sergts. H. L. Bulley, F. Comstive, Mnes. J. Taylor, H. S. Noakes, W. Burt, C. Wallbridge, G. Ponsford, W. Goodenough. **" Resolution,"** Mnes. A. E. Holley, T. Garbutt. **" Thunderer,"** Cpl. H. Dickman, Mne. W. Price. **" Woolwich,"** Cpl. S. E. Jewell.

PORTSMOUTH.

(SEPTEMBER.)

PROMOTIONS.

To Q.M.S.—Clr.-Sergt. A. J. Austin.

To C.S.M.—Clr.-Sergt. W. A. T. Martin.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergts. Leslie Coppin, G. H. A. Waskett, F. J. Hancock.

To Sergeant.—Corpls. Leonard Todd, J. R. Bidwell, H. A. Jennings, P. C. Couzens.

To Corporal.—Mnes. A. Green, P. V. Eckhart, J. W. Ashby, K. G. Gunter.

APPOINTMENTS.

Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mne. F. Ormston.

Bath-house Man.—Mne. J. Morrow.

Company Cook.—Mne. W. J. Perry.

Bar Attendant, Recreation Room.—Mne. A. R. J. Buckingham.

Assistant Gardener (temp.).—Mne. R. M. Legg.

M.O.A. to Lt.-Col. Trotman.—Mne. F. S. Willis.

Ledger Clerks.—Sergts. A. A. George, A. F. Loveless.

Groom to Major Coode.—Mne. F. W. Collyer.

Assistant Cook, Officers' Mess.—Mne. Fredk. Brown.

AWARD.

L.S. and G.C. Medal.—Mne. P. E. Eatenton.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

Mne. A. E. Couzens, from **" Dryad "** to **" Conquest."**

Mnes. W. F. Crawte, F. E. Rudd, from **" Diomede "** to **" Hawkins."**

Mne. Fredk. Tilbury, from **" Iron Duke "** to **" Assistance."**

Mne. A. H. Kenyon, from **" Assistance "** to **" Iron Duke."**

Mnes Thomas Doyle, J.G.Bury, from **" Cardiff "** to **" Malaya."**

Mnes. F. A. L. B. Leach, J. H. Windeler, from **" Cardiff "** to **" Iron Duke."**

Mne. Herbert Rampton, from **" Cardiff "** to **" Marlborough."**

Mne. J. H. Fullalove, from **" Iron Duke "** to **" Cardiff."**

Mne. Thomas Lapworth, from **" Malaya "** to **" Cardiff."**

EMBARKATIONS.

" Victory," Sergts. P. T. Bond, C. E. Bennett, Cpls. H. C. King, H. S. Curl, Mnes. W. T. Heathman. **" Dolphin,"** Mnes. J. W. Gadd, Alfred Dangerfield, E. J. Preston, Cpl. W. Avery. **" Tiger,"** Mne. C. J. Wilson. **" Champion,"** Clr.-Sergt. L. A. Scott. **" President,"** Cpl. Edward Wright. **" Fisgard,"** Mne. Edward Fisher. **" Dryad,"** Mnes. W. J. August, Herbert Monks. **" St. Helena,"** Mne. W. E. Willis. **" Centurion,"** Mne. Sidney White. **" Diomede,"** Mnes. V. Clapham, H. J. Mead, Walter Cowles, F. S. J. Kisbee. **" Vernon,"** Mne. H. J. Sexton. **" Valiant,"** Mne. Arthur Marlow. **" Furious,"** Mne. R. A. A. Sheen.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Tiger,**" Sergt. C. H. Barker, Mne. F. Ormston. "**Benbow,**" Sergt. R. J. Gooden, Cpls. V. E. Perkins, A. T. Hopkins, W. Ashworth, Mnes. F. W. West, E. J. Longhurst, B. P. Kendall, J. D. Tallent, D. E. Farley, W. E. Strong, V. T. Biscombe, G. W. Farr, W. T. Powell, A. G. Lewis, W. R. Horscroft, C. G. Ansell, A. G. Wilson, F. W. Stratford, Ernest Stribling, A. G. F. Eatwell, Peter Reynolds, George Doidge. "**Dolphin,**" Mnes. E. C. Harper, E. J. Upson, Cpls. H. C. King, William Aiken. "**Argus,**" Mne. C. Pithers. "**Dryad,**" Mne. George Munden, Harry Butler. "**Hermes,**" Mne. R. J. A. Smith. "**Egmont,**" Mne. A. G. Trim. "**Cardiff,**" Sergt. A. J. Webb, Mne. S. C. J. Watkins. "**Dido,**" Mne. John Morrow. "**Fisgard,**" Mne. E. W. Sawford. "**Diomede,**" Mne. F. W. Wyatt, Cpl. A. W. Peck, Mnes. C. A. Chivers, E. J. Miller, W. G. Stone, Vernon Crouch, Wm. Madgewick, C. J. Smoker. "**Victory,**" Clr.-Sergt. N. A. Finch, Sergt. H. A. Jennings. "**Barham,**" Mne. J. de G. Jenkins, Cpl. H. S. Curl. "**Malaya,**" Mne. Sidney Stone. "**Centurion,**" Mne. W. D. Flory.

DISCHARGES.

First Period.—Mne. L. J. Horman, Mne. S. C. J. Watkins.

Second Period.—C.S.M. Thomas Newton, Clr.-Sergt. Flitcroft, Sergt. J. R. J. Bowyer, Cpl. C. R. Beedles, Mnes. W. Sabin, E. H. Smith, D. M. McLeod, C.S.M. A. E. Lister, Mne. D. Mead, Mne. J. H. Hamper.

Purchase.—Mnes. Lawrence Mellor, J. B. C. Flatman, A. D. Owen, W. G. Iderfield, Wm. Nightingale.

SENIORITY LIST.

Colour-Sergeants.—L. J. T. Dollery, Chas. Hatch, L. A. Scott, G. L. Wood.

Sergeants qualified for Colour-Sergeants.—Clarence Millward, David Goadsby, Matthew Young, Geo. Vaughan.

Corporals passed for Sergeant.—Corpls. P. C. Elsey, H. W. Bowden, J. H. W. Hansler, J. W. Akrill, L. R. Hacker, W. F. Blanchard.

Marines passed for Corporals.—B. H. Fillier, James Dawkins, J. Trinder, J. W. Bedford, J. Reynolds, T. Anglin.

PLYMOUTH.

APPOINTMENTS.

Pioneer.—Mne. L. Auton.
Pioneer Sergt.—Sergt. W. R. Gibson.
Steward, Sergeants' Mess.—Sergt. F. W. Smith.
M.T. Driver.—Mne. E. G. Davidson.
Clerk, Drafting Office.—Corpl. S. F. Jewell.
3rd Clerk, Barrack Office.—Mne. R. H. Capener.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergeants.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, E. J. H. Precious, F. R. Amlot, W. Norris.

Corporals.—N. V. Bishop, Wm. Dickman, Geo. Oliver, H. J. Leese, W. J. C. Osborne, A. J. Hooper.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Caradoc,**" Sergt. E. O. Lucas. **Chatham,** Mnes. C. H. Shanks, H. G. Oakley, C. J. Canham, H. W. Belson, G. Tovell, G. R. Greenfield, A. Hurley. "**Colossus,**" Mnes. T. S. Hale, S. R. Perriam. "**Comus,**" J. Lyon. "**Defiance,**" Mnes. J. Thompson, H. Pring, R. L. Chapplow, H. Lemon, F. C. Jones, F. J. Evans. B. S. Moore, J. Crampton, A. G. Collins. **Depot, R.M.,** Sergt. A. W. Male, Cpl. H. V. Bessant, Bugler A. P. Rogers, Mnes. J. Payne, J. W. Cropper, W. Leacock. "**Durban,**" Mnes. C. R Mannell, C. N. Harvey, A. G. Weeks, G. H. Starling. "**Eagle,**" Mnes. W. T. Smith, G. Steptoe, H. W. Green, R. W. Dowse, M. J. Kettle, A. D. Sturmey, J. Edmundson. "**Fisgard,**" Mnes. H. E. Blacker, T. R. Ransom. "**Frobisher,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. Boyle. "**Hood,**" Mne. F. Stidder. "**Impregnable,**" Sergt. F. H. Jordan, Mne. F. M. Thacker. "**K.G.V.,**" Mne. H. E. Shewbrook. "**Maidstone,**" Mne. H. Kelley. "**Pegasus,**" Mne. D. A. Austin. **Portsmouth,** Mnes. F. W. Howell, W. R. Procter, W. F. Ellis, E. F. Bye, C. Holland. "**Q.E.,**" Mnes. L. W. Smith, F. Bradley, L. T. Townsend. "**Ramillies,**" Sergt. W. C. McLean, Cpls. F. C. Wathen, H. Hillaby, J. H. Tomlinson, Mnes. F. T. Saunders, J. W. Ratley, C. S. Barber, G. C. Moore, R. C. Brook, J. T. Forward, T. W. Barker, T. H. Worwood, J. O'Mara, J. Foden. "**Resolution,**" Mne. H. Hill. "**St. Helena,**" Mnes. W. S. Davidson, J. Briggs. "**Thunderer,**" Cpl. W. G. Gallin, Mnes. G. Bond, J. W. Wilson. "**Vivid,**" Mnes. G. H. Marston, W. S. Brimblecombe, J. Taylor, G. Ponsford. "**Woolwich,**" Cpl. E. G. Chard.

DEPOT.

PROMOTIONS.

To Sergeant.—Corpl. E. E. Holloway.
To Corpl.—Mne. J. W. Ashby.

APPOINTMENTS.

Range Marker.—Mne. C. A. Checkley.
1st Clerk, Barrack Office.—Clr.-Sergt. R. C. Burt.
Attdt. to Rev. F. T. Robinson, M.A.—Mne. W. C. Page.
Cooks.—Mnes. A. E. Hucker, George Hunt, R. J. Beatty.
G.M. Police Corpl.—Cpl. R. F. Wort.
Wash-house Man.—Mne. T. A. Fletcher.
Clerk, 3rd Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. W. E. Parkinson.
Attdt. to Capt. Lambert, D.S.C.—Mne. Thomas Lorimer.

DISCHARGES.

Invalided.—Mnes. W. Cox, W. Murdoch, R. R. Holmes.

Having claimed it on payment of £20 within three months of their attestation.—Mnes. W. Nightingale, W. G. Elderfield, W. L. Clark, Lawrence.

Not likely to become efficient.—Mnes. S. E. Hunt, E. W. Adams.

Services no longer required.—Mne. P. C. Welsh.

Pension.—Mne. L. Risdon.

MOVES.

To Chatham.—Corpl. W. F. Brown.

To Portsmouth.—Corpl. A. A. G. Laker, Mne. R. Kite (Rejoining).

To Plymouth.—Mnes. E. G. Lamb, W. T. Flynn (Rejoining).

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

Bandmaster 2nd Class S. H. Rendell to Bandmaster 1st Class Band-Corpl. W. E. Parkins to Bandmaster 2nd Class (serving in "Excellent"), and Corpl. Sydney Dipple to Bandmaster 2nd Class (serving in "Pembroke," R.N.B.).

EXAMINATIONS.

Warrant Officer, R.M. Band for Company Officer "Pass Certificate," S. M. H. L. Smith, Passed in Part I. Superintending Clerk L. P. Donne, Bandmaster (W.O.) T. W. Trimmer (serving in "Pembroke" C.-in-C.).

Bandmaster for Warrant Officers.—Special Certificate.—Bandmasters 1st Class G. C. Keen, L.R.A.M., C. J. Hamilton, "Pass Certificate," C.S.M. Thomas Baines, Bandmaster 1st Class C. T. Mansfield, Bandmater 2nd Class Herbert Wright, the last four mentioned have still to obtain an L.R.A.M. Certificate before being fully qualified.

Musician for Corporal.—"Distinguished Certificate," Lce.-Cpl. A. G. Houlton. "Pass Certificate," Lce.-Cpls. W. H. Heathcote, J. F. Mills, Musns. William Lang, J. G. Carter.

For Musical Instructor.—"Distinguished Certificate," Band-Corpl. V. C. Joyce. "Pass Certificate," Bandmasters 2nd Class T. A. Murray, F. W. Relph, Harry Holwill, Band-Corpl. W. R. Moore.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates appearing on the respective Promotion Rosters.—

Bandmaster Second Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class).—T. A. Murray, P. E. Barnacle, Herbert Wright, J. E. Burnett, Herbert Kenward, R. P. Rosewell.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—G. P. Johnson, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler, V. C. Joyce, A. Foskett, E. J. Hills.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporal).—V. C. Hardy, E. G. Upstell, W. H. Fletcher, V. H. Alley, P. W. H. Robbins, Robert Morton.

EMBARKATIONS.

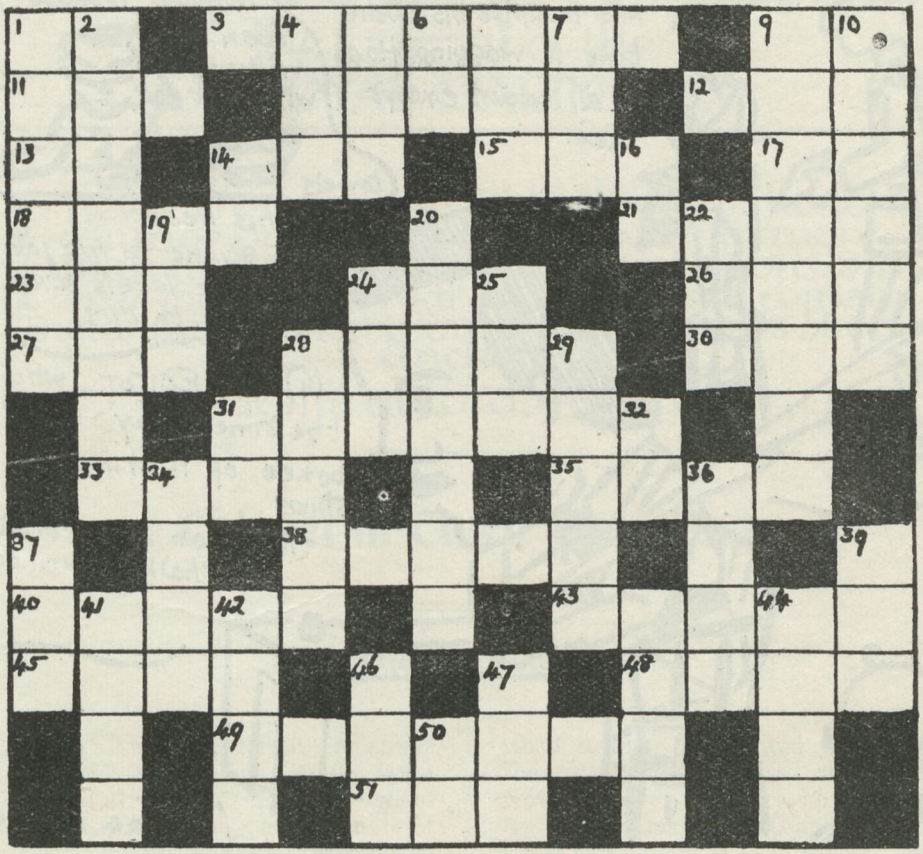
"**Birmingham,**" Musn. G. J. Styles. "**Pembroke,**" (**C.-in-C.**), Musn. J. F. Weller. **H.M.T.E., Shotley,** Musn. Mark Burton. "**Royal Oak,**" Musn. F. J. Harwood.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Benbow,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class S. A. Howse, Band-Corpl. F. T. Bonner, Musns. R. E. Harding, W. A. Slaughter, Edward Muir, Albert Sullivan, W. H. Perkins, S. E. Bailey, A. D. Scott, Edward Todd, Samuel Nightingale, Thomas Warren, A. M. Pemberthy, Robert Moncur, Harry Ibbotson, **H.M.T.E., Shotley,** Musn. Thomas Knapp. "**Pembroke,**" (**C.-in-C.**), Musn. James Watts. "**Barham,**" Musn. Frank Bloxham. "**Royal Oak,**" Musn. P. J. Garton. "**Vindictive,**" Musn. Andrew Rowbotham.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

By APE.



CLUES.

Down.

1 Spherical bodies
2 The——Inspection
4 The——rat
6 Transport officer
7 The composer's initials
9 All booted and spurred
10 Denotes honour
14 Used when at a loss in speech
16 Ourselves
19 Consume
20 A well-known establishment
22 Soft as——
24 They sail the seas
25 Brown
28 Part of the ramparts
29 Religious bodies
31 A King of Great Britain
32 Ton
34 O/C. "A" Coy.
36 Very often told
37 Parade Sergt.-Major
39 A beverage
41 Sky
42 ——and File
44 Egyptian river
46 Consumed
47 Sun
50 That is

Across.

1 Beginning and end of going
3 Our F.O.G.D. (Portsmouth)
9 Sentry on the "——"
11 Boy's name
12 Girl's name
13 Not under
14 And so on
15 Few (French)
17 A new way of spelling Jew
18 A lot of you like it
21 Used when riding a horse
23 Period
24 Head covering
26 Mate beheaded
27 Rested
28 Browndown Camp
30 Friend
31 Where this was done
33 Usually found on Flagships
35 An ancient tribe
38 In our great coats (old pattern)
40 Some got them in the War
43 Used in connection with stage
45 Brittle substance which flakes
48 A continent
49 Ideas
51 Very slippery

(1) The Treasurer giving his well known rendering of that famous old song "I want some Money."

(2) The Assistant Editor, who occupies his spare time in wagging flags of all colours except Red.

(3) The Secretary, our man of "letters" is here seen working with wet towels round his head.

HE sticks to his job, And the labels stick to HIM.



(4) The Editor, who passes the time away by sending boxes of Marines to various Ships.

He is an expert at "chalking 'em out"

(5) The Advert Manager, the proud owner of the finest "kiss curl" in the corps. His statements are always very bald.

(6) The Assistant Secretary, an authority on Postal Rates, who rather fancies himself with a motor bike.

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The Journal of the ROYAL MARINES.



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

Admiral Lord St. Vincent.



Colonel-in-Chief, The King.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Editorial Staff wish all readers a happy Christmas and the best of luck in the New Year. To the large proportion of readers who are not fortunate enough to be able to spend this Christmas in the genial climate of the British Isles, we wish a speedy return to their native land, should they so desire.

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Our esteemed contemporary, "The Leatherneck," in publishing in October an announcement of the change of editorship of the "Globe and Laurel," congratulates the late Editor on the improvement of the magazine during his reign, and on the friendly relations established by him between the two Journals. Good wishes are also extended to the new Editor.

We heartily thank the Editor of "The Leatherneck," and assure him and our illustrious opposite numbers across the Atlantic of our best wishes. Anything which the "Globe and Laurel" can do to cement the friendship established between United States and British Marines will be very gladly undertaken.

We take this opportunity to congratulate "The Leatherneck" on its recent improvements. Not the least among its many attractions lately has been the chameleon-like activity of its cover.

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The recent reductions in the complements of H.M. ships may be received with mixed feelings afloat. But by those responsible for training ashore they will be hailed with undiluted joy.

Royal Marines are used to training in skeleton formations, but the string platoon always was a nuisance when turning about, and its complete indifference to the order "Form Fours" was often very bewildering. Now, however, we may hope that training will leave less to the imagination, and collective training of real value can be added to individual training.

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The recent experiments in vertical flight will cause no sensation to readers of the "Globe and Laurel." We read in the August number of 1892 that "Major-General J. F. Crease, C.B., late R.M.A., has invented and patented a flying machine which seems likely when perfected to become a really efficient mode of traversing the air in *any* required direction."

There is a story, the truth of which the present Editor cannot vouch for, but which he believes to be correct, that General Crease, during a visit of the German Kaiser to Eastney about 1890, first demonstrated the use of a smoke screen in an infantry attack directed from Fort Cumberland against the Officers' Mess.

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Hearty congratulations to the Portsmouth Water Polo Team, whose photograph is published this month, on their record season. The usefulness of this branch of athletics was shown recently by the Sergeant-Instructor of Swimming at the Eastney Baths, who swam two lengths in full marching order with steel helmet, rifle and 150 rounds of ammunition. A wet evening unfortunately prevented him from completing the display with a "run down" the range.

EDITORIAL STAFF.

Hon. Editor, Major A. L. Forster, D.S.O.; Hon. Assist. Editor, Lieut. B. G. B. Mitchell, R.M.; Hon. Treasurer Lieut. S. A. Allison; Advertisement Manager, Sergt. D. Goadsby; Secretary, Mne. W. J. Masson; Assist. Secretary, Corpl. F. M. Brown.

FLEET AND SHIP CORRESPONDENTS.

Atlantic—Lieut. H. Mc. C. Slater.

" Revenge "—Lieut. L. Priestley.
" Resolution "—Corporal Townsend.
" Royal Sovereign "—
" Royal Oak "—Capt. W. F. S Fawckner.
" Caledon "—Lieut. A. J. L. Clanchy.
" Cleopatra "—Lieut. C. R. L. Scott.
" Calliope "—Lieut. H. McC. Slater.
" Ramillies "—Sergt. G. Bowie.
" Hood "—Capt. R. W. Spraggett, M.C.
" Curacoa "—Sergt. A. J. Regan.
" Argus "—Corpl. Gutteridge.
" Conquest "—Corpl. A. G. Brant.
" Cyclops "—
" Diligence "—Corpl. W. Ogden.
' Vindictive "—Capt. J. E. Leech Porter.

Reserve Fleet—

" Centurion "—Clr.-Sgt. C. Helps.

Mediterranean—Lieut. G. A. Viner.

" Queen Elizabeth "—Sergt. A. E. Shimmings.
" Barham "—
" Malaya "—Lieut. J. L. R. Pym.
" Valiant "—
" Frobisher "—Corpl. W. H. Dutton.
" Delhi "—Mne. B. C. Allen.
" Danae "—
" Dragon "—Capt. E. Bowring.
" Dauntless "—Corpl. W. Walker.
" Egmont "—Lieut. G. A. Viner.
Iron Duke "—
" Benbow "—
" Marlborough "—
" Emperor of India "—
" Cardiff "—Cor.-Sergt. F. J. Hancock.
" Calypso "—
" Caradoc "—Corpl. T. W. A. Stanford.
" Ceres "—Mne. R. P. Rogers.
" Coventry "—
Ghain Tuffieha—Q.M.S. T. W. Sloman.

East Indies—Major J. W. Snepp, O.B.E.

" Effingham "
" Cairo "—Lieut. Deane.
" Colombo "—

Africa—Major M. R. Yeo.

" Birmingham "—Major M. R. Yeo.
" Dublin "—Sergt. R. S. V. Locke.

China—Capt. R. H. P. West, M.C.

" Hawkins "—
" Carlisle "—
" Concord "—Mne. J. H. Richards.
" Tamar "—Capt. R. H. P. West, M.C.
" Despatch "—
" Durban "—

Detached Service—

" Repulse "—Mne. J. C. Clarke.

N.A. and W.I.—Lieut. O. Jones.

" Calcutta "—Mne. Lennard.
" Capetown "—Mne. D. Burge.
" Malabar "—
" Constance "—Lieut. P. J. Burgess.
" Curlew "—Lieut. N. Lennox.

New Zealand—

" Diomede "—Capt. J. S. Selby Tuppen.
" Dunedin "—Mne. A. Fleurs.
" Philomel "—Cpl. C. Breckon.

DIVISIONAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Chatham—Lieut. W. I. Nonweiler.
Portsmouth—Capt. C. Brooke Short.
Plymouth—Lt.-Col. H. W. Channer.
Depot—Capt. D. A. C. Shephard.
R.N. School of Music—Lieut. W. E. Faithfull.

This number includes the last of the series of despatches in connection with the tour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The correspondent of H.M.S. "Repulse" deserves many thanks for the very interesting accounts by which readers have been kept in personal touch with the events of the tour.

It was unfortunate that, through a misunderstanding, an advertisement for potted meat got "off-side" and displaced a large part of the account which should have been printed last month.

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An interesting and useful article on "Salesmanship," which appears in this number, is commended to the notice of those who may be considering their future on discharge. The writer, who is an ex-Marine, has evidently found a most remunerative occupation. Those who feel that they also could make a living in this way are reminded that Vocational Training Courses can be taken while still serving. These courses can be taken afloat by means of the International Correspondence Schools, who have made an agreement with the Admiralty for such courses at reduced fees. Details can be found in Admiralty Fleet Orders 2258 and 2792, but should any readers, who may be in doubt on the subject, care to refer to the Editor, he will gladly forward their enquiries to the proper quarter.

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Owing to the increase in weight of the magazine, it is necessary to increase the postage charges by a halfpenny per copy. As we are at present losing heavily on postage, this alteration must take effect at once. The subscription for individual copies sent by post will therefore be 4s. 6d. from now onwards.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following :— "The Marine Corps Gazette," "The Leatherneck," "The Red Hackle," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The Sprig of Shillelagh", "The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps," "St. George's Gazette," "The Sapper," "Cabar Feidh," "The Royal Army Service Corps Gazette," "The Hampshire Regimental Journal," "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "The Wire," "The Green 'Un," "The Snapper," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "Faugh-a-Ballagh," "U.S. Army Recruiting News," "Journal of the Honourable Artillery Company," "The Gunner."



POLLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC.

"Ramillies."

No news is good news ; at least that is an optimistic view. Having finished a refitting period, we embark on that part of the cruise where one may say, "the downhill half."

Before we touch on matters appertaining to ourselves, may we send congratulations to the "Old Guard" for their painstaking and successful tenure of office, and a hearty welcome to the "New Guard," as the "First Relief" takes over with that ring of confidence which spells success.

A shoot took place at Plymouth, on the 1st October (Trevol Range), for two R.M.R.A. medals. These were won by Mne. G. O. Aggett and Corpl. A. G. Wiltshire, with the respective scores of 60 and 59. Captain S. A. Field, R.M., who supervised the competition, and Surg.-Lieut. R. B. McVickers, R.N., eclipsed these scores, revealing the practised touch of consistent shots. The gunnery programme ended, we have bid "au revoir" to Invergordon, and have taken our place with the Fleet at Rosyth. Portland is next in turn to claim our attention, as there the finals of the Marathon and the King's Cup will take place. We shall be very interested spectators (unfortunately), instead of contestants.

Inter-part matches have been more in our line, as the Royals have "short-circuited" the Torpedo Branch in a win of four goals to one. It is gratifying to note the Detachment is well represented in the ship's Rugby team, Mnes. Broom, Hadley and Miller being hard nuts to crack.

The time will be upon us when everyone swears eternal friendship, and the Christmas feeling pervades even the general mess. Hence, with this in view, we plod merrily along, and hope the wheel of fortune will turn more in our favour at sport, to back up our zeal, thus balancing the results of play with that of efficiency in work.

"Vindictive."

Since last writing we have been at Portsmouth carrying out important trials, and being at Spithead have had little time for anything else.

We believe the ship leaves for Devonport about the 25th of November to go into dock for a refit, and are living in hopes of getting some leave before proceeding to China at the end of December.

The Detachment are well represented in the ship's football team, having no less than five members.

We hope to be able to send back a good account of the Detachment's doings against the "Hawkins" Detachment when we get to China.

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Frobisher."

The Detachment returned to the ship on 2nd November, after a very enjoyable sojourn at Ghain Tuffieha. The weather was not all that could be desired, as more than four inches of rainfall were recorded during the month of October, and the march back was in a torrential downpour. "Eagle's" Detachment was in camp with us.

Football, cricket, bathing and training for marathon races were the chief amusements.

The Detachment average was 132·8, Corpl. Gwilliam being the best shot of the Detachment with a score of 167. Clr.-Sergt. Bray, of "Eagle," was the best shot of his Company with 181. Out of 50 firing, 22 obtained marksmen points.

On Sunday, 18th October, an interesting rifle match under modified W.S. conditions took place, the teams consisting of eight. The scores were as follows:—

"Frobisher"	1113
G.T. Range Staff	1109
"Coventry" II. (R. Marines) ...	1042
"Coventry" I.	1024
"Eagle"	950
"Coventry" III.	921

For "Frobisher," Sergt. Fitch scored 166 and Mne. Gospel 158. Naturally we were very elated at our victory.

On Sunday, 31st October, a return match was shot. Teams of 12; eight (whose names were in a sealed envelope, which was opened after the match) only to count. W.S. conditions except in the run down, which was slightly modified. The scores were as follows:—

G.T. Range Staff	1102
"Frobisher"	1003
"Eagle"	904

For "Frobisher" Corpl. Gwilliam made 137 and Mne. Gospel 133.

Two well-known shots were left out of "Frobisher's" team, so as to give two young shots experience.

It is hoped to arrange the final shoot at the end of November.

On Wednesday, 28th October, some very interesting demonstrations of the fire power of the rifle, Lewis gun and machine gun took place. These were witnessed by Rear-Admiral A. V. Waistell, C.B., and his C.O.S., Captain C. E. Turle, D.S.O., and the F.R.M.O., Major A. C. Barnby, R.M., all of whom were afterwards entertained to luncheon by Major H. C. Pope.

Two very successful smoking concerts, arranged by Corpl. Dulton, were held on Friday and Saturday, 30th and 31st October, the talent provided by "Frobisher" and "Eagle" being much appreciated by the audience.

"Delhi" sails for Australia on 15th November, "Dragon" and "Dauntless" sail on 12th December for England to refit and recommission, so the 1st C.S. will be much reduced in strength.

H.M.A.S. "Melbourne" is expected to arrive about 15th January, 1926, to replace "Delhi."

"Ceres."

Mainly owing to there being very little, indeed, to chronicle, the "Globe and Laurel" has not heard from us; but, the writer having been informed that "something will have to be done," therefore makes his maiden attempt by reviewing the last few months.

The present Detachment was introduced to the ship on the 12th June, when she was in the chaotic condition engendered by being in dockyard hands in dry dock.

However, in spite of the inconvenience and discomfort, we managed to settle down to it, and survived the ordeal of six weeks, with only one casualty—a case of mumps.

We sailed—praise the gods!—on the 20th July, and arrived at Malta about nine days after.

On the way out evolutions were practised, much to the concern (I believe) of the younger members. The "Bay" was in a sweet mood, however, so that there were no complications.

On arrival at Malta, we were told that the customary three weeks' "working up" routine would be started as soon as we got round to St. Paul's Bay, and I suspect that those three weeks will live long in the memory of most of us.

We joined the rest of the Squadron (which had started on the summer cruise) at Argostoli, unfortunately just too late for the Fleet Regatta, and then started a cruise—about which the least said the better, we feel sure—all round the Grecian Archipelago.

Space will not allow of a detailed account of the places visited, but it must be mentioned that the "Ceres" carpenter made new crosses for several graves at a place called Suda; one of the graves being that of a Royal Marine, one Private Lampard, who died in 1897, on the "Collingwood."

There was only one bright thing about that cruise—the bathing—and everyone took full advantage of the many opportunities given.

The inter-part of the ship's aquatic sports were held at Zeitun, and the Detachment had a good third place, which *might* have been second if the enthusiasm had been a little less diluted.

The ship, though, was a very good second to the "Cardiff" in the Squadron "Aquatics" (in which the Detachment had several representatives), and since the Admiral's flag was transferred soon afterwards to the "Ceres," we are to compete against the 1st C.S. and "Coventry."

No. 3 Gun (Royal Marines crew) won the Gunnery Competition Cup for the quarter, which was duly presented to the gunlayer, Corporal Cumberland, and now stands proudly on the mess deck and looks like remaining there for the rest of the commission.

Good football talent is apparent even in the very few games which have been played, and in the course of time it is hoped to equal, if not to beat the excellent record of the last commissioners.

Near the end of next month the Detachment proceeds to Ghain Tuffeiha for the annual musketry course.

(Editor's note:—"Cheer up!").

R.M. WHALER'S CREW H.M.S. "DELHI."
(Winners Marines' Whalers Race Argostoli Bay, 1925.)



Back Row :—Mnes. Towner (Stroke), Bethel, Pearce.
Centre :—Sergt. Barks, Capt. Robertson, Mne. Weaver.
Front Row :—Mnes. Hunter, Warden.

"Delhi."

We have just completed our annual course of musketry at Ghain Tuffieha, where we had a very enjoyable month's work. The shooting of the Detachment was excellent the first day of qualifying, and many had visions of obtaining sufficient points to enable them to be entitled to the 10s. for a marksman's score. Their ardour was damped somewhat when on the second day we commenced to shoot in a drizzly rain, which obscured the target and was the cause of many going down in points. Corpl. Little made the highest rifle score, having obtained 168 out of a possible 215.

The Lewis gun points were very satisfactory, there being one 1st class and two 2nd class out of the four Lewis gunners qualifying; Mne. Allen made the top L.-G. score with 195 points. At revolver Mne. Dellar showed excellent form, obtaining 121 points. During our stay at Ghain Tuffieha sing-songs and concerts were arranged, and were made a success with the help of seamen of the "Delhi" in the other camp.

Practically everyone in the Detachment is looking forward to our departure for Australia, which takes place on the 15th of November; a good many of our Detachment are considered "natives," out there, as they made many friends when "Delhi" went on the World Tour with the Special Service Squadron. We have just completed docking, and have had many trials to put up with, owing to the various alterations being made on account of the Australian trip, but we are getting straightened out a bit now, and no doubt we shall soon be again the "Tiddly 'Delhi.'"

CHINA.

"Concord."

Everything here in Shanghai seems to be normal. The Postal employees struck work on the 17th August, but returned within 36 hours.

On the 21st the "Durban" arrived. Her Detachment landed immediately on arrival, and took over our post, after which we relieved the "Carlisle's" Detachment on the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharves. Here we remained until the 28th, when we were given four hours' notice to return on board. The following day all armed parties returned to their ships. The Chinese demanded this before they would open any conference.

We are expected to proceed to Nankin towards the end of the month.

The following is a copy of an extract from the *Shanghai Times*, 1st September, 1925:—

"K. Maeda, Japanese Coy., and Sergt. J. R. Shrive are to be congratulated for their fine shooting through the Championship with service rifle, open sights, and without sling, against match rifles and aperture sights. Both were spoon winners."

These conditions were similar to the "King's," and the winner was only two points below the Bisley champion, this despite the heavy rain which was against shooting, especially at the long ranges.

In a triangular match between the Shanghai Volunteers, "Concord" and "Durban," the result was:—

Volunteers	1155
"Concord"	919
"Durban"	886

Sergt. Montgomery, our Sergt.-Major, is to be congratulated for obtaining the highest aggregate score, making 108 of a possible 124.

In the ship's inter-platoon competition the Detachment won the L.-G. Cup, but failed to get the cup for combined shooting and bayonet *v.* bayonet.

On the 24th September we sailed from Shanghai for Nankin to relieve the "Cairo," arriving the following day. The "Cairo" sailed from here on the 27th.

Leave into the town is only granted to P.O.s and Chiefs, but the ship's company get recreational leave, being confined to a large field in which there is a canteen. This, however, has enabled a number of inter-part football matches to be played off. Up to date the Marines have won one, drawn one, and lost two. We have been unfortunate in losing three of our team in Australia; one has gone home for discharge and one is sick on board. We hope to put up a better show in the inter-part sports, which are being held shortly.

We sail for Wei-hai-wei on the 16th September to carry out our gunnery programme, being relieved here by the "Bluebell."

The following true story comes from Malta:—

The R.M. officer of a certain ship had just completed a lecture on "Fire and Movement" to a seamen company of the same ship.

The following conversation ensued: "Many thanks for your lecture, soldier. I have learnt an awful lot. D'you know I always thought 'fire and movement' meant firing your rifle from the hip when charging."

N.A. AND W.I.

SAN FRANCISCO "DIAMOND JUBILEE" CELEBRATIONS, 1925.



Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Capetown" in the Naval and Military Parade.

"Capetown."

On the afternoon of Monday, 7th September, we passed through the "Golden Gate," San Francisco, and were fortunate enough to secure a billet alongside. We found San Francisco in the midst of the "Diamond Jubilee" celebrations, California having been admitted to the United States in 1850. People from all parts of the State had assembled in the city, in fact it was a case of all roads lead to "'Frisco" for that week. It is estimated that over half a million people extra were staying in the city.

On Tuesday a party of seamen and our Detachment landed to take part in a great naval and military parade.

We were formed up at the "Embarcadero," ready to move at 1000. The "Capetown's" seamen had the honour of leading this parade, followed by the Detachment and a platoon of seamen from H.M.C.S. "Patrician." Next following was a Japanese contingent, whose band, in white trousers, gaiters, red tunics and a kind of "shako" with a large white plume, added a brilliant touch of colour to the stream of blue and khaki of the remainder of the procession.

The remainder of the parade was devoted entirely to U.S. services, consisting of parties from U.S. Marines, Navy, Army, Nursing Services, Reserves, and Veterans.

The British contingent was given a wonderful reception all the way along the line of march. After marching about three miles at the "slope," we reached the "civic centre," where we formed into "close column" and marched past in column, the salute being taken by Vice-President Dawes, who was supported by the city officials and American, British and Japanese Commanding Officers.

The O.C. Detachment was the recipient of some very nice compliments anent our steadiness under arms. Perhaps it can be much better described by quoting an extract from a prominent city paper, the *San Francisco Examiner*:—

"Next to the English tars came Great Britain's pride, her 'Royal Marines,' who marched very smartly and were dressed in blue uniform with a picturesque white pith helmet. No wonder they received loud applause all along the line, for they upheld the tradition of this famous regiment, and in the 'March Past' their 'Eyes right' was like a snap of a whip."

So we take it that we put up a good show.

During the week the ship's company were lavishly entertained by the British Societies of San Francisco and Oakland.

On Wednesday evening we bade a reluctant farewell to San Francisco.

"Calcutta."

On the evening of our departure from Montreal, the band of the "Calcutta" were the guests of the band of the Royal Highlanders of Canada in their Armoury in Bleury Street. A very pleasant evening was spent, Lieut. Jones, of the Royal Highlanders, being in the chair, and Bandmaster J. Allan (as chief guest) being on his right. The toast of the King was drunk with musical honours. After this, Lieut. Jones proposed

the official welcome to our band, calling on Corpl. G. A. Foam (Royal Highlanders) to make a speech. The following are the points of interest in his speech. He was at one time in the R.N. School of Music as a Professor, and spoke enthusiastically of the fine training which was carried out there. He said that the most perfect music he had ever heard was at the funeral of the late Queen Victoria, when the only bands in attendance were the Brigade of Guards, the Royal Artillery, and the Royal Marines (Chatham Division), the latter being under the command of the late Lieut. Wright. He assured any member of the band that, if they ever intended settling in Montreal, he, and the other members of the band, would make every endeavour to find them employment. Bandmaster Allan, in reply, thanked the Royal Highlanders for a most enjoyable evening, and expressed a hope that this might be the beginning of many meetings of a similar nature.

NEW ZEALAND.

"Philomel."

FOOTBALL.

The season out in the Antipodes is now nearing its close. The closing games, in which this ship represented the Navy team, have been very strenuous ones for us. We now find ourselves fourth in the League, and, considering the fact that there are only about 80 ratings to choose from, it may be considered a very creditable position. The Royals are represented by Corpl. Bradley (Chatham Division), Mne. Mealing and Bugler Coles (Plymouth Division). During the stay of the American Fleet we played two matches against their only soccer team, from U.S.S. "Colorado." The honours were divided, each team winning one match. Neither of the games was a good exposition of the soccer code.

BOXING.

The Annual Army and Navy Boxing Competitions were held during the month for competitors between the ages of 18 and 23 years. The ship won the team shield presented by the Auckland Working Men's Club (5-a-side) for the first time. The competitors in this were all boys under training, with the exception of our drummer, Bugler Coles, R.M. The bugler was also a contestant in the light-weights, but after winning his first two fights by k.o.s, was beaten on points in the semi-finals.

GENERAL NEWS.

The American Fleet arrived in New Zealand on the 11th August, and the arrival, round of entertainments, and departure, was the same as others of a similar kind known to most members of our Corps. The Sunday after the arrival of the Fleet, the U.S. Marines on the flagship "New Mexico" sent a cordial invitation to the Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Philomel" to go on board: this was accepted, and we were shown over their ship and every hospitality was extended to us. This hospitality was returned on the following Sunday, when we entertained several of them on board to tea and a show round the ship. Mutual Marine greetings were exchanged, and friendships made. Now we have several of their Corps Journals, cap ornaments, etc., on board.

DETACHED SERVICE

THE ROYAL TOUR (*continued*).

On Saturday, August 29th, a party of 300 men were entertained at Mar del Plata to an "Asado," followed by Athletic Sports.

An "Asado" is a native breakfast where bullocks and sheep are roasted whole over a fire in the open and, when cooked, the people cut sections of meat from the carcasses to suit their tastes; I am told that the correct procedure is to take a firm grip with the teeth and slice upwards with a sharp knife, taking care not to forfeit the tip of the nose.

Arrived on the scene of the feast, the party dispersed and wandered about the ground, viewing with evident satisfaction the cooking of the meat.

On this particular occasion, the beasts were not roasted whole, but cut into pieces weighing roughly 40 or 50 lbs., each piece being then wired on to an iron stake and placed in a circle round a large wood fire.

There were two such fires, each attended by three native cooks, who from time to time would baste the meat with fat and reverse the stakes, thus enabling it to get thoroughly cooked.

Long tables were set upon the ground on which were placed bottles of beer, large rolls of bread and plates. Around these tables men arranged themselves and produced the knives they had brought with them; most had pocket knives and one sportsman had armed himself with a real butcher's carver—a "Royals" contribution probably.

The cooks then served the meat by adopting the simple measure of sticking the stakes, on which the meat still hung, into the ground at intervals alongside the tables. These were then "attacked" by the men, who cut off the pieces they most desired. Large bowls of salad and other delicacies were also placed on the tables.

In this manner, a most enjoyable al fresco meal was partaken of, much fun ensuing from the way in which the meat was cut up.

After the "Asado" athletic sports were held on the adjoining field, which had been staked out for the various events. A fair percentage of the Marines took part in each event and we did well.—Mne. Chawner won the 100 yards in the excellent time of 10 4-5 secs, Mne. Beasley was 2nd in the hurdles, Chawner and Beasley took 2nd and 3rd places in the quarter, and Cpl. Gibb was 3rd in the high jump; other events included a mile walking race, half-mile and throwing the cricket ball.

At the conclusion of the sports, cheers were called for the Welfare Committee who had provided the entertainment, after which the party was allowed to carry on with the usual leave.

The ship has been open to visitors every afternoon for three hours and the total up to August 31st was just short of twenty-five thousand.

Two football matches against Mar del Plata have been lost by us, each time by a single goal to nil, but our teams could not be entirely represented owing to there being an almost continuous exodus of 250 men to Buenos Aires. Our Officers beat a Railway hockey team the other day by two goals to one and we are taking them on at Rugger and golf during this week-end.

A team of golfers from Buenos Aires is coming down on the 12th and 13th to try conclusions with our Tolleys and Wethereds and the President and Members of the Mar del Plata G.C. have very generously presented a silver cup (Copa Repulse) to be played for under handicap.

A large athletic meeting is to be held in the near future, and several of our runners are training seriously for the various events; the Detachment appears to be concentrated on the long-distance race and the tug-of-war.

7th September.—A team of Englishmen belonging to the Southern Railway Company came over from Buenos Aires last Saturday to take on the Officers at rugger, lawn tennis and golf, and we " saw them off " in all these games.

Lieut. Chevallier was a tower of strength on the rugger field and we won by 30 points to 6; the tennis match ended in our favour by 5 matches to 4 and the golf match by 6 games to 2.

There was another "Asado " for the men yesterday, Sunday, and at the conclusion of the feast, a bare-back horse race and a three miles running race were decided. Four Marines entered for the latter event but their conscientious training was, to a great extent, nullified by too much " Asado," and we just failed to get a place.

All hands are now busy preparing the ship for returning the various hospitalities that have been showered on us; a children's party is being given this afternoon, a dance to-morrow and an " At Home " on Wednesday, when we hope to see all the good friends who have entertained us here and at Buenos Aires.

Mar del Plata, 18th September.—Once again that trusty old adage about " the best-laid schemes of mice and men " comes into its own. Owing to a heavy fall of snow in the Andes, landslides have occurred on the Trans-Andine Railway, and the royal train has been held up in Chile—at the time of writing it is not known how soon traffic will be resumed.

This unfortunate occurrence defers our departure from Mar del Plata till next Wednesday at the earliest, and brings us back to Portsmouth three days behind schedule.

However, the pleasant prospect of five weeks' leave to each watch has dulled the edge of our disappointment, and, in this connection, a curious situation arose.

It was left to the Captain's discretion as to whether the ship should go to Sheerness or Portsmouth to give leave and, in spite of the fact that we carry a Chatham crew, there seemed to be a distinct cry for the convenient brow at North Railway Jetty. So a secret ballot of the whole ship's company was taken last Sunday, and resulted overwhelmingly in favour of " Pompey " in preference to swinging round a buoy in the Medway.

Since sending in the last instalment, we have added another silver cup to our collection of trophies as the result of a rifle-shooting match against an Argentine team in Buenos Aires.

Sergts. Hayward and Rawson and Corpl. Timbury were members of our team, but, in spite of that, the result of the match was an overwhelming victory for the Argentines, who have apparently made a speciality of the standing position at 350 metres—think it over. I really think we deserved that cup.

After two unsuccessful attempts, we have at last succeeded in defeating Mar del Plata at soccer, and another cup has been added to the show-case. We had a real taste of winter last week-end, and woke up on Monday morning to find the whole countryside covered with snow; the wind is bitterly cold at times, but we must not complain, as this is our first taste of wintry weather since leaving England nearly six months ago.

At Sea, 27th September.—The last phase of our long journey started this morning, when we sailed from Mar del Plata at 7.30 a.m., escorted by three cruisers of the Argentine Navy. An hour later, our escort turned 16 points and steamed past us in line ahead, our ship's company being fallen in at divisions.

Last night the President of the Argentine Republic dined on board at a farewell dinner given by the Prince, and was received by a guard of honour at the unusual hour of 8 p.m. Dancing was kept up until midnight, after which the hands turned to in order to prepare the ship for sea.

A few hardy souls braved the bleak morning air to gather on the breakwater and wave us a cheery farewell.

Incidentally, the blocking of the Trans-Andine Railway, which I referred to ten days ago, has been responsible for a further delay in our programme, and we are exactly a week late in starting home.

At Sea, 10th October.—After a favourable but monotonous passage of eleven days, we arrived yesterday at St. Vincent in the Cape Verde Islands, where our oiler was ready to fill our tanks for the final sprint up the straight for England, Home, and Beauty.

Lying at anchor for the whole day and night after the cooling sea breezes, the excessive heat was very trying, especially between decks, but a cricket match was played between the Officers and the Western Telegraph Company, and resulted in a draw.

The Prince took the opportunity of going ashore for a few hours in the afternoon—entirely an unofficial visit, and there was no ceremony.

In the evening, the ship's company gave a concert on board, and this was attended by a good number of the English residents and their wives.

A very welcome break in the monotony was the receipt of three weeks' mails at St. Vincent, and the " Curlew " has gone on ahead to Madeira to gather a further supply, after which we steam in company as far as Plymouth, where the cruiser will pay off and recommission.

There is little to add to this story of the Royal Cruise, except that the weather might have been kinder on the day of our arrival at Portsmouth.

A steady drizzle brought discomfort to actors and spectators alike, but the enthusiasm of neither party was in any way damped, and it was difficult to decide which of the two acclamations was the heartier, the welcome of the people or the send-off by the " Repulse."

Everyone on board was deeply sorry to see the last of our popular Prince, and it is with a kind of disinterested feeling that we settle down once more to the old routine with five good weeks of leave to cheer us on our way.

L.S.W.

(The End.)

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CHATHAM.

INSPECTION BY THE HON. COLONEL-COMMANDANT.

General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., made his first annual inspection as Hon. Colonel-Commandant of the Chatham Division, on the 16th November. The forenoon was occupied in inspection of the Main and Melville Barracks, and the afternoon in inspection of the men under training at Fort Borstal. In the evening the Cadet Corps was inspected and later the General dined with the officers.

ARMISTICE DAY ANNIVERSARY.

Capt. C. W. Adair was in command of the party of 100 Marines, the Divisional Band, and 16 Buglers which took part in the Armistice Day ceremony at the Cenotaph.

The Colonel-Commandant placed a wreath on the Divisional Memorial Tablet, on behalf of all ranks of the Division.

R.M. CADET CORPS, CHATHAM COMPANY.

The Finlaison Cup and Medals were presented on the occasion of the inspection by the Hon. Colonel-Commandant.

We have again joined the local junior football league, and a second team has been formed for "friendly" matches. The first team boys are very small in comparison to their opponents, and have so far fared badly in the matches played. They are, however, learning good football in their uphill fights.

MINIATURE RANGE.

The new range in Melville Barracks has been brought into use, and should be a great improvement on the old one.

RECREATION ROOM.

The October Indoor Games Tournament results:—

Crib.—1st, Mne. Smith; 2nd, Mne. Pegg.
Bezique.—1st, Mne. Dredge; 2nd, Mne. Freemantle.
Bridge.—1st, Mnes. Sault and Fry.
Draughts.—1st, Mne. Sault.
Billiards.—1st, Mne. Botting; 2nd, Mne. Ashby.
Snooker.—1st, Mne. Smith; 2nd, Mne. Freemantle.
Winners of prizes in No. 6 whist drive (attendance, 64).—1st, Mne. Oakley; 2nd, Mne. Haslett; 3rd (tie), Mnes. Hewett and Sampson.
Winners of prizes in No. 7 whist drive (attendance, 70).—1st, Mne. Stevens; 2nd, Mne. Garrett; 3rd, Mne Mead.

The new table in the refreshment room is now in full use.

The boys' room was opened on October 26th. Only boys under the age of 17 will be allowed to use this room, and they will not be permitted to use any other except the refreshment bar.

The very old dark green curtains which have given the various rooms such a melancholy air have been replaced by cretonne of a bright hue.

This has considerably brightened up the general appearance of the building.

The November tournament is now in full swing.

PORTSMOUTH.

ARMISTICE DAY.

Owing to bad weather the parade and service, which had been arranged, had to take place in the Drill Shed. Two companies from Headquarters and two companies from the R.N. School of Music paraded under the command of Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Trotman, with the Divisional Band and a band from the R.N. School of Music. Several relatives and friends and past members of the Division were present. The service was conducted by the two Chaplains, and concluded with a very impressive playing of the "Last Post" by the band and silver bugles.

Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.B., addressing the parade, said that those whose sacrifice they were commemorating that day had died to uphold the basic principles of honour, justice and the protection of the weak and helpless. We ourselves could show our appreciation not only by doing honour to their memory, but also by being mindful of those who had suffered from the War in health, wealth or happiness. The lesson of the War had also to be passed on to the children of the Empire. It was up to us to live straight, honest and hardy lives, to follow the example of our comrades who had fallen in the War.

SERGEANTS' MESS BILLIARDS.

The Sergeants' Mess of this Division are unbeaten to date in the United Services Billiards League. The League is open to all Petty Officers' and Sergeants' Messes in the Garrison, and the championship was won by the Sergeants' Mess, R.M., last year. The results to date show that we have obtained 25 points out of a possible 28, but in view of the fact that the fates have been kind to us in the first half season, inasmuch as most of our matches are at home, it behoves us to get as many points as possible, so as to have a few in hand to "veer and haul" on. Under the very able captaincy of Clr.-Sergt. Joyce (who piloted the team to victory last year), we appear to have a fair chance of repeating

last year's achievement, as last week we were able to dispose of last year's runners-up (Royal Artillery) to the tune of 6—1.

JUNIOR N.C. OFFICERS.

Arrangements for the forthcoming season have commenced, and the Entertainment Committee, under the Presidency of Corpl. Dencer, have embarked on rather a lavish campaign. Last year's members are still officiating, hence, having enjoyed the functions which they so efficiently arranged last year, the outlook is very bright.

Dances are to be held every fortnight with a whist drive some time during the intermediate period. Also, it is hoped to arrange a smoker at a very early date.

The opening carnival was held in the Club Buildings at the beginning of the month, and proved to be a great success. Dancing commenced at 8 p.m., and finished at 2 a.m., and one and all present were more than delighted with their evening's entertainment.

A whist drive held on Wednesday, the 12th, proved to be a great success. And it is hoped to carry on in this manner throughout the season.

RECREATION ROOM.

At the time of going to Press the Divisional Billiards Tournament is in full swing, and full details will be available for publication in next month's issue.

PLYMOUTH.

The Sergeants' Mess Annual Ball was held on 6th November at the Garrison Gymnasium, Devonport, kindly lent for the occasion by the G.O.C., South Western Area.

All arrangements were in the hands of a Committee presided over by Q.M.S. J. C. O. Beynon; especial praise is due to them for the very tastefully decorated ballroom, and the smooth manner in which the programme was carried out.

There were over 400 guests present, in spite of very inclement weather. Among those who accepted invitations were: Colonel-Commandant F. C. Edwards; Colonel-Second-Commandant H. D. E. O'Sullivan, C.B.E., and Mrs. O'Sullivan; Lieut.-Colonel M. Filmer-Bennett and Mrs. Bennett; Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Lampen and Mrs. Lampen; Lieut.-Colonel H. W. Channer and Mrs. Channer; Rev. C. J. E. Peshall, D.S.O., and Mrs. Peshall; Major L. Norcock and Mrs. Norcock; Major H. Blount, D.S.O.; and many other officers of the Division.

Delightful dance music was rendered during the evening by an orchestra composed of members of the Divisional Band under the able baton of Band-Sergt. R. W. Blacker, assisted by Sergt. J. Tulley.

During the evening a magnificent bouquet of chrysanthemums and orchids tied with Corps ribbon was presented to Mrs. O'Sullivan—in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Edwards—by Mrs. Crawley, wife of Q.M.S. Fdk. Crawley, President of the Mess, as a memento of the Ball, from the members, their wives, relatives and friends.

Very grateful thanks are due to all those who so kindly gave their assistance in making the Ball a great success—particularly to Mr. Higgins and his Electricians for the lighting arrangements—to the members of the Army P.T. Staff for their valuable help in decorating the room, and last, but not least, to Mr. W. Thorne, florist, of Plymouth, for the gift of the splendid bouquet.

NAVAL PAGEANT.

On the 17th of October numerous members of this Division took part in a Grand Naval Pageant in aid of the Trafalgar Day Orphan Fund. The Band, preceded by trumpeters of 1664, and followed later by pikemen of the "Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot," formed part of the procession. These in their turn were followed by the "Maritime Regiment of To-morrow" (the Cadet Corps with Girls' Ambulance). Bringing up the rear of the procession was a tableau staged on a lorry representing "An United Empire Guarding the World's Peace." This consisted of a large screen showing a map of the world mounted on the back of the lorry, in front of it and standing on a large globe was the "Angel of Peace."

Grouped closely round the globe were four figures representing different trades. Q.M.S. Cross as a navvy was almost unrecognizable, while Q.M.S. Croke made an excellent clerk. Down either side of the lorry and facing outwards, were figures portraying the different dominions, each in their national costume.

In the fore part stood a Sailor and a Marine armed with rifle and bayonet, facing the figure of "Destruction." The latter, ably portrayed by Q.M.S. Mills, sat cross-legged on the bonnet; covered in blood, with tattered clothes and armed to the teeth. Across the front of the lorry, and hiding the bonnet, was a second screen showing dark clouds with leaping flames and broken ruins. This made a fitting foreground for the sinister figure above.

Many thanks are due to all Departments concerned, to C.S.M. Parker and to all others who took part, not forgetting Mne. Nicoll, who, with the comic party and a barrel-organ, paraded the streets of Plymouth from morning to dark, provoking much mirth and making much money.

It will be of interest to readers to know that all the tableaux in this pageant were designed by Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Drury, C.B.E., R.M.

MEDAL COLLECTION.

Mrs. Eagles, of Summerleaze, Yelverton, South Devon, has very kindly presented the following medals, all of which were originally awarded to Ply/12179 Pte. T. M. Wheater, namely, the 1914–15 Star; General Service and also Victory Medals; the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and the silver medal given by H.M. the King of Italy to officers and crews of H.M. ships for assistance rendered on the occasion of the Messina earthquake in 1908.

The last-named medal is new to the collection, and is a very interesting reminder of the services of various ships' companies in connection with that terrible disaster. Private Wheater was one of the detachment of H.M.S. "Sutlej" at that time.

A donation of 10s. received from Colonel A. G. Little is acknowledged with many thanks.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The boys' practice dances have commenced; these are held principally to help the boys socially, and several of the boys' mothers and sisters attend to assist and teach the boys. It is hoped to arrange a Carnival Dance later in the season.

The R.M. Band from the Depot, Deal, under Bandmaster (W.O.) A. C. Green, L.R.A.M., rejoined the School on the 21st October, after nearly seven months' absence. The following is an extract from Depot Orders dated 20th October, 1925:—"The Colonel-Commandant desires to express his appreciation of the manner in which the Royal Marine Band under Bandmaster (W.O.) A. C. Green, L.R.A.M., R.M.B., have performed their duties during the period of their service at the Depot, Royal Marines.

"He particularly notes the cheerful and efficient manner in which they carried out their duties and the smartness on parade of all ranks."

The R.M. Band of H.M.S. "Excellent" augmented by Musicians and Boys from the School, proceeded to Aldershot on the occasion of the annual football match between H.M.S. "Excellent" and The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regt.), winners of the Navy and Army Cups respectively.

The following programme was rendered under the conductorship of Bandmaster 1st Class Walter Fleming:

March ...	"Florentiner" ...	*Fucik*
Selection	"Gems of Sullivan"	*arr. Winterbottom*
Fox Trot ...	"Chili Bom Bom" ...	*Friend*

During the interval the Band under Drum-Major Herbert Kenward gave an exhibition of quick and slow marching and counter-marching, which was greatly appreciated by all. The Colonel of The Queens remarked that it was the most successful and pleasing sight he had witnessed in all his career, both from a musical and military standpoint, and congratulated all concerned. The following is an extract from a letter received by the Superintendent from the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Excellent":—

"The Band performance on Saturday was beyond praise. The Colonel of the Queens was most fulsome about it. We are very grateful to you for the immense trouble you and your staff took.—(Sgd.) Matthew Best.

RETURN OF H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES.

On the arrival of H.R.H. Prince of Wales at Portsmouth on the 16th October the Band parading with the guard of honour was composed of the massed bands of the R.N. Barracks and H.M.S. "Excellent," under Bandmaster 1st Class R. T. Jackson. A Band from the School under the conductorship of B.M. (W.O.) Arthur Pragnell, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M., entertained the guests and spectators on the South Railway Jetty during the time H.M.S. "Repulse" was being berthed prior to the Prince landing. The following programme was rendered:—

March	"My Regiment" ...	*Blankenburg*
Overture ...	"Plymouth Hoe"	*Ansell*
Fantasie	(*a*) "Merrie England" ...	*German*
	(*b*) "Three Dale Dances" ...	*A. Wood*
Selection ...	"Lilac Time"	*Schubert*
Suite	First Suite in E flat	*Holst*

Bandmaster 2nd Class E. C. Aldridge has been selected as the best student of the year, and nominated by the Superintendent to receive the silver medal presented annually by the Worshipful Company of Musicians. We heartily congratulate him on his success.

TRAFALGAR ORPHAN FUND.

A Band from the School toured Portsmouth and District on behalf of this well-deserving charity, and with various other contributions the total amount collected by the School was £36 19s. 7d.

ARMISTICE DAY CEREMONY.

The School amalgamated with the Portsmouth Division, Royal Marines, on this occasion, the memorial service, which took place in the Drill Shed owing to the inclemency of the weather, being held over the silver drums from the School, and a large attendance of relatives and friends were present.

SHOTLEY TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT.

On Friday, October 23rd, a jovial evening was spent at the Queen's Head Hotel, Arwarton, Suffolk, the occasion being a farewell concert to the members of the Detachment leaving for Headquarters. The programme was carefully arranged and carried out by Mne. Roullier. Several members contributed with harmony, including Mnes. Scott, Hooper, Glister, Jeffries and Musn. Boult. After the concert a vote of thanks was given to the host and hostess of the "Arwarton Queen." To conclude the evening "Auld Lang Syne" was sung with much gusto. Bugler Ward was at the piano.

On Wednesday, November 4th, Rear-Admiral W. H. Kelly, C.B., R.N., visited and inspected the Establishment and the boys. A Guard of Honour was formed from the R.M. Detachment, under Capt. R. H. Quill, R.M. The Admiral took the salute to the strains of the Alternative Salute "Norma" by the R.M. Band.

On Wednesday, November 11th, Armistice Day was celebrated in the Establishment as in former years. A boys' Guard of Honour was formed, under Lieut.-Comdr. G. M. O'Donnell, R.N.

A very young subaltern dropped into a hairdressing saloon in Southsea. Finding that there were several chins waiting to be attended to, the young officer said superciliously, "How long will it be before I can get a shave?" "Well, sir," replied the nearest assistant shortly, "you might be able to start in a couple of years or so."

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL DINNER.

At the annual dinner, which was held in London on 24th October, the principal guests were Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, and Admiral Sir Mark Kerr, Over 200 members and friends attended, including several serving members of the Artists' Rifles, who have always been closely connected with the benevolent side of the association's work.

The toast of "The Corps, the President and the Association" was proposed by Mr. F. Reynolds, the Chairman of the Association. Replying to the first part of the toast, Lieut.-General H. D. Farquharson said he was a real son of the regiment, as he had been born at the Depot; he was quite sure all his hearers would agree that the training and discipline of the Depot had made them what they were. A wonderful feature of the Corps was the spirit of mutual help which existed among all ranks.

Replying to the toast of the President and the Association, Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Drury referred to the sea pageant at Plymouth on the previous Saturday. As he watched the pikemen of the "Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot" in their wide-brimmed hats, their yellow coats and crimson stockings, he wondered what would have happened to one of those 17th century predecessors of ours, if he had been inspired to prophesy that a day would come when the Maritime Regiment would be fighting in the skies in winged boats capable of flying at a speed of over 100 miles an hour. Three years ago the guest of honour at that annual gathering was one of the most distinguished soldiers of the day. The following year they had been honoured by the presence of a scarcely less renowned sailor. He had ventured to suggest that the time had now arrived to amend our historic motto to "Per Mare, Per Terram—Aeremque," and to express the hope that before long the famous soldier and sailor might be followed at that table by a representative of the third element. The hope had been doubly fulfilled in the presence of the Secretary of State for the Air, supported by a distinguished Admiral whose achievements in the air had been scarcely less notable than his varied career at sea.

Replying to the toast of "The Services," which was proposed by Mr. C. E. Marshall, Sir Samuel Hoare said that many of the best officers in the Royal Air Force to-day had been officers in the Royal Marines. During a recent tour in Iraq, he had found an ex-Marine officer in command of the Air Force in Palestine, and another Marine in charge of the air operations at Basrah in the Persian Gulf. In the great service ports and garrisons he had always found the three services working together in complete harmony.

Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, Adjutant-General, wrote from Plymouth expressing regret for his absence, as he was on inspection duty at Plymouth.

Other guests were Lieut.-Colonel H. Grattan, Brig.-General G. B. Stevens (Indian Army), Major-General H. S. Neville White, and Colonel J. A. M. A. Clark.

The band of the Chatham Division furnished the musical programme.

ARMISTICE DAY.

On Armistice Day a party of the Old Comrades, including representatives of the Greenwich branch, paraded at Wellington Barracks with the ex-Service men, and took part in the ceremony at the Cenotaph.

A wreath, which was an exact replica of the Globe and Laurel, was placed on the Cenotaph.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The annual Christmas Tree and Party to the widows, orphans, and families of Old Comrades will take place on Saturday, January 2nd, 1926, at the Artists' Rifles Headquarters, Dukes Road, Euston Road, The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive any donations towards the entertainment of the kiddies, which may be sent to him at 132, Rosebery Square, Rosebery Avenue, E.C.1.

OBITUARY.

GROUP-CAPTAIN C. F. KILNER, D.S.O.

We much regret to announce the death of Group-Captain C. F. Kilner, D.S.O.

Group-Captain Kilner joined the Royal Marines in 1902, and was one of the early members of the Royal Naval Air Service in 1913, in which service he had a distinguished career. During the War he served in the North Sea Patrol, Eastern Mediterranean, Salonika and France. He was three times mentioned in despatches and was awarded the D.S.O. and bar. He earned his D.S.O. for the gallant part which he played in the air-raid on Cuxhaven on Christmas Day, 1914. After the Armistice his exceptional services were recognized by his appointment as Air A.D.C. to H.M. the King, in February, 1919.

In an obituary notice *The Times* says, "Kilner combined with courage and efficiency the qualities of cheerfulness, modesty and kindliness in a marked degree, and he inspired affection and trust in his official superiors and subordinates alike." His early death will be much regretted by his old friends in the Royal Marines, as well as the Royal Air Force.

MR. WILLIAM WHITE.

Mr. William White, whose death occurred at Cardiff on 6th November, served for a total length of 42 years. After serving for 21 years in the Royal Marines, he joined the 3rd Welch Regiment, in which he completed another 21 years, acting as Colour-Sergeant practically the whole time. He retired from that service 20 years ago, and died at the age of 84.

BIRTH.

THORNE.—On 16th August, at Repton Road, Bristol, to Louisa, the wife of Sergt. F. A. J. Thorne, R.M., of a son.

DIAMOND WEDDING.

BROWN.—9th December, Major and Mrs. Valentine Brown, R.M.L.I. (retired), Maristow, Second Avenue, Denville, Havant, Hants.

(EDITOR'S NOTE.—It is rarely we have the pleasure of announcing such a happy event, and on behalf of the readers of the "Globe and Laurel," the Editor offers hearty congratulations to Major and Mrs. Valentine Brown.)

NOTES ON MATCH REVOLVER SHOOTING.

By H.S.R.P.

The following notes on revolver shooting may be of interest to those thinking of taking up the sport, but it cannot be hoped that the expert will derive much benefit from them.

In the modern Battalion there are over 120 of all ranks who are armed with revolvers. The weapon is thus vastly more important from a service point of view than it was before the War.

If more of all ranks could be interested in the Winter Revolver Shoots instituted by the R.M.R.A. the standard of efficiency would be raised. It may, however, be objected that match shooting is not based on the principles of Service shooting as carried out in the Annual Instructional Course for the Webley revolver, and that it savours too much of pot-hunting. This, to a certain extent, is correct, but on the other hand two of the five series under the conditions of the Whitehead Cup (which are those used for the Winter Revolver Shoots) consist of firing six shots in 12 seconds, and this is not the type of firing one has in mind when thinking of pot-hunting. To put the matter to the test, would you prefer to fight a duel in a street or wood with one who is a Bisley shot or with one who has only fired the Annual Instructional Course for about three years?

Taking part in the Winter Revolver Shoots, which are held about twice in each week, and which commence in November, will not take more than about one hour for each shoot.

Trigger Pressing.—The most important qualification for revolver shooting is good trigger pressing. If the hammer can be released without disturbing the aim by flinching, "bobbing," etc., the firer has overcome the great difficulty. The pressure of the forefinger should be directly to the rear; the tendency to press sideways as well as backwards must be overcome, as it has the effect of increasing the weight required to release the hammer.

The first joint of the finger should be on the lower part of the trigger.

The attention should be chiefly focussed on the target and not on the sights, but it must be remembered that a slight error in centring the foresight will cause a large error at the target. The firer should make up his mind to put up a good score and to avoid that one bad shot which spoils so many good groups, and which is chiefly due to the concentration being temporarily relaxed.

Grip.—Many people find that the best grip is one with that bone of the forefinger on which a ring is worn (if one is worn) close up against the trigger guard screw and nearly at right angles to the line of fire, the web of the thumb being close to the head of the hammer when it is in the cocked position. The thumb itself should be horizontal and pressing against the side of the stock.

The butt should be gripped as firmly as is possible without causing muscular vibrations.

Hands vary so much in size and shape that each must, to a large extent, find the most suitable grip for himself, the object being to arrive at one which will allow the hammer to strike without affecting the aim and which will facilitate rapid recocking without loss of the grip. Two sizes of stocks are supplied and the most suitable should be found and used. A little resin or chalk on the butt may prevent the grip being lost during hot weather.

Sights.—The service revolver is fitted with a backsight containing a "V" and a "U." For a range of 50 yards the "V" should be used, and for 20 and 10 yards the "U" should be used.

Stance.—A right-handed firer should stand with his right foot pointing in the direction of the target and his left foot at right angles to the line of fire.

Snapping.—A person taking up revolver shooting should not expect rapid improvement if he only gives to it the time spent actually in firing on the range. A great deal can be done by "snapping" in his spare time.

A snap pad should be used to prevent the repeated blows of the hammer from crystallising the metal and so causing the hammer to break. This is, however, not as essential as is commonly supposed as, with a properly adjusted revolver, the blow should chiefly be taken by the tail of the hammer coming against the mainspring auxiliary. If the body is badly marked by the hammer bad adjustment should be suspected, but in any case a snap pad is recommended, as it reduces the jar throughout the mechanism.

It is an advantage occasionally to use dummy cartridges in order to get practice with a revolver at firing weight. They should always be unloaded immediately the snapping is completed and must never be taken to the range in case a live round gets mixed with them.

If a friend can be persuaded to time the rapid practices it will be an assistance, but it must be remembered that the trigger release should still be effected by a smooth, very rapidly increasing pressure. In rapid practices the time taken for the first shot is very important. The time keeper should give the orders "Stand by—Fire," and note the time taken for the firer to raise the revolver and fire the first round. Any time under two seconds is quite satisfactory. It is advisable to raise the revolver with the muzzle well up so that the foresight is not lost behind the shoulders of the backsight.

Some good shots recock with the thumb (single action) in the rapid practices, and others "pull through" (double action). It is advisable, when taking up match shooting, to recock with the thumb as this is usually accepted as the better method: the size of the hand is the governing factor.

Scores.—Another method of improving one's shooting consists in keeping the scores for each series. The position of the group should be noted so as to avoid a succession of, say, low groups at any one range. Unless this is done it is possible to continue losing points for the same cause, as the firer forgets that the group was also low on the last occasion he fired that particular practice.

The make and date of the ammunition used may

also be recorded, as some will group slightly higher or lower than others.

A bright sun down the range will cause the foresight to shine (and so give an appearance of greater height), even if it has been painted with dead black. This may cause, at 50 yards, a group which is six inches lower than that obtained on a dull day. Hence the light should be noted in addition to the other details.

If necessary two foresights of different heights may be used, the shorter for 50 yards and the other for 20 and 10 yards, and can be filed down till they are correct. The cost of an extra foresight is 1s., and that of a snap pad is also 1s. Both can be obtained from A. G. Parker, Ltd., Bisley Works, Birmingham.

The result of alterations of grip, pull-off, etc., can be seen quickly if a graph be kept for each series.

It is an advantage to decide on a standard to be attempted for each series. It can then be seen whether the slow shooting or the 20 yards rapid, for example, requires working up with the snap pad. For totals of 61 and 88 points rough proportional scores for each series are :—

Series I	50 yards	16 ...	23
Series II	20 yards	16 ...	24
Series III	20 yds. rapid ...	12 ...	17
Series IV	10 yards	17 ...	24
	Total points ...	61 ...	88

The dimensions of the 50 yard target are about $2\frac{1}{2}$ times those of the 20 yard target. The distance is also $2\frac{1}{2}$ times as great. The Series I score should therefore be about the same as that for Series II. Taking into account the dimensions of the 20 and 10 yard targets, and the fact that the range is double, a score of 17 for Series III is as good as one of 24 in Series IV.

(Concluding notes on the adjustments and care of the revolver will appear later.)

THE LIGHTER VEIN CLUB.

By DEW.

December !

This meeting of the club we held in the nature of a Christmas festivity, as we were not to meet again until the New Year.

We discussed how best we could celebrate, and decided to pay a visit to a famous hotel organized by a deceased lady named Weston, where we could forthwith fill ourselves with everything consumable on the premises, to the future detriment of our digestions.

However, Christmas is not Christmas without a touch of indigestion and a bad head in the morning, so we did not mind that part of the business. We left the selection of the dishes to Pincher, whose wide experience as Horsebox Cook stood him in good stead, and this is the Menu he placed before us :—

CABBAGE WATER SOUP
as supplied in the best General Mess circles.

BACON AND RED LEAD à la Mode.

FRIED DOGS' BODIES
with MASH

ROAST BEEF par la STRAIGHT RUSH

CANTEEN EGGS
Each one guaranteed to contain a Chicken.
PRESERVED HORSE

SPOTTED DOG
with Ticklers' Jam.

BUNG

This bill of fare having been approved, we set to with a will. We had great difficulty in restraining Wiggie, who would insist on barking at the sausages when they appeared, to the horror of the lady behind the counter, but the meal was eventually finished, and having satisfied ourselves that we were in a fair way to get indigestion in the morning, we sallied out in search of the necessary ingredients for a thick head.

These we found in a house owned by a gentleman named Worthington, and having obtained supplies for the evening, we settled down round the fire to spin yarns.

As my wife was not present, I gave them the solution of her last month's cross-word puzzle myself.

Here it is :—

W O
R N

Shorty then told the following yarn :—

" There was once a very young officer, who was placed in temporary charge of a six-inch gun battery for the first time. The battery had just finished firing. Seeing a gun's crew standing idle round their gun, he enquired,

" ' What are you waiting for ? '

" The gun-layer replied that there was an unfired projectile in the gun, and they were waiting for the ejector.

" ' Very well, then,' replied the very young officer, ' carry on sponging out while you're waiting.'

" The gun's crew were subsequently carried to the sick bay for restoratives."

Jimmy followed immediately with this one :—

" One day a Marine and his wife were talking together, their small son meanwhile playing near by. They had been discussing the question of approaching old age.

" ' We shall have to get a larger family together, my dear,' remarked hubby, thoughtfully, ' to provide for us when we get too old to work.'

" ' Daddy, I know a place where you could get them cheap ! ' chipped in young hopeful. ' Come with me, I'll show you.'

" In some surprise they followed him, and he came to anchor before a butcher's shop. Looking in, the following notice met their eyes :—

" FAMILIES SUPPLIED DAILY
SPECIAL CHEAP RATES."

This of course produced much laughter, in fact, the landlord so far forgot himself that he charged me a penny short for my next drink.



ROUNDS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

I thought it was now time we had a yarn concerning the service, so myself spun this bender.

"The scene was the Orderly Room.

"The Sergeant-Major was feverishly turning over the pages of General Standing Orders, while various orderlies stood waiting with volumes of K.R. and A.I., and other interesting books.

"Enter the Adjutant.

"'What's the matter, Sergeant-Major?'

"'It's Sergeant Brickdust, sir,' replied the harassed S.M.; 'he's just swallowed six buttons, Royal Marines, gun metal, tunic, large, Mark II, and I can't find out anywhere how much to charge him!'

"Exit the Adjutant."

"Let Willie 'ave a go!" exclaimed Wiggie, rising unsteadily to his feet. He commenced as follows:—

"I dessay you have noticed this 'ere frost in the mornings lately. Well, I was walking darn the road the other day, and I met a little girl out with her father. Suddenly the old man trod on an orange, and came into violent contact with the deck, passing some pleasant remarks as he did so.

"'Daddy,' exclaimed the little girl, 'how did you know it was a blood orange?'"

The curtain is lowered over the rest of father's remarks.

This one sent Pincher into hysterics, and it cost me a drink to bring him back to normal; he then told us this one:—

"A lady entered the Marriage Allowance Office in search of her allowance. 'Have you ever been married before?' enquired the Paymaster.

"'Oh yes,' she replied, 'once to a doctor, once to a tailor, and now to a Marine.'

"'I see,' remarked the pay bob, 'one on the panel, one on the flannel and one in the channel.'"

I then called for a song, but no one seemed to be ready with one, and at last the landlord himself, an ex-Marine, volunteered, and gave us this ditty about the weather, to the tune of that well-known song, "I passed by your window":—

i.

I woke up one morning, the sky it was red,
I turned, gave a longing look back to my bed.
The rain it was raining (it does sometimes here),
To bid me good morning, my spirits to cheer.

ii

I woke up next morning, the sky it was dull,
Of sweet sparkling moisture the clouds were all full.
They'd sounded "Reveille" and "Loose coats" as well,
To bid me good morning. Said I, "Go to ——!"

iii

I woke up next morning, the sky it was grey
But Routine is Routine, so N.C.O.s say.
The rain had already nigh ruined our clothes,
But they went to fire quarters, and turned on the hose.

iv

I woke up this morning, the sky it was black
And I had to turn out in harness and pack,
The clouds would have burst if I'd poked out my head
To bid me good morning, so I stayed in bed.

Dismounting from the chair on which he had been standing, the landlord now commenced to roll up his sleeves.

"What are you rolling your sleeves up for, landlord?" enquired Pincher.

"To go and do some work," replied the landlord. "Don't you usually turn your sleeves up to work?"

"No," replied Pincher, "I usually turn my nose up at it!"

We then asked Tanky to produce his usual sketch, which he did in the manner depicted above.

I then decided that it was time to pack up, so called for the bill. The landlord made a mistake, and gave me the bill for everyone in the house, instead of my own small party.

This was the way he made his account out:—

Had there been three more of you, it would have cost each one a shilling less.

Had there been two less of you, it would have cost each one a shilling more.

Now how many men did he charge for, and at how much per head?

The answer will appear next month.

THE AMERICAN NAVAL MANŒUVRES, 1925.

The American Naval manœuvres carried out in April this year are particularly interesting to us, owing to the employment of a Marine Expeditionary Force to seize and occupy an oversea base for the Navy.

The theatre of operations was the Hawaiian Islands, which were supposed to be in possession of a hostile naval power. The main object of the American forces was to seize Pearl Harbour and Honolulu for use as naval bases for further operations. For this purpose a Marine Expeditionary Force, 42,000 strong, represented for the purpose of the manœuvres by a skeleton force of 2,500 Marines, was to be employed. The strength of the garrison of Oahu was to be considered to be about 20,000, with Naval forces including submarines and minelayers, and strong air forces.

At the beginning of the operations the attacking fleet was assembled at San Francisco. The Marines were taken from the headquarters at Quantico and San Diego, and from detachments of the Battle Fleet. This force was supposed to include air forces, field artillery, howitzers and anti-aircraft artillery, a light tank company, machine-gun companies and pioneer companies. It was to be transported in fourteen merchant vessels.

The attacking fleet consisted of the Battle and Scouting Fleets and the Fleet Base Force.

The plan adopted by the attacking force appears to have been to make a demonstration on the east coast of Oahu, and to land the main force on the north-west coast, where there are no coast defence batteries, and good landing beaches are available. The force was then to consolidate their landing and advance to capture the objectives.

In order to gain control of the air it was apparently intended to seize first the island of Molokai, for use as an air base, but this object seems to have been frustrated by the defending air forces, with very serious results to the attackers, as will be seen later.

Leaving San Francisco on 15th April, the attacking fleet and transports arrived off Oahu during the night of the 26th–27th April. In this short account we are not concerned with the purely naval operations. The weather conditions were apparently very favourable, and after a preliminary bombardment of the beaches by the battleships, the landing at both places commenced just before daylight. No special landing craft seems to have been employed, the transports' boats only being used for the purpose.

The demonstration landing on the east coast was held up by superior forces, but the main force overcame their immediate opposition on the north-west coast, and completing their landing by about mid-day, advanced inland, supported by the guns of the battleships firing overhead barrages on successive zones. As they eventually succeeded in concentrating a superior force against the main force of the defenders, the landing may be judged to have been successful.

At both landings, however, the defending aircraft appear to have been very active, flying low over the landing troops and using machine guns. Without any knowledge of the decisions of the umpires, it seems to the writer that the landing under these conditions would have entailed such severe losses that any further advance would have been impossible, unless the attacking aircraft had been able first to gain complete control over the defending air forces. This would appear to have been the chief lesson learnt from this operation.

Another point which arises from the reports which have appeared in the Press was the unsuitability of ships' boats for a landing of this nature. It is not known if any tanks were actually landed, but since the landing of a tank from a ship's boat would be an operation of extreme delicacy, it is presumed they were not.

Probably the most useful part of the manœuvres from the Marines' point of view was the exercise in staff work. The plans and orders were all apparently worked out for the complete force of 42,000, with all its artillery, air forces, tanks, etc.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

B.C.A.—The disappointment of you subscribers of the seamen branch is nothing compared with the grief of the Editorial Staff on learning of such a tragedy. You should by now have received six extra copies of the October and November numbers, and your monthly consignment in future will be increased by that number. We eagerly await fresh orders, and take this opportunity of wishing you all the best of luck in Australia.

R.O.S.—So you noticed it! No, we have no intention of reversing the motto of the Corps. We try to suit all classes of readers. There is a class which reads the end of a book first: to suit their taste we reversed the order last month. But *is* the Corps motto "Per Mare Per Terram Magazine Sports"?

PROVOST-SERGEANT, PLYMOUTH.—Sorry, but your pasties got cold before the point of your entertaining story appeared, and I did so hope you were going to eat them after all.

D.G.—Your suggestion that competitions be included in the magazine is being considered. The Editorial Staff is at present engaged in complicated calculations as to (1) whether their inclusion would encourage more *readers* to buy their own copies in sufficient numbers to cover the additional cost, and (2) the factors to be applied to synchronize with fairness the arrival of entries from all parts of the globe. The problem will take at least another month to solve.

A NEW YEAR'S REMINISCENCE.

By Ex-R.M.

Coincidence, blind chance, presentiment, or what was it?

Some thirty odd years ago I was one of the ship's company of H.M.S. H—— in commission on the Chinese station.

One New Year's Eve found us at Yokohama, senior ship of the Northern Division, and as such it was our place to " make the time " for the other men-of-war and other ships lying there, and, incidentally, for the town itself.

That evening we had invited as many as could be spared from the ship's company of H.M.S. P——, our chummy ship, which was also in the harbour, to come aboard us for a supper and nigger concert, to be followed by a dance, and our invitation had been enthusiastically accepted.

I may say that we boasted a very fair amateur string band, the leader being a Private R.M., who was much more than an average violinist; a couple of A.B.'s, a P.O., and a couple of other marines also played violins, a shipwright and myself had banjos, whilst the ship's blacksmith, as befitted a strong man, manipulated the big bass fiddle.

The whole affair went with a swing from the outset, and after the concert was over willing hands dismantled the capstan-bars and upturned fire-buckets which served for seats, and, the deck being cleared, soon some dozen pairs of bluejackets and marines were footing it merrily, the absence of women-folk, though regretted, being easily overcome.

Just before midnight our Navigating Lieutenant, one of the nicest officers I have ever come across, ascended the ladder leading to the poop, which served us as a navigating bridge, and, advancing to the rail, held up his hand for silence.

Immediately the band stopped, the swaying crowd became motionless, and the officer spoke a few words to the silent company.

" Well, men " he said, " we have had a happy commission so far, let us hope that when the next New Year's Eve comes round we shall be all together again."

With that, he turned to the waiting Corporal of the watch. " Twelve o'clock," he said. " Strike the bell, Corporal," and with eight strokes for the Old Year and eight for the New from the bell, the band struck up and it was " on with the dance."

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The year thus ushered in fled apace, and once more it was New Year's Eve.

Of the ship's company, assembled on the previous New Year's Eve, every man was again present, with one exception only, the Navigating Lieutenant, who was drowned in the October, whilst on a shooting expedition, in the Kedah River, near Penang.

SALESMANSHIP.

A CAREER FOR EX-R.M.

By R. Emmay.

Old soldiers, it may be true, never die, but there comes a time to all of them when the uniform is worn for the last time, equipment is returned into store, and the ordered routine of a Service life is exchanged for the perplexing jumble of a civil existence. Those who are wise in their generation will, while still serving, take advantage of every opportunity to prepare themselves for that day. The others—but surely all Royal Marines *are* wise in their generation !

Quite recently there was an article in the " Globe and Laurel," calling the attention of all ranks to the advantages accruing from following one or other of the existing courses of Vocational Training. Earlier, there appeared a few notes on the subject of Salesmanship as a Career. The present writer left the Services some six years ago. Having, since that time, earned a more or less comfortable livelihood as a salesman, he ventures to offer a few hints, born of personal experience, which may possibly be of some use to Royal Marines who are (or will shortly be) facing the problem of what to do when they " take their twelve " or retire on a hard-earned pension.

A salesman is not " too old at forty." Nor is the selling profession over-crowded. The more business done, the more salesmen required. A man who *can* sell is rarely to be found in the ranks of the unemployed.

Apart from the qualities of honesty and reliability, which are indispensable in any profession, salesmanship calls for initiative, responsibility, tact, careful attention to personal appearance, strictly temperate habits, and, of course, a good command of the King's English. These are all sign-posts on the road to promotion in the Service ; the 21—or even 12—years spent with the Colours thus lay a solid foundation for success in one's later career as a salesman. Without being a " Pussy-foot," the man who is wise will not look on the wine when it is red. This remark has no moral significance here : it is a bit of honest business advice. Imagine the effect of interviewing a client who may be a tee-totaller, just after having a couple of drinks ! Therefore the sensible salesman, if he *must* drink intoxicants, does so, sparingly, when the day's work is done.

A Sales Manager once said to the writer, " If a man can really sell one thing, he can sell anything." But no one can sell anything he doesn't understand, so that, prior to going out on the road, a prime essential is to make oneself thoroughly acquainted with the articles to be disposed of. This advice may seem elementary, but it is in reality often neglected, with dire results.

Among the attractions offered by this profession are an open-air life (Cheers from the Office Wallahs !), an absence of petty restrictions peculiar to many civil jobs, and the knowledge that, given employers of good repute, advancement and financial betterment follow

quickly on work well done. A salesman is looked on, by his firm, as one of its most important members: a really first-class salesman is the keystone of many a business structure. Incidentally, if you should happen to be the tenth or eleventh salesman to interview a prospective client on his busy day, you will probably, after listening to his remarks, come away thinking even less of yourself than you did even when the Q.M.S.I. had finished with you on a Monday morning parade!

This suggests another point. The true salesman is an optimist—an optimist who works for the best, not one who merely hopes for the best. The writer has known occasions when days have passed in seeming fruitless effort and the pages of the order-book have remained blank. The word "seeming" is used advisedly, because the real salesman has deleted "defeat" from his dictionary. The seed planted on a first call will often bear fruit at a later date. As an instance from personal experience, on ground where business to the value of £19 was done on a first trip, the returns eighteen months later averaged £500.

Roughly speaking, the most lucrative branch of the profession is that of Speciality Salesman. This gentleman usually receives a fairly good screw, plus a substantial commission on sales. But there is a snag. If you are selling Cash Registers, Duplicating Machines, Bacon-slicers, etc., you can only place so many in a district. Having turned a "prospect" into a purchaser, there is little chance of doing further business with him for a considerable time—especially as you will probably be selling an article guaranteed to last for ever, if not longer! Hence the Speciality man must be for ever seeking fresh fields to conquer. This may be all right from a bachelor's point of view; in the case of a married man, the wife would probably have something to say in the matter.

As regards the common or garden "Commercial," (the man who "travels" in provisions, hardware, drapery, etc.), there is generally a reasonable salary attached to the billet, with a varying commission on sales over a certain fixed amount. The traveller has a definite territory and visits clients thereon at regular intervals. Other things being equal, the longer he remains on the territory, the more firmly he establishes himself. This form of salesmanship may not always yield such good financial results as the Speciality side, but the results are fequently more regular.

In another category comes the Commission Salesman—the man who has no fixed salary but relies entirely on commission paid on sales. Anyone but a selling genius would be well advised to steer wide of this type of job. The road to failure has been—especially since the Great War—paved, re-paved, and paved again with the experiences of ex-Servicemen who thought that "Commission" spells "Independence," if not "Affluence."

Having outlined the nature of a salesman's job and the qualities which it demands, the next consideration is how to prepare oneself for a selling career. At the outset, prior to leaving the Service, a course of study in Salesmanship should be undertaken—such a course as is offered by several reputable Correspondence Schools whose announcements appear regularly in the principal newspapers. In the intervals of revising Infantry Training and swotting K.R. & A.I., read everything you can lay your hands on, dealing with Salesmanship and with Advertising, which has much in common with the former.

A good Correspondence School is often in a position to introduce successful students to prospective employers. The "situations vacant" columns of the *Times* or *Daily Telegraph* (visits to public reading-rooms will save your tuppences) often provide clues which, carefully followed up, will lead to the detection of worth-while jobs. Each trade paper, too, has generally a column of vacancies for salesmen in that particular trade.

When you are looking for a billet—whether as a salesman or otherwise—here is one golden rule:—*Never accept a job which is conditional on investing money in the business concerned.* Such an offer here and there may be genuine, but it is safer to work on the assumption that, in 99 per cent. of these cases, it's your money they want—not your services. If security is required, put yourself in the hands of a Guarantee Society; as a rule, the fact of being a pensioner should be considered sufficient security.

It may be of some practical use if, in conclusion, the writer relates how he obtained his present billet. I (to become personal) had been a Speciality Salesman, but, being married and considering home-life preferable to hotel-existence, I sought a change. Hearing of a progressive provision firm that was extending its sphere of operations, I wrote offering my services in opening up ground for them in the neighbourhood of my home. My suggestion was that the firm should give me three months' trial at a nominal wage. If I made good, I should expect a permanent billet, with a decent salary attached to it. If my work didn't come up to expectations, the firm could simply bid me "farewell" at the end of the probationary period. I should have at least advertised their goods on the new ground, and made it a little easier for a more experienced man to get to work. A personal interview, at which the above arguments were advanced, resulted in the requested trial. That was about four years ago: I am still with the same firm.

The above is not written in any egotistic spirit, but merely to show that, where there's a will to work, there's usually a way to a job, and to outline a method that may be worth following if any Royal Marine has ambitions, on discharge, to become a "Gentleman of the Road."

GREENWICH ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

This Association has been formed with the object of—

(*a*) Keeping old boys in touch with the School.
(*b*) Promoting a fraternal feeling among old boys.
(*c*) Achieving the foregoing by arranging social re-unions.

The Hon. General Secretary is Mr. W. R. T. Oram, 101, Broadfield Road, Catford, London, S.E.6, who will be glad to hear from old boys.

The subscription is 2s. 6d. per annum.

A copy of each issue of the School Magazine is forwarded to each member free of charge.

FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES (AND OTHERS).

Drill Instructor: Did you make that face at me?

Raw Recruit: No, Corporal, you just happened to walk in front of it. —*The Sapper.*

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"A fellow wrote me a letter saying he'd shoot me if I didn't keep away from his wife. I'm terrified!"

"Why don't you keep away from his wife?"

"He didn't sign his name!" —*The Leatherneck.*

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The scene of this story is the far South. A tourist inquired how times were.

"Stranger," replied the old fellow, who was sitting idly on the stump of a tree, "I had a pile of brush to burn and the lightning set fire to it and saved me the trouble of burning it up. I had some trees to cut down, but a cyclone levelled them and saved me the trouble."

"Remarkable! But what are you doing now?"

"Waiting for an earthquake to come along and shake the potatoes out of the ground." —*The Leatherneck.*

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With a quick movement the Corporal Electrician put the finishing touch to his job. Then he stood back and eyed the result very appraisingly.

Suddenly he rubbed the back of his head. He was sure puzzled.

Finally he smiled; a bright idea had struck him.

"Hi!" he shouted to his sapper assistant, who stood in the near vicinity, working out the Sergt.-Major's cross-word puzzle. "Put your hand on one of those wires."

The sapper did as he was told.

"Feel anything?" came the query.

"No, Corporal," replied the sapper.

"Good!" exclaimed the Corporal. "I wasn't quite sure which was which. Don't touch the other one or you'll drop dead." —*The Sapper.*

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Anxious old lady (on river boat): I say, my man, is this boat going up or down?

Old Deckhand: Well, she's a leaky old tub, ma'am, so she might go down. Then also, her boilers ain't none too good, so she might go up.

—*Marine Base Weekly.*

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It was a coldish Saturday, and the shivering, bow-legged footballer who was stripped and ready for the fray was standing near the stove in the pavilion. A facetious colleague looked up from the task of tying his bootlaces. "Look out, Bill," he said, warningly, "don't stand too near the heat. You're beginning to warp." —*Sporting and Dramatic.*

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Brandy is often mentioned as a possible cure for sea-sickness. The only certain remedy is port.

—*Sporting and Dramatic.*

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Two coloured men found themselves unwilling room-mates in a State prison down South. The following dialogue ensued:—

"How long yo' gonna be in here?"

"Six munfs. I done stole a pig. An' how long you gonna be in?"

"Free weeks. I done killed ma wife."

"How come? Yo' kill yo' wife, and yo' only stay in here free weeks?"

"Dat's so, boy. An' after I been here free weeks, dey goin' to hang me." —*Sporting Times.*

BOOK REVIEW.

"*Hard Lying*," by Captain L. B. Weldon, M.C.

(*Herbert Jenkins.*)

The combined duty of Intelligence Officer, Foreign Liaison Officer and O.C. of a ship is not a task which many landsmen would light-heartedly undertake. Such was the lot which fell to Captain Weldon, who at the beginning of the late War was an officer of the Egyptian Survey Department, and after the War became Surveyor General of Egypt.

His book tells of intelligence work of the most active and daring description on the coasts of Syria and Asia Minor, work of which the importance is often over-looked. Landing and re-embarking agents behind the enemy lines, on unknown beaches and in all weathers, are operations requiring iron nerves and expert seamanship. The accounts of these adventures provide thrilling and instructive reading.

The s.s. "Aenne Richmers"—later H.M.S. "Anne"—a one-time German cargo ship, was the mobile headquarters of these adventures. She was also used as a seaplane carrier, and troop transport. As usual in these "scratch" war vessels in the late War, we find the Royal Marines represented, her "detachment" being a Corporal and five Marines. We cannot condemn the Corporal who disobeyed orders by remaining on board after the order to abandon ship when the "Anne" had been torpedoed, and on being charged with his disobedience replied, "The Marines never desert their officers, sir." We come across Marines again landing for the capture of Wejj in the Hejaz; and we get a thrilling glimpse of the landing at Gallipoli.

A survey of this book would not be complete without mention of two particularly heroic agents, among the many brave men and women who served in this capacity. "Sarah," who refused to disclose anything to her captors under the stress of torture, and shot herself rather than betray her trust. And Yussef, who gave himself up to the Turks to be hanged, in order to save the lives of the Jewish colony to which he belonged. It is good to know that such heroism has been brought to light.

A fitting climax to these adventures is the final cruise along the coast ahead of Lord Allenby's great final advance, and the welcome of Captain Weldon as the first of the Allies to land in Beirut.

The book is a welcome addition to War literature, as it deals with a subject about which naturally little has come to light.

BIG GAME SHOOTING AT HEADQUARTERS.

The other day the dull monotony of everyday life at one of our Divisions was broken by a stirring episode in which several well-known members of this gallant Corps played a part.

At 11 a.m. one sunny forenoon, the Adjutant was peacefully sitting in his office when four constables, led by an inspector, burst in on him with a request that a party of Royal Marines might be sent out to shoot a mad bull, which was apparently creating havoc on the front. This infuriated brute had, it was stated, jumped into the sea and swum to the end of the pier, only being prevented from climbing on to it's end by the fortunate arrival of the good lady in the pier buffet, who emerged just in time to pour a bucket of water over his head. With the promptness for which we are famous, the Musketry Department was rung up and asked to play their part. The Instructor of Musketry immediately armed himself with a rifle and five rounds of ammunition and, accompanied by Sergt. X, arrived at the Orderly Room within five minutes. (He has a fast and commodious car.) The party then sallied forth to the scene of action. As the Adjutant had had much experience in big-game shooting, he was able to give the I. of M. advice as to the point of aim to be taken. On arrival at the point of assembly, an embarrassing sight met their eyes. On the beach a bull frothing at the mouth and rolling his eyes, on the promenade a large crowd, kept back by a possé of police. Several cameras on stands were also ready to record this spectacle for the evening papers.

The Captain loaded his rifle, put his sights to 200 yds., advanced to within 12 yds. of the beast, but unfortunately tripped up over some seaweed and fell down, causing his rifle to go off. Thus disturbed, he failed to get a bull. But the Sergt., who was near at hand, ran up, drew a revolver from his holster, and fired two rounds in quick succession from the hip. The bull staggered, wagged his tail feebly, and fell to the ground. A member of the local butcher's union, who had been watching the proceedings from the crowd, doubled smartly out with a Royal Humane Society's gun (as used in all the best-run slaughterhouses) and sealed the fate of the luckless animal.

Why did the bull go mad? Some say it was due to the Divisional Band playing on the parade at 8 a.m. in the morning, others attribute it's lapse to catching sight of two red burgees, which had been hoisted at the mast of the coastguard station that day.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

It is intended to publish in General Sir H. E. Blumberg's "History of the War" a list of Royal Marines (including those retired) who served as officers in the War in various capacities outside the Corps.

There is no record of many of these in the R.M. Office, and I should be glad if any concerned, or their relatives, would communicate with me direct, giving a short statement of such service, together with mentions in despatches and honours received; as we should like this list to be as complete as possible.

An early reply from those concerned is requested, as we hope to go to Press early in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (retired),
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary,
Britain's Sea Soldiers' Fund.

MONSIEUR LE COLONEL,

I have the honour to enclose for your kind acceptance a copy of some verses in the English language for Armistice Day, in memory of the splendid seamen and soldiers of England who fell in the Great War to save the world's liberties, inscribed to the relatives who mourn these heroes. If Armistice Day is one of mourning, it is also one of victory and thanksgiving, and I take this opportunity of offering you, Monsieur le Colonel, and also to your glorious regiment, my most respectful congratulations.

With compliments, I have the honour to remain, Monsieur le Colonel,

Your obedient, faithful servant,
BARON DE SANTA MARIA.

"Rosemary—that's for remembrance."—*Shakespeare.*

REMEMBRANCE DAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 1925.

In memory of the glorious Seamen, Marines and Soldiers of the British Empire who fell in the Great War, and inscribed to their relatives who mourn them.

When Dark November's gloomy days announce the dying year,
When winter winds their revels keep and autumn leaves are sear,
There comes a day of mourning deep though lit by Hope's bright flame,
For those who made the sacrifice and won eternal fame.
For weary months on Flanders' fields they held the foeman back,
And in the valleys of the Somme broke many a fierce attack,
They died like heroes, day and night, in frost or summer's sun,
On the dread waste of "No Man's Land" or round each blazing gun.
From Vimy's heights to Armentières—to Bapaume on the hill,
They showed Old England's spirit lives and struck with iron will.
When Jutland's thunders shook the deep and rent the very air,
And Zeebrugge's Mole was red with fire, Marines and seamen there,
Undaunted, fell beneath the Flag that waves o'er every sea,
And proved themselves their nation's shield—the guardians of the free!
And when the final die was cast the beaten foe took flight,
For Victory drew her gleaming sword for Liberty and Right!

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Remembrance Day! For those who fell our thoughts go out anew,
As at the Cenotaph we stand to mourn the brave and true.
Sweet Rosemary shall be the flower we strew upon the spot
As on the air a whisper comes—"They live—Forget them not!"

BARON DE SANTA MARIA,
President of Honour of the "Société Francaise de Sauvetage," Paris. Affiliated to the French Red Cross.



CORRADIN MALTA.

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION WATER POLO TEAM.
1925.

WINNERS:

Hants Championship.

United Services League.

Port Championship Relay Contest.



RUNNERS-UP:

Portsmouth and District Water Polo League.

Back row:—Corpl. F. Borrett, Mne. Jolly, Mne. Davidson, Mne. Hughes.
Front row:—Lieut. S. G. B. Paine, Capt. R. W. Bagot, Q.M.S.I. Attwood, Col.-Comdt. J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., Sergt. W. Ring.
Mne. Frank Glinn, who was a member of the winning water polo team, embarked before this photograph was taken.
(Block kindly lent by *Hampshire Telegraph*).

CHATHAM.

TUG-OF-WAR CUP.

A cup won by the R.M. "light-weight" team of H.M.S. "Benbow," has been presented to the Division by the team on the ship paying off. It will be competed for annually by "light-weight" teams from Headquarter Companies.

HOCKEY.

On the 31st October we were at home to the Depot, whom we defeated 2—0.

This was the best game we have played up to date. It was fast and interesting throughout, and very evenly contested. As a team we played better than in any of our previous matches. Apart from the game being so pleasant, it was exceedingly nice to see so many supporters from the Depot. We hope they enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed seeing them.

Our results to date are as follows:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals. F.	Goals. A.
7	3	2	2	14	15

PORTSMOUTH.

SWIMMING AND WATER POLO.

After having reached the final stage of the Hants County Championship on four occasions, we have at last succeeded in lifting the cup, by virtue of a decisive victory over the Royal Artillery by 4—1.

The game was played at the Naval Baths at Pitt Street on 20th October, and was of the usual cup-tie order, too vigorous to bring out the finer points of water polo, which both teams are capable of on normal occasions; the sheer determination with which our team entered the water had much to do with their ultimate success. Our opponents have been selected "en masse" to represent the Army against the Navy this year, and have recently been strengthened by an Irish International joining them, so we realized we hadn't a soft thing on, and played accordingly.

Mne. Jolly, who was marked by the international, played a magnificent game throughout, and after one minute's play scored from a long pass by Q.M.S.I. Attwood. The R.A. put on a spurt and soon equalized, but our forwards were in sparkling form, and com-

pletely outwitted the R.A. defence and scored twice through Jolly, the score at half-time being 3—1.

On resuming, our opponents made a tremendous struggle to draw level, but were so well marked by our backs, Lieut. Paine and Q.M.S.I. Attwood, who worked like Trojans, that their efforts were frustrated.

Sergt. Ring at half-back was a tower of strength, and so effectively bottled up the R.A. champion goal-getter as to prevent him from scoring.

Corpl. Borrett in goal and Mne. Davidson (the Navy footballer) both of whom have won County Water Polo Badges this season, played up to their usual standard—the latter netting the fourth goal by a splendid solo effort.

Mne. Glinn, who has played at left-back all the season, had to play in the forward line, *vice* Corpl. Docherty (embarked). Glinn shared the same fate the morning after the final, embarking in H.M.S. " Curlew."

After the match Col.-Commandant J. B. Finlaison presented the cup and medals, and in a few well-chosen remarks complimented both teams on the splendid game, and added a few words of commendation to the R.A. team, which took the inevitable sting out of their defeat. The Commandant also presented the U.S. Shield and Medals, which were won by our team with the remarkably good record of 35 for, 2 against.

The R.A. team had their revenge on 4th November in a league game ; they administered our first defeat of the season, winning by 3 goals to 1.

It was a keenly contested game, and they fully deserved the victory ; our only excuse being that we greatly missed the services of Mne. Glinn and, having to put a fresh player in, who had never played with the team before, we lost our balance and combination.

Still, a defeat is sometimes a good tonic, and prevents a side getting a " swollen head," so in spite of losing our unbeaten certificate the licking was accepted in the right spirit.

It has been a very successful swimming season, and we hope a fore-runner to many more.

There has been a distinct advance in the standard of swimming, and judging from the results of the " passing-out test " a still further advance is necessary to fit us for our profession.

The standard of water polo can be judged by the fact that we entertained the London Insurance Swimming Club on 31st October, who are recognized as one of the leading London clubs, and after a very fast game, were beaten 7—5. Their team included Mr. J. Budd, the England half-back in last year's Olympic Games, and also a Middlesex county player. This team has beaten Surrey, and said they have never had so many goals scored against them in a match.

We have a very energetic Secretary in Sergt. W. Ring, the ex-heavyweight I.S.B.A. champion, who has been forced to retire from the boxing world on account of a groggy knee, but is earning fresh laurels at swimming, and is considered one of the finest half-backs in the Service. Our captain, Q.M.S.I. Attwood, has a very wide experience, and played for the Marines' first water polo team in 1906, and has been at it ever since ; he and Mnes. Davidson, Jolly and Hughes have been selected for the Navy side this year.

Admiral Sir Sydney Freemantle, who had much to do with the furtherance of swimming in the Navy, complimented our Divisional relay team when they won the Port Championship, and said, " that it was evident that we were making good use of our bath at Eastney."

Our Col.-Commandant and officers have also taken an active interest in the swimming of the Division, and this has had much to do with making the R.M. (Portsmouth Division) Swimming Club, a real live and successful club.

FOOTBALL.

The past month has not been a very successful one, as it has seen our exit from both the F.A. and Amateur Cups. In the F.A. Cup we lost to Salisbury at Salisbury, and in the Amateur Cup we lost to the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders at Parkhurst. In both these games the absence of a goal-scoring forward was very noticeable ; there is the ability to get the ball into the penalty area, but there is not the ability to force home the attack, so one sees games lost time after time through this fault. It is not an unusual experience for our " team " to have 85 per cent. of the game, and lose the match.

We had the pleasure of beating the holders of the Navy Cup (H.M.S. " Excellent ") in the replay, a centre from Ormston and a nod from Davidson's head scoring one goal, and a centre from Albury met by Williams making two. It was a splendid game, full of thrills.

In the second team we have some youngsters who promise well. Gill, a young left back of distinct promise; Bond, an inside left whose name will be recognized by the Depot officials, and Gosling, a half-back, is fast coming into prominence. The second team have lost two games in the Gosport League, and won four. They won their first round of the Hants Intermediate Cup by 2—0 on 14th November, and have great hopes in this competition, in which they figured in the final last season.

The Junior team, who are the pick of the Divisional Company League, won the first round of the Hants Junior Cup, 5—1, and as a nursery for the Divisional teams, are very valuable. There again we have youngsters, who, if they can only get more football when they go afloat, will figure one of these days in the first team.

SHOOTING.

Owing to the intensive training carried out here last month, we regret we were unable to contribute to last month's publication.

We completed our ·303 programme at the end of September, in a match with Portsmouth Railway R.C., conditions being 1st Stage King's Prize, 10 aside, 8 to count. In this match we had a comfortable win by 51 points, with a score of 753.

As regards the annual county match, which was fired at Portslade, we had six of our members selected to shoot for the county, the conditions for shooting were poor, inasmuch as the signalling at 600 yards had to be sent through the telephone, owing to the inability of the firers to see the signalling discs. The match was won

by Hampshire with a comfortable margin. It is interesting to note that three of our ex-members shot for Sussex.

In connection with the Portsmouth and District Miniature Rifle League, we have met with little success; this is accounted for by the rifles at present in use being unserviceable for the conditions. In our last match we made a great improvement by using the service rifle with a B.S.A. sight, making a score of 780 out of 800, so we hope to be able to make a better report in the near future. We arranged postal matches with the Depot R.M. and other clubs; also teams have been entered for the Woolgar Challenge Shield, a rapid firing competition in connection with the above Rifle League.

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

31st October. At Longroom, *v.* St. Austell (P. and D. League). Before a good gate, St. Austell opened up strongly, and within five minutes had scored a goal. Stung by this early reverse, the Marines attacked, and from a smart pass from Pollitt, Shewbrook equalized. Just before the interval Wilkins gave us the lead. On resumption Wilkins added two more goals, and Horn scored the fifth. St. Austell scored again before the end from a penalty, the game ending in a splendid victory for the Marines by 5 goals to 2.

7th November. In the second round, Devon Senior Cup Competition, we met the R.N. Barracks, and lost badly by 10 goals to 3. The sailors completely outclassed our team, and thoroughly deserved their decisive victory.

14th October. In the Devon Wednesday League the Reserve XI brought off a splendid victory against the R.A.M.C., on their ground, by 3 goals to 2, Peploe (2) and Marshall (1) being the scorers.

4th November. In the Devon Wednesday Cup, we were drawn against the R.A.M.C. on our ground. At the interval we were leading by 3 goals to *nil*, but in the second half the soldiers over-ran our team, and scored three brilliant goals. The replay took place on 9th November, and the Reserves won 5 goals to 3, thus entering the second round, Marshall (2), Jolly (2) and Peploe (1) being the "marksmen."

11th November. At Longroom, against the Devon Motor Transport A.F.C., a splendid game ended in a draw, neither side being able to score. Price in goal brought off some very good saves, and Powell played his usual good game.

The Inter-Company League results this month are as follows:—

A Co., 1 goal; G Co., 1 goal.
A Co., 1 goal; E Co., *nil.*

RUGBY.

14th Oct., R.M. *v.* Somerset L.I. Played on the Longroom in fine weather, it was rather a scrappy game, confined mainly to the forwards. A draw, 3 points each, was a very fair result.

17th Oct., R.M. *v.* Falmouth. Played at Falmouth and resulted in a defeat by 14 points to 3 points. It was a good clean open game, all the scoring being in the second half. We were unlucky to lose the services of Sergt. E. Clarke in the second half.

21st Oct., R.M. *v.* South Wales Borderers. Played in very wet weather on the Brickfields. Our opponents, who are the holders of the Army Cup, fielded their full team. During the first half the game was fairly even, being mainly confined to the forwards, both sides failed to handle the slippery ball. The half-time score was 6 points to 3 points against us.

On the resumption of play, however, the opposing backs were more successful, our side being pinned in their half throughout most of the game. Score:—S.W.B., 14 points; R.M., 3 points.

24th Oct., R.M. *v.* C.Y.M.S. Played in wet weather on the Longroom. While the ball remained fairly dry our three-quarters handled the ball well, scoring twice, one try being converted; the score at half-time being 8 points to 3 points. A violent rain and hail storm stopped play for about ten minutes, after which a muddy struggle ensued. The C.Y.M.S. succeeded in scoring one more try, which was not converted, the result being: R.M., 8 points; C.Y.M.S., 6 points.

R.M. "A" *v.* Y.M.C.A. Lost by 14 points to 3 points. This game was played immediately after the game against the C.Y.M.S. The ground was in a very heavy condition, but a good open game was played. Although beaten, our team showed plenty of promise for the future.

28th Oct., R.M. *v.* Reserve Fleet. Won by 4 points to nil. The game was in no way represented by the score. For once we were better served behind the scrum than our opponents, our three-quarters making full use of their opportunities. The losing side, however, never gave in, and put up a hard fight to the bitter end.

31st Oct., R.M. *v.* Penryn. Lost by 20 points to nil. Owing to injuries and other causes we had to make the journey without some of our best players. We had a good game and were unlucky to lose by as many points as we did. The score in no way indicates the run of the play.

31st Oct., R.M. "A" *v.* St. Budeaux. Lost 24 points to nil. Having several of the more promising players in the first XV, the "A" team included some new blood. Although well beaten they put up a good fight and will live to fight another day.

7th Nov., R.M. *v.* Seale Hayne College. Lost by 24 points to 9 points. Although still not at full strength we had a most enjoyable game. We had slightly the better of our opponents in the scrum but were no match for them at three-quarter play.

HOCKEY.

On the 17th of Oct. we played our first match *v.* "Thunderer." Although the ground at Cremyll left a lot to be desired, we had quite an interesting game. We lost by 6 goals to 2.

Our team was rather in the nature of an experiment, but we found that we still have the material at this Division.

21st Oct. We played the R.N. Barracks. A very strenuous game, thoroughly testing our defence. We were unfortunate in this match as our centre-half, Capt. Hollis, was unable to appear at the last moment, this entailed our playing with only ten men. In spite of this handicap we led by one goal to nil at half-time, and only lost after a hard fight by 3 goals to 1. Had we had a full team this score might have been reversed. A feature of this match was the excellent refereeing.

27th Oct. We fielded a stronger team on this occasion and easily had the better of our opponents, the R.A.M.C., beating them by 7 goals to nil. Some of the Rugby players on our side were in their element.

6th Nov., *v.* the Royal Artillery. This was the fastest game we have had this year, and although we had three new players on our side the team played well. The R.A. obtained the lead early in the game, but had the misfortune to lose the services of their captain shortly after, due to a nasty cut on the head from a ball in the air. We then obtained two goals in quick succession, the score being 2 to 1 in our favour at half-time. In the second half each side added one goal. Final score: 3 goals to 2 in our favour. But for our opponents' misfortune in losing a player, we might have had a different tale to tell.

CROSS COUNTRY.

The Inter-Company Cross Country Race took place on the 23rd of October. Teams of ten, with eight to count, ran from each Company. "C" Company won

with 84 points; "G" Company, 113 points; "A" Company, 135 points; "E" Company, 210 points. The first three men in were: "C" Company Mne. Kelly, "A" Company Mne. Summers, and "C" Company Mne. Duffield.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

The Hon. Secretary writes:—"Since the publication of the last notes from the Club we have had several shoots, comprising two League and two friendly matches. There can be no doubt that the higher standard attained by members is directly attributable to the new rifles presented to the Club. Four new rifles in all have been given, one by the officers of the Division, one by the Sergeants and two by the members of the Recreation Room.

The members of the Sergeants' Mess were engaged in a friendly match on the 19th October. This resulted in a win for the Club by 36 points. When the first four of each team had fired, the Mess led by a few points, but our tail end pulled the Club through.

Our next match was a League fixture at the R.N. Barracks, Devonport. Although beaten by the other teams, we gave a good account of ourselves, averaging 96 per man. Q.M.S. Cross scored his first possible in this match, in which the winning team only beat us by 10 points.

The next match was a League fixture fired on our own range. In this we were only seven points behind the winning team and three points from the second team. We finished third and 10 points ahead of the bottom team, our average being 96·5. Q.M.S. Cross again put on a possible.

On 9th November a match was fired with the Officers, and won by them by three points. Second-Lieut. N. R. Skene continued his good work by scoring 98, this being his third successive score of 98.

The membership of the Club is increasing which is gratifying, and the keenness shown by all ranks of the Club is most encouraging.

DEPOT.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The annual swimming sports took place in the Swimming Baths, at 2 p.m., on Monday.

The various heats were keenly contested and in many cases there were very close finishes. The musical lifebuoys created a pleasing event. The display that followed the sports was very much appreciated by the large number of officers, N.C. officers, and men who were present. The Committee are to be congratulated on putting forward so fine a show both as regards events and the display.

Mrs. Halliday very kindly presented the prizes after the conclusion, and congratulated each individual in turn as he came forward to receive his prize.

Capt. Shephard then asked the competitors and spectators to show Mrs. Halliday how much they appreciated her distributing the prizes so pleasingly, and the whole company joined very heartily in giving her three cheers. Thus ended a very pleasant afternoon.

The results were as follows:—

Diving.—1, Cpl. Featherstone; 2, Cpl. Moyse; 3, L.-Cpl. Davis.

Plunging.—1, Cpl. Featherstone, 55 ft. 11 in.; 2, Lt. Woodington, 50 ft. 11 in.; 3, Sergt. McEwen, 42 ft. 9 in.

220 Yards Free Style.—1, Cpl. Moyse; 2, Rt. Holman; 3, Sergt. Anderson; time, 3 mins. 49 secs.

Diving for Plates.—1, Sergt. Coleman; 2, Rt. Barlow; 3, Rt. Huntley.

100 Yards Free Style.—1, Cpl. Featherstone; 2, Cpl. Moyse; 3, Rt. Holman; time, 79 secs.

Buglers and Band Boys' Race.—No entries.

Inter-Squad Team Race.—1, 113th; 2, 117th; time, 3 min. 26 secs.

Cork Competition.—1, Rt. Holman; 2, Rt. Baker; 3, Rt. Huntley.

100 Yards Breast Stroke.—1, Cpl. Featherstone; 2, Rt. Cole; 3, Rt. Baker; time, 94 secs.

Candle Race.—1, Rt. Earthy; 2, Sergt. Anderson; 3, Rt. Cole.

Sergeants' Mess Race (swim 1 length, thread a needle, swim 1 length).—1, Sergt Masters; 2, Sergt. Coleman; 3, Sergt. Holloway; 4, Sergt. McEwen; 5, Sergt. Anderson; 6, Sergt. Buckley.

50 Yards Free Style.—1, Cpl. Featherstone; 2, Cpl. Moyse; 3, Rt. Ryan; time, 32⅘ secs.

Musical Lifebuoys.—1, Rt. Meredith; 2, Cpl. Joyce; 3, Rt. Fishlock.

Two Lengths Back Stroke.—1, Rt. Hill; 2, Cpl. Featherstone; 3, Sergt. Anderson; time, 41 secs.

Veterans' Race (1 length).—1, Mne. Watson; 2, Mne. Cordwell; 3, Sergt. Anderson; time, 14 secs.

Obstacle Race.—1, Rt. Ryan; 2, Rt. Barlow; 3, Rt. Earthy; time, 40 secs.

Junior N.C.O.s Race (2 lengths, blowing a balloon).—1, Cpl. Moyse; 2, Cpl. Joyce; 3, Cpl. Peters; 4, Cpl. Davis; 5, Cpl. White.

One Length Free Style.—1, Cpl. Featherstone; 2, Rt. Baker; 3, Cpl. Moyse; time, 12 secs.

Company Race.—1, Officers; 2, A Co.; 3, B Co.

Championship Cup.—1, Cpl. Featherstone, 23 pts.; 2, Cpl. Moyse, 15 pts.

Inter-Squad Cup.—113th Squad.

Handicap Cup.—The results of the competition held this year for the Challenge Cup presented by Col.-Comdt. L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C., R.M., are as follows:—1, Rt. A. S. Pick, 111th Squad, 27 pts.; 2, Bugler Curtis, 18 pts.; 3, Rt. Lyall, 118th Squad, 16 pts.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Depot R.M.	*v.*	Thanet Wanderers.	Lost, 9—11.
,, ,,	*v.*	Wye College.	Won, 11—5.
,, ,,	*v.*	Queen's Regt.	Won, 21—3.
,, ,,	*v.*	King's Own Regt.	Lost, 18—3.

HOCKEY.

Depot R.M.	*v.*	Duke of York's School.	Lost 1—8.
,, ,,	*v.*	Depot, The Buffs.	Won, 5—1.
,, ,,	*v.*	Inniskilling Fusiliers.	Won, 2—1.
,, ,,	*v.*	Tank Corps.	Lost, 1—5.
,, ,,	*v.*	Chatham Division R.M.	Lost, 0—2.
,, ,,	*v.*	Deal and District.	Lost, 0—4.

NOTICES.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

The School registered their first win in the U.S. League Div. I, by defeating H.M.S. " Dolphin " 3—2. A little encouragement goes a long way, so we are hoping to bag a few more League points before the season closes. In the match against the R.N. Depot, which we lost by 2—0, the local paper states " The School's inability to get goals was the exceedingly poor finishing of their forwards," and until we overcome this " goal fright " we shall make little progress in the competition. This failure is a pity, as the players are keen and eager to bring credit to the team, despite the handicap with regard to numbers and experience. The A. and S. Highlanders defeated us by 5—4 in the Senior Challenge Cup Competition after a very hard game. The second team also suffered defeat by the Royal Artillery in the Junior Challenge Cup Competition.

The Boys are doing very well in the various competitions, the Junior Boys are carrying everything before them, and there appears to be some very good talent here for the future.

The following are the various League Tables up to going to Press :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
U.S. League, Div. I	8	1	0	7	12	34	2
U.S. League, Div. II (Boys) ...	5	1	0	4	7	32	2
U.S. League, Div. IV ...	6	3	0	3	16	27	6
Lads' Wed. League	7	4	1	2	20	25	9
Lads' Junior League	9	9	0	0	87	7	18

A start has been made with the Boys' Football League. For this competition the whole of the Boys are divided into 12 sections of 15, instead of inter-room as in previous years ; this method gives a larger number of teams, and also tends to make the competition more open.

WATER POLO.

All the matches in the Boys' Inter-room League have now been completed. The medals to the League champions (No. 60 Room) were presented on parade by the Superintendent, who congratulated the winners, and hoped it would be possible to enter the boys in a local League next year.

BILLIARDS.

In the Company Billiards Competition, the School have entered two teams, and it is hoped that they will meet with better success than we have on the football field.

On going to Press we have the glad news to relate that the School defeated the R.A.F. (Gosport) by 6—0 in the U.S. League Div. I ; this is certainly a great improvement, and we have evidently got over our " goal fright." The scorers were Davies (3), Harding (2), and Bennett (1).

The School was represented in the annual match between the R.N. and R.M. for the Trafalgar Cup by the inclusion of Musicians Marcussohn and Stevens. The former played his usual good game, but Stevens hardly justified his selection. We shall have the services of this player regularly for the school, as he has returned to headquarters from H.M.S. " Barham." It is hoped he will soon find his old form. By the way, Marcussohn is playing regularly for H.M.S. " Excellent " this season, who have the first claim on his services. A Band, under Bandmaster 1st Class E. P. Snook, was in attendance at this match, and the rendering of the musical programme and marching display was greatly appreciated by the spectators.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS' FUND.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel C. Field's History of the Royal Marines :—

£2,439 10s. 7d., previously acknowledged ; £2 4s. 6d., Rev. E. St. G. Schonberg, Mrs. K. Irvine ; £2 2s., Major C. Williams ; £1 18s. 6d., Mr. J. W. Smith ; 10s., Captains C. H. Congdon, E. J. Noyes, Lieut. F. M. Bramhall ; 9s., 2nd Lieut. G. F. Burnett ; 8s., 2nd Lieuts. W. F. Edds, C. R. Hardy, M. Archdall, G. K. Martyn, H. P. Fellowes, L. J. Moulton, J. A. Harvey, R. W. Simonds, J. P. Phillipps ; 5s., Canteen Depot, R.M. Total, £2,453 16s. 1d.

VOLUME III.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for General Sir H. E. Blumberg's History of the War :—

£336 15s. 11d., previously acknowledged ; 15s. 9d., Lieut. J. H. Cawley-Way ; 12s. 6d., Capt. S. J. Bassett ; 5s., Lieut.-Colonel G. Carpenter, Majors G. Matthew, H. G. Grant, Capts. E. Cohen, W. F. Lukis, T. H. Jameson, G. S. Hayman, W. S. Rowe, Lieuts. B. G. Mitchell, C. la R. Salter, D. J. Grey. Total, £340 18s. 5d. No. of subscribers, 425.

J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (retd.),
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary.

15.11.25.

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DEATHS.

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 30th September, 1925 :—

CAINES.—Mne. G. Caines, Ply., 23.9.25.
DUDLEY.—Mne. E. Dudley, R.M.A., 19.9.25.
FLOYD.—Mne. T. Floyd, R.M.A., 3.9.25.
HARTLEY.—Mne. W. B. Hartley, R.M.A., 5.7.25.
HILLIER.—Mne. S. Hillier, Ports., 5.9.25.
MELMOTH.—Mne. J. Melmoth, Ply., 13.9.25.
RIDE.—Sergt. H. J. Ride, R.M.A., 6.9.25.
WADGE.—Mne. H. Wadge, Ply., 19.9.25.



CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS AND AWARDS, ETC.

The King has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, to Africa and South America, to make the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order :—

To be a Member of the Fifth Class.—Lieut. B. W. O'Donnell, R.M.

PROMOTIONS.

Lieut. J. C. J. Hoby, Mus.Doc.(Oxon.), L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., Director of Music (Ch.) to be Captain (Director of Music), 14.11.25.

Proby. Lieut. A. E. Westcott (Ch.), confirmed as Lieut., 1.8.25.

Proby. 2nd Lieut. M. G. Pughe (Ch.) to be Actg. Lieut., 12.11.25.

R.M. Gunners H. W. Edmunds (Ply.), C. W. Ryman (Ch.), F. C. Waters (Po.) to be Commissioned R.M. Gunners, 29.10.25.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) J. W. Hudleston to "Victory" (for duty as Senior Officer, Royal Marines, on Staff of the C.-in-C., Portsmouth) *vice* Horne, 7.11.25.

Major G. Rutledge to "President," addl. (tempy.) for duty in the Plans Division, Admiralty, 1.11.25.

Major E. G. Cheesman, Supy. List, R.M. (W/T) to "Victory," addl. for Signal School, addl. (tempy.) on completion of full-pay sick leave.

Major J. M. Tuke (Ports.), I. of Gunnery (Coast Wing) Sch. of Land Artillery, *vice* Rutledge, 22.10.25.

Major A. G. W. Grierson to "President" for N.I. Dept., *vice* Crick, 12.11.25.

Major H. E. Ravenshaw to "Barham," *vice* Welch, to Headquarters. Date of joining.

Capt. E. L. N. Bishop, to "Queen Elizabeth," addl. for duty as I. of S.A., Malta, *vice* Dawson. Date of joining.

Capt. F. C. Law, D.S.C., to "Thunderer," *vice* Lucas to Headquarters. Date of joining.

Capt. G. S. Hayman, attached to School of Land Artillery (tempy.) for experimental work, 23.10.25.

Capt. E. H. M. Unwin to remain in "Barham" on recommissioning.

Lieut. C. A. H. Kitchin, A.I. of S.A. (Ply.), *vice* Hollis, 20.11.25.

Lieut. G. H. Morris to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars, 30.11.25.

Lieut. A. G. Warren to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars, 30.11.25.

Lieut. R. C. Giles to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars, 30.11.25.

Lieut. J. C. Westall to "Curlew," *vice* Lennox to Headquarters.

Lieut. K. Hunt to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars, 30.11.25.

Proby. 2nd Lieut. M. G. Pughe to "Barham," *vice* Phillips, 12.11.25.

Commd. R.M. Gnr. H. W. Edmunds, to remain in "Barham" on recommissioning.

SECONDED LIST.

Major A. G. W. Grierson, on appointment to N.I. Dept. Admiralty, 12.11.25.

Major G. Rutledge, on appointment to Admiralty (temp.), 1.11.25.

Major W. Sinclair is absorbed, *vice* Rutledge.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION.

Lieut. G. Hill qualified in subject (*a*) for promotion, 4.11.25.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course which commences at School of Land Artillery on 7th Dec. and terminates 14th Dec. :—Major W. Sinclair, O.B.E., Major C. E. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major G. H. Kendle.

Capt. H. T. Newman has been selected to attend the course which commences at the School of Army Co-operation, R.A.F., Old Sarum, on 24th Nov.

CHATHAM.

SENIORITY LIST.

Senior Clr.-Sergts.—Clr.-Sergts. W. Gossett, E. E. Penney, A. N. Clarke, F. Beeston, J. E. Stewart, L. P. Silver.

Senior Sergts.—Sergts. C. Dixon, H. J. Milton, F. Bessant, E. Fry, A. Upton, J. A. Cox.

Senior Corpls.—Corpls. R. H. Keir, A. W. Putman, G. Campbell, P. R. Parker, J. H. Harding, A. J. Scovell.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Cpl. W. P. J. Bishop. "**Ark Royal,**" Mne. R. Lazell. "**Benbow,**" Cpl. P. H. Ives. "**Columbine,**" Mne. S. J. Hicks. "**Cyclops,**" Cpl. R. G. Leader. "**Diomede,**" Sergt. W. H. Hallahan, Cpl. T. J. Harris, Mnes. W. Wilkinson, W. J. Pready, E. C. Lilford, C. F. Dale, E. G. A. Jarvis, A. J. Page, S. B. Hallorhan, W. A. S. Blackmore, J. Whittaker. "**Emerald,**" Mnes. F. J. Jordan, H. E. Shilston, F. Tyler, W. G. Meekings, H. Buck. "**Hecla,**" Cpl. A. Leslie, Mne. I. T. Jones. "**Malabar,**" Sergt. C. W. Sharpe, G. Hinkly, A. E. Hayward, R. Manser, G. W. Plumb. "**Pembroke,**" Mnes. G. R. Greenfield, H. G. Oakley, F. W. Fisher, A. Watson, E. C. Morsley, R. G. Cook, G. L. Robinson, T. F. Robotham, G. Tovill, C. J. Canham, J. E. Joy. "**Repulse,**" Mne. J. Beazley. **Shotley T.E.,** Cpls. F. H. Hooper, M. A. Light, A. W. Bales, F. Hall, E. A. Bennett, F. Hannah, S. Glenn, H. W. Gladman, W. D. Lawler, P. J. Powell, F. G. Smith, V. A. Sandys, A. Godfrey, W. L. Sells, F. J. Clark, G. J. Garside, P. C. Rickard, Sergt. J. D. Griffiths, Mnes. A. H. Norfolk, F. C. Higgs, H. G. Webster, F. J. Stanhope, G. E. Anderson, J. H. Osmond, T. J. Hewitt, M. F. Barker, G. McQuillam, A. S. Morgan, C. O. Laming, P. F. Heath, C. W. Mead, E. F. James. "**Victory,**" Mne. F. C. Shakespeare. "**Vindictive,**" Mne. S. F. Hall.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Cpl. W. F. Hobbs, Mnes. Jas. Carless, H. T. Giddings, W. A. Gasson. "**Barham,**" Sergt. W. E. Elliott. "**Blenheim,**" Mne. J. H. E. Hewlett. "**Curlew,**" Mnes. B. Breakwell, H. Jermyn. "**Defiance,**" Mnes. W. L. Evans, E. T. J. Piper, A. C. Trevitt, H. D. C. Humphries. "**Hecla,**" Cpl. W. T. Green, Mne. Geo. Williams. "**Pembroke,**" Sergt. John Rowe, Cpl. V. N. Rootes, Mne. S. F. Botley. "**Repulse,**" Mnes. W. R. Uden, T. C. Ward, R. H. Dowler. **Shotley T.E.,** Sergt. A. G. Lamden, Mnes. E. W. Jones, W. C. Williams, H. G. Ewer, G. H. Bratley, P. J. Jeffries, B. G. Howard, W. E. Blewitt, F. C. Rogers, E. R. Roullier, E. J. Chalcroft, R. Burnett, H. Butler, R. A. Firmin, J. Fawcett, E. F. V. Simmons, J. Coulman, W. J. Goody, Cpl. C. J. H. Cossey, Mnes. F. J. Jordan, G. R. Walker, H. E. Shilston, F. Tyler, W. J. Meekings, H. Buck, A. H. Ives, S. R. Passmore, Cpl. R. G. Leader, Mnes. O. Watts, O. Todd, E. W. Bland, R. G. Black, H. H. Knights. "**Vindictive,**" Mne. W. J. Stevenson.

APPOINTMENTS.

Barber.—Mne. A. Uden.

Cook.—Mne. S. P. Botley.

Printing Office.—Mne. L. H. Dowler.

Divnl. Painter.—Mne. C. Botting.

1st Clerk, 1st. Qrmr.—Sergt. J. Hall, appt. extended until he completes time for pension.

Ledger Clerk, Paymaster's Dept.—Sergt. T. S. Gormley (appt. confirmed).

Storeman, Barrackmaster's Dept.—Mne. C. F. Coote.

Pioneer.—Mne. G. Williams.

School of Signalling Staff.—Cpl. W. T. Green.

Attendant to Col.-Comdt.—Mne. A. H. Chawner.

Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mnes. E. J. Beckham, A. D. McKechnie.

Orderly Room.—Mne. F. T. Lavender (training as Clerk).

Company Cook.—Mne. H. T. Everitt.

Range Markers.—Mnes. W. C. Hobbs, A. V. Saunders, J. T. Stokes.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Corpl.—Mnes. A. Janney ("Tamar"), L. Motley ("Queen Elizabeth"), C. A. Kerridge ("Constance").

Examination for Promotion to Warrant Rank, qualified 7th Sept., 1925.—Q.M.S. W. G. Scott, D.C.M., Sergts. W. H. Watts, M.M., C. S. Rayner, S. J. Straw, Clr.-Sergt. T. Lee.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To C.S.M.—Clr.-Sergt. C. Pendered.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. Clarence Millward.

To Sergt.—Cpl. A. J. R. Howard.

To Cpl.—Mnes. W. T. O'Donnell and B. F. Hillier.

APPOINTMENTS.

Rangeman (S.A., Browndown).—Mne. J. F. Houghton.

Groom to Major Coode.—Mne. F. W. Colyer.

Armourer, Sea Service Battery.—Mne. R. Garrod.

Q.O., Sea Service Battery.—Mne. G. E. W. Thorne.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergts.—L. J. T. Dollery, Chas. Hatch, L. A. Scott, G. L. Wood, J. T. Cooper, W. H. Harman.

Sergts.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, D. Goadsby, Matthew Young, Geo. Vaughan, Harry Smith.

Corporals qualified for the rank of Sergt.—Cpls. P. C. Elsey, H. W. Bowden, J. H. W. Hansler, J. W. Akrill, L. R. Hacker, W. F. Blanchard.

Marines qualified for the rank of Corpl.—Mnes. H. M. S. Dunster, Jas. Dawkins, W. J. Trinder, J. W. Bedford, C. D. Warwick, J. Reynolds.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Diomede,**" Sergt. A. J. Howard, Mnes. A. Bennett, H. W. L. Coode, J. W. Mackie, W. M. Smith, John Carolan, G. E. C. Newton, L. W. J. Tuttle, Albert Walker, and Harry George. "**Cardiff,**" Clr.-Sergt. F. J. Hancock, Sergt. J. W. Owen, Cpls. S. T. Coleman, J. C. Mansfield, Mnes. E. W. Sawford, G. E. Chandler, A. E. Shotten, E. P. Ham, W. H. Frost, G. H. Turner, H. F. Barrett, R. St. J. Woodcock, P. G. H. Bailey, E. J. Upton, H. J. Davis, W. C. Cooper, A. C. Tinsen, G. E. Picken, C. L. Ide, A. E. Lush, W. G. Gibbons, E. J. Derrick, C. E. Jackson, Richard Kite, K. C. E. Bishop. "**Benbow,**" Mne. P. D. F. Farrington. "**Centurion,**" Mnes. A. A. Harrison, C. W. Harris, A. G. F. Eatwell and H. E. Farley. "**Calcutta,**" Mne. J. L. Morgan. "**Victory,**" Cpl. Albert Williams, Mnes. F. H. North, John Othen. "**Dryad,**" Mnes. R. A. New, C. G. Ansell, Harold Salter. "**Fisgard,**" Mnes. Eric Williams, A. E. Finch. "**Dolphin,**" Cpl. W. Ashworth, Mnes. P. J. Wigginton, W. R. Horscroft, G. H. Keen, F. J. Benham. "**Malaya,**" Bugler E. W. G. Marchant, Mnes. W. P. P. Williams, S. G. Blow. "**Egmont,**" Mnes. B. J. Murphy, J. A. Fordham, H. F. W. Booth, Henry Rayner, R. J. Mynott, B. B. Bartlett, P. W. Eatenton, A. R. Simpson. "**Cormorant,**" Cpl. F. W. Hatch, Mnes. A. R. Adams, G. E. Cox, A. W. Walters, Clr.-Sergt. Westcott. "**Barham,**" Sergt. T. F. Barrett. "**Yarmouth,**" Mne. S. V. V. Kirby. "**Curlew,**" Sergts. G. A. Nurse, R. Gardiner, Cpls. E. L. Lock, S. J. Sturgess, H. W. Bowden, Bugler H. Fitzgerald, Mnes. E. Biddulph, F. Glinn, W. J. Edbrooke, A. E. Webb, A. Jays, F. J. Hodgson, W. G. Ong, A. L. Darby, J. Postin, W. E. Barnes, R. T. England, E. A. Salway, J. F. Jeffries, L. Perry, F. Moore, W. P. Ralph, J. H. Farmer, H. Watson, A. S. B. Hopkins, R. F. Edwards, F. E. Harvey, W. G. Saunders, A. V. Crookford, C. M. Mair, A. Martin, E. C. Butcher, J. F. Ward, L. B. Cole, R. Harding. "**Victory,**" Cpl. F. W. Taylor, Mnes. A. G. Franklin, W. F. Dew, G. E. Horricks, A. C. Instrall, E. E. Wheaton. "**Dido,**" Cpl. H. T. Farrington. "**Furious,**" Bugler, H. A. Nurse, Mnes. B. A. Job, J. W. S. Wilson, W. S. Hill, W. R J. Pearse, H. Le Manquais, E. E. Warwick, Henry Evans, C. W. Ainsworth, T. R. Birtchinell. "**Tiger,**" Mnes. W. S. Strong, W. T. Powell. "**Revenge,**" Mnes. J. H. Lamb, A. R. Rolfe, R. H. Brown.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Furious,**" Mnes. W. McKenvie, Bugler G. R. Stevens. "**Victory,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. A. Burgess, Cpls. J. R. Walker, G. R. Ealand, Bugler H. W. Gould, Mne. Harry Ball, F. J. Farrow. "**Barham,**" Mnes. R. W. Hopper, F. G. Wood. "**Benbow,**" Sergt. H. A. Culbert, Cpls. H. J. Chapman, G. E. Pullen, Mnes. Jas. Sloan, Henry Cook, A. G. Pepsher, A. T. Kitchener, G. F. Harris, W. A. Dacher, T. G. Rolls, T. A. G. Hearn, Wm. Harris, Harry Roberts, E. G. Barrett, F. C. Taylor, R. A. Anstis, Frank Mutter, E. G. Tunnell, Bugler W. J. Mayne. "**Dryad,**" Mnes. C. F. Wade, H. Le Manquais, J. L. Thick. "**Victoria and Albert,**" Bugler F. Webb. "**Tiger,**" Cpl. D. J. Treadwell, Mnes. E. Rosworth, C. A. Pierson, C. W. Millar. "**Diomede,**" Sergt. G. D.

Snook, Mnes. C. Marriott, C. E. Coleman, T. Taylor, W. E. Phillips, John Ring, C. T. Hall. "**Fisgard,**" Mnes. J. W. Bedford, E. E. Warwick. "**Dido,**" Sergt. P. C. Couzens, Mnes. Fredk. Youngman, Cpl. F. W. Miller. "**Repulse,**" Cpl. S. G. B. Timbery, Bugler C. J. Roberts, Cpl. F. Hunt, Mne. G. Pike. "**Egmont,**" Cpl. S. H. Wallace. "**Dolphin,**" Sergt. Bidwell, Mnes. L. H. Ward, A. G. Ward, J. A. Strong, W. C. Horne, E. W. Warwick. "**Champion,**" Cpl. W. J. Masters, Mnes. A. J. Raines, K. E. Bishop, Bugler Boughflower. "**Cardiff,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. V. Viney, Sergt. H. Barker, Cpl. E. Pomery, Mnes. L. G. Ball, T. W. Martindale, Albert Mogan, A. E. Smith, H. C. Goodall, J. A. M. Brown, E. G. Crane, Thomas Green, A. W. Greening, G. C. Jeffs, J. F. Exell, Thomas Hayes, Percival Jotham, W. R. Money, Charles Brown, F. J. King, J. H. Fullalove, Thomas Papworth. "**Centurion,**" Mnes. F. W. Brace, Herbert Bright, F. H. P. Tuson, Harry Evans. "**E. of I.,**" Mne. H. Ward. "**Argus,**" Clr.-Sergt. P. Buckingham, Cpls. L. Saunders, S. Guttridge, W. Wall, H. Blakeley, Bugler Bryant, Mnes. R. Loveridge, C. S. Brown, W. Arnold, C. Usher, H. G. Wood, F. E. Davis, C. Gregory, A. Lawrence, A. J. Morgan, A. Aindow, A. C. Joyce, W. Soper, R. Foreman, T. A. Brown, R. G. Wright, F. G. Matton, F. C. Arnold, J. Andrews, D. Moran, W. Oppitz, I. A. Ford, G. Cornelios, J. McLaverty, R. Sturgess, W. H. Taylor, J. E. Long, W. F. Evans, S. McCurley, L. Farrow, E. Jacobs, W. Cardy, H. Grant, W. J. Court, R. Watmore, E. Steel, A. Clarke, C. Sizer, S. Lally.

PLYMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Q.M.S.I. of G.—Clr.-Sergt. J. Brown.
To be Clr.-Sergts.—Sergts. F. R. Amlot, W. Norris.
To be Sergt.—Corpls. A. V. Phillips, S. E. Jewell, W. H. Graham, E. Berry, C. Breckon, C. E. Mellor.
To be Corpls.—Mnes. R. J. J. Healy, J. R. Murphy, A. H. Symons, F. C. Ellerby, E. Burnett.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergts.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, E. J. H. Precious, W. E. Eveleigh, W. P. Cook.
To be Corpls.—N. V. Bishop, Geo. Oliver, H. J. Leese, A. J. Hooper, F. J. Pritchard, C. J. Hoit.

APPOINTMENTS.

Clerk to Chief Instructor,—Mne. C. W. Wilson.
M.O.A.—Mne. C. F. Johnston.
Company Cook.—Mne. A. Edwards.

MEDALS

L.S. and G.C. Medal.—Sergt. C. J. B. Box, Cpl. C. Ryder, Mne. D. Girling.

EMBARKATIONS.

(OCTOBER.)

"**Vivid,**" Mne. T. H. Webb. "**Impregnable,**" Mne. E. J. Simms, Cpl. W. E. Prodger, Mne. A. Garbutt, Sergt. J. L. Potter, Mnes. F. M. Thacker, A. J. Gale. "**Colossus,**" Mne. S. R. Perriam. "**Defiance,**" Mnes. J. Thompson, H. Pring, R. L. Chapplow, F. G. Jones, F. J. Evans, B. S. Moore, J. Crampton, A. G. Collins. "**Maidstone,**" Mne. H. Kelley, Bugler M. C. L. Townsend. "**Thunderer,**" Cpl. W. G. Gallin. "**Woolwich,**" Cpls. W. J. Horn, E. G. Chard. "**Pegasus,**" Mne. D. A. Austin. "**Eagle,**" Mnes. W. T. Smith, G. Steptoe, H. W. Green, R. W. Dowse, M. J. Kettle, A. D. Sturmey, J. Edmundson. "**Resolution,**" Mnes. T. Myers, H. Hill. "**Victory,**" Mnes. W. Willows, V. G. Mann, W. O'Keefe, W. H. Torry, H. Hillier. "**Curlew,**" Mnes. A. W. King, J. H. Sharland. "**Cardiff,**" Cpl. W. J. Edwards. "**Emerald,**" Sergt. E. J. H. Precious, Mnes. W. E. Lee, J. Powell, J. E. Brown, J. Stallard, W. Richards, S. G. Bluett. "**Flora,**" Mnes. H. W. Wisbeach, J. H. Pearson, W. H. Taylor. "**Emperor of India,**" Mne. H. Plimmer. "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Mnes. L. W. Smith, F. Bradley, L. T. Townsend. "**Hood,**" Mne. F. Stidder. "**Frobisher,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. Boyle. "**Caradoc,**" Sergt. E. C. Lucas. **Depot, R.M.,** Sergt. F. H. Jordan, Mnes. C. E. Launchberry, A. E. Dunne, J. Kirkham, Cpl. H. V. Bessant, Mne. W. Leacock. **H.Q.E., Portsmouth,** Mne. G. G. Price "**Defiance,**" Mne. H. Lemon.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

(OCTOBER).

"**Woolwich,**" Cpl. S. E. Jewell. "**Impregnable,**" Mne. W. Leacock. "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Mne. G. Kerslake. "**Thunderer,**" Mne. W. Price, Cpl. H. Dickman. "**Cardiff,**" Cpl. J. Cox, Mnes. C. Caudell, F. J. Fielding, A. G. Piper. "**Maidstone,**" Mne. R. F. Hone. "**Hawkins,**" Mne. H. Boyd. **R.A.F. Base, Leuchars,** Mnes. A. W. Pearse, H. F. Perkins, L. F. Hoskings, A. H. Guppy. "**Concord,**" Mne. W. E. Bould. "**Vivid,**" Mnes. H. Taylor, E. G. Tucker, F. A. Higgs, T. Wheatley. "**King George V.,**" Mne. J. S. Wale. "**Resolution,**" Mne. T. Clarke. "**Carysfort,**" Mne. S. Haslam. "**Valiant,**" Mne. W. H. Stone. **Depot, R.M.,** Corpl. W. E. Prodger, Mne. J. V. D. Carter. "**Woolwich,**" Cpl. E. G. Sketchley. "**Impregnable,** Mne. G. Edmonds. "**Maidstone,**" Bugler A. Bickham. "**Impregnable,**" Mne. C. H. Rookes, Corpl. L. F. Handford. **Portsmouth,** Clr.-Sergt. R. J. Peadon. "**Flora,**" Cpl. R. E. Gilmour. "**Curlew,**" Mne. J. H. Reeday. "**Dauntless,**" Clr.-Sergt. W. N. Dixon. "**Cormorant,**" Clr.-Sergt. H. L. Embleton. "**Fisgard,**" Mnes. H. E. Blacker, T. E. Ransom. "**Defiance,**" Mnes. R. L. Chapplow, H. Pring, F. J. Evans, B. S. Moore, J. A. Crampton, H. Lemon, A. G. Collins, J. Thompson, F. G. Jones.

DEPOT.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. C. Millward.

APPOINTMENTS.

Wash-house Man.—Mne. J. Fox.
Pioneer.—Mne. E. O. J. Evans.
Bath-house Man.—Mne. J. Kirkham.
Recruits, P.R.T. Staff.—Cpl. F. W. Miller.
M.T.I., 2nd Class.—Cpls. S. G. B. Timbury, M. O. Hill, W. G. Peters.
M.T.I., 1st Class.—Sergt. J. Kennedy.
M.T.I., 2nd Class.—Sergt. F. H. Jordan.
Clerk, 2nd Q.M.'s Dept.—Cpl. F. A. Thompson.
N.C.O. i/c Markers.—Cpl. H. V. Bessant.
Barber.—Mne. L. I. Lane.
M.T.I., 1st Class.—Sergt. M. McCalpin.
N.C.O. i/c South Recreation Room.—Cpl. E. T. Lethbridge.
N.C.O. i/c East Recreation Room.—Cpl. E. G. Tucker.
Lamplighter.—Mne. J. H. Ward.
M.T. Driver.—Mne. W. Leacock.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates appearing on the respective Promotion Rosters:—

Bandmaster 2nd Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class).—T. A. Murray, P. E. Barnacle, Herbert Wright, J. E. Burnett, Herbert Kenward, R. P. Rosewell.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—Percival Johnson, Wm. Humphrey, H. A. Butler, V. C. Joyce, A. G. Foskett, E. J. Hills.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporal).—V. C. Hardy, E. G. Upstell, W. H. Fletcher, V. H. Alley, P. W. H. Robbins, Robert Morton.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Queen Elizabeth,**" Musn. C. H. F. Smith. "**Impregnable (T.S.),** Musn. H. I. Dine. "**Impregnable**" (**C.-in-C.**), Musn. James Watts. "**Excellent,**" A. B. Larkman. "**Barham,**" Bandmaster 1st Class E. P. Snook, Band-Cpl. Hugh McConnell, Musns. A. J. Stedman, William Lang, J. W. C. Hales, E. T. Chivers, H. C. Head, Fredk. Brown, L. C. Bagley, F. A. Mantle, N. W. Bryant, F. H. Sycamore, F. H. Ransley, T. N. W. Lawrence, Walter Congram, T. T. P. Powell, Fredk. Plume.

ADVANCEMENT.

Band-Boy N. G. Cranley to Musn.

EXAMINATION.

The undermentioned Band-Cpls. have just completed the prescribed examination for Bandmaster 2nd Class, the results of which will be inserted in the next issue.

Band-Cpl. Percival Johnson, H. A. Butler, A. G. Foskett, E. J. Hills, J. G. Prior, A. C. Black, W. A. Attrill, C. W. Fitch, F. C. Frost.