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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

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Owing to the date of printing, it was not possible in our last issue to add our humble tribute to the memory of Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra, nor to endeavour to express the sympathy which Royal Marines have felt for their Colonel-in-Chief.

The following message was sent by the Adjutant-General to the Equerry in Waiting: "The Corps of Royal Marines beg to offer their humble condolences to the Royal Family."

The following gracious reply was received: "Please convey my sincere thanks to all ranks for their kind message of sympathy."—George R.I., Colonel-in-Chief.

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The Corps was represented in the Funeral procession in London by 50 rank and file from the Portsmouth Division, under the command of Capt. C. Brooke Short.

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The date on which this number appears is a memorable one in the history of the Corps, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the appointment of our Colonel-in-Chief, which was announced in the *London Gazette* of 1st January, 1901.

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The retirement on account of non-service of Lieut.-General G. R. Poole, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on 11th December, gives a step in rank to Major-General St. George B. Armstrong, C. B., C.M.G.

Colonel-Commandant L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C., was promoted to Major-General, and Colonel 2nd Commandant R. C. Temple, C.B., O.B.E., to Colonel Commandant of the Depot on the same date; Lieut.-Colonel R. V. T. Ford, C.B.E., has been appointed to succeed Colonel Temple as Assistant Adjutant-General.

On behalf of readers of *The Globe and Laurel*, the Editor offers best wishes to General Poole on his retirement, and hearty congratulations to these officers on their promotion.

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A new feature is introduced with this number, which it is hoped will interest many readers. Under the title "Records of the Royal Marines" a series of historical notes is commenced. The pages of these records will be numbered independently of the remainder of the magazine, and they will be arranged so that they can be extracted and bound separately. In due course an interesting volume should thus be compiled, which can be used for reference as a supplement to the existing Corps History.

Colonel C. Field has kindly undertaken to superintend the compiling of these records, and he will no doubt be glad to receive any information or notes which will help him to make them interesting.

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We are indebted to Captain J. S. Hicks for the re-drawing of the two figures on the Editorial page. He has taken pains to ensure accuracy in the details of the uniforms, which he has drawn with his usual skill.

The amount of news available for this number seems to have been influenced by the overwhelming prospect of Christmas leave. Faced with the necessity of producing rabbits out of a hat, we have increased the "magazine" portion to fill the gaps. It is not desirable that Corps news should give place to this section of the magazine. If any readers complain that events which have occurred in their Division or Ship are not recorded, it is hoped they will realise that the fault lies entirely at their end.

Having had our little grouse, we wish to thank all those who helped so well with news and articles in 1925. There has been an encouraging increase in circulation, and the co-operation of all readers is earnestly invited in order that this may continue in 1926.

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Rarely, if ever, in the history of Corps sports can a football match have produced such a prolonged succession of thrills as the Portsmouth Port Final for the Navy Cup, between Portsmouth Division R.M. and H.M.S. "Vernon."

The battle commenced on Wednesday, 9th December, and was continued for three successive afternoons without result. An armistice was then declared for the week-end, and on resuming hostilities the "Royals" went over the top with grim determination and won a decisive victory.

Readers of *The Globe and Laurel* will wish the Corps representatives the best of luck when they meet the Chatham R.N. Depot in the semi-final at Chatham on 23rd February.

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Will all those who wish to have bound copies or index for the 1925 volume please send their orders at once. An index has been compiled, which can be supplied separately at a small charge, which will be determined when the number of copies required is known, for the use of those who prefer to arrange themselves for the binding of their copies.

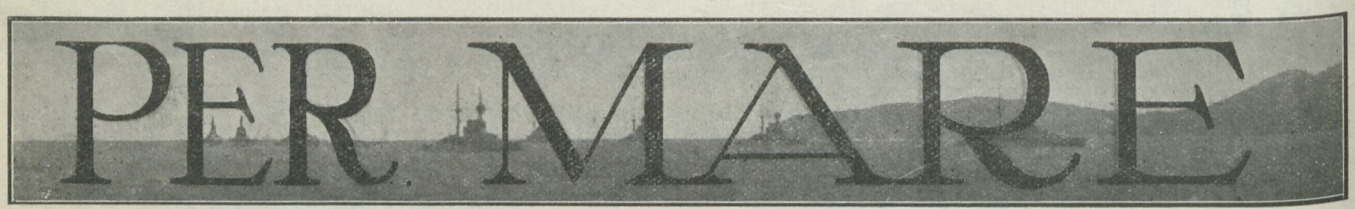
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We wish all readers a Happy and Successful New Year!

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

"The Leatherneck," "Journal of the Honourable Artillery Co.," "The Sapper," "The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps," "St. George's Gazette," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette;" "The Royal Engineers' Journal," "The Wire," "The Snapper," "St. George's Gazette," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "U.S. Army Recruiting News."



POLLENSA BAY.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

Nearly all our ship correspondents appear to be on Christmas leave. The Fleet spent the greater part of November at Portland. During the month the detachments of the Battleships and Cruisers each spent a week on the Portland rifle ranges, the weather was very cold, but the men generally seemed to be sorry when their week was finished, especially those of the "Royal Oak," who took up their quarters on the range where there is good accommodation for an officer and about sixty N.C.O.'s and men.

While at Portland the finals for the King's Cup and the Fleet Marathon were decided. In each case the "Revenge" and "Royal Sovereign" were left in. "Revenge" won the football cup after a very close and exciting match, and "Royal Sovereign" took the Marathon trophy from "Revenge," the holders.

The details of our Spring Cruise are not yet published, but we know that we are to leave England on 30th March. During the cruise there are to be changes in the Atlantic Fleet Battle Squadron, but it is understood that these will not take place until after the Fleet Tournament has taken place at Gibraltar.

"Revenge"

Marine Ayling played centre-forward for the "Revenge" team in the King's Cup.

In the Fleet Marathon, the "Revenge," the holders, lost the trophy to the Royal Sovereign after a close finish.

On arrival at Portsmouth, the Marathon team entered for the Port Challenge Cup, but were unfortunate in losing their best man E.R.A. Howie on the morning of the race. In spite of this, however, they entered two teams who came in second and fourth respectively, the first team being only 13 points behind the winners, H.M.S. "Excellent." Marines in the first team were, Corporal Nason, and Marines Sayers and Eldridge. In the second team were Marines Vidler and North.

"Ramillies."

The ship having arrived at Portland, we take our appointed place in the Fleet, and settle down to the scheme of things in general. The Detachment fired a short course of Small Arms on Portland rifle range.

The last few weeks of the cruise are being spent in ship's work, and the main sports item at present is the inter-part ships soccer league. It is gratifying to note that the " Royals " are at present on top, showing good progress in play, having played six matches and won four, drawn one, and lost one. Marines Broom, Hadley and Dore are prominent in the ship's Rugby Team, Mne. Miller being at present on the injured list. The Rugby Team have won four games, drawn two, and lost one, which shows a good consistancy.

In a few days ships will disperse to their Home Ports, where the usual Christmas Leave will be given.

" **Comus.**"

2ND CRUISER SQUADRON MARATHON.

This race, which was run at Harwich on Tuesday, November 3rd, was won by " Calliope," " Comus" taking second place. The detachment was well represented in the " Comus " team. Lieut. Dean, who was third, was one of the Officers, and the other members were Corporal Harris and Marines Dempster and Collins.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Delhi"

We are beginning to resume routine once more after leaving Dockyard hands, and everyone is expressing their views regarding refitting. On the 2nd October a few of our detachment returned to the ship from Ghain Tuffieha, for watch-keeping duties, but the majority remain there to act as markers for " Frobisher " and " Eagle," and judging by remarks which have been passed, they had a very enjoyable sojourn there. The 22nd October found these temporary markers returned on board, and we were ready to commence work as a detachment once more. Drill was carried out at Corradina on the following Wednesday, which, as is usual, was accompanied by many mournful epithets from the watch-keepers. The " Delhi's " football team have again commenced play, and have been successful in every match played against other ships, and they only lost by a very small margin to Floriana. Their record up to date is : played 9, won 8, lost 1, drawn 0 ; goals for 32, against 10. In both ship's teams we have one representative, Mus. Hartwill as inside-right for the first eleven, and Dorman as left back for the seconds.

The Dance Club which was formed a short while ago has commenced activities in real earnest. They have up to the present given three dances each of which have been successful, and has reflected great credit on the officials concerned. The cash returns show that not only has it been successful in programmes, but also for profits. There will be a farewell dance on the 12th of November, to say goodbye or " au revoir " to some of our friends before leaving for Australia on or about the 15th November. Time seems to simply drag by for the time of our departure for Australia, and many of our ship's company who were in the Special Service Squadron which did the world tour, are looking forward to renew the acquaintances which they made while at Australia. On Tuesday we left harbour to do a full calibre full charge shoot at " Agamemnon," but owing to the roughness of the sea, this was postponed until the Wednesday after which we came back and anchored in Bighi Creek. Rumour has it that we hit the " Agamemnon " three times ; if this is true, it means that " Delhi " holds the record of the Mediterranean Fleet for a single ship shoot, which reflects great credit on everyone concerned with the efficiency of the gunnery branch.

A Boxing Club has been formed on board, and much talent has been discovered, and on Tuesday, 3rd November, two of the club, one of which was a marine, fought at the Carradina Canteen. Allen, the Marine, was successful, but the other entrant was unfortunate to lose after putting up an excellent fight. This win has given all of the club confidence to carry on training, and we hope to collect a few cups or prizes during our trip to Australia at the ports we call at. Many, and in fact practically all of our detachment are looking forward to the ceremony of "Crossing the Line," and preparations are being made now to make it a success.

This will be the last insertion from " Delhi " until our arrival in Australia.

" Danae."

To our knowledge, this is our first contribution ; a little back news will not, therefore, be altogether out of place.

We re-commissioned at Chatham on 10th September, and sailed a few days later for Gibraltar, where we remained about three weeks " working-up."

We arrived at Malta on 7th October, when we were to carry out a shoot at Aggie—the firing being delayed some three hours by a very heavy downpour of rain.

A detachment Sports Club has been formed, its first effort being a shooting match between the older and younger members of the detachment—the young soldiers very much doubted the skill of their elders, so we put it to a test ; the old soldiers won quite comfortably.

The first week of November was spent at Marsa Scirocco. Here the Sports Club organised and held a Whist Drive one evening, Sergt. Huddart, Corpl. Haines and Marine Bestley being the winners.

On 24th November we had a football match with the " Egmont's " detachment, the result being 8—1 in our favour ; Mne. Papper more than proved his worth by shooting five of the goals.

On 26th November the ship received rather sudden orders to sail ; we left within five hours with all aboard for an unknown destination ; a vile night, too, blowing a gale. Talking of weather, we have been most unfortunate from a seagoing point of wiew ; it should now be quite impossible for our youngest members ever to be ill again.

Returning to the subject : our destination has proved to be Alexandria, where we are playing our usual role of " wait and see."

The Eastern Mediterranean, according to the press and rumours, is in its usual simmering condition. Having booked a room ashore at Malta in which to celebrate Xmas, we would naturally prefer not to spend it here.

CHINA.

"Tamar."

There is little news to send you, as the fleet is scattered all over the station, and no news has been received except from Wei-Hai Wei and H.M.S. Despatch.

The R.M.'s of H.M.S. Tamar have at last got a real job of work to do, and in conjunction with one company 2nd Punjab Regiment, are garrisoning the Shameen at Canton. Everything is perfect peace and quiet, and I think there is very little likelihood of a scrap. However, we are all prepared, and if nothing else, it has been excellent training in the construction of field defences. The N.C.O.'s and men have got excellent billets in Buttfield and Swines flat, and the cooking and bathing facilities are all that can be desired. In football matches against the river gunboats and residents of Shameen we are able to hold our own, and when we have got a little more together, I think we shall be on top. The band of H.M.S. Hermes came up last week and gave us two excellent concerts, the first one a military band in the canteen, and the second a string band in the theatre. Not only was it greatly appreciated by the Services up here, but also by the residents of Shameen.

"Despatch."

SHOOTING.—The first Competition Shoot for Spoons by the ship's rifle club was held on the 19th and 20th September. Corpl. Lillywhite was the winner in Class A and Mus. Mackie in Class B.

A Competition was held amongst the Detachment on the 20th September at Wei-Hai-Wei for the R.M.R.A. Bronze Medal. There were 34 competitors, and after a keen competition Mus. Bond was the winner with a score of 69, Mne. Morris being second with a score of 61 the possible score being 75, but each man shot under a handicap, according to his official classification.

FOOTBALL.—The Inter-Port Football Competition commenced with the detachment defeating the Daymen by 2 goals to nil, Corpl. Mitchard scoring both goals. There was great keenness on both sides, but the splendid combination of our team was responsible for overcoming the vigorous attacks of the Daymen. We have discovered a very promising right half in Mne. Snelgrove, and it would be advisable to watch his progress, as there is the making in him of a good right half for the Divisional team.

Corpl. Lillywhite has qualified as a R.N. & R.M. F.A. referee.

"Concord."

On the 16th October we left Nanking for Woosung, arriving during the evening, and waited for orders. On the 18th we were ordered back to Nanking, and proceeded there at 20 knots.

We left Nanking again on October 21st for Wei-hai-wei and arrived on the 23rd. As we had only a few days in which to complete our gunnery programme, our first week-end at Wei-hai was fairly strenuous. The "Durban" being with us, the combined detachments landed for a tactical exercise.

Leaving Wei-hai-wei on November 3rd, we arrived off Woosung Flats on the evening of the 4th, and proceeded up river to Shanghai the following day.

Armistice Day was celebrated at Shanghai by an impressive service at the Cathedral, attended by contingents of 100 men from "Concord" and "Despatch." After the Two Minutes' Silence the "Last Post" was sounded by three Marine buglers. The church parties marched to and from the church headed by the combined bands of both ships. On return to The Bund all members of the R.A.O.B. were fallen out and marched to the War Memorial, where a wreath was laid by our ship's lodge and the funeral service read.

Our ship's Inter-Port Sports were held at Hongkew Park on the 19th, 20th and 21st. The detachment won the Cup presented by the Captain for the tug-of-war, but lost the aggregate cup by two points to the 2nd division of seamen. The Marine officer was second in the high jump. Whilst competing for second place he cleared 4ft. 9ins., which the winner failed to do. The cup and prizes were presented by the Captain's wife on Sunday, November 22nd.

N.A. & W.I.

"Capetown."

On September 17th we arrived at San Pedro. Los Angeles being very easily reached from here, a great number took advantage of this opportunity and visited the film studios at Hollywood. "Doug and Mary" personally conducted us over the "Fairbank-Pickford" studio. We were privileged to see several pictures in the making, or to use their term, "being shot," and altogether had a good peep behind the scenes in "Movie Land."

A visit to Pasadena concluded a very pleasant week at San Pedro, and we bade farewell to California on the 24th.

After a twelve day sea trip we arrived at Balboa (Panama zone), and after staying two days, proceeded through the Panama Canal *en route* for our last calling place, to conclude our 17,000 mile cruise.

October 9th we reached Jamaica, and after oiling, left the next day for our base, Bermuda.

On our arrival at Bermuda on the 15th we immediately put to sea again for two days gunnery with the flagship.

We found the "Constance" in dry dock, quite a good start on the station.

On Saturday, 24th October, we played the "Constance" detachment at football, and after a very sporty game, we lost by 4—2.

26th October the detachment proceeded to Warwick Camp to undergo our annual course of musketry and field training.

NEW ZEALAND.

"Philomel."

SPORTS.

It is at present what may be termed the "change over time." Soccer and Rugby are just going into their summer residences while Tennis and Cricket are now the ruling topics at Sports Meetings. The detachment hope to be able to put a cricket eleven into the field again this year against inter-part of ship.

GENERAL NEWS.

H.M.S. "Dunedin" arrived in Auckland from Wellington and stayed a couple of days after the departure of American visitors, before proceeding on a

cruise around the adjacent Pacific Islands. The escape of a female leopard recently from the Auckland Zoo is responsible (according to a local paper), for many men returning home late with the excuse that they had been looking for the escapee. The latest joke is that it was last seen after the arrival of a boat from Home outside the G.P.O. waiting for a male (mail).

The whole of New Zealand is at present in the throes of a shipping strike. The strike affecting adversely the producers, principally farmers who are large exporters of lamb and butter and so prices of these commodities are rising in price. The strike only affects shipping that is manned by crews under articles signed in British waters, this action of theirs is severely criticised by the farmers of N.Z., who have been joining together and now offer the ship-owners to work the ships themselves by voluntary labour.

NICELY CURED.—Some years ago a colonel commanding some Marines was much exercised in his mind as to how to deal with two of his men who were continually fighting each other. Threats, pack-drill and even cells were tried, but were of no avail. No sooner free than they flew at each other and with worse results than before. At last he hit on a happy expedient ; the next time the men were brought before him he set them to clean all the windows in the barracks, one inside and the other outside, and neither to go to the next window till the other had finished. The next morning they started, and after glaring at one another for three or four windows the situation became too ludicrous, and they both burst out laughing, became great friends, and both got on well together.—

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PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

CADET CORPS.

The ANNUAL CONCERT AND PRIZE-GIVING of the Chatham Company took place in the R.M. Theatre on Friday, 11th December, 1925. The house was packed to overflowing, a good many having to stand. Colonel Commandant Morgan, C.B., A.D.C., and the majority of the officers of the Division were present.

The first part of the programme consisted chiefly of Displays by the Cadets in Squad Drill, Arm Drill, Signalling and P. & R.T., which were carried out in a very smart and efficient manner. Items by Cdt. Cpl. Craft, Q.M.S.I. Matkin, Q.M.S.I. Bonnett, and Clr.-Sergt. Burnell were thoroughly enjoyed.

Then followed a resume of work for 1925 by Capt. Reading, the O.C. In a short speech he summarised the work for 1925, observing that it had been highly satisfactory. The establishment was 100; the average strength had been 94, and average attendance 83.7. Instruction had been imparted in the following :—

Infantry.—Well up to the mark, especially the general appearance.

Signals.—Two classes have received instruction in semaphore.

P. & R.T.—Regular instruction throughout the year, including boxing.

Gunnery.—This branch has been brought up to a very high standard during 1925, through the keen interest shown by the I. of G. and Staff.

Shooting.—Chief successes for 1925: Winners, Finlaison team cup and Individual cup ; Winners, Sir Charles Warren Shield ; King's Trophy, 7th ; Lord Roberts' Trophy, 6th. (Over 200 teams competed in the last two.)

Annual Camp.—This has been previously reported on.

Capt. Reading then thanked the "Senior Instructor" and Secretary of the Corps, Q.M.S.I. Franks, for all the work he had done ; it was to his energy and guidance that the successes were largely due. All the Instructors were thanked for their untiring efforts, and finally the Adjutant of the Corps, Sergt.-Major Board, to whom fell the credit for the organisation of the Concert.

Mrs. Morgan then very kindly presented the prizes.

PRIZE WINNERS :

Best All-round N.C.O. ..		Cdt. C.Q.M.S. R. Ackhurst.
Best All-round Cadet ..		Cdt. L/Cpl. A. Burgess.
Gunnery		Cdt. J. Hoile.
Signals	*Senior* :	Cdt. Sergt. Baker.
	Junior :	Cdt. P. Attwood.
P. & R.T.		Cdt. G. Franks.
Best All-round Shot of Year		Cdt. Sergt. Parfitt.
Best Recruit		Cdt. A. Moody.
Best Trier		Cdt. A. White.

DIVISIONAL RIFLE MEETING.—CADETS' COMPETITION.

Senior : 1st, Cdt. Sergt. H. Baker ; 2nd, Cdt. L/Cpl. A. T. Burgess
Junior : 1st, Cdt. A. Kidwell ; 2nd, Cdt. P. Attwood.

Thirty-nine Prizes were also awarded for Attendance.

After the prizes had been presented the youngest Cadet, Cdt. Morritt, aged 8 years, marched smartly up, saluted, and presented Mrs. Morgan with a bouquet. Capt. Reading then called for three cheers for Mrs. Morgan, in which the whole of the audience heartily joined.

The second part of the programme was then carried out. Q.M.S.I. Chalkley and Cpl. Hayman gave a fine dance and hand-balancing performance. Cpl. Harvey, new to this division, but well-known as an old Portsmouth entertainer, gave a clever display of dancing, which was highly appreciated. Humorous items were contributed by Sergt.-Major Board, Q.M.S.I. Matkin and Bonnett, Clr.-Sergt. Burnell, Sergt. Douglas and Cpl. Hayman. As bearded veteran lighthouse keepers they caused much merriment, particularly so when the crew was inspected by the chief. One complained

that he could not stand still, as he had only been up from the depot 60 years. He was told to take a pace forward and scratch his whiskers. Another was told to put his whiskers in for survey, fair wear and tear charged to the public.

The singing of Mr. Coates and Mrs. Small was also very much appreciated.

Tea was served to over 90 cadets in the schoolroom, and judging by the cheers and laughter, both at the tea and concert, all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

RECREATION ROOM.

PRIZES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

8th Whist Drive, November 11th :

1st Prize ..	15/-	Mne. P. Lake
2nd Prize ..	10/-	Mne. H. F. Scollick ;
3rd Prize ..	5/-	Mne. Gordon
		Mne. A. Paddon

9th Whist Drive, November 25th :

1st Prize ..	15/-	Mne. G. Williams
2nd Prize ..	10/-	Mne. R. W. Coe
3rd Prize ..	5/-	Mne. J. Stringer
Billiards, 1st Prize	8/-	Mus. Chappell
,, 2nd Prize	4/-	Mne. Basten
Snooker, 1st Prize	5/-	Mne. Botting
,, 2nd Prize	3/-	Mus. Dale
Cribb, 1st Prize	8/-	Mne. Freemantle
,, 2nd Prize	4/-	Mne. Homewood
Bezique, 1st Prize	8/-	Mne. Ford
,, 2nd Prize	4/-	Mne. Moss
Draughts, 1st Prize	6/-	Mus. Dale

PORTSMOUTH.

FUNERAL OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

A Funeral Party of two officers and 50 other ranks attended the funeral of Her Majesty the late Queen Alexandra in London on the 27th November, taking part in the procession from St. James' Palace to Westminster Abbey. On arriving in London snow was falling heavily and continued throughout the ceremony. The Marines taking part behaved well throughout, in spite of the uncomfortable conditions, and kept up the good name of the Corps. A good dinner was provided at the Union Jack Club at the conclusion of the ceremony, prior to returning to Portsmouth. The officers attending were Capt. C. Brooke-Short and Lieut. J. M. Phillips.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

A Solo Whist Drive is held in the Mess every Tuesday, for members and hon. members only, commencing at 7 p.m. Tickets 1/-, including light refreshments. All are cordially invited and are assured of a very enjoyable evening. Q.M.S. C. Eden can give some excellent translations of the French items printed on the scoring cards.

These " Drives " are apart from the usual weekly " Drives " which are held every Thursday.

Splendid prizes are given at both of the Drives, and it is hoped that more members will make an appearance and bring their male friends to the Tuesday Drive.

CANTEEN.

Whist Drives and Concerts are held on alternative Mondays in the Canteen Lounge. These entertainments are much appreciated and well attended, and the arrangements are ably made by the Steward and Stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman.

Whist Drive, 30th November. 140 persons seated.

WINNERS : *Ladies*—1st Prize, Mrs. Wall ; 2nd Prize, Mrs. Cox ; 3rd Prize, Mrs. Hayes ; Booby, Mrs. McKnight ; Highest 1st half, Mrs. Bonner ; Highest 2nd half, Mrs. Biggant. *Gents*—1st Prize, Mr. Welcome ; 2nd Prize, Mne. Pike ; 3rd Prize, Mr. Powell ; Booby, Mr. Barddy ; Highest 1st half, Mrs. Furness (as gent) ; Highest 2nd half, Musn. Sullivan.

Whist Drive, 7th December. 154 persons seated.

WINNERS : *Ladies*—1st Prize, Mrs. Hawkes ; 2nd Prize, Mrs. White ; 3rd Prize, Mrs. Moore ; Sealed No., Miss Pash ; Highest 1st half, Mrs. Cumnere ; Highest 2nd half, Mrs. Marsh. *Gents*—1st Prize, Mne. Maylon ; 2nd Prize, Mr. Moore ; 3rd Prize, Mne. Moxham ; Sealed No., Mr. Harris ; Highest 1st half, Mr. Vincent ; Highest 2nd half, Mne. Lord.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The members of the N.C.O.'s Social Club spent a very pleasant evening together at a Dinner held at the Corner House Cafe, after which everyone adjourned to witness the production of " The Punch Bowl " at the Theatre Royal. The evening's entertainment was greatly appreciated by all present.

A Band, under Bandmaster Herbert Kenward, performed during luncheon, at which the High Commissioner of New Zealand was present, on board H.M.S. " Diomede," on the occasion of the ship leaving for New Zealand, the following programme was rendered :

Overture ..	" Peter Schmoll " ..	*Weber*
Selection ..	" La Tosca " ..	*Puccini*
Suite ..	" Hiawatha "	*Coleridge Taylor*
Maoro Melodies	(*i*) " Yohmay " ..	*Walton*
	(*ii*) " Canoe Song "	
	(*iii*) " Farewell Song "	
Selection ..	" No, No, Nanette " ..	*Youmans*
Fox Trot ..	" Bouquet " ..	—

A Band, under Bandmaster (W.O.) A. C. Green, L.R.A.M., R.M.B., assisted the Submarine Depot's theatrical party at a concert held at the Portsmouth Hippodrome, in aid of the M.I. Disaster Fund. The assistance of the band was greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Two very interesting and highly instructive Lectures have been given at the School during the month. The first was given by Mr. Hugh Burry, Principal of the Burry College of Music, Southsea. The subject was " How to Listen, and the Value of Listening to good Music." He emphasised the point of his subject by a practical demonstration on the piano, being ably assisted by three of his pupils, who among other items gave an excellent rendering of the 1st movements of Beethoven's Nos. 1 and 5 Symphonies. The second lecture was given by Mr. Fowles, L.R.A.M., whose subject was " Musical Form," and who also gave a pianoforte demonstration of his subject. It is hoped that more of these lectures will be arranged, for they are not only highly interesting, but are theoretically of great value to all members of the School.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

" Honours, which make the face of Virtue fair,
'Tis great to merit, and 'tis wise to wear ;
'Tis holding up the prize to public view,
Confirms grown virtue, and inflames the new ;
Heightens the lustre of our age and time.
And sheds rich seeds of worth for future time."

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Good fortune has enabled the Fund to purchase the medals of Captain Richard William Pascoe, Royal Marines. They are the Military General Service Medal (1793-1814), with clasp " Java " ; the Naval General Service Medal (1793-1840), with two clasps, viz., " Off Tamatave, 20 May 1811 " and " Syria," and the medal for St. Jean d'Acre, which was also awarded by the Sultan of Turkey for the operations in Syria in 1840.

The possession of both the Military and Naval General Service Medals by the same officer was very rare and adds much to the interest of these medals.

Richard William Pascoe obtained his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant on the 12th September, 1908, and was posted to the 9th Company, Plymouth Division. He had to wait until the 10th May, 1823, for his step to First Lieutenant, and again " marked time " until the 23rd May, 1837, for his promotion to Captain—nearly 29 years of subaltern service !

He retired as a Captain, but received the rank of Major in the Army, 28th November, 1854, and was awarded a Greenwich Hospital Pension in 1866.

His first active service was afloat in 1811, when serving in the frigate *Phoebe*. A French squadron of three frigates had arrived off Tamatave on the 19th May, and as the British garrison consisted of only 100 men of the 22nd Regiment, mostly sick, the post fell an easy prize to the French. But the following day Captain Schomberg with three British frigates and a brig appeared on the scene. A spitited action followed and resulted in the capture of the French frigates *Renommée* and *Néréide* ; the remaining ship, the *Clorinde*, succeeded in escaping, and on the 25th the British flag was once again flying upon the fort at Tamatave.

When the clasp for this action was issued, some 37 years later, there were only 15 surviving claimants. It is a new addition to the Collection.

A few months later young Pascoe was landed in Java as one of the officers of a Battalion of Marines disembarked from the Fleet to reinforce the troops under Lieut.-General Sir Samuel Auchmuty. There was a good deal of stiff fighting with the Dutch before the conquest of the island was completed, and in this the Marines bore a distinguished part, receiving the personally expressed thanks of the General in cammond for their zeal, gallantry and exemplary conduct.

It was during these operations that Captain Welchman, R.M., with 50 Seamen and 180 Marines, were mounted on horses and pushed forward by forced marches to attack a fort in the interior of the island, an operation which was successfully achieved with credit and profit.

A very interesting account of the fighting in Java will be found in Vol. XV., page 117 of the *Globe and Laurel*, and also in Col. Field's " Britain's Sea Soldiers," Vol.II., pages 329-330.

Second Lieutenant Pascoe next saw fighting in North America in 1814-15, serving with the 3rd Battalion Royal Marines, and being present in many important affairs.

From 1839-41he was embarked in the *Implacable* and again saw active service in the Syrian campaign of 1840.

It is very satisfactory to reflect that the medals which were awarded to this officer so many years after the operations in which he was engaged, now repose as honoured mementoes in the Officers' Mess. The present anre-room was in his day the mess room, consequently it is particularly appropriate that his medals should adorn the walls of a room once so familiar to him, for he was always a Plymouth officer. H.C.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

In memory of the Battle of Graspan, three wreaths were placed on the Royal Marine Memorial in the Mall on 25th November, by the Adjutant-General, Major-Gen. A. R. H. Hutchinson, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on behalf of the R.M. Old Comrades' Association (London, Headquarters), the Greenwich Branch and the Old Comrades employed at the Admiralty.

SHANGHAI BRANCH.

The R.M.O.C.A in China held their second dinner at Shanghai on October 17th, the nearest date to Trafalgar Day which would suit the majority of the members. Lieut.-Col. Cantrell and Captains Glunicke, Mercer and De Berry were the guests, and the band of H.M.S. " Hawkins " attended.

The dinner was a great success, forty-one, including guests, sitting down.

The Association is getting on well, new members turning up frequently and Major D'Arcy Anderson hopes soon to muster 40.

DEATHS.

Royal Marine Pensioners whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st October, 1925 :—

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
BASSETT, C. ..	18995	Mne.	Ply.	3569	17-10-25
BRADY, H. ..	18581	Mne.	Ports.	2055	11-10-25
CROSSLEY, W. ..	21083	Mne.	Ply.	12438	13-10-25
GRIFFITHS, C. ..	6789	Mne.	Chat.	320	5-10-25
HARFLETT, J. S. ..	12406	Cr.Sgt.	Chat.	C. Co.	17-10-25
JOHNSON, E. E. H...	5948	Mne.	Chat.	12426	29-10-25
KEWIN, J. J. ..	3797	Sgt.	Ply.	2302	17-10-25
LEE, T. ..	6634	Sgt.	Ply.	1178	29-10-25
PRINCECOX, W. H. ..	13303	C.S.M.	R.M.A.	6371	8-10-25
PHYSICK, R. T. ..	13064	Mne.	Ports.	10992	24-10-25
RIDOUT, G. ..	6216	Sgt.	Ports.	17326	16-10-25
ROBERTS. T. ..	8891	Mne.	Ports.	23 Co.	11-1-25
ROWE, W. H. ..	8643	Mne.	Ply.	67 Co.	9-10-25
SHIRE, J. ..	13496	Mne.	Ply.	25	1-10-25
SPAIN, F. ..	20619	Mne.	Depot	311	31-10-25
TOLLEY, J. W. ..	6860	Mne.	Ply.	1907	3-10-25
TOMKINSON, G. ..	5760	Mne.	Ports.	3322	24-10-25
VARNEY, F. J. ..	1876	Mne.	Ply.	8874	29-9-25

PERIOD 1ST TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1925.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
ALLEN, G. T. ..	6212	Mne.	R.M.A.	6759	9-11-25
ASHBY, J. ..	5339	Corpl.	Ports.	4866	23-11-25
BENDELL, A. ..	20056	Mne.	Ports.	D Co.	4-11-25
BENNETT, C. ..	17718	Mne.	R.M.A.	1290	12-11-25
CARTER, W. ..	14282	Mne.	Ply.	1264	24-11-25
COZENS, J. ..	11773	Mne.	Ports.	22 Co.	1-11-25
CHURCH, J. ..	11595	Mne.	Chat.	—	14-11-25
EDBROOKE, T. H.	3310	Sergt.	Ports.	1292	16-11-25
MORE, T. H. ..	12108	Mne.	R.M.A.	996	2-11-25
NEWBOLD, W. ..	3058	Sergt.	Ports.	3171	5-11-25
PARMINSTER, J. ..	10180	Cr.Sgt.	Ply.	3801	9-11-25
PRICE, P. ..	8486	Mne.	Ports.	816	19-11-25
RAWLINGSON, J. ..	7892	Mne.	Ply.	1555	1-11-25
SMITH, J. ..	13947	Mne.	Chat.	529	6-11-25
SPARKES, S.	16335	Sergt.	Ply.	236	27-11-25
WHITE, W. ..	9929	Cr.Sgt.	Ply.	36 Co.	5-11-25

CORRESPONDENCE.

GENERAL CREASE'S SMOKE SCREEN.

Dear Mr. Editor,

With reference to a para in this month's G and L on the use of a smoke screen in attack. This took place on 6th August, 1890 at Eastney. An attack was made from Fort Cumberland by a battalion R.M.A., the Inniskilling Fusiliers and the 46th Battery, R.F.A., under the command of Colonel Ogle. The defence was under the command of Major Burrows with two companies of R.M.L.I., two 9 pdr. field guns manned by R.M.A., one machine gun and a 1-inch four barrelled Nordenfelt.

Previous to the attack there was a great luncheon in the Officers' Mess at which the Duke of Edinburgh, as Head of the Corps, presided. The Prince of Wales (King Edward VII.) was also present with the Duke of Clarence, Duke of Connaught, the Kaiser, the Grand Duke Karl Styan of Austria, Lord Wolseley, Admirals Sir H. Keppel, Sir G. P. Hornby, Rear-Admiral Hinke (German) and General Sir Leicester Smyth, commanding at Portsmouth.

The smoke screen was provided by two or three buglers in each company carrying torches capable of producing a dense smoke. This undoubtedly concealed the movements of the attackers to a certain extent.

At the conclusion of the attack, the Officers assembled in front of the Mess to meet the Kaiser, who shook hands with all present. It was understood that the distinguished spectators rather ridiculed Colonel Crease's idea, but the Germans apparently made a note of it.

Yours faithfully,
A.M.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your paragraph in the Editorial Notes on General Crease's demonstration of the use of a smoke screen, it is quite correct.

At the time I was A.I.G. at Forton, and was, I think with two companies, sent over in charge of a couple of machine guns to form the defence. With the R.M.A. machine guns under Mackay we formed a section.

Yours faithfully,
D.W.H.

CAREERS FOR Ex-R.M.

To the Editor
" Globe & Laurel "

Dear Sir,

After reading the article on " Salesmanship.—A Career for ex-R.M." in your December issue, it occurs to me that it would serve a useful purpose if further articles of a similar nature were published.

The writer of the article in question has treated the subject in the light of his own personal experiences. Would it not be possible to arrange with other ex-R.M. to give some account of their experiences in the professions adopted by them on leaving the Service ?

I would suggest that a series of articles on these lines would convey to serving members of the Corps more real information and live advice than could be obtained from other sources.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
W.D.C.

" PUBLIC-SPIRITED SMITH "

25 Great Western Road,
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Can you kindly, through your columns, furnish me with the particulars of an old Marine Officer, Henry ? Smith. He was generally known as " Public-spirited Smith."

His son, who is at Shanghai, was very young when he died and cannot furnish details. Smith saw service in South Africa, South America or Mexico, and was at the taking of the Taku Forts, and served in Japan. He retired as Lieutenant in the late 60's and settled in Japan.

His son has a silver cup presented to " Public-spirted Smith " by the " old garrison of Canton," and he would like to know to what Division his father belonged, so that he could present the cup.

Yours very truly,
G. D'Arcy Anderson (Major retd.)

Note.—Would any reader who can throw any light on this subject kindly write to me.—Editor " Globe and Laurel."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.D.—Thank you for your kind letter, which is much appreciated by all members of the Editorial staff.

H.E.P.—Sorry the cutting you sent is marked " copyright." We have read it with much interest. Drying up the U.S.A. is a tough proposition, even for an ex-R.M.

DEE BEE.—Special thanks are due to you for your succession of interesting contributions and photographs. Your last photos are not quite up to your previous high standard. Please send more !

G.E.D.—The secretary has been instructed not to be so free with his promotions. You have no doubt lived up to the honours which have been forced upon you.

A.D.—Very nice to see your handwriting, which seems strangely familiar to me. Your suggestion has been adopted. Many thanks for good wishes, which are heartily reciprocated. It is too late to wish you a happy Christmas, but I know you had a warm one.

J.H.C.W.—The best customers in proportion to the strength of detachments are :—

	Detachment	Copies taken	Percentage
" Ceres "	38 ..	33 ..	87
" Danae "	45 ..	33 ..	73
" Dragon "	45 ..	30 ..	66
" Calypso "	39 ..	24 ..	62
" Cape Town " ..	37 ..	22 ..	60
" Marlborough " ..	136 ..	70 ..	51
" Queen Elizabeth " ..	174 ..	81 ..	46

Congratulations to you on heading the list.

W.E.V.B.—Please see reply to J.H.C.W. We agree it is " not so dusty," and thank you for your support.

B.F.T.—Many thanks for cutting. Most of it has now appeared in the article in November number.

BOUND COPIES.

A few bound copies of the following volumes of *The Globe and Laurel* are available :—Vols. I. to IV., IX., XI., XV., XVII. to XIX., XXI., XXIII., XXIV. to XXXI. They will be sold for Three Shillings, postage extra. Orders should be sent to the Secretary at once.

NOTES ON MATCH REVOLVER SHOOTING.

(*Continued*)

By H.S.R.P.

The following notes on the correct adjustment and care of the revolver have been compiled because the writer is of the opinion that they are of great importance to those competing in matches and because, as far as can be ascertained, they are not contained in any official text-book.

For the benefit of those who do not know the names of the parts of the revolver the position of each has been given on the first occasion on which the part is mentioned.

Pull-Off.—The weight of the pull-off must not be less than 4lbs. It is hopeless to compete with a revolver which requires a weight of 6-8 lbs. (the Service weight) to release the action.

Reducing the pull-off is the work of an expert armourer and consists in altering the shape of the hammer bent in which the trigger nose engages. These parts cannot be seen without stripping.

Bad work will either cause a drag when the trigger is pressed or will make the weight of the pull-off increase or decrease subsequently with use. The whole team is disqualified if one member is found to have competed with a revolver of less than the minimum pull-off.

Main Spring.—The force to be exerted on the hammer to cock should not be too great as it will cause loss of time and loss of grip during the rapid practices. This is also an armourer's adjustment, and is carried out by filing the long arm of the main spring so as to reduce its thickness and therefore its power. Great care has to be taken to file evenly or a buckled spring will result. The main spring can be seen by removing the stocks.

Reducing the tension of the main spring automatically reduces the weight of the pull-off, so the pull-off should be adjusted after and not before the main spring.

With the trigger pressed so that the hammer face bears against the body, the weight required to move the hammer should be about 3 lbs.

Bisley conditions fix no minimum for this weight, but a spring which is too weak will cause miss-fires.

Adjustment of the Cylinder Catch.—The Cylinder catch (sometimes called the trigger stop), is situated under the cylinder and about half-way along it.

The cylinder catch should rise and engage in one of the recesses in the cylinder at the moment when the hammer cocks. There should thus be two simultaneous "clicks."

If it rises too soon, the recess in the cylinder will not be in line with it and the cylinder will drag round with the catch bearing against it. This will slightly increase the weight required to cock, and the outside of the cylinder will become scored.

The main function of the catch is to hold the cylinder when the revolver is in the holster, and so prevent a fired round being again presented below the nose of the hammer.

The adjustment is an armourer's work and is very delicate.

Cleaning the Bore.—It is interesting to note that the barrel of a revolver has a different function from that of most other weapons. A revolver barrel is merely a means of directing the bullet. The force of the explosion does not act on the base of the bullet during its travel down the barrel as it does in the case of a rifle, since almost all the pressure is released when the bullet has passed the small gap between the barrel and the cylinder.

The bore, not being subjected to either great pressures or gas, or nickel-covered bullets can only suffer from surface fouling caused by cordite (burnt and unburnt) and the cap composition. Hence it is only necessary to remove the external fouling with a soft brush or piece of flannelette and then to oil up. Rangoon oil is the most suitable.

The action of the soft bullets passing down the barrel gradually polishes the bore, so that an old barrel, if it has been properly looked after, is superior to a new one. It is therefore a mistake to use a wire brush on the bore. "Motty" paste and similar compositions are unnecessary

Cleaning the Chamber.—Each time a round is fired a small quantity of lead is left adhering to the inside of the chamber. The deposit gradually increases, until it is finally blown out.

In this way a revolver, unless cared for, has deposits of varying thickness in each chamber. Each bullet has thus to overcome a different resistance when leaving the chamber and the result is erratic shooting. The cure is to clean the chambers with a wire brush about every 100 rounds.

"Spitting" and its Causes.—A revolver is said to "spit" when it throws out lead shavings owing to the chamber not being in line with the barrel at the moment of discharge.

Note.—Unburnt cordite may also be thrown out, but will not do much harm, as, although it will make the eyes smart if it gets in them, it is soon dissolved by the tears. There is no cure for cordite spitting except better ammunition. Lead and cordite spitting should not be confused. It is to the former that these notes chiefly refer.

If small pieces of lead are thus shaved off the bullet, it will no longer fit the bore accurately, but will "cannon" from side to side during its travel and leave the muzzle at an angle.

This will cause inaccurate shooting, but a more important factor is that a match may be lost through other members of the team being put off by having pieces of lead embedded in their hands or faces during a shoot.

There is no appreciable escape of gas past the bullet for reasons which have been mentioned under "Cleaning the Bore."

If there is any doubt as to whether a revolver spits lead or cordite, scrape the holster guides (2 triangular plates in front of the cylinder) with a penknife and if a thin deposit of lead, as opposed to cordite or dirt is found, the revolver is a lead-spitter.

Spitting is generally caused by wear between the pawl and the ratchet teeth on the cylinder. The pawl can be seen to the right of and below the hole in the shield through which the hammer nose strikes the cap (holding the revolver with the butt away from you).

This wear causes play and allows inaccurate centering of the chamber and barrel.

The same result will however be obtained if there is lateral play in the trigger. The trigger carries the cylinder stop, which protrudes from the body under the rear end of the cylinder when the hammer is cocked, and which acts on the end of the cannelures in the cylinder and limits the rotation of the cylinder.

If the trigger has lateral play the cylinder will not be held rigid and spitting will be the result.

To test for this defect cock the hammer, press the trigger and keep it pressed ; the cylinder should now have no rotary movement when tested with the hand.

It is however possible for a revolver to spit owing to the chambers not being in line with the barrel even though there is no movement of the cylinder with the trigger pressed.

This will be the case if the cylinder, though firmly held by the pawl and cylinder stop is not accurately centred.

The cause of this fault may also lie with the cylinder stop since if it is too thick, the cylinder will be prevented from rotating until the chamber is quite in line with the barrel, and if the cylinder stop is too thin the cylinder will be free to revolve too far.

To test for this, hold the revolver with the right thumb on the trigger and the muzzle towards you ; press the trigger as far as it will go, hold the hammer back with the left forefinger, and look down the muzzle. If any portion of the front of the cylinder is visible, the defect is present.

(To be continued).

YARNS OLD AND NEW.

A Naval Surgeon, celebrated for his quick wit, was performing an operation, when the building opposite caught fire. In a few minutes the operating theatre was lit up by the reflection of the flames. Turning to one of the nurses, the surgeon said quietly, " Draw down the blinds, please. I wouldn't like this fellow to think when he comes round that the operation has been a failure."—*Sporting and Dramatic.*

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An American was walking with an English friend through Hyde Park. When they came within sight of the famous riding track, the gentleman from overseas remarked, " Wal, I guess I don't know why they call this place ' Rotten Row,' I can't see anything pink about it ! " " Ah," said the Londoner, " but you ought to see some of the Sunday morning riders."—

Sporting and Dramatic.

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Some time ago a youth of Yiddish nationality had a serious accident and was not expected to recover. He was visited by a friend, who enquired if he was prepared to go to heaven. " No," said he, " because father said a few days ago that business had gone to hell."

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Overheard on a battleship, stopped by a fog off Dover : Marine (very young) to sailor : " I say, Jack, why has the ship stopped ? " Jack : " Can't see our way, the fog's too thick." Marine (proud of his training) : " But you can see the stars overhead." Jack : " Yes, but we ain't going that way, unless the ship blows up."

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The old parishioner was asked whom he liked best as a preacher, the vicar or the curate. He plumped for the curate. On being asked his reason for the preference he explained the matter thus : " The curate, he says, ' In conclusion, brethren,' and he do conclude, but the vicar he says ' Lastly, my friends,' and he do last."

An R.A.F. plane had been forced to make a landing some miles north of Portsmouth, and a tender with mechanics was sent out to locate it. They searched for an hour, but in vain, and at length the corporal in charge saw a sportsman in a wood. So he leapt over the fence and said : " Excuse me, sir. but do you know anything about an aeroplane that came down hereabouts ? " " Great Heavens ! " murmured the sportsman, turning pale ; " I'm frightfully sorry if it was my fault, I give you my word I was only aiming at partridges ! "—*Sporting and Dramatic.*

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QUESTION SET FOR RECRUITS SECTION COMMANDERS.

" Why are the Marines called Jollies ? " Answer : " Because a Marine serves in H.M. ships with sailors, and the sailor is called a " Jolly Tar," but as the Marine is only half a sailor, he is called a Jolly."—

Deal, Walmer and Sandwich Mercury.

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MALTA MA FEESH !

Probably the first Arabic learnt on arrival in Egypt are the words " Ma feesh," literally, " There is not." The phrase is also Maltese. The following anecdote, therefore, should appeal to most sailormen.

For years, with the exception of an annual cruise to Port Said, the pride of the Egyptian Navy (their solitary vessel) had remained securely moored in harbour at Alexandria. A new and energetic Minister of Marine, however, had been appointed, and to his consternation the captain received an order to take his vessel to Malta with all despatch.

His dismay was shared by his crew, for, like their gallant commander, not one had ever been out of sight of land. But the order had to be obeyed, and in due course the ship proceeded to sea.

Forty-eight hours later she steamed back to her old familiar moorings. This interval of time had sufficed to convince her captain and crew that Malta no longer existed, for proceeding ashore he reported his return, and the alarming news that the island had disappeared, in the brief sentence, " Malta ma feesh ! "

DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS IN THE R.N.

From Notes appearing in "The Mariners' Mirror,"
By kind permission of W. G. Perrin, O.B.E.

1.—TO THE END OF THE 17th CENTURY.

The earliest musical instrument known to have been in use on board ship appears to be the Trumpet; it was used in the Roman and Greek navies as a means of communicating orders, probably from one ship to another. A glance at the 13th Century seal of Portsmouth and the early 14th Century seal of Dover, on which is depicted a ship of that period, with two trumpeters standing on the "poop" of the ship, gives prominence to the musicians and instruments employed during that time on board ship. The trumpets used were of the long straight post horn type, but as far back as 1190 tradition states that when Richard entered into the harbour of Messina on his way to the Crusade, that the sea was covered with innumerable galleys, from which the music of trumpets and horns resounded afar off, and it is clear that in those early days music received due recognition in the organisation of the Navy, in fact, besides the trumpet, drums and cornets (an early wooden instrument) were used, as we read that the English celebrated their naval victory at Sluys in 1340 with trumpets, drums and cornets, and other instruments making such a noise that "God could not be heard thundering," from which one would imagine that the other instruments referred to would be of the cymbal type; also when Edward III. embarked at Winchelsea in 1350, he beguiled the time whilst waiting for the appearance of the Spanish fleet in listening to a German dance played by his minstrels.

There are also various other indications of the importance of musicians borne in ships, as in the case of John Davis, who in a ship named "The Sunneshine," of only 50 tons, set out to discover the North West Passage, and out of a ship's company of 23 men, he had no less than four musicians; this little band was evidently used to cultivate friendship with the Esquimos by the aid of their music. Sir Francis Drake also on his expedition to Spain and Portugal borrowed the "Waits," otherwise the official musicians, of the City of Norwich to accompany him on his expedition, and no doubt it will interest our readers to note that these "Waits," or band, comprised of one treble recorder (a kind of flageolet), three hautbois (oboes) and one sackbut (an early form of trombone). The bands in those days were known by the term "noise," and by the combination of their instruments one would think they deserved the name; the name was not used, however, in any derogatory sense, but was equivalent to the present name of orchestra or band, and no doubt were as much appreciated as the R.M. bands of the Fleet to-day.

It was the accustomed duty of the trumpeters or "noise" to attend on all ceremonial occasions, in a similar way as the "guard and band" of to-day, and in 1653 the rate of pay of a trumpeter in the Royal Navy was from £1 3s. 4d. to £1 8s. 0d. a month; they also attended at all burial services, and on one occasion it appears, at the burial of the boatswain of one of His Majesty's ships, there were eight trumpeters, drawn up in two ranks. The front rank would commence a doleful tune, and after a while the second rank would take it up, and so it would continue until the graveside was reached.

It was the duty of the trumpeters not only to take a leading part in all ceremonials he was expected to inspire and encourage the crew while the fighting was in progress. The Admiral's trumpeter, who was more reputed than the rest, possessed a silver trumpet, with the Admiral's colours attached, and it was his duty to sound a salute for the Admiral on leaving and returning to the ship; but this was evidently carried out in all Captain's ships as well that were provided with trumpeters.

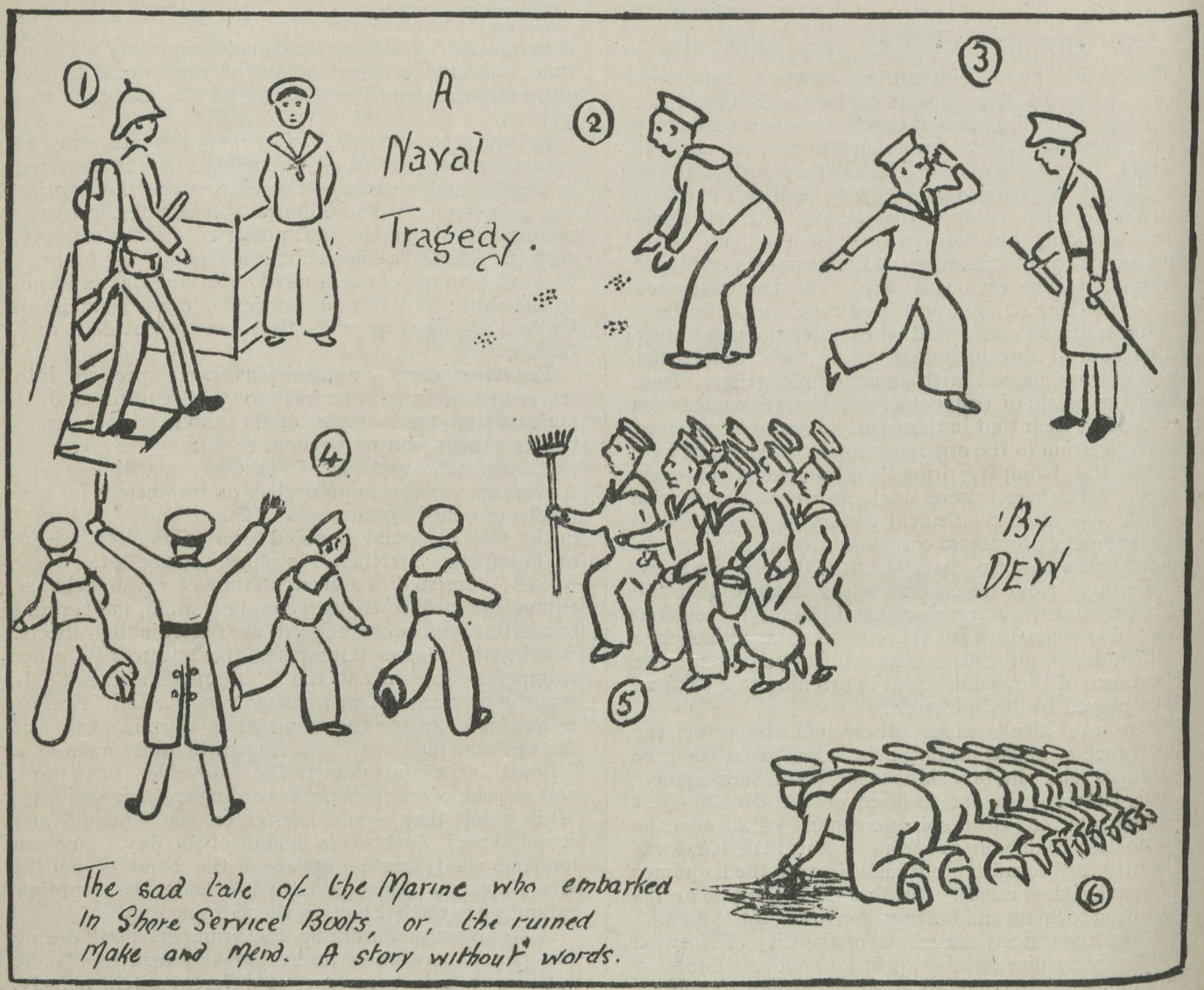
The trumpeters or musicians were pressed into service in a similar manner to the seamen, and it appears that the majority of these were brought from the neighbourhood of London, so it may be presumed that musicians were scarce in other maritime ports. A warrant for the impressment of trumpeters for the Fleet was issued by Admirals "Blake" and "Popham" in the year 1650, and provided for a "Complete Noise" of Trumpeters for their Flagships. These "Complete Noises" consisted of a Master Trumpeter, who held the equivalent rank to the surgeon, boatswain, gunner and carpenter, and were classed as subordinate officers. Besides the Master Trumpeter there were five other trumpeters, known as the "Trumpeter's Crew." It was the custom on Christmas morning for the "Noise" to assemble outside the admiral's or captain's cabin at 4 a.m., and play what was known in those days as a "Levet" (the equivalent to the "Reveille" of to-day), and at each officer's cabin, according to their seniority, after which they would muster on the "poop" and sound three "Levets" in honour of the day. One can imagine what would happen if the band of one of His Majesty's ships performed outside the captain's cabin to-day at that hour in the morning.

A few words concerning the trumpets used during this period may be of interest to our readers. There appears to have been four, of different pitch, namely, the "principal," the "tromba," and the 1st and 2nd "clarinos." These were made of the long straight type, which were found to be so unwieldy, that in later years the tubing was bent into shape after the style of the bugle used on board His Majesty's ships to-day. The clarinos, which were of higher pitch, required great skill on the part of the players, and it may be supposed that in ships where the "noise" composed of six or more performers, these instruments were doubled, as in the case to-day, where we have two or three 1st cornets in the band. It may be thought that too much has been said about the trumpet, but it must be understood that this instrument was the only one used in the Royal Navy about this period, and then only played with special license, and the Master Trumpeter on board was undoubtedly the forerunner of the present R.M. Bandmaster.

(*To be continued.*)

THE LIGHTER VEIN CLUB.

By Dew.



On the whole, I think it's a good job we only fraternise once a month, for it took me all December to get over our last merry meeting, and even now I haven't finished paying my doctor's bill.

The members of the club have arrived at the conclusion that in future our meetings shall be conducted on strictly temperate lines, and this rule we adopted as our New Year Good Resolution. Whether it will go the way of most New Year resolutions remains to be seen.

Well, to the point.

I opened this, the first meeting of 1926, by explaining the bill I'd settled up with the landlord last month.

This is the solution of the mystery—

There were twelve men, and he had charged me 5/- per head, making a total of three pounds. Hence, had there been three more (fifteen) the charge would have been a shilling less, namely, 4/- per head, and for two less (ten) he would have charged 6/- per head, being a shilling more. In each case the total bill would have been three pounds.

Wiggie now came forward with this one :—

" You might 'ave noticed that on the front of a good many 'busses there's a large advestisement something like this

BRICKWOODS

" Well, not long ago I was walkin darn the street, an' a dear old soul came up to me, and asked ' Can you tell me where I catch the 'busses for the woods, please ?,

' Woods,' says I, 'there ain't no woods 'ere. This is a watery place.'

' Ah, there we are !' she exclaimed suddenly, catching sight of a 'bus. She climbed onboard, and, as they moved off, I 'eard 'er say to the conductor ' A ticket to Brickwoods, please.' "

The mention of Brickwoods served to remind Shorty that his doctor had prescribed him a pint of medicine

every evening, which he had neglected to take. He promptly put on his hat and hastened to repair the error.

Pincher now rose and read us an extract from an essay written by his young sister, aged eight, as follows :—

A LITTLE GIRL'S ESSAY ON BOYS.

Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies bye and bye. Man was made before woman. When God looked at Adam, he said to himself, "Well, I think I can do better if I try again," and he made Eve.

Boys are a trouble; they wear out everything except soap. If I had my way the world would be half girls and all the rest dolls.

My Papa is so nice, that I think he must have been a little girl when he was a little boy. Man was first, and on the seventh day he rested. Woman was made and has never rested since.

Jimmy then supplied us with the following yarn :—

A Naval Officer had decided to spend his leave touring Ireland in a Ford car. Passing through a country lane, the car betrayed its ancestry by breaking down. Over the other side of the hedge an Irish farm hand was apparently having similar trouble with his mowing machine, which had also refused duty.

Paddy scratched his head, and, leaning over the hedge, watched the tourist for some time in silence.

"Begorra, an' pwhat sort av a machane wud ye be afther callin' that ?" he enquired at last.

"This, my man," replied the owner of the car "is called an automobile. And what" indicating the mowing machine "would you call that ?"

Paddy scratched his head again.

"Sure" he said "I'd be callin' this an automowgrass, but it won't !"

Shorty, having returned from his visit to the "doctor" now spun this one.

Two members of the Corps, of whom one was a Scotchman, were returning unsteadily to barracks after a fairly hectic evening. Sandy had in his trousers pocket a large bottle of whiskey, which he had a hazy idea of smuggling past the sergeant on the gate. After progressing on a fairly straight course for some distance, the brawny Scot had some trouble with his feet, which had somehow become entangled with his shadow, and he came to grief with a loud crash.

Picking himself up, he was about to proceed on his way, when he found that the inside of his trousers pocket was soaking wet.

"Hoots, mon" exclaimed Sandy, turning to his companion, "but I hope it's blood !"

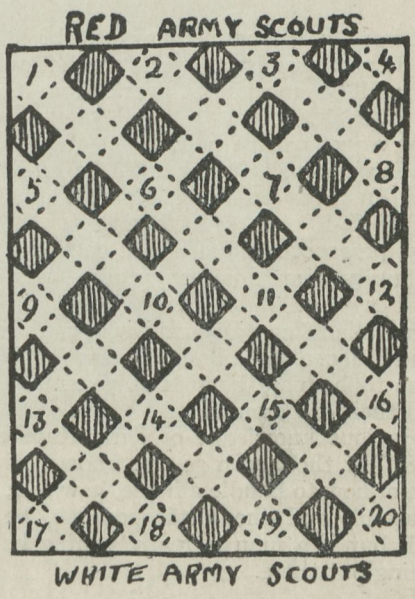
I now called upon Tanky to exercise his artistic prowess for our amusement, and he forthwith produced the accompanying sketch entitled "A Naval Tragedy."

Alas, many of us have had our "make and mends" ruined by similar occurences to that depicted !

Seeing that it was now growing late, I called upon my wife to set the club a little problem which we had previously prepared between us. This problem is recommended to all officers in charge of Field Training parties. If they are not grey-headed now, they will be when they have solved this.

Two opposing armies send out scouts to reconnoitre a village. The dark squares in our plan represent blocks of houses, the white parts being roads ; four men are detailed by each army.

Those from the Red Army take up their positions in the squares marked 1, 2, 3 and 4, and those from the White Army in the squares marked 17, 18, 19 and 20 respectively.



Each scout works independently, Red and White moving alternately. Moves may be of any length, but each move must be in one direction only, that is, along one straight road, and no scout may actually halt on a road already occupied by an opponent ; thus, if a Red scout occupied space number 6, no White scout would be able to halt with impunity on any of the spaces marked 1, 11, 16, 3 or 9. Halts may only be made in the numbered squares.

At the end of the manoeuvre the four Red scouts had occupied the squares 17, 18, 19 and 20, and the four White scouts those numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 ; that is, they had entirely changed places.

Now, what were the moves necessary to enable this to be done ?

It will be seen that the first move can be made to the next square only, as otherwise two opposing scouts would be on the same road.

Having thus given our members something to keep them out of mischief during the interval, the club was adjourned until next month.

(To be continued).

ROYAL MARINES AND EMPIRE SETTLEMENT.

The settlement of the outer marches of the Empire is ancient to the Corps, since a very leading and practical part in the first formation of a Colony was played by a Royal Marine Force in Australia.

This was only 140 years ago, and now that Continent is one of our greatest dominions, but yet with vast areas waiting for settlers, where employment is guaranteed for those ready to take up agricultural work.

When the day for pension draws near, the fact becomes of personal interest that there are 1¼ million men in England for whom no work can be found. Many men are at least thinking whether it would not be better for them and still more for their children, if they made the great plunge and migrated to some portion of the Empire, where a better chance of life is assured than in this over crowded Island of ours.

Before a man will really go, he naturally wants to be assured on several points, and these will be briefly dealt with. Full details about all the dominions can be easily obtained on application to their London Offices, but any facts or figures now quoted, only apply to Australia which appears to give especially good

opportunity. Other dominions may be dealt with some other time.

1. Will one be going amongst people with the same language, the same ideas, the same outlook on life ?

Yes, Australia's ideals are to have 100% white population and the British settler is encouraged above all others.

2. Are those who have already gone out contented with their lot and making good ?

Yes, in the last 6 years, 72,000 ex-Servicemen have gone to Australia and 62% of them have sent for their relatives. One does not send for relatives to share a dud show.

3. Will work on arrival be guaranteed ?

Yes. If you promise to work on the land for two years you will be guaranteed work from the day of landing.

4. What wages will be paid ?

25/- per week plus " tucker." An ex-Marine just home from Australia on leave, states that this is the equivalent of £2-10-0 to £3 at home.

5. What prospect is there of one getting a house for wife and family, should a young man take on these responsibilities ?

By Australian Laws any man who can produce £25 can demand a house to be built for him for £495, which amount has to be paid back in 32 years. 75% of the people own their own houses.

6. Is previous knowledge of agriculture essential ?

No, 98% of those who go out know nothing of it. Knowledge of how to handle a horse, how to milk a cow, etc., are useful, and should, if possible, be acquired beforehand, but if a man is really willing he can pick up everything out there.

7. What prospects are there of "getting on ?"

Every man is taken on his merits. If he shows he is worth it the farmer will pay him more than the minimum wage. Many farmers work on a " Share partnership basis " and many men who went out 20 years ago without a 1d. in their pocket, are now wealthy farmers.

8. How is the fare out going to be paid ?

The single fare is £37. Men going out under the Government Scheme get a free grant of one third, and, if necesssary, the Government gives a loan to cover the remainder. It is also understood that the R.N.B.T. will in cases of necessity give a grant to assist men with any other expenses.

9. What are the requirements of Australia before emigrants are accepted ?

(1) Character.

(2) Physique and good health, or in the words of a leading Australian " Australia has no use for the perpetual belly acher." Australia finds that the ex-service man is the best settler. He has a trained and disciplined character and good physique.

Latterly groups of ex-soldiers, their wives and families, have been trained at the Army Vocational Centre at Catterick and sent out to form a Group Settlement in West Australia. Previous groups have done well, and it is hoped that in the near future this scheme will be opened to other groups. When this scheme is a going concern, fuller details will be given as it seems the ideal one for the man with a family.

But even now the door is open to any to take advantage of a new life in a new country. It is not to be done lightly. Really hard work is essential and a firm determination to see it through. Surely the Royal Marines can provide these requirements. H.N.H.



CHATHAM.

FOOTBALL.

We drew our old rivals, the R.N. Depot, in the second round of the Amateur Cup, and after a very uninteresting game, they managed to force a replay, the score being 2—2. The replay, which took place on the Depot ground, lacked thrills, and although we managed to win by the odd goal in three, it is only right to add, that in so doing we were very fortunate. Lillian, by scoring two goals, made amends for a very moderate display.

In the Port Final of the Navy Cup the Depot had their revenge, the score in this case being reversed. They fully deserved their victory, and controlled the ball on a very slippery turf very much better than we did. Our halves played a great spoiling game, but the forwards and backs have seldom played worse. Lieut. Cordeaux in goal was brilliant and saved the side from a heavy defeat. It will be very surprising if he does not get his place in the Navy side this year.

On the 12th we journeyed to Tunbridge Wells to play the Rovers and beat them 3—1. This is particularly creditable, due to the sound judgment of the selection committee, who decided very wisely to scrap the old forward line and backs. It is hoped that the new talent will raise our at present poor record.

BOXING.

On Tuesday, the 8th December, at Lodge Hill Recreation Club Hut, a Boxing Meeting was held between R.M. Buglers and Cadets and the Lodge Hill Club boys. The result ended in a draw, four fights all.

Bugler	S. Sergent	defeated	W. Steer (L.H.C.)
,,	D. Trapp	lost to	G. Reynolds (L.H.C.)
,,	H. Gurr	defeated	R. Monks (L.H.C.)
,,	H. Adams	,,	A. Hunt (L.H.C.)
Cadet	H. Hubbard	,,	J. Wood (L.H.C.)
,,	A. Parfitt	lost to	J. Roberts (L.H.C.)
,,	S. Botley	,,	A. Sargerson (L.H.C.)
,,	W. Booth	,,	D. Noise (L.H.C.)

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION INDOMITABLES.

Winners Portsmouth Port Final, Navy Cup v. H.M.S. " Vernon " after 7½ hours' play.



Back row : Sgt. Darters. Mne. Hughes. Mne. Hamilton. Cpl. Lyons. Mne. Elsey. Sgt. Albury. Cpl. Gordon, Sergt. Lawrence. Mne. Upson.

Front row : Mne. Williams. Sergt. Watts (*Captain*) Mne. Davidson. Sergt. Arnold. Q.M.S.I. Hatcher. (*Secretary*) Major Forster, D.S.O. (*Chairman*) Sergt. Tilley. (*Trainer*)

(Mne. Derrick, who played at left half in all four games, could not be present when this photograph was taken)

(*Photo, Thos. Humphries*)

THE CHATHAM R.M. MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

With the opening of the new Miniature Range in Melville Barracks, the Divisional Miniature Rifle Club was revived, under its new title. All officers, N.C.O.'s and men belonging to the Division, and including those borne " on command," are members. The Instructor of Gunnery was elected President. It is hoped that the Club will have a long and successful life and will encourage shooting in the Division.

PORTSMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The past month has been very successful, but a heavy programme has made great demands on the team. The manner in which they have responded to these demands says much for their fitness. The sort of work they have been putting in is shown by the follwoing results in five successive days :—

Sat., Nov. 21st *v.* Gosport Albions (Hants Senior Cup). Won 1—0.

Mon., Nov. 23rd *v.* Argyll & Sutherlands (U.S. League and Charity Cup). Won 6—1.

Tues., Nov. 24th *v.* Prince of Wales' Vols. (U.S. League). Won 4—0.

Wed., Nov. 25th *v.* R.A.O.C. (U.S. League). Won 3—0.

In the U.S. League we are now second to the " Excellent," having played 10 matches and won 7, drawn 1 and lost 2. In the Hants Senior Cup we beat Havant Rovers in the second round and now meet the " Excellent " on 6th January. In the Portsmouth Senior Cup we have to meet Ryde in the second round.

Sergt. Wood has made a welcome reappearance, and Sergt. Arnold, whose first love is the second eleven, still delights in resuming his place in the first team when goals are urgently required.

The great event of the month was the homeric struggle against H.M.S. " Vernon " in the Port Final of the Navy Cup.

NAVY CUP PORT FINAL.

This match produced what must be a record struggle, lasting no less than four days. On Wednesday, 9th December there was no score when the whistle blew, and on playing extra time, we were leading by two goals when the " Vernon " scored two surprising goals in the last ten minutes. In the replay on Thursday, the result was again a draw, 2-2 after extra time. In the second, replay, the next day, the result was again a draw 1—1, and the battle was then adjourned for the week-end. Returning to the fray on Monday, our team played with such determination that the " Vernon " had little of the game after the first ten minutes, and we scored a decisive win by 4 goals to 1.

Those who played in all four games were Sergts. Albury and Lawrence, Corporal Lyons and Marines Davidson, Derrick, Hamilton, Elsey and Upson. Sergt. Watts and Marine Williams played in three, Sergt.

Arnold in two, and Sergt. Wood and Marines Kemp and Hughes in one. They are all to be congratulated on the determined way in which they fought against ill-luck and won finally in such decisive manner. Though all played well, mention must be made of the magnificent defensive work throughout of Sergeant Lawrence and Corporal Lyons, and the brilliant saves by Marine Upson.

The following account of the final game appeared in the Portsmouth *Evening News* :—

There was great excitement on the U.S. (Men's) Recreation Ground, Portsmouth, this afternoon, when these teams opposed each other for the fourth time in six days. Extra time has been played on successive days last week—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, but the scores had been level on each occasion after two hours' play : 2—2 on Wednesday and Thursday, and 1—1 on Friday. A crowd of between two and three thousand people assembled. Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe and Admiral Sir Sydney R. Fremantle (Commander-in-Chief) watching part of the first half. The Divisional Band of the Royal Marines enlivened the proceedings before the start and at the interval.

The game opened in a precisely similar manner to the third match. The Vernon went down with a rush from the start, and, after being temporarily repulsed, attacked again, A. URRY giving the Naval men the lead with a fast shot after three minutes. The Marines replied strongly, and should have equalised, but first Rogers brought off a fine one-handed save while stretched full length on the goal-line, and then Davidson headed the ball against the crossbar. Backwards and forwards swung the fortunes of the sides. Derrick stopped an almost certain goal by heading out from the centre of the goal, and the same player conceded a corner to stop J. Urry from advancing when well placed. At the other end Arnold shot a yard too high from a pass by Watts, and the inside-left headed wide with Rogers out of goal. The Marines equalised in fine style after 20 minutes. Albury sent over a fine centre, which Rogers failed to reach, and DAVIDSON, who was on the spot, ran it into the net. The Marines continued to attack, but their forwards, especially the right wing, finished poorly.

Half-time :—H.M.S. Vernon 1 ; Royal Marines 1.

Both goalkeepers were frequently in action at the opening of the second half, and Rogers was applauded for several very smart clearances. When the game had been resumed 20 minutes, however, he was beaten by ARNOLD, who met a centre from the right-wing, and flashed the ball into the net well out of the goalkeeper's reach. Rogers soon afterwards again covered himself with glory by saving a penalty taken by Davidson for a foul on one of the Marines' forwards. The Marines were playing better at this stage than at any period of the four games, and ten minutes from the end DAVIDSON headed a third goal for them. Just before the final whistle sounded ARNOLD added a fourth.

Final :—Royal Marines 4 ; H.M.S. Vernon 1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

At the commencement of the season it looked as if we should have to cancel our fixtures, owing to the scarcity of players, but thanks to the "old 'uns," a number of new players have been enlisted, and although our team is at present inexperienced, it has the makings of a good side.

As usual our Wednesday sides are weak, owing to the absence of several officers doing gunnery courses at Whale Island. Up to date we have played eight matches, winning four and losing four.

It is interesting to note that we have not lost a Saturday game.

Our Rugby "enthusiasts" include the following :—

Full Backs : Mnes. Newcombe and Cutler.

$\frac{3}{4}$-*Backs* : Mnes. A. F. Merkel, Corpls. Auglin, Harris (R.G.), 2/Lieuts. Martin, Baker, Capt. Hayman.

$\frac{1}{2}$-*Backs* : Lieut. Wills, 2/Lieut. Honnor, Cpl. Harris, Mne. A. H. Merkel.

Forwards : Lieuts. Hill, Tollermache, 2/Lieut. Woods, Rogers, Cpl. Walker, Mnes. Green, Comer, Duncan. Cpl. Trinder, Mnes. C. N. Smith, Feltham, Terry, Chant and Skelton.

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

4TH NOVEMBER.

At R.N. Barracks we met the R.N. Gunnery School in the Divisional Final of the Navy Cup. It was a thrilling game, and ended in a win for us 4—3. The first half was evenly contested. Tulip opened the score with a neat header ; the School equalised just before the interval. On resumption Lieut. Cornelius and Wilkins added to the score, but the School drew level with two quick goals. Near the end a free kick, taken by Pollitt, was placed admirably for Bryant to head the winning goal.

14th NOVEMBER.

A Plymouth and District League match against Saltash at Longroom resulted in a draw, 4 all. Wilkins, Shewbrook, Lieut. Cornelius and Horn were the scorers.

18TH NOVEMBER.

At Home Park, the annual match between the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, for the Trafalgar Cup, resulted in a win for the Navy by 2—0.

At Bladderly our Reserve XI. gained two valuable points from the Co-operative Athletic by winning 4—1. Marshall scored three and Jolley one.

28TH NOVEMBER.

At Truro we lost 3—1. Injuries prevented Wilkins, Shewbrook and Smith from playing, and although the reserves played well, Truro undoubtedly deserved their victory. The score would have been much higher had it not been for the brilliance of Pollitt and Whitnell in defence.

2ND DECEMBER.

In the Divisional Final of the Navy Cup at Longroom the R.N. Barracks won 3—1.

5TH DECEMBER.

Our Reserves and the South Staffordshire Regiment met at Crownhill in the second round of the Devon Wednesday Cup Competition. The soldiers won 3—2.

9TH DECEMBER.

In the Devon Wednesday League our Reserve XI. defeated the Plymouth Wednesday A.F.C. 9—0. The scorers were Marshall (4), Tait (2), Skipper, Horn and Bayford (1).

In the Inter-Company League, "C" defeated "G" by 4 goals to 2, thus going to the top of the table.

BUGLERS.

FOOTBALL.

Some very enjoyable games have been played and the majority have been evenly contested. We have played 14, won 5, drawn 1 and lost 7.

BOXING.

In the novices' meetings for R.N. and R.M., held at the R.N. Barracks in November, Bugler F. J. Macaulay won the Men's Featherweight series. He boxed in good style and won each of his fights on points.

GAMES COMPETITION.

The inter-room Games Competition for 1925 resulted in No. 35 Room winning the cup by one point.

SHOOTING.

Two matches have been fired with a team from H.M.S. *Impregnable*, both of which have been lost. The highest score for the buglers was 93 (Bugler Collins).

RUGBY.

The past month has seen a general improvement and strengthening of the team. We have had some hard matches and emerged with creditable results.

14TH NOVEMBER—*v.* ST. CHADS (away).

This was a fast game. Our opponents led by 6 points until ten minutes before time, when there was a grand struggle, resulting in our scoring two tries. The second one was converted with the last kick of the match. A win 8—6.

"A" TEAM *v.* BERE ALSTON.

A fine game, but we were badly handicapped by having to play with twelve men during most of the game, owing to injuries. Bere Alston won 16—3.

21ST NOVEMBER—*v.* TOTNES, on the Longroom.

Our team showed great all round improvement and won a good open game by the wide margin of 19—3.

25TH NOVEMBER—*v.* H.M.S. THUNDERER.

A fast and most enjoyable game. We won in the second half, 11—8.

28TH NOVEMBER—*v.* PLYMOUTH ALBION RESERVE.

This was a stern struggle and a great game. As usual we put up a better fight in the second half. Our opponents scored before half time ; we gained our try afterwards, but could not pierce their defence again, and lost 8—3.

5TH DECEMBER—*v.* ST. CHADS.

This return match was played on the Longroom. It was quite a good game, but we were not up to recent form and missed numerous chances of scoring. We won 9—3.

10TH DECEMBER.

An enjoyable trial game resulted, Whites, 1 try, Colours, nil.

12TH DECEMBER *v.* BARNSTAPLE (away).

Lost 5—4.

"A" TEAM *v.* ST. BUDEAUX. Lost 25—nil.

HOCKEY.

Two matches have been played. On the 17th Nov. the Somerset Light Infantry beat us 3—6, and on the 24th we beat the South Wales Borderers 3—2.

INTER-COMPANY MINIATURE SHOOT.

This shoot, for points towards the "Tuckey" Cup, took place in the shooting gallery on the 23rd November, and was very keenly contested. "G" Coy. won, with a score of 236, followed by "C" 226, "A" 197 and "E." 145

DEPOT.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The following are the results of matches :—

First Team.—21st Nov., *v.* R. Inniskillings, lost 4—1. 28th Nov., *v.* Canterbury (Kent Am. Cup), lost 6—2. 5th Dec., *v.* Ramsgate Grenville, lost 3—0. 12th Dec., v. Ramsgate Grenville, lost 9—1.

Second Team—18th Nov., *v.* Queen's, won 4—0, 28th Nov., *v.* Barton Road, lost 3—0. 12th Dec., *v.* St. Barts.', lost 7—2.

Third Team.—21st Nov., *v.* Betteshanger Colliery, won 4—1. 5th Dec., *v.* Deal Sports, lost 3—0. 12th Dec., *v.* Betteshanger Colliery, lost 7—1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

During the past month we have only had two matches, other fixtures having been cancelled owing to frost and other circumstances.

A match *v.* St. Augustine's College was won by 21 points to 3, and a match *v.* Thanet Wanderers was lost by 13 points to 14.

MINIATURE SHOOTING.

The North Shooting Gallery was open for practice by the middle of October, after considerable alterations had been made to the lighting arrangements.

To open the season a match was arranged—"Officers *v.* The Rest of the Depot." The best 6 counted on each side, with the result The Rest totalled 577, averaging per man 96.1, Officers totalled 558, averaging 93 per man.

This gave a guide for the "Post Matches," which the Depot had arranged for each week till the end of February ; in each case any number could shoot, but the best 8 were to count.

INTER-COMPANY MINIATURE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

Great interest is being shown in this Competition which is shot in monthly periods, from November to March. Conditions : Other Ranks—Aperture Sights, 5 rounds on a single bull, Dec. target ; Recruits—5 rounds open sights on Tin Hat target, any number to shoot in each class. The Company teams are then decided by taking the individuals with the best scores with their two cards, each team consisting of 4 of any rank and 4 recruits.

Result for the November period :—

"A" Coy. ..	Other Ranks	392	Recruits	159	Total	551	H.P.S.	560
"B" Coy. ..	,,	383	,,	157	,,	540	,,	560
"D" Coy. ..	,,	380	,,	153	,,	533	,,	560
"C" Coy. ..	,,	378	,,	153	,,	531	,,	560

There is also the Weekly and Monthly competition for Recruits. For these Competitions recruits are in two classes : Class "A," Recruits who have passed Table "A." Class "B," those who have not passed Table "A."

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

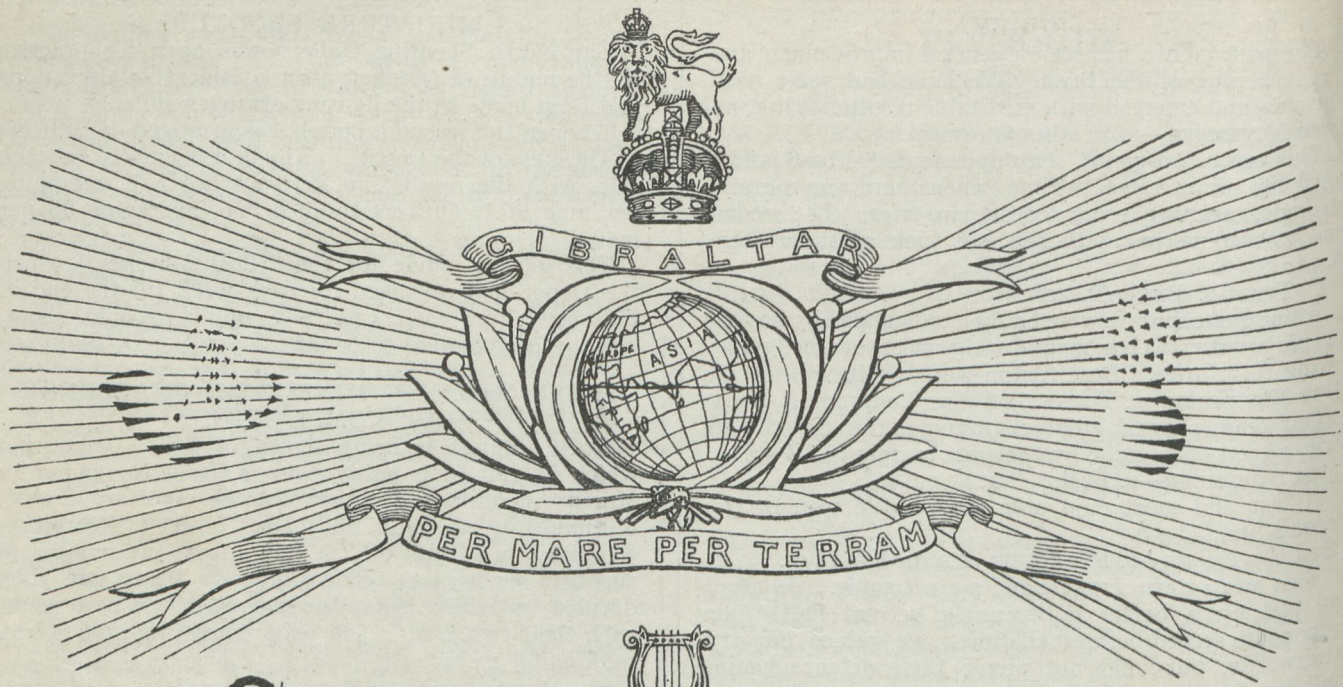
FOOTBALL.

The School's 1st team have bagged a few more league points during the month by defeating the R.A.F. (Gosport) by 5—2 and the Royal Artillery 3—2, in consequence of which we have moved a little way up the league table. It is feared that we have rather too much to cope with in U.S. League Division I., as the majority of the teams are too strong for us. Unfortunately, in an Establishment like ours, where so many changes are taking place, it is very difficult to keep a regular team together, and had it not been for the services of some of our members in the various Naval Depots and ships in the harbour, we should have found it very difficult to carry out our League engagements. Great praise is due to the players and the committee, who have so far been able to keep the teams going in their respective divisions. The following are the various League tables up to date :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Points
U.S. League, Div. I. ..	13	4	0	9	28	46	8
,, Div. II. ..	8	2	0	6	11	47	4
(Boys)							
U.S. League, Div. IV. ..	7	2	0	5	18	32	4
Lads' Wednesday League	12	8	1	3	37	29	17
Lads' Junior League ..	12	11	0	1	115	13	22

WATER POLO.

The School was successful in obtaining the second position in the Company Water Polo League.



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Lt.-Gen. G. R. Poole, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., is placed on the Retired List on account of non-Service. Dated 11-12-25.

Maj.-Gen. St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., to Lieut.-Gen., vice Poole.

Col.-Comdt. L. S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., A.D.C. to Maj.-Gen., vice Armstrong.

Col.-2nd Comdt. R. C. Temple, C.B., O.B.E., to Col.-Comdt., Deal.

Lieut.-Col. R. V. T. Ford, C.B.E., General Staff, to be Asst. Adjutant-General, R.M., vice Temple. Dated 11-12-25.

Major G. R. S. Hickson, C.B.E., Chat., to Lieut.-Col., vice Ford (supy).

Comsd. R.M. Gunr. W. A. Young, to be Lieutenant for long and zealous service. Dated 6-11-25.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. Peel, C.M.G. (half-pay), Chatham, to a further period of Half Pay for 3 months, at own request. Dated 4-12-25.

Major P. W. Malcolm, O.B.E., is absorbed in establishment and posted to Chatham. Dated 12-11-25.

Capt. C. A. C. Lucas to Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty, vice Heathcote.

Capt. G. M. Crick (Ch.) is borne supy. to establishment, dated 12-11-25.

Capt. R. A. Neville (half-pay) Chatham, to Half Pay at own request, for period 8-12-25 to 6-1-26.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. E. C. Heathcote to "Emerald" on commissioning.

Capt. R. S. Burgess to "Royal Oak," *vice* Fawckner, date of joining.

Capt. G. E. Wildman-Lushington to "Eagle" for full flying duties in No. 440 Flight. Dated 1-11-25.

Capt. A. Whitworth will remain in ship, and Lieut. Marchant will disembark to Hqrs. when "Benbow" completes to Atlantic Fleet complement for training ship.

Capt. D. B. Carter to remain in "Dauntless" on recommissioning.

Capt. C. Q. Parsons to "Dragon," *vice* Bowring. Date of recommissioning.

Capt. L. C. Hollis to "Revenge," *vice* Brown. Date of joining.

Capt. V. G. Clayton to "Durban," *vice* Spicer. Date of joining.

Capt. E. J. O. Ellison to "Eagle," for full flying duties in No. 422 Flight. Dated 1-11-25.

Lieut. J. M. Fuller to "Furious" for full flying duties in No. 421 Flight. Dated 25-10-25.

Lieuts. B. W. Knowles and S. C. Woolley to "Victory" for No. 423 Flight. Dated 2-11-25.

Lieut. C. L. Edwards to "Calypso," *vice* Leicester.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Vickers M.G. Instructors' Course at Browndown :—Capt. H. S. Newman and Lieut. A. J. Wright, 94%. The Adjutant-General notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by these officers.

Proby. 2nd/Lieuts. E. C. R. Palmer, T. P. Honnor, E. A. Brown, J. G. Fisher, F. G. Horton, R. G. S. Lang, F. P. Clark, J. P. Browne, D. G. Cornelius, N. R. M. Skene are appointed to "President," adal, for Course of Instruction at R.N.C., Greenwich. Dated 1st Jan., 1926.

Capt. H. T. Newman to R.N.C., Greenwich as Officer i/c Prob. Officers, 30-12-25.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Qr. Mr. Sergt.—Sergt. W. H. Watts and tfd. to Depot Estab.

To be Sergt.—Corpl. G. Campbell (H.M.S. "Danae").

To be Corpls.—Mnes. L. V. Sargeant (H.M.S. "Eagle"), W. Anderson (H.M.S. "Royal Oak"), E. Graham (H.M.S. "Repulse").

APPOINTMENTS.

Paymasters Dept.—Clr.-Sergt. J. Bower and Clr.-Sergt. E. C. Rootes, appointments extended until they complete time for pension.

Divsl. Painter.—Mne. C. Botting. Appointment confirmed.

Training as Clerk.—Mne. E. W. Jones.

Dining Hall Attedt.—Mne. A. J. Smoker.

Shoemaker.—Mne. H. Swain. Appointment extended for one year.

Attendt. Sergts. Mess.—Mne. F. B. F. Hawkins.

Attendt. to Col. Comdt.—Mne. A. H. Chawner. Appointment confirmed.

Attendt. to Major Kendle.—Mne. W. E. Wilson. Appointment confirmed.

Assist. Printer.—Mne. R. H. Dowler.

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Boatman Boats Crew.—Mne. A. F. W. Speary.

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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, P. R. Barker, J. H. Harding, A. J. Scovell, M. J. Seal.

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PROMOTIONS.

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To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. D. Goadsby.

To Sergt.—Cpl. A. P. Elsey and Cpl. A. E. Gooch.

To Cpl.—Mnes. H. M. E. Dunster, James Dawkins, W. J. Trinder, J. W. Bedford, C. D. Warwick, Thomas Anglin, G. S. Burridge.

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PROMOTIONS.

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To Sergt.—Corpls. G. A. Keefe, T. H. Moreton, C. Dickens, S. L. Norris.

To Corpl.—Mnes. H. J. N. Mealing, C. H. C. Nadin, J. W. Kimber, J. W. Goodall, S. Youngson, J. H. Morse, H. L. Weaver, V. S. King, C. H. Hyne.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

This number was conceived amid floods, which threatened to submerge the British Isles, born in a touch of spring, reached adolescence under conditions of arctic severity, and will probably be drowned on attaining maturity.

It is as well sometimes to remind readers abroad of the vagaries of the weather peculiar to the homes which they have temporarily abandoned.

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The past year has witnessed the gradual reduction of the Atlantic Fleet. On returning from the spring cruise, the final reorganisation of this fleet will take place, and the disintegration of the historic Grand Fleet will be complete. The distribution of our Naval forces will then approximate to the position before attention became concentrated on the North Sea.

The conditions under which these notes are written lead one to expect that the change will not be unpopular.

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In a letter from our Hong Kong correspondent this month we obtain a glimpse of the hard work which detachments on the China station have been called upon to perform, in protecting British subjects from the streams of lava which issue from the Chinese volcano.

We read of one detachment having been landed for shore operations on seven occasions. That Royal Marines are keeping their end up in their usual style is shown by the story, in this letter, of a Colour-Sergeant who scored twelve Chinese in a few minutes off his own entrenching tool handle.

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The death of Lieut.-Colonel A. St. L. Burrowes, C.B., of which many readers will learn with deep regret, recalls the distinguished services of the Royal Marine Battalions in Egypt in 1882 and in the Sudan in 1884-5. Colonel Burrowes served with distinction as Adjutant of a R.M. Battalion in each of these campaigns. An obituary notice will be found elsewhere.

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Hearty congratulations to the Cadets of the Depot, and those concerned in their training, on their successful shooting record in 1925. Such achievements as the retention again of H.M. the King's Shield can only be the result of real hard work.

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A copy of the "Services' Sports Diary" for 1926 has been received from the Army Sports Control Board. The complete statistics in all branches of athletics and sport, together with the programmes for all the chief athletic engagements in 1926, make this diary a most useful and interesting book of reference.

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May we remind readers of the notice in last month's issue with regard to orders for bound volumes, or separate index, of the 1925 "Globe and Laurel"? This is for the second time of asking. Will those who wish to send in orders please do so at once, or for ever after hold their peace.

PER MARE

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Emperor of India."

We certainly owe readers of the *Globe and Laurel* an apology for not giving an account of ourselves previously, but owing to various unsettled affairs we have not been able to do so.

Having been in commission since May, we are fairly settled down, and things are beginning to look as if we meant something. It must be admitted that we did not do very well during the Mediterranean Fleet regatta, being at the bottom of the table, but this no doubt was due to insufficient practice.

After the fleet cruise we returned to Valetta and have remained in harbour since. This has given the detachment a good opportunity of giving the football team some practice, and they have shown quite good form. Up to the present they have played five inter-port league matches, obtaining seven points out of the possible ten. Rugby also has been included in our sports, but owing to various ships being away we could not always arrange to meet them. Nothing daunted, we challenged the rest of the ship, and suffered quite a slight defeat of six points to nil, considering our fairly large undertaking. Lieut. Edmundson, with Mnes. Boylan and Leddington, ex barrack players, are our mainstay, but various others prove quite keen, and no doubt in time we shall produce a good team.

An interesting feature at present is a challenge from the Royal Engineers at practically all sports. Rugby, soccer, boat-pulling and running compose the main items, while rings, draughts and shove-halfpenny are included in the remainder. To this the detachment have returned a response, and all are looking forward to the contest.

"Cardiff"

The "Diff" having taken her place in the 3rd Cruiser Squadron, everyone is looking to us to lead the way. This you can rest assured we shall endeavour to do, consequently things are beginning to move. Football is being played at a furious rate and in the interpart competition the detachment have played three, won two and lost one. On our way out we played H.M.S. "Cormorant's" Detachment and were beaten 3—0. Of course we put that down to inexperience of the grounds out here. Soon after our arrival at Malta we played H.M.S. "Egmont's" Marines and again suffered defeat to the tune of 3—1. Cpl. Brown, the well-known barrack player, scored all three goals for the "Egmont" and properly bottled our forward line. By the way, who was the centre forward playing in our team? I heard it remarked that he knew all about the game *off* the field. Mne. Harris scored our only goal. During our trip out, Bezique and Crib tournaments were organised by the detachment Sports Club. This caused many breathless games. Mne. Upton and Cpl. Coleman are to be congratulated on being the respective winners. The Major of Marines having kindly presented a silver cup for competition between Messes, a whist match was held and 31 Mess defeated 32 Mess by 58 tricks. It has been decided to play for the cup each mnoth on the same lines, so you can guess 32 Mess are very busy getting some practice.

Xmas was spent in the true naval way; owing to the intense heat our mess deck was decorated to represent a snow storm, but I think we shall be wiser next time, for the utmost difficulty was experienced in keeping other ratings away, although I believe several bluejackets were specialled invited. Painting is now in full swing, and I believe several of the detachment will be hanging pictures next year.

The 6in. loader prize was won by the R.M. Guns Crew early in December, to the great disgust of the "Sailors." There was great rejoicing in the detachment for, owing to the change from fortnightly to monthly payment, quite a number were "Temporarily in Barracks."

Things we would like to know:—The name of the rating who having been sent by the Captain of his top to get "Long Tom" returned after an hours absence with the ship's cat in his arms and reported he had a devil of a job to catch him.

2. The name of the Marine who having been told by the old soldier that the spuds would be baked that day, proceeded to the canteen for the baking powder.

BOXING. "Frobisher."

The detachment was represented at a boxing match, "Frobisher" *v.* 4th Flotilla, held on board on Thursday, 17th December. Bugler Kelly, 117 lbs., won on points, beating Able Seaman O'Brien, H.M.S. "Venomous," 110 lbs., after an extra round, in the Novices' competition.

Marine Wales, 130 lbs., also registered a win, beating Able Seaman Davis, 141 lbs., H.M.S. "Venomous," after a very spirited fight.

"Ceres."

The detachment having departed to Ghain Tuffieha, leaving the unfortunate correspondent behind, there threatens to be a collection of even more lugubrious paragraphs than those of last month; for, once more in dry dock, with only seven Royal Marines trying to do the work of about thirty, the good Editor's exhortation to cheer up is received with a faint and weary smile.

Since, therefore, it is impossible to chronicle the doings of the absent detachment, although blood-curdling

stories of bitter defeats inflicted on the football stars of other ships continue to arrive, the true story will have to wait until first-hand information can be obtained.

The correspondent is spending a good deal of time ashore, but as nothing ever happens in Malta, except unpleasant smells and Simond's beer, readers in other parts of the world would find that an elaborated account of these excitements tallied with their own experiences and would therefore be tiresome to read.

As things are we feel sure that a further waste of good space is unnecessary and undesirable, and so will close with the best of good wishes to the Editor and Staff for a jolly happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Ghain Tuffieha.

Results of Small Arm Weapon Training for season commencing 2-9-25 are as follows :—

Ship	Rifle Nos.	Aver.	L.A. Nos.	Aver.	Revol. Nos.	Aver
H.M.S. Assistance..	5	137.4				
„ Delhi ..	34	128	4	152.6	5	99.4
„ Frobisher ..	50	132.8	6	151.2	8	94.7
„ Eagle ..	69	126.8	11	159.2	13	114.5
„ Dragon ..	32	144.7	4	170.4	5	112.4
„ Q.E. ..	136	130.1	16	150	18	106.2
„ Calypso ..	27	132.9	3	175.1	4	102.5
„ Caradoc ..	27	137.1	4	157.3	5	100.4
„ Ceres ..	28	127.8	3	144.4	4	103

On the 29th December a class of 80 Lewis Gunners came to Ghain Tuffieha for a requalifying course, from H.M.S. " Malaya," " I.D.", " E. of I.", " Marlborough " and " Valiant." Results were as follows :—

	1st	2nd	3rd				
H.M.S. Malaya	12	3	—	Total	15	Average	208.9
„ E. of I.	13	2	1	„	16	„	188
„ I.D.	8	7	—	„	15	„	186.3
„ Marlborough ..	10	5	—	„	15	„	181.7
„ Valiant	5	10	1	„	16	„	158.7

In this class Mne. Mabbitt, of " Iron Duke," scored 251 and Mne. Tolfree, of " Malaya," 250, both beating the range record of 239 set up in 1923 by Corpl. Norgrove. It would be interesting to know if these scores are below home records.

The best scores during the season were :—

Rifle :	Pl./13847	Cr.-Sergt. R. T. Bray	181	H.M.S. Eagle
L.A. :	Po./20394	Mne. H. W. Mabbitt	251	„ Iron Duke
Revolver :	Ch./20240	Mne. S. Wright ..	151	„ Calypso

The Range Cup, presented by the late Mrs. Hungerford, for annual competition amongst the staff, was shot for on Sunday, 23rd December, 1925. Conditions were two sighting shots and seven rounds to count at 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards. Service rifles, Bisley targets. Results were as follows :—

Q.M.S.I. Sloman, 120 ; Sergt. Gasson, 117 ; Mne. Thorne, 115 . Sergt. Taylor, 111 ; Mne. Spearing, 109 ; Mne. Major, 108 ; Corpl. Jaggard, 107 ; Sergt. Walsh, 107 ; Mne. Bond, 107 ; Capt. Bishop, 105; Sergt. Cherriman, 105 ; Mne. Lamb, 101 ; Sergt. Lovelock, 90 ; Mne. Marsh, 80 ; Mne. Cook, 76.

The new Sergeants' Quarters is nearing completion and should be in occupation next month, whilst a new wash-house is being erected behind the present one, which will add greatly to the comfort of the camp.

Football has been going very strong, and some splendid games between various detachment teams and the seamen field training companies at Ghain Tuffieha have been played.

" Danae."

On 10th December we held a " Tombola " meeting, to which the Torpedo and Communications branches were invited, the proceeds being devoted to the detachment sports fund.

A Whist Drive was held in the " Barracks " on 16th, the winners being Ord. Sig Hastings, Mnes. Packer and Gisby.

The next item of interest was the Inter-Port Football in which the detachment defeated the stokers 6—1 and the foc'sle 6—0 ; in the semi-finals we lost 3—0 to the maintop.

On 21st seven members of the detachment, after drawing lots, Mnes. F. J. Williams, J. Shaw, J. T. H. Huntley, M. C. Clapshoe, C. W. Papper, J. Wood and R. Jolly, were fortunate enough to go flying with the R.A.F. at Aboukir—each " stunted " to the fullest capabilities of Bristol Fighters and Avros, and later went up in Vickers Vimys for flying of a more sober variety, experiences that we hope to repeat.

That night, having given up all hope of returning to Malta for Christmas, we got an unexpected message ordering us back to Malta. For various reasons our departure was delayed until the next day, which gave us a little time to try and buy turkeys and so forth. Seeing that our arrival at Malta would interfere with the Christmas dinners, we decided to celebrate Christmas on the 24th. On " Danae's " Christmas Eve (23rd) we held an impromptu concert, in which the Royals were much to the fore. Special appreciation was shown for Marine Lawrence's monologues ; Marine King, a born man-of-commerce ; Marine Perry, who can hardly help being funny ; and Sergt. Milton, who worked hard in organising it. Being at sea, and with so little notice, Christmas was not so festive as we should like to have seen it—we made the best of it though.

We returned to Malta on Christmas afternoon. Some of the 1st B.S. looked as if they had " celebrated " well, and were apparently quite pleased to see us again.

CHINA.

Hong Kong.
17/11/25

Most of the China Squadron have now returned to Hong Kong — " Durban," " Carlisle," " Titania," " Ambrose," " Hermes," " Hawkins." The rest of the squadron are still lending moral support to the foreigners on the Yangtse River, Amoy, and other treaty ports. Capt. West, M.C., is ashore in command at Canton, with " Tamar's " detachment and a platoon of Punjabis, having been there for the last three months, and by now they should be thoroughly " dug in," having erected much wire and many section posts. The troops appear to be enjoying life there, and it is rumoured that Mne. Green has a bedroom, bathroom, with shower, etc., and w.c. all to himself. This shouldn't be necessary, as they are building pill-boxes up there now.

3/12/25.

" Hawkins," " Carlisle " (with a new commission aboard), " Titania," " Ambrose," " Hermes " are here,

with of course Noah's Ark (" Tamar "), the rest of the squadron protecting British interests in the Far East. The " Tamar's " detachment, under Capt. West (O.C. troops) is still ashore at Canton, assisted by a half-coy. of Punjabis.

The " Hawkins " R.M., as ever, are on the move, or moving. Twenty-six of them having completed weapon training at Stonecutters, returned to their floating palace on Saturday, 29th November. Nine of them prolonged their " holiday " for M.-G. training, and 16 more of them, under Sergt. Wood, embarked in " Peter's Field," the C.-in-C.'s yacht, doing temporary duty as shallow-draught gunboat, to go to Hol How to protect the foreign community from the local banditti.

Having been landed for shore ops. (not hops) seven times this commission, without ever having fired a round in anger, nobody is really fearfully intrigued about this outing, even though their gallant Sergt.-Major (Col.-Sergt. Gossett), leading the Royals at Shanghai last July, with no other implement than an I.T. handle, managed in a few minutes to knock out enough Chinks to fill twelve hospital stretchers.

The R.M.'s of the Fleet, accepting a challenge from the communications branch for football, put it across them to the tune of three goals to nil.

The " Concord " has been sent to Cheefoo for a spell of cold weather, to " protect " once again. It seems from the local papers that Chinese Marines (you didn't know they had any, did you ?) from Tsingtao landed there, and wanted, very naturally, to live ashore. The local soldiers, thinking otherwise, a scrap ensued, which resulted in the Chinese marines finally obtaining possession, after a total loss to both sides of 37 killed and 55 wounded. This must have been truly a bright beat up, for the casualty list is far in advance of normal, but presumably it was more bitter than usual, for a marine objects just as much as a soldier to the prospect of spending a N. China winter in the open, and there wasn't room for them both in barracks anyway.

Mne. Betts (" Hawkins ") had the misfortune to lose the welter-weight boxing championship of the colony, being knocked out by an A.B. of " Hermes." This is unlucky, for he had won it twice, and had he been able to win this fight he would have been entitled to keep the belt.

" Concord "

An impressive Memorial Service for the late Queen Alexandra held at Shanghai, was attended by contingents from " Concord," " Despatch," " Gnat " and The Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

It seemed doubtful whether the ship would be at Shanghai or Hong Kong for Xmas, when we unexpectedly received orders to proceed forthwith to Chefoo. We sailed the 30th November, after taking in stores and oil, running into rough weather almost at once, and arrived at Chefoo on the 2nd December, with boats damaged and the ship in a shambles generally. There was a biting wind and continual snow squalls. The Consul boarded on arrival and brought news of street fighting, which however, has not been repeated. The Detachment and two platoons of seamen were at short notice to land for several days.

Chefoo has a European population of about four hundred, and is noted for its silk industry.

The Ship's Concert Party has given two performances ashore in aid of the M. 1 Fund, Corpl. Hoit and Mne. Thompson once more dsitinguishing themselves. The local concert party " The Chefootlers," gave a return performance.

The Ship's Company have become great friends with the U.S. Destroyer " MacLeish," which is carrying twenty-five marines for emergency landing.

As yet we have no official news as to our movements, but it seems likely we shall remain here for some time yet.

" Hermes "

Since our last contribution we left Malta spending four days at Bastia, Corsica, were recalled to Malta and then proceeded to China owing to trouble there, arriving at Hong Kong 19th August, after a very trying trip. Since arrival at Hong Kong we have done plenty of flying. The Detachment have done exceedingly well, winning the Inter-Port's Sports, Cutter and Football Competitions. On the 9th November we left for Amoy and arrived on the 10th November.

The Detachment landed for Armistice celebrations, which were much appreciated by the English population who came on to their Sports Ground for the two minutes silence. In the evening we illuminated the ship and also gave a searchlight display which was repeated on the following Saturday with a display of rockets. We left Amoy on the 15th November, arriving at Hong Kong, 16th November. Since then a Novices' Boxing Competition for the Unit Cup took place ; the ship entered no fewer than forty entries, of which six were Marines, three of these winning in the Finals, so that we did extremely well in winning the Cup by about forty clear points.

EAST INDIES.

" Effingham."

There has been an absence of news from the tropics lately, and the cause has been the change of flagships, plus the amount of sea time spent in paying official visits to the various ports on the station.

The " Methuselah " relieved the " Chatham " at Colombo on 26th September, and since that date it has been one long voyage of " economical steaming."

On 23rd December we arrived at Calcutta for Christmas, and on that date we had ploughed the mighty ocean for 14,000 miles in four months.

I have enclosed two photographs. Portsmouth Division will see four of their football players are still playing, but before spectators of a different colour, and in a temperature much higher than in the drill field at Eastney.*

Owing to the squadron being seldom in company, there are few opportunities for regattas and competitions. In inter-port competitions we have upheld our reputation and have made a good start. We won the football competition, four names well known at Eastney being included in our team, viz., Corpls. Warwick and Doherty, and Marines Metcalf and Goodchild.

Next came the " Efficiency Star " and " Prize Money " for the first quarter in commission. Our main armament

is seven 7.5-in. guns, and the above awards are given for the cleanest gun and most efficient gun's crew in the ship for the whole quarter.

In the whalers races, to select a crew to represent the ship for the Viceroy of India's Challenge Cup, eleven crews entered, and the Royals lost their chance by four strokes, after a dead heat in the final.

In the monthly .303 Spoon Shoots held by the ship's Rifle Club, we usually average four Royals in the top six.

Five of the detachment are in the ship's football team. Training is now in full swing for cutters' races and tug-of-war competitions.

We leave Calcutta on 6th January for Rangoon, and are due at Madras on 28th February. At the latter place we hope to gain more laurels, as the " Madras and District Military Tournament " takes place during our stay.

* (These photographs will be published next month. It is nice to hear of these old Eastney players helping to keep the Corps to the fore, and keeping fit to resume their places when they return to their home ground. Hearty congratulations to the detachment on making such an excellent start in the commission.—Ed.)

" Cairo "

After nearly six weeks spent at Nanking, during which the Detachment was kept very busy with Guard parades (a somewhat unusual event on the East Indies Station, but very common on the China Station), we began to make our way back to Ceylon and peace. En route, a very enjoyable ten days was spent at Shanghai where an excellent dance was arranged for the Ship's Company by the British Women's Association and was largely attended by the Officers and men. Then three days at Hong Kong where we met the R.M. Rifle team of H.M.S. " Ambrose " in a shooting competition at Stonecutters. We were rather badly beaten as the " King " of our Lewis gunners having only been informed of the competition two hours before, when he returned from all-night leave, was not too clear of eye and failed to find the target. Still. it was a hard competition for our team who had had no opportunity of firing a shot for about eight months.

Four days at Singapore, where we got some rugger against the Royal Sussex Regiment and then back to Trincomali. We sighted the " Effingham "—our new flagship—coming out to meet us and our first day back on our own station was pleasantly occupied with " G " and " T " practices.

In a football match *v.* the Effingham's Marines our Detachment won by three goals to nil. We also beat the " Weymouth's " Marines a week later at Colombo. Whilst at Colombo we met the " Effingham's " R.M. Whaler's crew in a friendly pull over a mile, but were unlucky to lose by three strokes. That was partly because our " chucking-up party " had different views from the starter as to what constituted a mile, and so only saw the race from a distance and failed to make themselves heard. A week at Colombo and then off again, this time to Karachi where we met H.M.S. " Colombo " again—the first time since April last—and then went in company to Bombay.

In the annual combined operations scheme held this year near Bombay, 40 marines from H.M.S. " Cairo " and " Colombo " formed the Defence Force against a skeleton brigade landed from H.M. Ships and R.I.M. Ships. The Defence Force were landed from the R.I.M.S. " Baluchi " the evening before and took up the best defences they could find in the dark, a none too easy job on a totally unknown beach with the jungle about 200 yards away. During a most unpleasant night we " prayed for the dawn " which would see the arrival of the attacking force and give us something to do to keep us warm. The first tow of boats arrived at daylight and then we got started.

Some interesting lessons should have been learnt, amongst which were the following :—

1. The attackers thought too much of reforming and not enough of taking cover when they eventually got to the beach.
2. The defenders thought too much of watching the soldiers get wet and not enough of working together.
3. The impossibility of landing on an open beach from ship's boats without getting wet.
4. The amount of warmth to be got from a W.P. Cape (if any).
5. The fact that blank ammunition cannot be fired from a L.G. (special lesson for a number of R.N. Officers —even Gunnery Lieutenants !).

Mnes. Wilkinson and Pow have played soccer regularly for the ship's team. Mnes. Capes, Davidson and Cox have also played on occasions.

Cpl. King and Mne. Wilkinson took part in a Boxing Meeting recently organised by the Ceylon Boxing Association, the former winning in the Lightweights and being awarded a silver cup.

N.A. & W.I.

" Capetown "

On completion of our annual Musketry and Field training course we marched back to our ship, a matter of some eleven miles. Although the march started in pouring rain we completed the distance in record time.

Out of our detachment of thirty-four we registered sixteen marksmen, five obtaining 160 or over. Corpl. Clowes heading the list with 187. Nine first class shots and nine second class shots gave us an average of 132.5.

The Erskine Bowl was shot for on November 14th. This Bowl is offered for competition annually between ships and Naval Establishments at Burmuda. The shoot resulting in the following order :—

1st " Capetown "
2nd " Curlew "
3rd " Constance "
4th " Malabar "
5th " Calcutta "

" Capetown " fired the same team with one exception as that which won the Bermuda Team Championship earlier in the year.

A medal for the highest individual total was won by Corporal Clowes who also annexed the 200 yards Snap individual medal.

" Curlew " and " Constance " are to be congratulated at their display in this competition considering they were handicapped by being newly commissioned ships to this station.

On January 5th we leave Bermuda for a cruise around the West Indies.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

On Christmas Day the Commandant, accompanied by the Officers, visited the dining hall and messes, to convey personally to all ranks his best wishes for the season. Later the members of the Sergeants' Mess and Junior N.C.O.s' Club visited the Officers' Mess.

We had our customary New Year's Eve Dinner in the Officers' Mess. It was, if possible, more of a success than in previous years. Beyond a slight argument between the snapdragon and the paper streamers, nothing untoward occurred ; but we must not forget to give credit to the " brewer " of the Punch—it was very good this time.

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The following numbers of promotions appeared in Divisional Orders at this Division during the year 1925 :

(1) Sergt. to Col.-Sergt 17 (seventeen)
(2) Corpl. to Sergt. .. 51 (fifty-one)
(3) Mne. to Corpl. .. 106 (one hundred and six)

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RECREATION ROOM.—INDOOR GAMES.

Owing to Christmas leave there was only one Whist Drive in December. The following prizes were awarded :

WHIST DRIVE :	1st Prizes £1, Mne. S. V. Homewood ; 2nd, 12/-, Mus. W. H. Chappell ; 3rd 8/-, Mne. J. L. Haslett.
CRIBB .	1st, 12/-, Mne. S. V. Homewood ; 2nd, 8/-, Mne. R. W. Begg.
BEZIQUE :	1st, 12/-, Mne. A. J. Stevens ; 2nd 8/- Mne. S. Sullivan.
BILLIARDS :	1st, 12/-, Mne. W. C. Moss ; 2nd, 8/-, Mne. A. H. Hayward.
SNOOKER :	1st, 7/-, Mne. C. Basten ; 2nd, 3/-, Mne. W. H. Coulson.
DRAUGHTS :	1st, 7/-, Mne. J. L. Haslett ; 2nd, 3/-, Mne. L. L. Wells

PORTSMOUTH

Christmas was celebrated in time-honoured fashion at Eastney. The Warrant Officers were first entertained in the Officers' Mess, and a large party of Officers and Warrant Officers, headed by Colonel 2nd Commandant J. A. Clark, C.B., C.M.G., with their wives, then visited the Junior N.C.O.s' Mess, Canteen, and Sergeants' Mess in turn. The Divisional Band then assembled in force in the drill shed, headed by the youngest bugler as drum-major, and strengthened by volunteer drummers, old and new, and escorted the party round the barrack rooms.

On 12th January a very successful Children's Party was held in the Officers' Mess. Most of the children appeared in fancy dress, a large proportion being " pirates," and they were entertained by a conjuror and ventriloquist, and wound up the evening by dancing. The arrangements were of the usual high standard of excellence, which we are accustomed to expect from the committee under Lieut.-Colonel Carpenter, D.S.C., O.B.E.

SERGEANTS' MESS CHILDREN'S PARTY.

The Portsmouth Division Sergeants' Mess held their annual Children's Party on Tuesday, 5th January, when about 250 children attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A cinema was shown in the Theatre, which lasted about 1½ hours, after which the party assembled in the gymnasium for tea and amusements. Great excitement prevailed during the tea, owing to the absence of " Father Xmas," whom the kiddies were most anxious to see. As soon as tea was over the gym. was cleared, and the party were highly amused by the Drum-Major and other members of the Mess until the arrival of " Father Xmas." This role was taken by Sergt. A. E. Paget, R.M., who, amid terrific bangings, arrived just in time to distribute the toys, etc., to the anxious kiddies, all of whom went home merrily, looking forward to the next party.

The whole concern entailed hard work, but this was lightened by the able committee under the leadership of Q.M.S.I. B. P. Foster, R.M.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The Sergeants' Mess held their Annual New Year Re-union Concert on New Year's Eve. The number of members and wives attending being too great for the mess room, the divisional theatre was pressed into service and tastefully decorated by " General " Gordon and his staff. Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II.) Attwood (President of Mess) voiced the opinion of us all, when in proposing the toast of " The Officers," he mentioned that the Officers by their interest and encouragement in our work and play had made us what we are, and by their continued interest are making " disbandment " out of the question. Colonel Carpenter in replying, remarked that the interests of Officers and Sergeants were mutual and wound up a popular speech with a dissertation on Theology. " Sixteen Bells " welcomed 1926, and the gathering said goodbye to '25 with " Auld Lang Syne."

The Concert Party under Armourer Sergt. King did yeoman service, as also did the orchestra provided by the Divisional Band, and we were kept moist by a committee consisting of Coy. Sergts-Major Fripp and Martin, Drum-Major Wilson, and Sergts. Ayres, Vaughan and Loveless. The Concert Party consisted of : Messrs. Hapgood, Verron, Barter, Bailey, Clarke ; Mrs. Ayres, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Dick Woods, Miss Powell, Miss Jocelyn, Sergt. Howard, Sup. Clerk Kelsey.

Scene : A street. Military cyclist having just passed a Field Officer, lady with F.O. asked, " Why did you salute that man ?"

Major : " He saluted me."

Lady : " Oh ! I thought he was giving me the glad eye."

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PLYMOUTH.

OFFICERS' MESS.

A portrait in water-colour of Lieut.-General Richard Bright, Colonel Commandant of the Plymouth Division, 1803-1814, has been presented to the Mess by his great great grandson, Henry Hepburn Bright, Esq., of Charlton House, Mowbray, South Africa.

Placed in the Ante-room, which in his day was the Mess room, and in close proximity to a portrait of his predecessor, Lieut.-General Bowater, Commandant from 1795 to 1803, it forms an interesting and highly valued link with a past of powder and pig-tails.

Although not present at either action, yet General Bright was a Captain a few months after Bunker's Hill was fought, and was a Major-General at the date of the Battle of Trafalgar.

The following is a brief extract of his career: First Lieutenant, 10th Sept., 1762; Captain, 4th Oct., 1775; Lieut.-Colonel, 1st Jan., 1798; Major-General, 1st Jan., 1805, and Lieut.-General, 4th June, 1811.

In 1793 he was present, with the local rank of Major, at the capture of Tobago, when that island was captured from the French by a mixed force composed of companies from the 9th and 60th Regiments, a detachment of Artillery, and Marines from the flagship *Trusty*.

General Bright died in 1831. His son John Henry also served in the Corps, and was Adjutant of one of the Divisions in 1798 and appointed Quartermaster in 1799.

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The renovation of the Mess premises is almost completed and the result is certainly a great improvement.

Seven coloured engravings, representing uniforms of the Corps between 1830-1860, have been purchased recently, and now hang in the smoking-room. Several caricatures, also of officers past and present, the work of that celebrated artist Marcel Pic, and which were once in the Forton Mess, have been placed in the billiard room.

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The afternoon of the 12th January saw the Officers' Mess enlivened by the merry hum of childish voices from nearly 200 little guests. Although the invitations declared fancy dress to be optional there were few kiddies unadorned by some bright and original garb. All the dresses were sweetly effective, and many showed keen art and originality in their creators.

The party opened in a huge rush for the sliding shute and see-saw, which continued throughout the afternoon. A constant source of amusement is the shute; the crowd on the ladder must have been guarded by the very kindly hand of Providence, to preserve all bones and dresses intact. Aunt Sally was also popular amongst the elder guests.

After a performance of the convential "Punch and Judy" by Professor Edgar, there was a deafening sound of drums. Five drummers entered the mess room, counter-marched, and led the kiddies to tea.

A highly dexterous conjuring performance by Sergt. Stapleton was greeted by shouts of mirth from children and grown-ups alike. His tricks left the audience gaping; they could be attributed only to sheer magic. He was at once assisted and hindered by Mne. Nicholl as a clown, no mean conjuror himself, who, with Mne. Smythe, the other clown, contributed much to the merriment of the afternoon. Both were untiring in their efforts and must have suffered many bruises.

After the conjuring came an influx of multi-coloured balloons, many of which came to untimely end during the musical chairs and dancing. Lastly, all the guests had a lucky dip in the bran-tub, and each departed, perhaps slightly bedraggled, but quite happy, armed with a box of chocolates.

Lieut.-Colonel Lampen and his Committee deserved the thanks of all for the great success which attended their efforts.

JUNIOR N.C.O.'S.

For the first time since pre-war days a Ball was given by the Junior Non-commissioned Officers of the Plymouth Division. The event took place on the 5th January at the Stonehouse Town Hall. The room was very tastefully decorated with bunting, coloured lights and palms. etc. Some three hundred guests attended, among whom was a strong contingent from the Sergeants' Mess, Colonel Commandant F. C. Edwards, A.D.C., and many of the Officers with their wives accepted invitations and "shook a leg."

Dancing was maintained from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m., to the strains of an orchestra provided by members of the Divisional Band, under the able *bâton* of Sergt. Tulley.

Mrs. Edwards, wife of the Commandant, was the recipient of a shower bouquet of orchids, pink carnations and chrysanthemums. This was presented on behalf of the members of the Club by Mrs. Rowney, wife of the Club Secretary, and in making the presentation Mrs. Rowney also conveyed the season's greetings of all members.

A most enjoyable evening concluded with hands linked and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," followed by "God save the King."

Q.M.S. J. C. Beynon, the President of the Club, and his committee, deserve all possible praise for the efficient manner in which all arrangements were carried out. The Ball was certainly a great success, and it is to be hoped that the event will be repeated annually.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.

This Party, which is looked forward to annually, was held in the Drill Shed on 19th December. About 350 children of Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and Marines were entertained. The numbers exceeded last year's numbers by about 100.

The Drill Shed was very prettily decorated with holly, festoons of coloured paper chains and balloons. A Christmas Tree, 18 feet high, was very kindly given by Colonel Craven Hoyle, T.D., of Gnaton Hall, Yealmpton.

On arrival in barracks the attention of the guests was attracted by an enormous figure of Father Christmas, painted by Mne. A. Barber, which held out a hand pointing out the entrance to the party. On arrival in the drill shed the children received paper caps and musical (?) toys. They were then entertained by the Chute, the roundabout (which was extremely popular), trollies pulled by willing hands, and other games; sweets, etc., were distributed.

At 3 p.m. Mrs. Edwards, wife of the Colonel Commandant, distributed the presents to the older children, the young ones receiving theirs from Father Christmas (Mne. Dore) at 6 p.m. Tea was served in two company

dining rooms, and was apparently highly appreciated, the helpers, organised by the Chaplain, Rev. C. J. E. Peshall, D.S.O., being kept very busy.

In spite of the weather (it was raining ! ! !) a most enjoyable afternoon was spent ; many officers and their wives came in during the afternoon.

The Committee are very grateful for the following donations, which enabled them to entertain so many guests : R.M. Canteen, £30 ; Games Fund, £10 ; Recreation Room, £6 10s. ; Officers' and Sergeants' Messes, £5 each ; Junior N.C.O.s' Club, £3 ; W.O.s' Mess, £2 10s. The Committee tender their grateful thanks for work done to Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Adams, Misses Adams, Watts, Tout and Blackman ; Q.M.S. Beynon, Armr. Sergt. Folland, Sergt. and Mrs. Oakes, Sergt. Hopkins, Corpl. Stapleton, Mnes. A. L. Clark, A. E. Harris, A. Barber ; the boat's crew under Col.-Sergt. Norris.

The Committee consisted of Lieut.-Colonel Filmer-Bennett (President), Q.M.S.Is. Cross and Mills, Col.-Serg Emerson, Corpl. Dodge (Hon. Sec.), L/Corpl. Bremner, Mnes.Marshall, Miles, Reed and Dore (Father Christmas).

DEPOT R.M. CADET CORPS.



Presentation of H.M. the King's Shield and Medals
by Gen. Sir George Milne, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

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DEPOT

CADET CORPS. MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING.

During the past year the Depot Cadets have held their own in Miniature Rifle Shooting and retain H.M. the King's Shield and the Portsmouth and Schomberg Cups which they won in 1924. They were not only successful in retaining these trophies, but they also increased their score in each of these competitions.

In the Imperial Shields' Competition (Junior) they gained 3rd place in Great Britain, for which they received special mention. In this competition the average number of points per boy was 82.1. 40 boys took part, their average age being 14 years 2 months. 13 of these were under 12 years of age, which makes the result still more gratifying. A prize of £5 was received for this success.

In the competition for H.M. the King's trophy, the 40 cadets from the Corps were included in the 2,000 selected to represent Great Britain against the Dominions. Medals of honour awarded to boys who score 97 or over were won by Cadet Holyer of the Senior Section and Clr.-Sergt. Howard of the Junior Cadets. It is interesting to note that out of 8 medals won by Great Britain, 2 were won by the Depot Cadet Corps.

In the Junior Spring competition the Depot Cadets gained 11th place with 545 points, and in the Junior Summer competition they were 5th with 554 points and won 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

In the Junior Winter competition 3 teams were entered, which gained 4th, 18th and 21st places respectively.

These successes, which reflect great credit on the Cadet Corps, were due to the persistent efforts of Clr.-Sergt. Ames, R.M., the Chief Instructor to the Corps.

Silver badges for the King's Shield competition were won by Clr.-Sergt. Howard, C.S.M. Heard and Cadets Holyer, Shelvey, Flynn, Bell, Dixon and Milstead.

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

SOCIALS.

A Carnival Dance for the boys of the school was held in the Concert Hall, on December 22nd, which was a great success. 140 boys and their relatives and friends attended, the usual Carnival Novelties were distributed, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is hoped to hold another dance in the near future.

THE ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Annual Christmas Tree Party for the children took place on Saturday, Jan. 2nd, at the Headquarters of the Artists Rifles, Dukes Road, Euston Road, lent by the kind permission of the Officer Commanding, Lieut.-Colonel S. W. Neighbour, O.B.E., T.D.

A large party of Comrades, with their wives and children, over 200 strong, assembled, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Tea was served to the children on their arrival, to which they did full justice, after which games were indulged in till the arrival of a party of entertainers, who included Living Marionettes, conjurors, jugglers, etc., whose efforts delighted the children.

The principal item of the evening was the appearance of Father Christmas, in the person of Comrade H. G. Hardy, the stripping of the tree and the distribution of presents—of which there was an ample supply—small souvenirs being also presented to the ladies present.

Our thanks are due to Comrades of the Zeebrugge Survivors' Association, who attended in costume (Clown, Charlie Chaplin, etc.) and helped to amuse the children.

The Adjutant-General, Major-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Major-General H. S. N. White, C.B., M.V.O., honoured us with their presence and remained for some time, their departure being the signal for an outburst of cheers.

Dancing was afterwards indulged in and kept up till a late hour, the party closing with the singing of the National Anthem.

Comrade R. G. Mullan and his able Committee can place to their credit another great success.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

General H. C. Eagles, Colonel Commandant of the Plymouth Division from 1906-1909, has very kindly presented two medals to the Collection, both of which were originally awarded to a Plymouth Private. They are for the Ashantee and Zululand campaigns respectively. The former is inscribed " R. Lewis, Pte. R.M., H.M.S. *Simoom*, '73," the latter, " R. Lewis, Pte. R.M., H.M.S. *Tamar*."

Both medals have been placed in the same case containing medals already presented by Mrs. and Miss Eagles, particulars of which have recently appeared in the Corps Journal. H.C.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION,

PRESENTATION OF " SHANGHAI VOLUNTEER CUP."

In the autumn of 1924, during the internal China war, International Naval Units were landed for guard duties in the Shanghai Foreign Settlement. The Shanghai Volunteer Corps presented a Cup for competition among these Units, to be won outright in a Rifle Team competition. The competition was shot off on the Shanghai Municipal Range among the following teams : British 5 (1 seaman and 4 R.M.) ; American 3 (1 seaman and 2 marine) ; Japanese 4 ; Italian 2, and Portuguese 1. It was a knock-out Tile Competition, teams of 6 with a leader (who did not fire), and the final was between Marines of " *Carlisle* " and " *Diomede*," the latter winning.

The following were the " *Diomede's* " team : Leader, Ply. Sergt. D. Simes and team, Ply. Sergt. R. Wigginton, Ch. Corpl. M. Light, Po. Mnes. F. Stratford, C. Coleman, C. Marriott and Stone.

The winning team, through Capt. K. Puckle (O.C. detachment), have very kindly presented the Cup to the R.M.R.A., and a competition has been arranged, adhering to the original conditions as far as possible The competition will be called " The Shanghai Volunteer Cup," a Tile Competition on the lines of the " Aegean Cup," but open to company and detachment teams of six young soldiers under a leader of any rank ; the Cup being kept for the year at the Division or Depot to which the winning team belongs.

The R.M.R.A. Committee wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the winning team, and to thank them for so kindly presenting the Cup, on which the names of the team will be inscribed.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose Deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st December, 1925.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
BARTRAM, D. ..	16934	Sgt.	Ply.	11677	15-12-25
BELLHOUSE, W.	13572	Mne.	Ply.	13044	17-12-25
BISHOP, H. ..	20541	Sgt.	R.M.A.	4279	4-12-25
BROWN, H. ..	21278	Mne.	Ports.	3120	8-12-25
BULLEN, G. E. ..	19007	Cr.-Sgt.	Chat.	3989	25-12-25
CLEAVER, T. ..	13908	Mne.	Ports.	457	21-12-25
CONNELLY, J. E.	17361	Cr.-Sgt.	Ply.	5245	2-12-25
DUNCAN, J. ..	7791	Cr.-Sgt.	Depot	110	27-12-25
FITCHET, G. ..	5512	Mne.	Depot	40 Co.	21-12-25
GRIBBLE, G. ..	7551	Mne.	Ply.	1160	2-11-25
HAGLEY, T. ..	10190	Mne	Ply.	35 Co.	15-12-25
HARPER, G. C. C.	17331	Mne.	Ply.	9259	8-12-25
HAWKRIDGE, A.E.	19078	Mne.	Ply.	12586	19-12-25
HOLMES, W. ..	13078	Sgt.	Ports.	387	15-12-25
HORSHAM, E. ..	20173	Cr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	8817	24-12-25
JENKINSON, G.S.	5487	Cr.-Sgt.	Chat.	1601	4-12-25
KELLY, J. ..	3810	Mne.	Ply.	2321	30-9-25
LANGFORD, J. ..	6496	Bugler	Ports.	686	14-12-25
LOW, J. ..	8081	Corpl.	Ply.	5261	21-12-25
MEAKINS, F. ..	16282	Sgt.	Ply.	4603	18-12-25
POWER, T. ..	8629	Cr.-Sgt.	Ply.	1186	17-12-25
RIGGS, W. ..	6656	Mne.	Ply.	80	15-12-25
SHUTE, H. C. W.	17705	Mne.	Ports.	4529	27-12-25
SMITH, C. T. ..	17097	Sgt.	R.M.A.	2890	18-12-25
SMITH, C. ..	14050	Cr.-Sgt.	Ply.	878	30-12-25
SWEENEY, J. ..	15660	Mne.	Ply.	2110	4-12-25
WELFORD, A. ..	12863	Sgt.	Chat.	1410	27-12-25
WELLS, W. ..	14675	Bndsmn.	R.M.B.	277	21-12-25
WESTOBY, O. ..	12613	Mne.	Ports.	6503	11-12-25

OBITUARY.

Lt.-Col. ALGERNON St. L. BURROWES, C.B. R.M. (Retd.)

Lt.-Colonel A. St. L. Burrowes, C.B., whose death we regret to announce, took place on 18th December at Budleigh-Salterton, at the age of 79, joined the Royal Marines as 2nd Lieutenant in December, 1866, and was appointed to the Portsmouth Division.

His first service at sea was in H.M.S. "Ariadne," in 1868-9, when the then Prince and Princess of Wales made their voyage in that ship to the Mediterranean, Egypt and the Crimea. He also served in H.M.S. "Serapis" from 1875-6, with the Guard of Honour of Royal Marines which accompanied the Prince of Wales to India.

Promoted to Captain in July 1881, he was appointed Adjutant of the Royal Marine Battalion which served in Egypt in 1882. He was present with this battalion at the actions of Tel-el-Mahuta, Mahsameh, Kassassin and Tel-el-Kebir. He was three times mentioned in despatches for his work in these actions. He served also as Adjutant of the R.M. Battalion during the operations in the Eastern Sudan in 1884-5. He was present at the defence of Suakin, accompanied the cavalry to Handeub in February 1885, and commanded the R.M. Mounted Infantry from February to June, 1885. With the latter he was present at the reconnaissance to Hasheen, the advance to Tamai in April, and the action of Thakeel in May. He was mentioned in despatches for this service, and was promoted to Brevet-Major in recognition of his services in the defence of Suakin.

He was promoted to Major in November 1888, and was appointed Instructor of Musketry at Portsmouth the same year. He reached the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in September 1895, and retired "unfit for further active service" in February 1896.

After retirement he served as Recruiting Staff Officer at Bristol from 1898 to 1905. He also served in this capacity during the Great War from 1916 to 1918, when far beyond the military age, and was specially mentioned for his services. He received the C.B. at the Coronation in 1911.

His wife died five days before him, and the shock of her death undoubtedly contributed to his own end. An obituary notice in *The Times* says: "Colonel Burrowes was a man of most distinguished appearance and great personality and charm, and his death is deeply regretted by a large circle of old comrades and friends."

MAJOR JAMES MURPHY, Qr.-Mr., R.M. (Retd.)

We regret to announce the death of Major James Murphy, which occurred on 26th November, at No. 91 Festing Grove, Southsea.

Major Murphy joined the Royal Marines as a drummer in July, 1858, transferred to the ranks in 1864 and reached the rank of Colour-Sergeant in 1876. He became Barrack Sergeant in 1879, and was promoted to Quartermaster in 1882. He was appointed 1st Quartermaster at the Portsmouth Division in June 1888, and was promoted to Honorary Captain in 1892 and Honorary Major in 1896, retiring in November 1899.

While serving in China from 1859 to 1864, he was recommended for some special mark of approval in despatches, on account of conspicuous and gallant conduct in H.M. Gunboat "Bouncer," and he was awarded the China medal with clasp for Pekin, 1860.

He afterwards saw service in the R.M. Battalion at Alexandria, Suakin and Suez, taking part in the defence of Suakin against Osman Dinga from May to August, 1884, and received the Egyptian Medal and Star.

During the late war he was appointed R.S.O. at Brighton in April 1915, and was appointed Temporary Lieut.-Colonel in June 1916, relinquishing this rank in October 1919. His name was brought to the notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for valuable services rendered during the Great War.

BIRTH.

Cronin.—On 30th November, at Barrington Hall, Cambridge, to Margaret (*nee* Bendyshe), wife of Clifford Cronin—a son.

DEATHS.

Burrowes.—On 18th Dec., at "Moorside," Budleigh-Salterton, Devon, Lieut.-Colonel A. St. L. Burrowes, C.B., R.M. (retd.).

Kitson.—On 6th January, 1926, at Mason's Hill, Bromley, Lieut. George A. N. Kitson, (R.M.A. retd.).

CORRESPONDENCE.

A SUGGESTION.

Dear Sir,

Recently, whilst taking part in the Atlantic Fleet Spring Cruise to the Mediterranean, my Sergt.-Major suggested to me that a short lecture to the detachment on Gibraltar would be welcomed. The interest taken more than repaid me for the small amount of labour involved, and I found that most of the detachment on landing visited the various localities of interest which had been mentioned.

Encouraged by the success of this initial effort, I made a point of giving a short lecture on each port we visited, and with the same gratifying result.

How often in the past has one seen officers and men walking up and down the streets and water fronts of the various towns visited, not knowing what to do or see? The result is always the same, viz., boredom, fatigue, an eating-house or "pub," and finally the return to one's ship bored and depressed.

On the other hand, primed with a short history of the town and a knowledge of what to visit and what to avoid, one's stay is interesting, instructive, and happier in every way. Nearly every port, however small, has something of interest on which to lecture, if one only takes the trouble to study the various books and pamphlets usually carried in H.M. ships.

This suggestion has, no doubt, been carried out by officers in the past, but to those who have not done so, I can assure them that its adoption will be appreciated by their N.C.O.'s and men, and that their labours will be amply repaid.

Yours truly,—"Old 'Un."

To the Editor, *The Globe and Laurel.*



(By kind permission of Central News Ltd.)

On Tuesday, 15th December, an interesting event took place at the Enham Village Centre in Hampshire, when the Adjutant-General Royal Marines declared open a pair of cottages, known as " Zeebrugge," which have been presented to the Centre by Mrs. Langford, in memory of the Royal Marines who fell in the Great War. Mrs. Langford is the wife of Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Langford, who served for 21 years in the Corps.

The cottages are comfortable six-roomed dwellings, and one of the conditions made by the donor is that, if possible, one cottage should be occupied by a man who took part in the Zeebrugge action. This condition has been fulfilled by allotting one cottage to Mr. W. G. Gamblen, an ex-Marine, who lost a leg in the action.

The Adjutant-General was accompanied by Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Langford, Colonel J. A. M. A. Clark, C.B., C.M.G., and Major J. Horne, R.M., Brig.-General B. Portal, representing the Chairman of the Villages Centres Council, and other Officers connected with the Enham Village Centre. In declaring the cottages open, he said, besides it being a great pleasure to be present, he felt very much honoured in being asked to open formally those two cottages, which had been erected through Mrs. Langford's generosity. It was a particular pleasure to him that they had been named " Zeebrugge," in commemoration of that great day, and that one cottage was earmarked for occupation by a man of the Royal Marines, and preferably one who took part in that great day, with which the Royal Marines were so intimately associated. He did not think Mrs. Langford could have chosen a more appropriate way of marking that great day, and he would like to thank her, not only on behalf of the occupant of the cottage, but also on behalf of the whole Corps, for her very kind thoughts which prompted that generous action. He had much pleasure in declaring open the houses and unveiling the tablet. This was inscribed :—

ZEEBRUGGE,

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1918.

Per Mare, per Terram.

The " Last Post " was then sounded by a bugler.

Colonel Langford, on behalf of himself and Mrs. Langford, thanked all for their attendance and support. He said there were three French words which it was very hard to translate, namely *Esprit de Corps*. It was an attribute every soldier must possess before he was fit to be called a soldier. Every man must believe that his regiment or corps was the best in the British Army. Next he must believe that his company or battalion was the best, and lastly they wanted him to believe that he was the best man in the section. As an old Marine, he believed that his corps was second to none. Of all

the great deeds that were done in that terrible war, several might equal, but none would surpass what was done at Zeebrugge. He was proud of the important part which his old Corps had played in that action, and to his mind there was no leaf in their proud Laurel Wreath which would shine brighter than that. When they erected war memorials, let them be practical. What could be more practical than that, which was of use, and would be an everlasting memorial of Zeebrugge, and a reminder to the British people of his old Corps, the Royal Marines. He thanked General Hutchison for coming there as official head of the Corps. It was an honour, he could assure him, which had placed Mrs. Langford and himself under a great obligation.

HERE'S A GOOD ONE.

A young gentleman desirous of taking out a Life Insurance Policy attended at the Office of his selection, and was duly cross-examined by an underwriter as to his family history.

" Are your parents alive ?" No, they are both dead." " What age was your father when he died, and what was the cause of his death ?" " Thirty-seven, and he died of consumption." " And your mother ?" " She was thirty-five and died in a lunatic asylum."

" Well, I am afraid, Sir," remarked the underwriter, " that on the facts you have so faithfully given me our firm would rather not proceed with your case but why not try Messrs. Swindle and Rook over the way, and do your prospects a little more good by not sticking quite so closely to facts."

Our friend accepted the advice and was put through the similar cross-examination, but did not give the same answers.

" Your father ?" " He is dead and so is my mother." " How old was your father ?" " He was 94, and was killed in the hunting field." " Oh, yes, and your mother ?" " She was a little older, 95 as a matter of fact." " And the cause of her death ?" " Childbirth !" No success with Messrs. Swindle and Rook, and our friend is trying another firm which is not too particular.

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Whilst walking through an American museum one day, a rating from one of H.M. ships noticed a large skull. He asked the attendant the history of the relic, and after a lot of " guessing" was told that it belonged to the great Christopher Columbus. " And whose might the small one be ?" asked the rating. " Ah," replied the attendant, " that was Christopher's when a boy."

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A Naval gun-drill instructor was resting from his labours by his fireside. As he fell asleep, his " Football Mail " dropped in the fender and caught fire. His wife coming into the room and finding it full of smoke shrieked out " Fire !"

The instructor leapt to his feet, seized the cat and flung it into the oven, crashed the door to, and placing his hand smartly on top shouted " Ready !"

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A would-be gunnery instructor was holding forth to an admiring crowd of ordinary seamen, and proceeded to discuss the question of recoil. " Now what d'you think causes the gun to recoil on firing ?" said he. No satisfactory reply being forthcoming, he proceeded to explain as follows :—" It's like this 'ere. As the projectile leaves the muzzle, as the sayin' is, a partial vacuum is set up in the gun. The air rushing in to fill this vacuum, forces the gun to the rear, and hence the recoil."

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Not very long ago, a Scotchman was persuaded to buy a sixpenny ticket for a " draw," the first prize being £100. As the " draw " was about to take place, it was found that one ticket remained unsold, whereat Sandy bought it. Eventually Sandy won the first prize and later was congratulated, but remarked, " I don't mind winning the £100, but I lost sixpence on the second ticket."

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The Sub. (very junior) : " I want one of those dogs about so high and about so long. A sort of greyhound ; but it isn't quite, because its tail's shorter and its head is bigger, and the legs aren't so long and the body's thinner. Do you keep that sort ?"

The Dealer : " No sir, I don't. I drowns 'em !"

—*Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette.*

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A cautious Scottish farmer, who wished to investigate the alleged huge profits of the Middleman, sold a consignment of eggs to a London firm in June. On one of the eggs he wrote, " I received three-halfpence for this egg. How much did you pay ?" Below he added his name and address. Shortly after Christmas he received a reply written upon the notepaper of a well known London theatre.

" Dear Sir," it read, "'I received this egg absolutely gratis."—*Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic.*

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Once apon a time a certain large battleship was anchored miles away from the shore of Adelaide. This was a matter which gave rise to comment amongst the sailors.

Said one to another, as he took an already half-smoked cigarette from his cap during the forenoon " Stand Easy." " What are we anchored all this way off the " beach " for ?"

" Ain't you 'eard ?" said the other, " The Admiral wants us to paint ship, and 'e's put us out 'ere cos 'e's afraid we might splash their blinking Town 'All."

NOTES ON MATCH REVOLVER SHOOTING.

(*Concluded*)

By H.S.R.P.

To Cure "Spitting."—If the spitting is due to play between the pawl and ratchet teeth, it may be cured by fitting a new pawl. It should be noted that wear of the pawl takes place on the left side (when the butt is away from you) of the curved point, and not on the tip.

If this fails to take up the play, and there is no lateral movement of the trigger, a new cylinder complete will have to be fitted, as the ratchet teeth cannot be supplied separately.

If the spitting is caused by the cylinder stop being too thick or thin, it may be filed down or a new trigger may be provided.

Prevention of "Spitting."—The ratchet teeth should be kept free from grit and well oiled before firing or snapping.

Since snapping causes as much wear as firing, it is advisable, if the firer can obtain a spare cylinder which is already worn, to fit the spare cylinder before snapping, and keep the new one for firing. A spare pawl may also be carried and fitted before a match.

The cylinder may be removed before snapping if a spare one is not available, but the revolver will no longer be up to weight.

Although some firers are not put off by the spitting of their neighbours' revolvers, more confidence is bound to be felt if all members of the team are certain that there is no risk of having their hands cut by lead. Cordite spitting has to be borne.

Play between Barrel and Body.

(*a*) *Lateral.* A loose knuckle joint (the joint about which the revolver "breaks") will cause lateral play between the barrel and the body. This will cause the barrel to move as the bullet travels down the bore, owing to the action of the bullet on the rifling. Inaccurate shooting will thus result.

To test for the defect, hold the barrel in one hand and the butt in the other, and move the hands as though trying to bend the revolver sideways. If any movement between the barrel and body can be felt, the defect is present.

Play may be taken up temporarily by fitting a slightly oversized axis joint-pin, but it is more satisfactory to get the outer surfaces of the knuckle-joint closed in by an armourer. This is done with a punch, but bad work will cause the front part only of the joint to be closed in, instead of the whole joint.

(*b*) *Vertical.* Vertical play will also cause inaccurate shooting, and can be tested for as in the case of lateral play, but by trying to bend the revolver up and down instead of sideways.

It may be caused by a loose barrel catch or a bent barrel catch screw. (It is the barrel catch which is cut away to form the backsight.)

The play may be taken up by bending down the ends of the barrel catch screw, so as to lower the barrel catch and make it hold the upper prolongation of the barrel more firmly. It is, however, better to have a new barrel catch fitted.

Jambs when Firing.—It sometimes happens that in the middle of a shoot the hammer cannot be withdrawn far enough to cock the action. This, of course, entirely spoils a rapid series.

The jam may be caused by—

(*a*) The shield screw working loose and so protruding from the shield. The base of the rounds will then catch against the head of the screw and prevent the cylinder from revolving. (The shield is a plate which is situated immediately in rear of the cylinder and the head of the shield screw can be seen on the right, holding butt away from you, of the hole through which hammer nose strikes the cap.)

(*b*) The stud on the barrel catch spring being too long, protruding through the shield, and so causing a jam in the same way as a loose shield screw. (This stud can be seen in the shield to the left of, with butt away from you, and below the hole through which the hammer nose strikes the cap.)

(*c*) The hammer nose being too long, and by indenting the cap too deeply, causing the edges to bulge outwards, and so take up against the shield and cause a jam.

The cure for these jams is obvious.

Failure to Eject.—It sometimes occurs that the empty cases are not ejected when the revolver is broken, but remain and become jamed between the ejector and the cylinder. This may be caused by not breaking the revolver sufficiently sharply, and if so the cure is again obvious.

It may, on the other hand, be on account of the ejector having insufficient outward travel before being released, and thus failing to draw the empty cases clear of the chambers.

This can be tested by breaking the revolver very slowly and steadily. It should be possible for the shoulder on the body to meet the shoulder on the barrel without the ejector being released. (These shoulders are just in front of the foremost trigger guard screw.)

This ensures that the ejector has the maximum travel. If the revolver is broken at all sharply the ejector should, of course, be released.

Adjustment to the travel of the ejector is effected by an armourer on the eccentric of the extractor lever.

General.—It is advisable occasionally to go round the revolver with a screw-driver and tighten all outside screws except that through the stocks. This screw should be only moderately tight, as if it is screwed hard home, the heat of the hand will subsequently cause the stocks (if of vulcanite and not wood) to buckle at the top and stand out from the body. This buckling will spoil the grip and allow grit to get into the mechanism.

The working parts should occasionally be stripped, cleaned and oiled.

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To sum up, match revolver shooting is an interesting and useful sport, as will be shewn by reference to any who have taken it up.

Once the original disinclination to enter a new field

has been overcome, the time and trouble spent can never be regarded as wasted.

Revolver shooting has the great advantage that careful practice and care of the weapon will always be repaid in results.

Although there may be born revolver shots, it will almost invariably be found that those who excel are those who take the greatest trouble in working up, and the greatest trouble in ensuring that their revolvers are in correct adjustment.

How often one hears remarks such as: "Well, if only I had a revolver like So-and-so's, I could put up a better score!" Exactly.

THE LIGHTER VEIN CLUB.

By Dew.

"Garn! Call this Spring? I wouldn't like to tell yer what I calls it!" remarked Wiggie as we trudged along.

Someone had assured us that Spring was coming, and on the strength of this assurance we had decided to go for a long tramp in the country, and to return in time for a pleasant evening at the club afterwards.

We had set out early, and before we had been long on the road met an old man driving three asses.

Now, Wiggie was in jubilant mood, and thought to have a joke at the expense of the yokel. "Good mornin', father of all the asses!" he shouted. The yokel turned round slowly, and studied Wiggie in silence for a moment. Then, "Good morning, my son!" he replied.

This retort having effectually silenced Wiggie for the rest of the morning, we eventually arrived at a little Inn, where Pincher took upon himself the duty of ordering a meal. To pass away the time while waiting for this to be served, we picked up some old papers.

"This is rather strange" said Shorty, and read us the following extract from the *Daily Express* of December 17th, 1925.

"A car driven by a man named Holden, was owned by a man also named Holden. This car collided with another car. The driver of the second car was named Holden, and he had a passenger named Holden. The constable who reported the case was also named Holden."

"Yes, that's a very strange case," I agreed.

"It is to be hoped" chimed in Jimmy, looking up, "that the damaged car was also a hold 'en!"

We all, of course, crushed him with a look.

By this time, a good meal had been placed before us, and we set to with our usual gusto, speedily removing all evidence of food from the table. We hardly felt like proceeding on our tramp straight away, so I decided to give them the solution of our last month's puzzle of the army scouts.

Here it is:—

Move	*White*	*Red*	*Move*	*White*	*Red*
1. ..	18-15	3-6	10. ..	20-10	1-11
2. ..	17-8	4-13	11. ..	3-9	18-12
3. ..	19-14	2-7	12. ..	10-13	11-8
4. ..	15-5	6-16	13. ..	19-16	2-5
5. ..	8-3	13-18	14. ..	16-1	5-20
6. ..	14-9	7-12	15. ..	9-6	12-15
7. ..	5-10	16-11	16. ..	13-7	8-14
8. ..	9-19	12-2	17. ..	6-3	15-18
9. ..	10-4	11-17	18. ..	7-2	14-19

There may, of course, be other solutions to this problem, and if any of our readers can find one entailing less than eighteen moves, the club would be grateful for the information.

We decided that it was now time to set out on our homeward journey, so left the Inn, and eventually arrived at the club without mishap.

Here we were served with tea by my wife, and settled round the fire to spend a cosy evening.

"Why don't you get married, Shorty?" I enquired after a while.

Shorty looked up. "Now, I'll tell you a little yarn which just expresses my views on married life" he replied, and began as follows:—

Young Newlywed had been complaining of feeling queer for some days, and one evening he arrived home from work, and was going to sit down to tea as usual, when his wife said to him, "I've brought a gentleman round to see you, dear. He's in the parlour waiting now!" "Who is he?" enquired Hubby. "Well, dear," replied his wife, "I hardly like to say; but, dearest, I have been so worried over you feeling unwell lately!"

"All right, darling, I'll go and see the doctor, if that will satisfy you," said Hubby, embracing her affectionately. "What a dear little wife it is to think so much about her husband!"

"No, dearest, you're making a little mistake" came the answer, "it's not the doctor—it's the life insurance man!"

This of course, roused roars of laughter, but my wife was quite indignant about it and would not for a long time be pacified. However, things smoothed themselves out again after a time, and Pincher then told us the following:—

At a little village in Scotland recently a big raffle was being held. The entrance fee was sixpence, the first prize being a pony and trap. Sandy, the lucky Scot who won the prize, stood contemplating his new possession for some time in silence. "Weel, Sandy," remarked a neighbour, "and are ye no pleased aboot it a'?"

"Hoots, mon," replied Sandy, turning away in disgust, "but a 'new there 'ud be a catch in it somewhere—there isn't ony whip!"

"That's not so bad as one I heard recently anent Bonny Scotland," interposed Jimmy, and told us the following:—

In the North Country a little while ago a little boy wanted to go to a picture palace matinee. The entrance fee was one penny, and the small boy was only possessed of the enormous sum of a half-penny. After deep thought he proceeded to the railway line and laid the halfpenny on the metals. In a few minutes time a north bound train passed over it; but what was his horror, when instead of its being flattened out to the size of a penny, he found it had disappeared. He went in tears to the stationmaster near by and explained his misfortune. "Ah, lad," replied the stationmaster, "ye'll never see yer money any more now—that there train was the Scotch express!"

The talk then turned to football, and we discussed at some length the Port Final of the Navy Cup. Our artist produced the attached cartoon in this connection.

It was now getting late, so I decided to close the meeting till next month. Before doing so, however, my wife gave our members another little problem to occupy the spare time till then.

This is the problem she set us:—

"I was given the sum of one thousand pounds in golden sovereigns, and ten bags to put it in. I was then required to distribute the money between the ten bags, and seal them up, in such a way that I could at any time pay out any number of even pounds without opening a bag. How was this to be done?"

(To be continued)

PORTSMOUTH PORT FINAL

NAVY CUP

7½ hours play.



(I) The "Vernon's" band having provided entertainment, the Score was 2-2 in the first game, after two hours play.

(II) In this game the players had to search for the ball with candles, and so the play was advanced 15 minutes in the next games, when the score was 2-2 and 1-1 respectively.

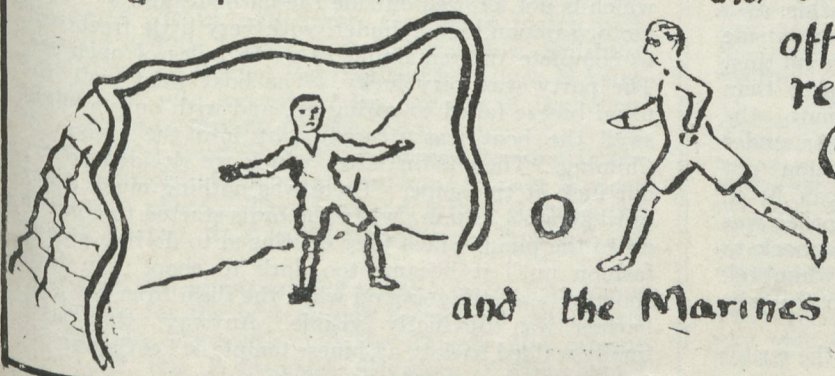




(III) Owing to the number of replays, most of the players were now qualifying for the old age pension, but—



(IV) On the fourth day the Marine Band obliged with an old song "You'd be far better off in a home" with the result that—



(V) The Vernons goal looked very shaky and the Marines won 4—1.

DEW.

DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS IN THE R.N.

From Notes appearing in "The Mariners' Mirror,"
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II.—THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE TRUMPETER.

After the death of Purcell, in 1695, the great days of English music, when English musicians were second to none in the World, came to an end, and a long period of decadence set in. In the Royal Navy music suffered an eclipse that seems to have been even more profound than the darkness on shore. For the greater part of the 18th century, naval literature is almost silent on the subject, and when, at the end of the century, evidence of a revival of musical taste begins to appear, it is found that the executants are almost invariably foreigners.

We have already remarked that the wages in 1653 indicate a decline in the relative importance of the Trumpeter; this remained unchanged throughout the succeeding years.

The table of pay printed in the first edition of the King's Regulations (1731), shows that the Trumpeter (who had now lost the honorific distinction of "Master") was being paid on a scale varying from £1 4s. a month, the wages of an able seaman, in ships of the sixth rate, to £1 10s. in ships of the first rate (one being allowed in each ship), while the Masters Mate once no more than his equal, was paid from £2 2s. to £3 6s. His subordinates, now only "Ordinary Trumpeters" were paid at the lowest rate in all ships. In 1806, when the Masters Mate was being paid from £2 12s. 6d. to £3 16s. 6d., the Trumpeter was paid from £1 14s. 6d. to £2 0s. 6d., and the "Ordinary Trumpeter" £1 13s. 6d. to which rate of pay the A.B. had now risen.

At this time the drummer of the newly formed Royal Marine Artillery received £1 15s. 6d., while his fellow in the Royal Marine Light Infantry received only £1 3s. 4d., an astonishing difference in rate for what were presumably identical duties, for which no explanation is forthcoming. But it is very doubtful if, towards the end of this period, Trumpeters were actually borne in all ships allowed them by complement, for in the reorganisation of 1816 they were abolished as an "obsolete or unnecessary rating."

The causes which brought about this extinction of an instrument infinitely superior to the drum as an exponent of martial music are not clear, but if will be remembered that in 1789, Mozart was obliged to rewrite the higher trumpet parts in Handel's "Messiah," because no man living was capable of playing them. Presumably musicians had found that a better livelihood was to be obtained by learning some easier instrument, with the result that competent trumpeters were not to be had.

The substitution of drum for trumpet had evidently begun early in the 18th century. The King's Regulations of 1731, which remained in this respect practically unaltered until the year 1861 speak only of the drum. Flag Officers when going on board any of H.M. Ships were no longer to be greeted by the "Noise of Trumpets," or speeded at their departure by a "Loth to depart." Instead of this the drum was to beat a march for the Admiral or Flag Officer commanding-in-chief, three ruffles for an Admiral, two for a Vice-Admiral and one for a Rear-Admiral, and the watch was to be set at night and relieved in the morning to the beat of the drum. A sad relapse into barbarism.

(To be continued.)

A SHOOTING TRIP IN NORTH CHINA.

By ROBERT.

The remnants of the China Squadron having gone away to Tsingtao (I say remnants, for the naval forces during these somewhat troublesome times are spread all over the Station, protecting the lives and property of foreigners by both moral and physical means), I granted myself five days leave, there being no one to apply to for it.

Starting off at 9 a.m. from the Island of Liu Kung Tao in a sampan, after getting to the mainland, we drove in a gharry about 15 miles towards Chefoo; this, as a matter of fact, is as far as it is possible to go, for outside the leased territory of Wei Hai Wei, the road just peters out, and is perfectly impossible for other than pack transport. Well, we walked! My mate, the Doctor, who has only started shooting this year, under my somewhat enthusiastic, if inefficient, tuition, got his first lesson in how indifferent shooting can be in North China. He shot at one snipe, and another was seen in the far, far distance. Finally we got back to Port Edward, having annexed one curlew, two whimbrel, one cormorant—which was foolish enough to fly past in range—and one snake.

The Doc then returned to his "work," and the writer spent the night in a camp bed on the verandah of a bungalow belonging to the O.C., Loyals detachment, prior to going into the Territory with him and the Officer Administrating the Government, ostensibly on a tour of inspection of the outlying police stations.

The recent summer rains having washed away the roads in places, the O.A.G. decided to commence the trip by sea—a truly dangerous project, considering the sea transport consisted of his steam launch "Gallia," which is not allowed outside the harbour, and a "Yit" motor sampan, one cylinder, with very little freeboard, to complete the remaining 14 or 15 miles of open sea. The party was very lucky. The boat went well, the usual breeze failed to spring up, and with only a slight swell the boat was steered right into the lagoon of Chiming. Then tiffin, after which we decided to try our luck at the snipe. There was nothing much doing until about 3.30 p.m., when the birds started to come in on to the plain, which they continued to do in a steady fashion until it became too dark to shoot; in fact, shooting was still going on when the flash from the gun-barrels was distinctly visible. Anyway, the party finally walked back to a Chinese temple at Pei Chiang Shi

with 54 snipe and four golden plover—the expenditure of cartridges to game killed (after the sea trip in the sunshine, for one must have some excuse !) reflected no credit on any member of the party. We were a tired, hungry and thirsty trio that got back and awaited the arrival of the transport—a hired Chinese mulecart at 2$ per diem, which was to bring up food, drink, kit and bedding. Anxiously it was awaited, and eventually turned up at about 10 p.m. During the interim we managed to amuse ourselves brushing off mosquitoes, etc., and also to get some excellent hot tea from the Chinese Police Sergeant and two cold Wei Hai chickens were torn apart being eaten with our fingers. What we foreigners would do at Wei Hai without the Chinese chicken the good Lord only knows, for it appears to be our staple diet. Anyway, chicken tastes considerably better when eaten in the fingers, than when daintily toyed with from a plate in real civilized fashion.

Having been on these expeditions before in hot countries, I had insisted on each of us taking a water-bottle, so we were not really worried with thirst, but—joy of joys—the excellent, if diabetic, Chinese Sergeant produced half a bottle of his medicinal "Johnnie Walker," and we refreshed ourselves with a burra peg each, awaiting the arrival of transport with considerably more equanimity. When it turned up we discovered it had been bogged and ditched. Eight gallons of petrol had burst, and almost everything of mine (though the others were more fortunate) including cartridges and pyajmas, were soaked and reeking of petrol fumes. These fumes, however, were extremely efficacious as an anti-mosquito measure, and 200 of Messrs. Cogswell and Harrison's cartridges, falling out of their petrol-soaked cardboard boxes, were stood on end and dried off without apparent harm, except for the loss of some colour and printing on the cardboard cases. The O.A.G. pretended to be a bit "breezy" as I unpacked these cartridges alongside our only oil lamp, but really it wsa not half so dangerous as some of the boat work and driving that was to come ! In due course the beds and nets were fixed up in the courtyard of the temple ; pyjamas were comparatively dry and free from the taint of petrol. So after a very strong cocktail we turned in. To go to bed on a cocktail sounds a bit rustic, but the "boy," having unpacked, and being perhaps a little unsophisticated in the drinking habits of foreigners, with a cheerful smile on his face produced the bottle of cocktails and three glasses. He'd done very well with the transport for the 28 miles, the last 10 being over the vilest of rain-washed tracks and in the dark, so not wishing to upset him, we drank one each as a nightcap. They were a bit "fierce," and I did not tackle them again "neat" during the trip. Slept the sleep of the just, in the largest bedroom in the world, with the sky for a roof, in bright moonlight, and for the first time learnt about the possibility of becoming "moonstruck." I always thought that "moonstruck" was a disease of love-sick coons, but the old campaigner of the party claimed to have met it, and insisted on placing a coat over his mosquito net to keep the moon-beams off his face. Thus at the end of the first day's inspection we were comfortably esconced in our beds, having made contact with supply column, under the efficient protection of mosquito nets, except perhaps the O.A.G., whose net was so ill-fitting, that the jazz orchestra could pass in and out for their night meal off a fresh white man at their leisure.

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PORTSMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

This month, which has included the Christmas leave period, has not been very busy from a football point of view.

The first team has made a little headway in the Hants League, having won against Basingstoke (2—0) and Winchester (6—2), and drawn the return match with Salisbury on 9th January. In the match *v.* Salisbury at Salisbury on Boxing Day, we had hard luck in being beaten by 2—0 ; we missed the services of Davidson, who was away playing for the Navy.

The second team have advanced another step in the Hants Intermediate Cup, and now have to meet Romsey in the next round. They have got a firm clasp on the Gosport Leagne. their record being played 9, won 7 and lost 2.

We take this opportunity of sending season's greetings and wishes for the best of luck to football enthusiasts at Chatham, Plymouth and the Depot, also absent players of the Portsmouth Division ("Effingham" please note).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The following accounts of matches played by Portsmouth Division, were held over from our last issue :—

v. "CASUALS," Wednesday, 30th September, at Eastney—Lost 8 points to 22 points. The first match of the season found us rather a "scrappy" side, and our opponents, who combined very well, kept us on the defensive for most of the game.

v. "DOLPHIN," Saturday, 3rd October, at Haslar.—Won 6pts. to 5. A very fast and even game on a sweltering hot day. The game resolved itself chiefly into a ding-dong battle of the forwards, Sergt. Jones distinguishing himself by kicking a "super" penalty from the half-way line.

v. "VINDICTIVE," Saturday, 17th October, at Eastney.—Won 12—3 The first half of the game was a "bit of a scramble," and playing against the wind made it difficult to open the game up. Thanks to our forwards however we led 6—3 at half-time. The next half was a different story ; playing with the wind our forwards and threes soon put us on the offensive, which we maintained to the end of the game. Sergt. Jones, who had been playing a good game, had the misfortune to break his leg above the ankle in the second half. We all wish him a speedy recovery, and hope to see him out again before the end of the season.

v. TROJANS "A"—Saturday, November 21st, at Southampton—Won 11 points to 8 points. We journeyed to Southampton, wondering what would happen, as we had practically a new team out. In the first half our opponents, playing down hill, kept us on the defensive, but thanks to good forward play and tackling by our backs, we managed to keep them out. The second half turned in our favour, our threes

handling well, soon put us ahead, and this superiority we maintained till the end. A word of praise to the following: 2/Lieut. Woods, Mne. Green and Corpl. Walker, and especially to our newcomers Mnes. Comer, C. N. Smith, Feltham and Cutler. A feature of the game was the kicking of the Trojans' full-back.

v. "DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S," Wednesday, 25th November, at Eastney—Lost 55 points to 3 points. Without our Saturday players the team was properly "at sea." Not at any time did we settle down, and our experienced opponents showed us how Rugger can be played. Our team must learn to go hard all the time, work together, and above all, go for the man with the ball and *tackle low.*

v. "FAREHAM," Saturday, 28th November, at Fareham—Won 33 points to 0 points. Played on a very hard ground, when we dominated the play. Both our forwards and threes combined well and showed that we are at last learning the game. Congratulations to all especially Mne. A. H. Merkel and 2/Lieut. Woods.

v. "R.A.F., WINCHESTER," Wednesday, 2nd December, at Eastney—Lost 12 points to 3 points. This game was not so even as the score suggests, and as we were playing against a more experienced side, we may congratulate ourselves on our efforts. Our forwards were not as good as usual, with the result we lost control of the scrums, but thanks to good breaking-up and good tackling, several of our opponents' three-quarter movements were broken up. Congratulations to 2/Lieut. Honnor, Corpl. Walker, Mnes. Green, Comr. Duncan, Newcombe and Anglin for their hard work.

v. "EAGLE," Wednesday, 9th December, at Eastney—Lost 11 pts. to 3 points. A rather wild game, in which our side failed to settle down. Our forwards must go hard the whole time—there are too many "stand easys." We congratulate our opponents on their game, especially after being abroad so long. Mne. Green had the misfortune to injure his back and has had to go to Haslar. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

PLYMOUTH.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SIDMOUTH *v.* MARINES. December 19th.

We concluded the first half of the season with a match against Sidmouth. Although the weather was wet, a hard match took place. The latter half of the game developed into a forward struggle in which the Marines well held their own. The game ended with no score to either side.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* KINGSTEIGNTON. Jan. 9th.

This match played on the Longroom produced a hard and even game. The visitors were slightly the better behind the scrum, but we had somewhat the better forwards. After an exciting game the Marines lost by 11 points to 8 points.

HOCKEY.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* PLYMOUTH. 13th Jan.

The Marines were obliged to play one man short, several of our best players being away. After a bad start when Plymouth were allowed to score three easy goals, the game became more even, the final score being 4 goals to 1 against the Marines, there being no scoring done by either side in the second half.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

At Bladderly, 16th December.—R.M. Res. *v.* G.P. Office.

The Marines always held the advantage. In 10 minutes Marshall opened the score, Horn headed the second and Marshall added two more goals before the interval. The P.O. played pluckily, but were no match for their opponents. The Marines' lead of 4 goals at the interval represented the run of play. The G.P.O. struggled gamely against heavy odds but their goal was piecred three times during the second half, Marshall (2) and Horn scoring. Result: R.M. Res. 7; G.P. Office, Nil.

At Longroom, 23rd December. A friendly game was played against the Police, most of the Divinional Players being on leave, a "scratch" side was selected. Wilkins opened the scoring for the Marines, but the Police equalised before the interval. In the second half the Police added another 3 goals and ran out easy winners by 4 goals to 1.

At Longroom, 2nd January. We met Oreston in a return P. & D. League fixture. Great interest was taken in this meeting, Oreston being the League leaders. The Marines opened up dangerously, and from Shewbrooks centre, Pollitt scored a brilliant goal with a long cross shot. Play was fast and interesting. The Marines wasted numerous scoring chances. After the interval, Wilkins ran through cleverly, drawing Baker out of goal, passed for Bryant to score number two. Stung by this reverse, Oreston retaliated and Henderson reduced their deficit, the same player scoring the equaliser a minute from time. A thrilling game ended R.M. 2 goals, Oreston 2 goals. Politt and Vincent played splendidly in defence, Bryant, being the most dangerous forward on the field.

DEPOT.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING.

The following is the results of Matches fired up to 8th December :—

Depot R.M. *v.* Deal and District R.C. 12 to shoot the best 8 to count. Depot, 782; Deal, 779.

Sergt. Masters 100.—*Depot R.M. won by 3 points.*

In the following Matches the conditions were any number to shoot, best 8 to count.

Depot R.M. *v.* Ports Div. Depot 773; Ports 769.—*Depot R.M. won by 4 points.*

Depot R.M. *v.* Dover and District R.C. Depot 788; Dover 765. Clr.-Sergt. Ames 100.—*Depot R.M. won by 23 points.*

Depot R.M. *v.* Ply Div. Depot 788; Ply. 760. Clr.-Sergt. Ames 100.—*Depot R.M. won by 28 points.*

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

Owing to the Xmas Leave period, there have been very few matches played in the respective leagues, but the first team gave a very good account of themselves against the Royal Marines in U.S. League, Div. I. losing by the narrow margin of 5 goals to 3, alter a very strenuous game. The goal scorers were Webb 2, and Power.

The Lads Junior League Team played St. Lukes at Eastney on Saturday, January 9th, whom they beat by 1—0. This match decided the championship of the league. There is some very good talent in this Junior Team, and no doubt we shall see some of them appearing in the School's first team in future years.

The following are the various League Tables up to date :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts
U.S. League, Div. I. .	13	4	0	9	27	47	8
,, Div. II. ..	8	2	0	6	11	47	4
Boys: Lads' Wed. League	12	8	1	3	37	29	17
Lads' Jun. League	14	13	0	1	129	13	26

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced between Colonel Arthur Phayre Grattan, late Royal Marine Light Infantry, second son of the late Colonel Henry Grattan, the Royal Sussex Regiment, and of Mrs. Grattan, Brixton, Devonshire, and Kathleen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Galloway, Kingswear, Devonshire.

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A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Captain Eustace C. Heathcote, Royal Marines, only son of Captain and Mrs. A. C. Heathcote, of Forest Lodge, Liss, Hants, and Miss Marie Macmurrough Kavanagh, daughter of the late Mr. J. J. Kavanagh and Mrs. Kavanagh, of 9 Windsor Terrace, Plymouth.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C.E.M.—Many thanks for interesting photograph, which it is hoped to publish next month.

G.A.V.—The doings of "Corpse" and "Pogs" are rather overwhelming, but it is hoped to be able to reduce them to a suitable article for publication when time and space permit. In the meantime please thank the artists for their excellent sketches and account.



CORPS GAZETTE

APPOINTMENTS.

Col.-Cmdt. F. C. Edwards, Ply., A.D.C. to His Majesty the King, vice Maj.-Gen. L. S. Halliday, V.C., C.B. Dated 11-12-25.

Col.-Cmdt. R. C. Temple, C.B., C.B.E., R.M., is awarded a Good Service Pension of £150 per annum, vice Halliday. Dated 11-12-25.

Major J. Macnair-Smith to be Brigade Major, Depot R.M., Deal, vice Owen. Dated 15-1-26.

Major R. D. H. Lough, D.S.O., O.B.E., to be Drafting Officer, Ply., vice Macnair-Smith. Dated of taking over duties

Capt. A. P. Dawson, to be Supt. Small Arms School, Browndown, vice Coode. Date of taking over duties

Capt. L. S. Wilkinson to be Supt. P. & R.T. School, Depot R.M., Deal vice Conybeare. Date of taking over duties

Capt. C. B. Conybeare (Ply.) to half pay list at own request for a period of six months. Dated 2-1-26.

Capt. H. D. Weir, absbd. vice Conybeare.

Capt. R. A. R. Neville (Chat.) is borne Supy to establishment.

Lieut. E. C. Hoar to Depot R.M., Deal for duty, vice Woodington, Dated 6-1-26.

Lieut. F. H. Coucher is attached to Small Arms School, Browndown, for a period of three months. Dated 11.1.26.

The services of the following officers in the Special Reserve of Officers is terminated :—Capts. J. Pearson, M.C., L. A. Unwin, H. N. Pearce, E. A. N. Palmer, E. A. Godfrey, M.C., W. Guthrie, Lieuts. C. W. P. Dyson, G. Burrows, J. W. Stancer, W. Priddy, S. Lamb, J. C. H. Bailey, H. F. Denyer, J. S. White, G. R. Vale, F. V. Stobbs, G. Holloway. Dated 1-1-26.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major F. A. Hamer to "Frobisher," vice Pope, Date of joining.

Major R. Sinclair, Capt. Spraggett, M.C., Lieut. A. R. H. Buckley, Commsd. R.M. Gunr. G. Sneyd, will remain on "Hood" on commissioning.

Capt. T. B W. Sandall to "Repulse," vice Wilkinson. Date of joining.

The following exchanges will be effected on transfer of flags of ships concerned :—Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E. to "Iron Duke"; Major H. E. Ravenshaw to "Resolution"; Major J. T. de S. Washington to "Barham."

Capt. S. J. Bassett to "President," for duty in N.I. Dept., Admiralty for the period 14—27 Jan., 1926.

Lieut. E. J. Woodington to "Conquest." Date of joining.

Lieut. A. B. Woodhall to "Furious," and for No. 461 Flight. Dated 1-1-26.

Lieut. R. H. S. Teek to "Eagle," and for No. 440 Flight. Dated 12-12-25.

Lieut. J. K. Cordeaux to "Egmont," vice Viner. Date of joining.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major J. Macnair-Smith and Major C. Williams completed Senior Officers' Course, Sheerness, on 19th December.

Major J. G. Horne and Major and Bt. Lt.-Col. R. H. Darwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., have been selected to attend the 20th Senior Officers' Course, Sheerness, from 15th February to 14th May.

The undermentioned officers commenced 11th Qualifying Course on 11th January, at the School of Land Artillery, Portsmouth :—Capts. W. B. F. Lukis, W. F. S. Fawckner, Lieuts. G. R. Hawkins, J. G. Godwin, Comsd. R.M. Gunr. H. R. Horne.

Lieut. G. R. Hawkins having passed a Course at the Small Arms, School, Hythe is qualified for promotion to the rank of Major under the provision of Instructions for R.M. Divns. Art. 10.

The undermentioned officers qualified in Subject (a) for promotion, on 21st and 22nd July, 1925 :—Lieuts. R. A. K. Hill, Lieut. J. Robinson, G. R. Hawkins, Lieut. O. C. T. Dykes.

Lieut. C. la R. Salter having undergone certain Land Artillery Courses, is qualified for promotion to the rank of Major, under the provisions of Instructions for R. M. Divisions, Art. 10, and is eligible for the notation ("a") against his name in the seniority list of R.M. Officers in the Navy List.

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PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergts.—Corpls. H. G. Austin ("Titania"), S. H. Allen (Hd. Qrs.), S. C. Baker (Depot R.M.).

To be Corpls.—Mnes. H. J. W. Bunting (H.Q.E. Ports.), H. Norris (Hd. Qrs.), H. E. Redfern ("Hawkins").

APPOINTMENTS.

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M.T.I. 1st Class for Parade duties.—Sergt. L. F. Lynham, vice Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Day.

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Commandts Orderly.—Sergt. F. J. Betheridge.

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Tempy. C.S.M. of "G" Coy., 3 months on probation.—Clr.-Sergt. E. E. Penny.

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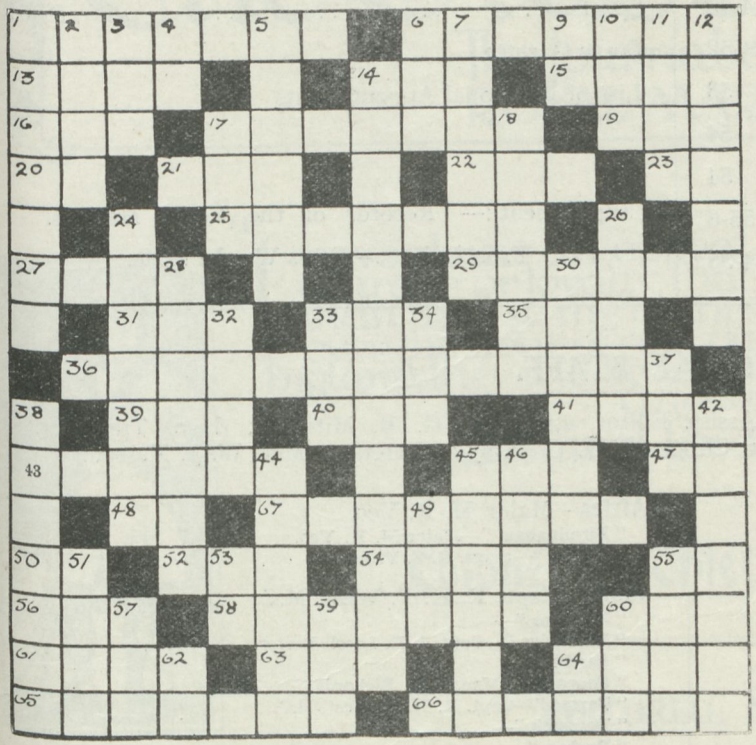
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Invalided.—Mne. W. C. Bosley.

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"**Victory,**" Sergt. H. A. Jennings, Cpls. J. T. Morecombe, S. G. Sawford, F. J. Downton, S. J. Greenwood, Mne. A. G. Harrison; "**Calcutta,**" Corpl. J. M. Neal; "**Centurion,**" Mne. F. S. M. Watts; "**Dryad,**" Clr.-Sergt. J. C. Viney; "**Curacoa,**" Cpl. N. Artis, Mnes. L. J. Mew, J. W. Dunckley, W. P. Inggs; "**Revenge,**" Sergts. W. H. Hancock, H. T. H. Tuttiett, Mnes. W. G. Kent, C. L. Kyle, E. J. Crane, A. W. Greening, F. C. Adams, R. J. Roper, S. Allaway, S. T. Powell; "**Tiger,**" Mnes. A. J. Morgan, W. J. Court, A. Aindow, W. Carrick, E. G. Barrett; "**Agamemnon,**" Corpl. E. S. Weeks,

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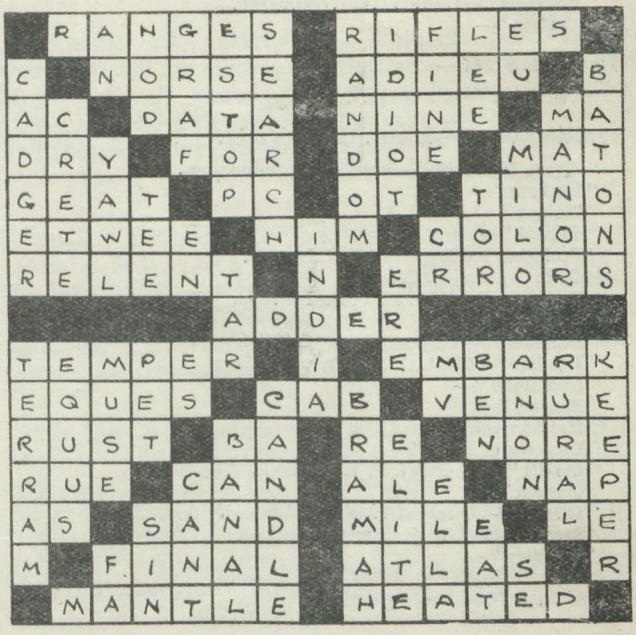
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1 Late R.M. Headquarters.
2 Way out.
3 Negative.
4 In (French).
5 Business.
6 . . . Duff.
7 Experts.
9 Exists.
10 Boy's Name.
11 Mohammedan Prince.
12 Communications.
14 Course of Instruction.
17 Sphere.
18 Hastens.
24 Russian Transports.
26 Eater.
28 Issue.
30 Fastened again.
32 Cave.
33 Fish.
34 Decoration.
37 Frolic.
38 Advance.
42 Marine Wardrobes.
44 Daubs.
45 Is.
46 Saluted (poetical).
49 Mineral.
51 Frank.
53 Pronoun.
55 Immediately.
57 Consume.
59 Groove.
60 Hebrew Priest.
62 Form of Address.
64 An Honour or a Disgrace.

CLUES ACROSS.

1 Officer.
6 Leathernecks.
13 Oxford.
14 Hobby.
15 Half.
16 Rest.
17 Lieutenant.
19 Excavate.
20 Physical Training.
21 Age.
22 Place.
23 Senior Service.
25 Lodgings.
27 Sailor's Stripe.
29 Piercing.
31 Warrant Officer.
33 And so on.
35 Even.
36 Officer.
39 Senior Naval Officer.
40 Loiter.
41 Mesopotamia.
43 Consumes again.
45 Increase.
47 Gunnery Instructor.
48 Street.
50 Marine Officer.
52 Optic.
54 Rainbow.
55 Sailor.
56 Open.
58 Zealous.
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" **Curlew** "—Lieut. J. C. Westall.

New Zealand—

" **Dunedin** "—Mne. A. Fleurs.
" **Philomel** "—Corporal C. Breckon.
" **Diomede** "—Capt. J. S. Selby Tuppen.

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Chatham—Major C. E. W. Hill.
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.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following :—

" The Leatherneck," " Journal of the Honourable Artillery Company," " The Gunner," " The Sprig of Shillelagh," " U.S. Army Recruiting News," " The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette," " The Queen's Own Gazette," " The Red Hackle," " The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps," " The Wire," " The Snapper," " Faugh-a-Ballagh," " Royal Tank Corps Journal," " The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," " The Sapper," " St. George's Gazette."

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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

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A standing order for 156 copies of the *Globe and Laurel* has just been received from H.M.S. "Hood." The strength of the "Hood's" detachment is 147, so that this must easily be a "record" order, worthy of special mention in these notes.

Among the new subscribers we are particularly pleased to welcome the Admiral, the Flag Captain and other Naval Officers. To them, to the whole detachment, and to our local correspondent, to whose enthusiasm this large increase in circulation is mainly due, we wish to express our grateful appreciation. We shall look forward specially to news and photographs for publication from H.M.S. "Hood."

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News from afloat and ashore show that the interest in the coming Royal Tournament is as keen as ever. We hear of field guns' crews and tug-of-war and bayonet teams hard at work training in ships of the Atlantic Fleet, and at our Headquarters, and we wish them all the best of luck.

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A recent order states that, with a view to economy, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have decided to abolish the appointment of 2nd Quartermaster at all Divisions except Portsmouth. The appointments of the Port Sergeant-Majors are also abolished, and the economies include the replacement of the Superintending Clerk in the 1st Quartermaster's department by a Q.M.S.

The order results in a surplus of 3 Quartermasters, 3 Sergeant-Majors and 3 Superintending Clerks, and applications for retirement will be invited under the same conditions as those offered in 1923.

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Another order states that Colonels Second-Commandant will be eligible for promotion to the rank of Major-General (retired) from the date on which they would have been promoted to the rank of Major-General, had they continued to serve, subject to their not having been passed over for the command of a Division.

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Hockey fixtures have been arranged for the Corps team on 3rd April *v.* the Belgian XI., on 5th April *v.* the Spanish XI., and on 6th April *v.* Kenley. All three matches will be played at Folkestone, that on the 3rd April being at 4.30 p.m., after the England *v.* France match, and the others at 2.30 p.m.

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We have to announce, with deep regret, the deaths of three well-known officers: Lieut.-Colonel J. J. Quill, well remembered in the West country and at Deal for his prowess as a cricketer; Lieut.-Colonel C. E. Risk, D.S.O., one of the pioneers of flying in the Navy; and Captain C. B. Conybeare, Superintendent of Physical and Recreational Training in the Corps. Obituary notices appear elsewhere.

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Few readers will remember that the late Director of Traffic Services in London, Chief Constable Arthur

Bassom, commenced his career in the Royal Marines. He enlisted in 1882, joined the R.M.A. in 1883, and obtained his discharge by purchase as a bombardier in 1886. He then joined the Metropolitan Police, and was promoted to Chief Constable in 1923, on appointment as London Traffic Director. He was a man of remarkable energy and devotion to duty, and his death was largely caused by overwork.

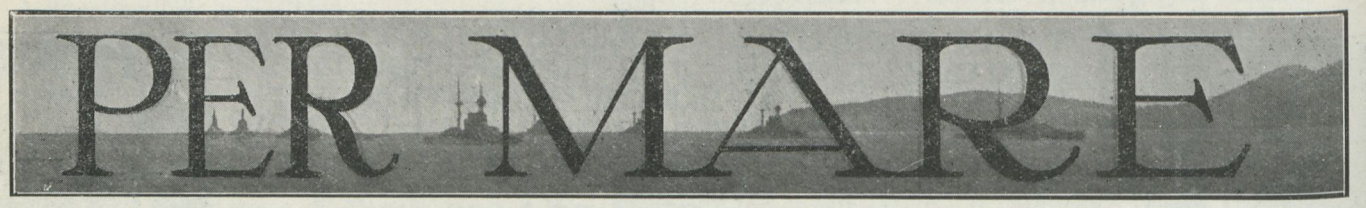
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Many readers will be interested to hear that a former Secretary of the *Globe and Laurel*, Sergeant A. Halcrow, has recently been appointed a County Councillor at Lerwick, Shetland Islands. Sergeant Halcrow joined the Coastguard on his retirement and is now stationed at Fort Charlotte, Lerwick. He passed the examination for Station Officer with high honours, coming out top of over 200 candidates. He was secretary of this journal when it was last produced from Eastney.

The present staff wish him many further successes, and many readers will join with them in this wish.

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A list of Divisional appointments becoming vacant in the near future is published in this number. Further lists will be published in future numbers, and it is hoped they will assist entrants for what it is believed are known as the " Local Derbys."



ATLANTIC FLEET.

The Fleet left Portland on 12th January, the battleships for Vigo, " Hood " for Arosa Bay, and 2nd C.S. for Lisbon.

On the 23rd January they all assembled at Gibraltar and commenced gunnery practices. During this period the sailors went through a course of musketry, the Marines providing instructors, register keepers, markers, etc.

On the 11th February the Fleet and Squadron Tournaments and Boxing Competitions commence and continue until we leave Gibraltar on the 24th February.

The R.M. Band Contest will take place on the 17th and 18th February. Last year this resulted in a win for the " Hood," but owing to their ship being in quarantine, it is doubtful if their band will be able to enter. Mr. Landlock, R.A. Bandmaster, is going to act as judge again this year.

The final for the Marines' Football Cup has not yet been played, owing to bad weather. In the semi-finals " Resolution " beat " Royal Sovereign " and " Revenge" beat " Royal Oak."

" Revenge "

We have now been away from Portsmouth just a month. So many events have taken place, and so many are booked to take place, that it is really very difficult to know quite where to start.

By far the most important event of the cruise (apart from our return to Portsmouth) is the Competition Shoot. This took place on Tuesday, 9th February. Considering the short space of time we have had to work up, the results were good. We do not know yet which ship has won the heavy gun championship, but we know that our Marines have won the Shield for the best turret in " Revenge." As regards the 6-inch guns, as far as actual loading is concerned, they should do well. The crews have dug out like Trojans at loader ; as a matter of fact the loader is feeling the effects, and is shedding nuts here and bolts there. We did hear last year that we were going to have a new one. Perhaps Corpl. January and Mne. Wooldridge could ditch the old one in their spare time.

Football has been going strong this cruise. Our team, under the able guidance of R.M. Gunner Lazell has worked its way into the Fleet Final, against the " Resolution." We have tried twice to play the match off, but twice has the weather decided against play. The semi-final, in which we met the " Royal Oak," was a very even game ; there was a strong wind blowing which rather affected play.

We have two tug-of-war teams in training for the Tournament—a heavy team, under Corp. Ridout, and a light team under Sergt. Tickner. Both these teams have been training consistently since leaving England and have put in a deal of good work. There are quite a large percentage of last year's teams in this year, but there are also some recently joined men, who are shaping very well. We hope to see them successful when their day comes.

Boxing is flourishing this cruise, under the tender care of Marine Cox. We have several of last year's stalwarts in the team—Mnes. Bunce, Harris and Godkin are the most energetic. Unfortunately Mne. Walker, our heavy-weight, has been in the wars lately. His wrist having come off second best in an argument with the breech of the loader, he is now out of action. We shall miss him greatly ; we have not forgotten his plucky display of last year.

The Bayonet Team has been rather difficult to arrange, owing to the fact that most of the team are training for other events. It is very difficult really to concentrate on more than one thing at a time. We are lucky in having Mnes. Hurley and Tallent still with us, both for fighting and training purposes ; their services are invaluable. We have not studied the form of other ships' teams much ; we presume thay have been just as busy as we have, and have come up against the same difficulties as regards training.

From Gibraltar we go on our way to fight a little war with our old friends the Mediterranean Fleet. We are

going to Palmas Bay in Sardinia, and we may even go to Pollensa this year. After the " war " we come back to Gib. for a spell, and then to Arosa and home. Most of us will miss Algiers after the splendid time we had there last year. At one time there was a rumour that we were going there, but it seems we are bound to disappointment.

" Hood."

On return of the Port Watch from Xmas leave on 5th January, normal routine was at once resumed, in order to clear up the abnormal amount of debris which is usually to be found on such occasions. The ship paid off on 6th January, and re-commissioned for further service with the Battle Cruiser Squadron on the 7th.

Leaving Plymouth on 12th January we arrived at Arosa Bay on 15th, and after spending a useful seven days in settling down, we left for Gibraltar, where we arrived on the 23rd January. We now hoped to enjoy the lighter and brighter elements of the Mediterranean. We still march to " I want to be happy," and having got well clear of the " West Country " (famous this year, we hear, for its winter sports) hope and sing " It aint agoin' to rain no more." But, alas ! the dark clouds gather—someone has measles—and yet another and another, and who knows—more to come ! The first case of measles occurred on 30th January.

The world's greatest warship, characteristic of the British Navy, remains silent—aye, silent ! We have all given up drinking and galivanting ashore, and every man to his part of the ship—*we are in Quarantine*—but it is only for seventeen days, and who minds staying on board for such a short period ?

However, we are not entirely hermetically sealed, for recreational parties are allowed to land daily from 0900 until 1145 hours. A great deal has been done to provide amusements on board during the evenings, and so it is not all so frightfully dull as it perhaps sounds.

A Ship's Concert Party has been formed, and made its first appearance on Saturday evening, 6th February. Although hurriedly arranged, some very good talent was discovered and we were provided with a most entertaining evening. Marine Drouet was, as usual, in his very best form and was the cause of much raucous laughter.

A considerable amount of enthusiasm is being shown over the forthcoming Fleet Tournament, which we hope (measles permitting) to be able to take part in. Our tug-of-war team is digging out like daylight. Marines Cresswell, Fox, Whatmore and Hartley are preparing to give a display of their talent in a bout or two of fisticuffs, and what with the incessant tramp and blowing of the band, we are fairly well occupied. The first rounds of the Inter Port Football Competition were played off on the 11th February, and after a keenly contested game, Marines' "B" team defeated the Gunroom 1—0, but not without a certain amount of puffing and blowing.

We were fortunate in getting the use of the Rifle Range from 8th to 10th February, when 36 N.C.Os. and men of the detachment were put through a modified "R" course ; at the conclusion of the individual practices two team shoots were carried out, the results of which were :—

Tile Shoot Winners :—Sgt. Carn, Mnes. Brown, Carter, Webb, Hudson, Martin. Field Practice Winners :—Cpl. Dyer, Mnes. Dubery, Bowyer, Howse, Fox, Turner. Prizes were presented to the winning teams.

" Resolution "

We left Plymouth on Sunday, 10th January, 1926, *en route* for Portland ; leaving the latter port the following day, we arrived at Vigo on Friday, 15th Jan., with very little to report, other than the usual " general livening up," after spending Christmas alongside the wall at Devonport. Vigo greeted us with beautiful sunshine, which quite put new life into us after so many weeks of " Plymouth sunshine," so we decided that the time had arrived for commencing training for the various events in connection with the annual competitions, which are to take place at Gibraltar.

Leaving Vigo on the 20th January we arrived at Gib. on the 23rd. During this trip the " Rolling Reso." was permitted to show off her form incidentally flooding all the Marine messes in the port battery. Gib. soon saw us settled down alongside the Mole ; arrangements were immediately made for the playing off of the Marines' Squadron Football Cup, of which we are the present holders. After drawing a bye in the first round, we were drawn against the " Royal Sovereign " in the semi-final. We realised at once that we were up against a tough proposition. The game was played at R.N. Recreation Ground, Gibraltar, on Thursday, 28th January. The following were the team representing " Resolution's " detachment : Attwood ; Alston (Capt.), May ; Nunn, Allen, West ; Tolley, Heyes, Thorne, Armstrong and Venn. The game started off at a very fast pace, neither side holding very much advantage until about ten minutes had been played when after a fine attacking movement we scored through Armstrong. The game continued to be of a give and take nature, and after twenty-five minutes the " Sovereign's " equalised. About five minutes before the interval we again took the lead, Venn scoring. Half-time score : " Resolution " 2, " R. Sovereign " 1.

On resuming, play continued to be fairly even for the first quarter of an hour, when the " R. Sovereign " scored two quick goals. Our team then set about their task in a workmanlike manner, Venn soon equalising with a splendid shot. Thorne shortly afterwards added one more to our score, which lead we held till the finish of the game, leaving us winners by 4 goals to 3.

Both teams played splendid football, Alston being often conspicuous by making some fine clearances, and by his sterling play was easily the outstanding player on the field. We are now looking forward with anticipation to the final, when we meet H.M.S. " Revenge," and are sincerely hoping to win the Cup for the second year in succession.

Our Spring Bayonet team are working hard to retain their title of Champions of the 2nd B.S., under the able guidance of Major Gillespie, O.B.E., R.M., assisted by Sergt. P. Stapleton.

A Squadron Rifle Shoot took place on Friday, January

29th, teams consisting of 12 officers and men from each ship's company, of which our detachment provided 9. These were as follows : Capt. Harden, Sergts. Stapleton and Bittles, Mnes. Shallcross, Woods, Peace, Tolley and Hobbs. Some very good shooting was accomplished by these representatives, " Resolution " securing third place.

In conclusion I must add that our " spare time " is fully occupied in working up for the annual competitive shoots, which take place shortly, when we hope to retain the title of " Heavy Gun Champions " and also to annex the title of " Secondary Armament Champions of the Fleet."

" Ramillies "

The programme of the Atlantic Fleet having been announced in most papers, it will suffice to say that the ship is conforming with the remainder of the Fleet to the routine allotted at Gibraltar.

Just now we are working up for a competition shoot. This over, we will proceed to harbour and carry out a series of events appertaining to sport.

The inter-port Boxing has already taken place, resulting as follows :—

Winner of Heavy-weights	Mne. Stevens
Winner of Light-heavy ..	Mne. Praill
Runner-up Light-heavy ..	Mne. Wellington
Runner-up Middle-weights	Mne. A. Bull
Runner-up Light-weights	Mne. Hodgson
Runner-up Bantams ..	Mne. Boffey

It was unfortunate Mne. Hodgson could not fight in the finals, owing to a bad eye.

The Tug-of-war teams, Bayonet teams, etc., are in keen training, and if endurance is on a par with interest, we should do well.

" Shove-halfpenny " tournament has been arranged between messes, which must be unique in a west country ship. There is so much talent that " Pompey " would be green with envy.

News is not abundant, but we are pleased to be able to say a little for ourselves and hope events will be in our favour to say yet a little more by the next issue of the Journal.

" Royal Sovereign "

In company with the remainder of the 2nd Battle Squadron we spent six days at Vigo on our way to Gibraltar. There was very little to do, and with the exception of snipe shooting, no sports at all.

On arrival at Gibraltar we played off the first two rounds of the inter-detachment football matches. The first, *v.* the " Ramillies," we won 3—0, but in the second we were beaten by the " Resolution " after a very close fought game.

A great deal of time is being spent training for the Tournament, and the detachment is well represented in the boxing entries, as well as running two tug-of-war teams and a bayonet combat team.

An Incident at Army Manoeuvres.

Girl, stepping back into the arms of a Tommy : " Oh, dear ! I'm very sorry, I was so frightened by the crack of the rifles ! "

Tommy : " That's quite all right ! Let's go and watch the Artillery ! "

MEDITERRANEAN.

CRUISER SQUADRONS.

The Mediterranean Cruiser R.M. Football Cup competition is nearly completed. The final cannot be played till the end of March, when the Fleet returns from combined manoeuvres with the Atlantic Fleet.

H.M.S. " Dragon " has been refitting and re-commissioning, and rejoins the fleet at sea. The committee decided that H.M.S. " Coventry " should be allowed to compete and should eliminate with the 3rd C.S.

Cruiser Squadron R.M. Football Cup.
(Holders : H.M.S. " Dragon ")

1st C.S.—" Dragon " *v.* " Dauntless " " Dragon " 5-1
" Danae " *v.* " Frobisher " " Danae " 3-0

3rd C.S. and " Coventry "
" Cardiff " *v.* " Coventry " " Cardiff " 4-0
" Ceres " *v.* " Calypso " " Ceres 2-0
Final : " Ceres " 1 ; " Cardiff " 0.

" Cardiff "

The outstanding feature in the last month's sports was the Inter-port Marathon Race, over the same course as the Arbuthnot Trophy is run. The Admiral and Officers having presented a Cup for inter-port competition, one can well imagine the keenness shown. The R.M. detachment were winners after a very exciting race. The following ran in the R.M. team : A/Corpl. Chandler, Mnes. Lever, Ide, Cooper, Tinsey, Jackson, Davis, Turner, Woodcock, and Picken. The 1st Division came in second, only a few points behind us, and congratulations must be given to our cheering party, who certainly set things alight.

In the football world our star is certainly not in ascendance. After beating the " Coventry " 4—0 in the R.M. Cruisers' Cup competition, which I might add was considered a splendid piece of work by many, we had to meet the " Ceres " in the Squadron final. After an hour's very good football there was no score, and everything pointed to a replay, but the " Ceres " would not be denied and scored the only goal of the match. We wish them best of luck when they meet the winners of the 1st C.S.

A rifle shooting match *v.* H.M.S. " Emperor of India " R.M. detachment was fired at Ricasoli, and after a very close shoot we won by the narrow margin of five points. We flatter ourselves this was a very good performance, observing this was our first match this commission. The following were our budding " King's Prize " winners : Clr.-Sergt. Hancock, Corpl. Edwards, A/Corpl. Chandler, Mnes. Rice, Barrett, Ham and Tinsey. The conditions were seven rounds and a sighter at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

Our inter-mess Whist Match for the month is not yet completed. This is probably due to the number of " pressing " engagements certain members of our sports club have ashore. I might add, this is not due to the dog watch " music " rendered by certain fellows on the mess deck.

Landing parties have been very frequent during the last month, and we sea-roving dogs are certainly becoming proper landlubbers. Still, judging by the singing and chumminess observed on the mess deck, I must believe in the well-known saying, " sailors don't care."

Ghain Tuffieha.

The following results were obtained by the detachment from H.M.S. " Iron Duke " during their annual Small Arm Weapon Training Course at Ghain Tuffieha :—

		M.	1	2	3	Aver.
RIFLE :	Nos. Exercised 94 ..	44	33	18	2	130.7
	(Best Score : Sgt. F. W. Fuller, 189)					
L.A. :	Nos. Exercised 15 ..	—	8	7	—	186.3
	(Best Score : Mne. H. W. Mabbitt, 151)					
					F.	
REVOLVER :	Nos. Exercised 19 ..	1	4	12	2	108.2
	(Best Score : R.M.G. P. W. Sparkes, 149)					

RIFLE MATCHES.

Sunday, January 17th—Staff *v.* Ship's Teams of H.M.S. " Iron Duke " and " Marlborough."

Conditions agreed upon were 2 sighters and 7 rounds at 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards, but owing to a strong S.W. wind it was impossible to keep the 6-in. targets in the frames. A run down on the 4-in. target was substituted, the results being as follows :—

H.M.S. Marlborough ..	641
Staff	580
H.M.S. Iron Duke ..	577

The " Marlborough's " obtained a lead of 39 at 300 yards, a good shoot, taking into consideration the strong wind blowing.

Sunday, 24th January—Staff *v.* " Empress of India " Marines.

Conditions : 2 s.s. at 200, 300, 500 and 600 Bisley targets. Result : Staff 963, " E. of I." 889.

FOOTBALL.

A match was played by the Staff *v.* " Iron Duke " (Marines). To make the team up two temporary markers assisted the Staff. A keen game resulted, some very good football being shown, the Staff eventually winning by 2—1. Goals were scored by Sgt. Taylor and Mne. Johns for the Staff, and Mne. Woodroffe for " Iron Duke"

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" Calcutta."

Christmas, as usual, was spent alongside at Bermuda, and passed off quite successfully, despite the efforts of the " Capetown's " band, which, though causing no actual deaths forced several members of the fleet to take to their boats or bicycles quite early in the day and flee to the uttermost parts of the island.

The fleet left Bermuda on the 5th January for the usual West Indies cruise, the two French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe being among the first places visited. Although very much behind the other islands in sanitation and such matters, Martinique is certainly among the richest of them. The reason for this is stated to be due to the fact that France imports the two chief products, rum and sugar, free of all duty from her colonies.

At Barbadoes and Trinidad our visit has coincided with that of the M.C.C. team, to which we have decidedly had to play second fiddle. The interest taken in cricket in the whole of the West Indies is really astonishing. The only topic one overhears in the streets among the native population is cricket. The names and doings of each member of the team are well known and discussed. Blackboards are shown at various places in the towns and country, showing the latest scores, round which large crowds stand about all day watching and arguing.

We have been in Trinidad for a fortnight, during which time all the shops have closed at 1 p.m. on every day, excepting two, on which there was no cricket. Outside the ground the pavements are thronged with people, sitting in trees, standing on steps and railings, with their eyes glued on the only thing that matters.

Whilst bathing in a distant bay in St. Lucia, a native passing about two hundred yards away, stopped and sang out " Have you heard the latest score—M.C.C. 400 for 3—Hammond 200 not out ? "

As regards showing the flag in these islands, the M.C.C. team has done this far better than any cruiser or special service squadron. In fact, should trouble with the natives threaten at any future date, the Governor will probably cable home, not for a warship, but for a strong cricket team. Enhanced prestige would be gained by the fleet if the drafting authorities were to make a point of including good cricketers in each ship, as at present a cruiser's team can make but a poor show against even the local police force.

" Capetown."

January 5th we left Bermuda for a short cruise of the West Indies. On such occasions as this our Volunteer Band will always be heard doing their best, and when passing the other ships we were conscious of envious glances in our direction. Favoured by good weather the journey to Dominica was very good. Although small this town is very picturesque and boasts of a fine botanical garden. Our stay here being very short, we left on the 12th for Barbadoes, and arrived the next day in company of the 8th C.S. Here we were able to witness the M.C.C. *v.* West Indies match, in which Hammond made the excellent score of 233 not out in fine style.

From Barbadoes we next visited Grenada. This island, apart from being the largest nutmeg producing island in the West Indies, is unimportant.

Leaving Grenada we commenced an apparently non-ceasing run of Gunnery, day and night torpedo running, and other well-known exercises, which all add to the comfort of watch-keeping, and we were not sorry when Trinidad loomed in sight.

Again we were lucky to witness the M.C.C. *v.* Trinidad, and also the West Indies match. Large numbers of the ships' companies followed up both games with great enthusiasm. We observed here that the Trinidad cricket ground has a cocoanut matting covered pitch, which is supposed to be the only one in the West Indies.

Our detachment Rifle Team has added many victims to their long list of victories since the commencement of the cruise. The principal clubs are :—

v. Dominico Defence Force—won by 27 points.
Grenada Police—won by 90 points.
Barbados Rifle Club—won by 81 points.
Trinidad Police—won by 71 points.

February 4th we leave in company of " Calcutta " for Hayana (Cuba).

" Curlew."

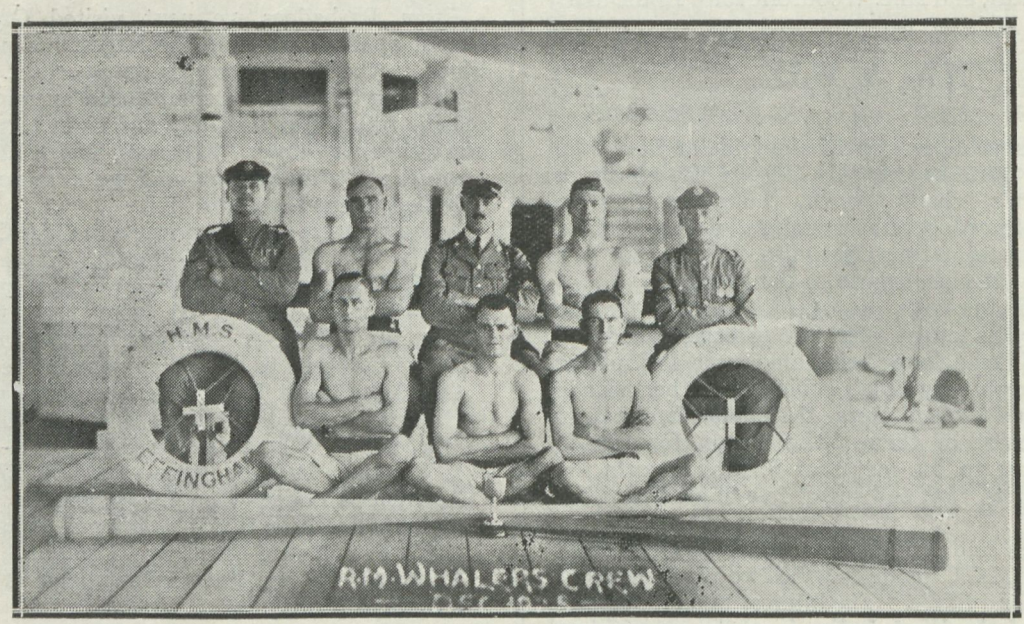
We recommissioned at Devonport with a Portsmouth detachment, and arrived in Bermuda on 10th November, after a very bad passage. Owing to our refit and sailing

H.M.S. "EFFINGHAM."

R.M. DETACHMENT FOOTBALL TEAM
AND
WHALER'S CREW.



Back row :—Col.-Sergt. Sparkes, Mne. Shipp, Cpl. Green, Cpl. Docherty, Mne. Irish.
Seated :—Mne. Goodchild, Mus. Battista, Cpl. Warwick, Capt. Brockman, Mus. Collins, Cpl. Harrison,
Front row :—Mus. Selway, Mne. Metcalf, Mus. Akerman.



Back row :—Clr.-Sergt. Sparkes, Mne. Kerman, Capt. Brockman, Cpl. Harrison, Cpl. Harris.
Front row :—Mne. Allatt, Mne. Metcalf, Mne. Robertson.

immediately afterwards for the West Indies it has been impossible to organise many detachment games. We drew 2—2 in a football match with the "Constance" detachment.

SHOOTING.—Sgt. Gardiner, Mnes. Harding and Biddulph have all been shooting well for the ship's team.

BOXING.—Mne. Watson won the Navy Welter-weights at Bermuda, and boxed for the Navy-Army, when he won after a very good fight. Mne. Barnes was runner-up in the Novices Light Heavy-weights.

EAST INDIES.

"Effingham."

We left Trincomali with H.M.S. "Cairo" on the 19th December for Calcutta. About six hours out we met a derelict, which H.M.S. "Cairo" had to take in tow back to Trincomali, so that we proceeded to Calcutta alone, meeting on the way what is usually described as "a small depression."

We arrived at Calcutta on the 23rd and went straight alongside, H.M.S. "Cairo" arriving on the 24th. It was very gratifying to get a little cool weather for a change, although it was unusually warm for the time of year.

Christmas Day passed off very well indeed, and the Royals were congratulated by the C.-in-C. on the appearance of the mess deck, which was very well decorated.

On Proclamation Day, the 1st January, the combined detachments of H.M.S. "Effingham" and H.M.S. "Cairo" took part in the large ceremonial parade held at Calcutta, to commemorate the Proclamation of Queen Victoria as Empress of India. As the parade was order, although it was rather warm before we got back to the ship.

The O.C. detachment was the recipient of many compliments as regards the appearance and drill of the Royal Marines. The Captain, expressing his opinion and that of the C.-in-C., congratulated the detachment at Sunday divisions on their efficiency and appearance on parade. The enclosed cutting from *The Statesman* shows that we kept up the reputation of the Corps.

"Obviously, only men with very special training and experience, and in possession of all the facts, should criticise troops. Even then they ought to be mighty careful how they do it. Whether it is the case of a battle or only of a great ceremonial parade, the army will have none of the business of saying this regiment was the best, implying the others were not so good. Of course, at a march-past, nothing can prevent spectators cheering and clapping, and the troops that are clapped the hardest may take it that they made the best impression.

Now comes the journalist. For the reason I have given he ought not to ventilate his personal opinions about troops, but what is there to prevent him saying that such and such a unit was cheered the most? The onus of having criticised men in uniform is thus transferred from his shoulders to those of the spectators. I am therefore doing no wrong when I say that on Friday morning the enthusiasm in the enclosures was the greatest when the "Jollies," His Majesty's Jollies, soldiers and sailors too, went past. All the girls, we are told, love sailors. My own experience is that they are equally fond of soldiers. The combination is irresistible, and so when the Marines went by every handkerchief was out.

The ship's company gave a very successful dance in the drill hall on the Monday before we left. We left Calcutta on the 6th for Rangoon, the "Cairo" remaining at Calcutta. We arrived here on the 9th, and although it is much warmer here, we are thoroughly enjoying, life, due to the kindness and hospitality of the residents of Rangoon. We leave here for Port Blair on the 18th. at eight in the morning, we turned out in No. 1 review

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

THEATRICALS.

The Royal Marine Amateur Dramatic Society gave a most successful representation of Wyn Weaver's and Laura Leycester's comedy, "The Rising Generation," on the 11th, 12th and 13th February, at the Globe Theatre, playing to crowded and enthusiastic houses.

The cast was as follows, and the acting was of an unusually high order :—

Emily Entwhistle (Geoffrey's wife)	Mrs. G. R. S. Hickson
Puddifer (Butler at the Entwhistle's)	Col. R. O. Paterson, O.B.E., R.M.
Geoffrey Entwhistle	Lieut. C. A. Power, R.M.
Warwick Entwhistle (his son, aged 17)	Lieut.-Comdr. D. L. Cowan, D.S.O., R.N.
Winnie Entwhistle (his daughter, aged 15)	Miss P. Arbuthnot
Vane Harpenden (Winnie's friend, aged 16)	Miss E. Morgan
George Breeze (aged 17) } Warwick's friends	Lt. J. G. Hume, RM.
Walter Morell (aged 17) } Warwick's friends	Lt. L. D. Caffyn, R.M.
Selina Morell (aged 14, Walter's sister)	Miss D. Morgan
Mrs. Doddrell (cook at the Entwhistle's)	Miss J. Arbuthnot
Felix Andrews (next door neighbour)	Surg.-Lt.-Comdr. T. N. D'Arcy, R.N.
John Morell (Walter and Selina's father)	Lt.-Col. G. R. S. Hickson, C.B.E., R.M.
A late arrival	Miss G. Morgan

The piece was produced by Colonel 2nd Commandant R. O. Patterson and Lieut.-Colonel G. R. S. Hickson, the former being also responsible for the scenery.

Valuable work was given by Mne. Callaby, the Theatre Orderly. The sale of programmes was undertaken by various ladies. Owing to all expenses being guaranteed, the whole of the proceeds, about £60, are available to be handed to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in aid of which the performance was given.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The following is an extract from *Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham Observer*, dated 12th February, 1926 :—

BILLIARDS.—Mr. A. C. Williams, the professional billiard player, appeared at the Royal Marine Sergeants' Mess on Tuesday and played three matches of 200 up, conceding his opponents 100 start in each case. Opposed to Q.M.S. Scott, Mr. Williams made breaks of 61 and 57 and won by 200—161. Captain Clayton was beaten by 200—47, the professional running up 60, 42, and 40. Corpl. Langley succeeded in obtaining his hundred while Mr. Williams was making 199, the only notable break

being 37. The games were marked by D.M. Johnson Sergt. Hartree and Sergt. Baker. Mr. Williams afterwards gave an interesting and amusing exhibition of mashie shots, etc.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—A very successful Whist Drive and Dance was held in the Mess on Friday, 12th February, the arrangements being in the hands of the President (Q.M.S. Pawley) and members of the Games Committee. The prize-winners were as follows :—

LADIES.—1st, Mrs. Newbold ; 2nd, Mrs. Jarrett ; 3rd, Mrs. Weaving.
GENTS.—1st, Mrs. Silver (playing as Gent) ; 2nd, Colr.-Sergt. Young; 3rd, Mr. Kidwell.
Ladies' Booby Prize.—Miss Cattaway.
Gents' Booby Prize.—Mr. Jeffcoate.

RECREATION ROOM.

Winners of January Indoor Games :—

12th WHIST :	1st Prize, Mne. C. P. Reynolds ; 2nd, Mne. R. Pegg ; 3rd, Mne. S. A. Harris.
13th WHIST :	1st Prize, Mne. A. Ponting ; 2nd, Mne. S. H. Morris ; 3rd, Mne. A. Moat.
DRAUGHTS :	1st Prize, Mne. J. L. Haslett ; 2nd, Mne. H. W. Ford.
BEZIQUE :	1st Prize, Mne. J. Sullivan ; 2nd, Mne. H. W. Ford.
CRIBB :	1st Prize, Mne. R. W. Pegg ; 2nd, Mne. A. J. Stevens.
BILLIARDS :	1st Prize, Mne. A. H. Hayward ; 2nd, Mne. E. Basten.
SNOOKER :	1st Prize, Mne. V. Ellis ; 2nd, Mne. E. Freemantle.

PORTSMOUTH.

VISIT OF THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF THE ADMIRALTY.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty visited Portsmouth Division on 17th February. Arriving at 1.15 p.m., they were met by a Guard of Honour, with Regimental Colours, on the lawn in front of the Officers' Mess, under the command of Capt. V. C. Brown, D.S.C., the Colour Officer being Lieut. J. M. Phillips. The members of the Board present were The Right Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hubert G. Brand, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., Rear-Admiral F. C. Dreyer, C.B., C.B.E., and Rear-Admiral F. Larken, C.B., C.M.G. ; the Adjutant-General was in attendance.

After lunching in the Officers' Mess, their Lordships proceeded to Fort Cumberland, where the School of Land Artillery was inspected. Returning via the Small Arms Department and Sea Service Battery, they visited the R.N. School of Music, and left barracks by the main gate.

CONCERTS AND WHIST DRIVES.

The Concerts and Whist Drives in the Canteen have been so much appreciated that it has been decided to continue them on alternate Mondays. The prize-winners at the Whist Drives were as follows :—

25th January, 1926 (160 persons seated) :

Ladies :—1st prize, Mrs. Priscott ; 2nd, Mrs. Lilliston ; 3rd, Mrs. Ross ; highest 1st half, Mrs. Hayes ; highest 2nd half, Mrs. Bean ; catch prizes, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Dillen. Gents :—1st prize, Mne. Castleton ; 2nd, Mus. Juene ; 3rd, Mrs. Powell (playing as gent) ; highest 1st half, Mne. Furness ; highest 2nd half, Mr. Whittington ; catch prizes, Mr. Collins and Mne. Coe.

8th February, 1926 (180 persons seated).

Ladies :—1st prize, Mrs. Bennett ; 2nd, Mrs. Jackson ; 3rd, Mrs. Mathews ; highest 1st half, Mrs. Castle ; highest 2nd half, Mrs. Harris ; catch prizes, Mrs. Brett and Mrs. Ward. Gents :—1st prize, Mne. Jones ; 2nd Mne. Hayes ; 3rd, Mrs. Wright (playing as gent) ; highest 1st half, Mr. Holding ; highest 2nd half, Mr. Cox ; catch prizes, Mne. Pearson, Mne. Collins.

PLYMOUTH.

A very enjoyable small dance was given in the Officers' Mess on the 11th February. The introduction of coloured bulbs for the electric lights was a new feature and a great improvement. Another innovation was the more liberal and extensive use of palms. Plants tastefully arranged in the Hall transformed this part of the Mess premises into a pretty and restful palm court. Fortified by a buffet supper, veterans and matrons took the floor, and proved to the younger generation that they had lost none of their dash in executing all the graceful steps of the Lancers. Altogether it was a very cheery evening, and Lieut.-Col. Ozanne and his Committee well deserved the thanks of all for organising so successful an entertainment.

GENERAL TROTMAN CUP.

The annual inter-company competition for the General Trotman Cup took place on the 21st January. The object of the competition is to encourage correct and rapid marching.

Each team consisted of one Subaltern, one Sergeant, two Corporals and 27 Marines, two acting as section leaders. The teams fell in dressed in fighting order, with steel helmets, for a searching inspection of turn-out by the Adjutant, after which they left at intervals of half an hour for a march of about twelve miles.

Three points were fixed on the route for compulsory ten minute halts. At each of these halts a judge was stationed, while two more judges took up unknown positions on the route, to allot points for march discipline. On return to barracks each team formed up on the parade to be finally inspected by the Adjutant before being dismissed. General Sir Charles Trotman was present to watch their arrival.

Points were awarded for turn-out at the start (10), march discipline (50), and drill and appearance at the finish (10). For each man not completing the route with his unit 20 points were deducted, 5 points for each not arriving at a halt. Time was marked by setting a standard, and allotting or deducting three points for each minute under or over that standard.

The Cup was won by "A" Company, commanded by Major Jerram. The team, under Lieut. Luxmoore, completed the course in exactly three hours. "C" Company, the holders, put up a good fight ; their team, under Lieut. Lansdale, actually completed in one minute better time than "A", but had the misfortune to lose one man through sickness quite early in the march, thus they dropped 30 points and were placed third.

The result was : "A" 141 points ; "E" 128 ; "C" 122 ; "G" 58. "G" arrived home two men short.

At pay parade next day General Trotman presented the cup to the winning company.

Geordie met his friend Mac in Aberdeen and said, "Man, Mac, I wonder if you could oblige me with a cigarette ?" "But," replied Mac reluctantly, "I thocht you said you'd stoppit smokin' ?"

"Aye, weel," replied Geordie, "I've reached the first stage—I've stoppit buyin' !"

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ZEEBRUGGE COTTAGES. ENHAM, VILLAGE CENTRE.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

SOCIALS.

The N.C.O.'s Social Club held a Carnival Dance in the Concert Hall on Friday the 5th inst., which was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, balloons, etc. Light refreshments were served in the men's dining hall, and the efforts of a small band of volunteers who provided the music was greatly appreciated. The evening's entertainment was voted a huge success by all present.

BANDS.

A Band, under the conductorship of Bandmaster Herbert Kenward, attended the Inter-Service Rugby Match between the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. The following programme was ably rendered:

March	" Militaire "	*Schubert*
Selection	" Rose Marie "	*Friml*
Selection	" No, No, Nanette "	*Youmans*
Suite	" Three Light Pieces "	*Fletcher*

An exhibition of marching and counter-marching was also given, which was loudly applauded by the spectators.

POTTED HISTORY OF THE SAXOPHONE.

Antoine Joseph Sax, known as Adolphe Sax, born in 1814 at Dinant, Belgium, was the inventor of a family of brass musical instruments, called saxophones. Sax had no capital, except brains and fingers, but about 1840 he produced his saxophones; they were officially introduced into French army bands in 1845.

For over 60 years the instrument was little used outside military combinations.

Sax died almost forgotten and practically penniless in 1894, and never lived to see his efforts reap their reward, for now the saxophone has become an essential to almost every dance orchestra throughout the world.

The saxophone family now consists of five instruments —the bass, tenor, E flat alto, soprano and C melody.

PLYMOUTH DIAMOND WEDDING.

Sixty years of happy married life is the record which Major and Mrs. J. Hoare, of Mutley, Plymouth, attained on the 13th February. Major Hoare has probably in addition the distinction of being the oldest surviving member of the Royal Marines, which he joined as a boy of 12 in 1856. Major and Mrs. Hoare were married in St. George's Church, East Stonehouse, on February 13th, 1866, by the Vicar, Rev. W. H. Nantes.

44 YEARS' SERVICE.

Major Hoare, who carries his 82 years lightly, is most probably the oldest surviving member of the Plymouth Division, Royal Marines, and almost if not the oldest in the whole Corps, for as a boy of twelve years and nine months he joined as a drummer on November 13th, 1856. After seven and a half years at the Admiralty as a major, he retired with that rank on February 22nd, 1899. The years 1902-04, however, found Major Hoare still in harness, and he served at Weedon with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, when he started the new branch clothing depot at that station. After 44 years' service he then settled down in retirement, but when the war broke out, although he was 70 years of age, he intimated his readiness to serve again.

Major Hoare has seen great changes in the service, and can recall when a sergeant's pay was 2s. 2d. a day. But he still looks back with regret on those days, which were, after all, he thinks, the " happiest and the best." For the past 50 years Major Hoare has been a non-smoker and a total abstainer. He has four daughters and one son living, one other son having been killed in action during the war.

Major and Mrs. Hoare have received many messages of congratulations, including one from the King, and another from the Mayor of Plymouth.

The following telegram was sent from Plymouth Division:—

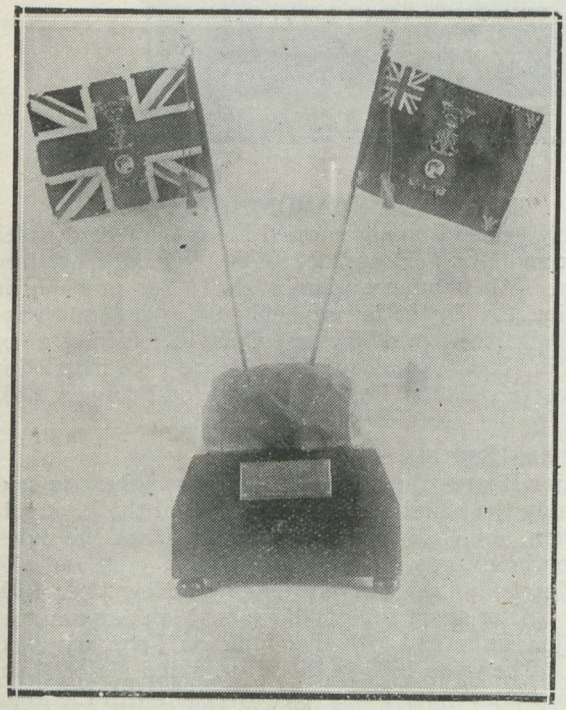
" Heartiest congratulations from all ranks at Plymouth Division, Royal Marines."

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.

The Colours, of which a photograph is shown on this page, are an exact replica of the Corps Colours, and are mounted on a piece of the Rock of Gibraltar, the base being of oak from an old line-of-battleship's timber ; the whole forming an unique trophy, which is displayed at all our meetings. The inscription reads :—" These Colours, together with this piece of the Rock of Gibraltar, were presented to the R.M.O.C.A. by Major A. Kelly Evans, O.B.E., M.C., Royal Marines, on October 6th, 1924. *Per Mare per Terram.*"

A similar pair of Colours are also possessed by the Liverpool Branch R.M.O.C.A.



GOSPORT AND DISTRICT.

The first Annual Children's Party (held at their new premises, Seahorse Street) was given at the Royal Marine Old Comrades' Club on Friday evening, 8th January, to 200 children of the members. The officers and their ladies who assisted at the serving of the tea were : Colonel Lywood (President) and Mrs. Lywood ; Lieut.-Colonel Rombulow-Pearse and Mrs. Rombulow-Pearse ; Lieut. Piper and Mrs. Piper ; Major Graham and Mrs. Graham. During tea, Mr. Rawlings as " Felix " and Mr. Farley as " Squirrel " amused the children by distributing bon-bons, etc. After tea the party weer entertained by Miss Pat Tidmarsh and " The Nibbs " from the " Mirth Makers' Party," and Mr. Carcass with his Punch and Judy show.

During the evening presents were given away by Mrs. Lywood. The officers of the Club responsible for the arrangements were : Mr. Wright (Chairman), Mr. Carter (Secretary), Mr. Ditch (Treasurer), Mr. Black (Vice-Chairman), Messrs. White, Wheeler, Witts, Paxton, and A. V. Davis.

PLYMOUTH.

A Branch of the R.M.O.C.A. has been started at Plymouth. Generals H. C. Eagles and Sir Charles Trotman have accepted the invitation to become patrons, and Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Drury has consented to be President. There is every prospect of a useful and successful career for this newly-formed branch.

Mr. J. Rice (Vice-Chairman) has presented a mallet made from wood nearly a hundred years old for the use of the chairman.

BIRTH.

KITCHIN.—On the 29th January, at the Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth, to Helen and Courtenay Harcourt Kitchin (Lieut., R.M.)—a daughter.

WEDDING.

WEBBER-PEARCE.—At the Depot R.M. Church, on Saturday, 13th February, 1926, Captain H. A. C. Webber, O.B.E., R.M., to Miss Rosalind Jean Pearce, daughter of Sir W. Pearce, of Shepway Lodge, Walmer, Kent, by special licence.

ENGAGEMENT.

HUME-SPRIGGS.—An engagement is announced between Julian Gathorne Hume, Royal Marines, only son of the late W. S. Hume and of Mrs. Hume, Hilhouse, Ludlow Road, Maidenhead, and Olive Mary, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel C. W. Spriggs, Staff for Royal Engineer Services, and Mrs. Spriggs, 9 Brandon Road, Southsea.

MY LORDS COMMISSIONERS. (A True Story.)

A glorious day of sun and clean wind. The sparkle of the waves is shadowed now and then by billowy white clouds sailing across the sky. A day to rejoice in and be glad, for is it not also the Day of Rest, when brass is brighter, wood whiter, and clothes tighter.

All hands are fallen in on the forecastle of the great battle-cruiser, and amidst perfect silence a tall and impressive figure steps forward. He is clad in blue and gold, and wears a chromatic arrangement of medal ribbons, like unto a herbaceous border, upon his breast. Facing him is an able seaman, small and palid. The great man speaks in a voice in proportion to his stature : " I have been commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty," he cries, " to present, on behalf of His Majesty the King, to Able Seaman Bellbotham, the British War and Victory Medals . . . ! "

Some months later : A dark night, with sharp gusts of wind and rain, and a strong swell rolling into Table Bay. A picket boat must be hoisted, and half seen figures labour to get the main derrick over the side, their oilskins wet and gleaming in the light of the electric lamps.

A rather high-pitched voice is lifted above the sound of the wind, a toneless voice it is, with no hint of expression, nor indication of joy or sorrow—just these words : " I have been commanded by me Lords Commissioners of the Adm'ralty to 'aul away on this 'ere flaming guy."

OBITUARY.

Hon. Lt.-Col. JOHN J. QUILL, R.M. (Retd.)

Lieut.-Col. J. J. Quill, whose death occurred on 15th January, will be remembered at Plymouth and the Depot as an exceptionally successful cricketer. His name was a byword at Mount Wise in the nineties, and he is still remembered in the West Country, where he played frequently for Devon and the Services.

He obtained his commission in June, 1868, and served for his first five years at Chatham and the Depot. In June 1873, he was present with the detachment of Royal Marines at both engagements at Elmina in the Ashantee War, and was twice mentioned in despatches. From 1874 to 1878, he served in H.M.S. "Raleigh" in the Mediterranean. In 1880 he was transferred from Chatham to Plymouth Division, and was promoted to Captain in 1881.

He was seconded for duty as Adjutant of the 2nd Volunteer Battn. Devonshire Regiment from 1886 to 1891. During this time he was a regular follower of the Dartmoor Hounds.

Promoted to Major in 1890, he again saw sea service in H.M.S. "Swiftsure," at home in 1892, and 1893 and in H.M.S. "Ramillies" in the Mediterranean from 1894 to 1896. While serving in the latter he received his brevet of Lieut.-Colonel. He was then appointed Barrackmaster of the Depot in 1897 and served in this capacity until he retired on account of age in December, 1903.

Lt.-Col. CHARLES E. RISK, D.S.O., R.A.F. (Retd.)

Lieut.-Col. C. E. Risk, D.S.O., who died in Paris on 26th January, 1926, was one of the first Royal Marine Officers to join the Royal Naval Air Service on its formation, and he served with distinction in that service throughout the Great War.

He joined the Royal Marines in September, 1901, and was appointed to Plymouth Division. After serving in H.M.S. "Drake" in 1904 and 1905, he specialised in physical training. He then served in H.M.S. "Hermes" on the East Indies station from 1906 to 1908, and in H.M.S. "Good Hope" from 1911 to 1912.

He commenced his career in the Air Force at the Central Flying School in August 1912, and was promoted to Captain in September, and appointed to H.M.S. "Actaeon" for the Naval Wing R.F.C. in December. The outbreak of war found him in command of the Air Station at Felixstowe, and in September, 1914, he commanded the Armoured Car Aeroplane Support Force in Flanders. He served afterwards at the Dardanelles and became commander of Armoured Car Squadrons in the Mediterranean Command.

He landed at Anzac on 28th April, 1915, and was wounded there on the 30th. From June to August, 1915, he was again in France in command of armoured cars at Dunkirk and Mardyck camp, and he was then appointed to command the Dover Air Stations. In 1916, he was transferred to the command of the Isle of Grain Seaplane Station, where he was granted the rank of Temp. Lieut.-Col.

He was awarded the D.S.O. in the *London Gazette* of 30th May, 1919, and the Order of the Nile, 3rd Class, conferred by the Sultan of Egypt in July the same year. He was mentioned in despatches and reports received in the Air Ministry for valuable services in the war in June, 1919.

His commission in the Royal Marines was terminated in August, 1919, on transfer to the Royal Air Force.

Capt. CHARLES BRODHURST CONYBEARE, R.M.

Captain C. B. Conybeare, who was recently compelled through ill-health to relinquish the appointment of Superintendent of Physical and Recreational Training, died at Shaldon, Devon, on 21st January, at the age of 29.

He obtained his commission in October, 1913, and was promoted to Lieutenant in September, 1914, and Captain in October, 1917. He was appointed to the R.M. Brigade on its formation and took part in the landing at the Dardanelles on 26th April, 1915, and was mentioned in despatches of the C.-in-C. Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in November, 1915. Appointed to H.M.S. "Glorious" in October, 1916, he was present in the Naval action off Heligoland on 17th November, 1917.

He took part in the famous attack on Zeebrugge Mole in April, 1918, and was wounded in the action. He participated in the ballot for the award of the "V.C." granted for this operation.

He was awarded the French and Belgian Croix de Guerre, the 1914 Star with clasp and rose, and the British War and Victory medals.

In November, 1919, he specialised in P. & R. T., and he became Superintendent of P. &. R. T. at the Depot in April, 1922, which appointment he held until being placed on the supplementary half-pay list on 2nd January, 1926.

He was universally popular with and admired by all with whom he served. During the last few months of his service he set a magnificent example of devotion to duty and cheerfulness in face of severe disadvantages of ill-health. His death will be deeply regretted by all who knew him.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS

whose deaths were reported during the period 1st to 31st January, 1926.

Name	Pension No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
DUCK, H. ..	7449	Mne.	R.M.A.	321	26-1-26
FORSDIKE, W. H.	8684	Mne.	Chat.	7554	28-1-26
GREEN, C. F. L.	9107	Corpl.	R.M.A.	4102	1-1-26
GREIG, G. E. ..	8222	Sgt.	R.M.A.	1577	31-1-26
HALL, W. H. ..	19539	Mne.	Ply.	13702	20-1-26
HEATH, D. ..	15095	Mne.	R.M.A.	1616	11-1-26
HUMPHRIES, H.	16184	Mne.	Chat.	6231	16-1-26
JOYCE, Z. ..	4790	Mne.	Ports.	240	15-1-26
MARTIN, T. ..	20552	Mne.	Ports.	2 Co.	1-1-26
MEW, J. ..	14518	Mne.	R.M.A.	1792	21-1-26
MOON, J. E. ..	10717	Sgt.	Ports.	26 Co.	21-1-26
MORAN, J. ..	14758	Mne.	Ply.	1080	7-12-25
NEWMAN, J. ..	2312	Mne.	Chat.	22307	9-1-26
PORTER, T. ..	12387	Mne.	Ports.	13584	14-12-25
SEYMOUR, J. H.	17303	Mne.	Ports.	2811	18-1-26
SINCLAIR, W. ..	18380	Mne.	Ports.	1752	21-4-25
SLADE, G. ..	13156	Mne.	Ports.	303	20-1-26
SNELL, T. H. ..	17077	Mne.	R.M.A.	2884	31-12-25
STREET, A. ..	17054	Cr.-Sgt.	Ports.	3970	18-1-26
ULLYOT, W. ..	1046	Mne.	R.M.A.	538	16-1-26
WEBB, A. E. ..	15613	Corpl.	Ports.	13171	15-1-26

DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS IN THE R.N.

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(*continued*)

III.—UNOFFICIAL BANDS.

It is very doubtful whether any sort of band was to be found in H.M. Ships during the greater part of the 18th century. No incident can be recalled that would lead one to conclude that Hawke, Anson, Rodney or Howe, not to speak of the lesser lights, had bands in their ships; yet St. Vincent and Nelson certainly had, and it seems probable that bands were to be found in the flagships and many of the larger private ships throughout the French War of 1793-1815. These appear to have been formed only if the Admiral or Captain took the initiative, and they were kept up partly at their own expense, but the cost of their wages was lightened by bearing the bandsmen as able or ordinary seamen or as landsmen. There was no rating of "Bandsman."

The following letter illustrates the anomalous position of the bandsmen at this period. It shows that the authorities recognised the band unofficially, but probably for some pettifogging notion of economy did not do so officially.

"Windsor Castle,"
Spithead.
8th March, 1802.

My dear Nepean,

As this request is only in regard to myself, and can be attended with no loss to the Service, I trust you will do me the needful, especially as it will essentially ease the poor pockets of the poor Knight of the Bath, to send me an Admiralty Order to discharge to the shore my Band of Musicians. They are every one Germans and two or three French. I took them against their will, out of Storij's Fleet, as they all wanted to be sent to prison upon their arrival in England, but besides their pay in the Service, I bribed them to be quiet by giving them additional monthly pay myself. They have been constantly dunning me for their discharge. I have acquiesced, and shall be glad to let them go to their own country. I hope there can be no obstacle, as I have said before, they were all impressed against their will. I have given them all certificates as such, that they may be received whenever they go to their homes, and if farther is necessary, I shall desire them to wait upon the Batavian Commissioner or the Transport Office. I shall take it most kind to do the needful in this matter, as to saying or asking else would be foolish.

But believe me,
Your very faithful and obedient Servant,
A. MITCHELL.

The circumstances in which this letter was written were: In August 1799 the Dutch Fleet, under Vice-Admiral Storij, then lying near the Texel, capitulated to Rear-Admiral Mitchell, who carried the ships and their crews off to England. The crews were interned, but Admiral Storij's band took service in Mitchell's flagship. These men were still serving when their comrades were sent back to Holland, and petitioned to be released from their engagement, in order that they also might return home.

One statement in their petition throws light on the state of affairs as regards instrumental music in England at the time. They pointed out that they had served Mitchell loyally, though they might easily have deserted had they wished, for several of the regiments in England had offered them engagements. In support of their petition, Mitchell wrote this letter to the Secretary of the Admiralty. A reply was sent on March 15th, directing Mitchell to forward a list of their names, and to report whether they had received any "Bounty." Further information is lost, but the books of the "Windsor Castle" shows 16 foreigners borne as Able Seamen (natives of the German States, Denmark, and Italy); these were, presumably, the band in question. The following remarks by an anonymous author, who was apparently serving on the lower deck in one of the ships of the Channel Fleet in 1808, throws light on the position of the bands in private ships at this time:—

"Our old woman of a Captain, he was an M.P., of high birth. He had his band on board, to the amount of upwards of 20 performers, sending as many prime seamen away, and having this musical junto instead, and thus weakening our force, for these worthies were excused from the ship's duties; they were rated as Petty Officers or Able Seamen, and received pay as such, whilst the men who were actually doing the ship's duties were some rated as landsmen and others as ordinary seamen. As a Band these gentlemen were kept fully employed, playing at his cabin door, for this band and his dog seemed to be his sole delight."

The anonymous author of this epistle, it is supposed, was a seaman, politely called by the officers "Jack Nasty Face," who goes on to relate that the pleasantest part of the day is when the fifer is called to play "Nancy Dawson," or some lively tune, a signal that the grog is ready to be served out—evidently "Jack Nasty Face" appreciated his "tot."

In 1801, when St. Vincent was about to leave the Channel Fleet to become First Lord of the Admiralty, his band numbered 26 performers, who seem to have come mostly from Rome and Malta. This apparently seems to have been the introduction of Maltese, who some of our readers are no doubt acquainted with.

A HOME IN CANADA.

Three thousand families from the United Kingdom are to be settled on the land in Canada. This scheme seems really sound for a man who is not afraid of hard work, and who puts the interests of his children in the first place.

Many British settlers after a few years in Canada have become rich. The average settler cannot expect this; he will not become rapidly wealthy, nor will he sink out of sight in hardship and poverty. He must expect to work hard and live simply, if he is to establish within the period of repayment a real ownership in his farm home. He will, however, have the opportunity of bringing up his family in clean, healthy, open-air surroundings, where they will be able to start out in life with much greater advantages than he himself had. 425 families sailed in 1925, and 85 per cent. of them

have definitely stated that they were happy and glad they moved.

" Pretty sore and stiff "—that was the feeling of Mr. Jackman from North Winchester, Hants, after his first week's work. He had his wife and four children and was established on a settlement farm in Alberta in April, 1925. On June 21st he writes : " I am pleased to say everything is progressing. I can do my 18 miles a day ploughing, and can handle both sulky and gang plough with six horses fairly well, and can tackle all the other field work in businesslike manner. I found it difficult at first, as my previous experience did not extend so far as harnessing a team . . . We found life here full of surprises, most of them pleasant . . . I anticipate no difficulty in meeting my obligations."

Now for brief considerations of the scheme :

FARMS.—Farms are situated in the various Provinces of the Dominion. All land, including live stock, equipment, etc., will be sold to the settlers at reasonable cost prices. The average cost will be £800 to £1,000. Those who have not got this cash will receive a loan repayable over a period of 25 years, with interest at 5% per annum.

CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT.—On arrival each family will be provided with suitable accommodation. The adult male members will be expected to acquire local farm experience by accepting employment on farms locally. The wife and daughter have to learn to look after cows and poultry. After adequate training and experience the family start farming on their own account.

GROUPS.—Small groups will be settled, with access to the same church, school and market town.

SUPERVISORY ASSISTANCE.—Farm supervisiors will watch progress and advise new settlers during their preliminary employment, and until they are well established on their own farms.

PERSONAL CAPITAL.—At least £25 is required after arrival at destination, for purchase of necessaries. The family will be expected to bring with them from the Old Country necessary furnishings for the home. The reduced fares are from £3 from British port to Halifax on the East, to £9 to Vancouver on the West. It is understood that the R.N.B.T. is prepared to give financial assistance to men migrating, should the case be necessitous.

Further information is obtainable from the Canadian Government Agent, Canadian Building, Trafalgar Square, S.W.1. H.N.H.

A SHOOTING TRIP IN NORTH CHINA.

BY ROBERT.

(*Concluded*)

Not anticipating the hitch in transport arrangements, and expecting to be turned in about 9'ish, in a moment of mental aberration I had promised to go fishing at daybreak and try my hand at catching a wily bass. The O.C. troops, being stronger minded, definitely refused—more power to his elbow ! In consequence, at the crack of dawn, I was roused from my bed, sleepy and bleary-eyed, hating everybody like poison, and after a dish of tea, was led by a " short cut " the three miles to the sea at absolute full speed. I knew the way quite well, but we panted after that infernal khaki-clad Chinese policeman, eventually arriving at the wrong spot. After another mile of walking in loose sand we came upon the motor sampan high and dry at the entrance to the lagoon. Shades of the wasted beauty sleep ! In terse, polite Chinese language the boat's crew and Chinese policeman were ordered to get the boat afloat—a perfectly impossible task, even if the two white men had assisted, which they definitely refused to do. After half an hour the boat had been moved approximately six feet, so operations were suspended until the tide rose, when fishing started. Trolling a phatom minnow, using a light trout rod, with the O.A.G. using a slightly heavier rod and a dowergaic—believe me, a left-handed reel for a right-handed man is the most awkward contraption in the world.

Journeying on a rough sea, by hand power, that cannot make headway against the wind, in a sinkable motor sampan, trolling round wave-beaten rocks in unknown water, out of swimming distance from the shore, and without the slightest possibility of rescue, seemed to my sea-sense to be fraught with considerable danger. Anyway, by the grace of Father Neptune we did get back without mishap, and with the O.A.G. at the helm, successfully negotiated the bar at the entrance to the lagoon, stepping ashore again—for which I was devoutly thankful—at 10.15 a.m. I managed to catch one bass of three pounds, which gave a considerable amount of amusement on the end of the light trout rod. The landing of the fish was not made easier with the reel the wrong way, as it was necessary to hand line, and as usual at the critical moment, a bunched line happened. With a rising wind and sea I wanted to go back, but my hardened boating companion was determined to catch a fish ; he did get two on, but unfortunately they both got off, one of which probably owed his safety to the interference of the Royal Marine, who in a rude and insubordinate manner told the King's Representative at Wei-Hai-Wei to keep the point of his rod up. Alas ! he did so too quickly and lost a nice fish. After a few more drifts the O.A.G. was finally dissuaded from further piscatorial efforts. The engine was cranked up after some difficulty by " Owen Nares " (the ugliest and probably the most inefficient mechanic in North China), and after most masterly handling the boat was safely beached in the lagoon, and we proudly carried the fish back to the temple. Incidentally it was a great acquisition to the larder. " Brunch " commenced with two whiskies and sodas at 11.15, and after a cup of tea at 2.30 p.m. we once more attacked the snipe. The O.C. troops, after a good night's rest, looking disgustingly clean and healthy, a great contrast to the remainder of the trio.

The snipe shooting was over a plain of short grass, with many holes where turf had been cut, the whole place apparently being a communal piece of land, grazing large numbers of cattle and finding employment for many men, women and children from five years old upwards in grass and turf cutting. The grass comes up very quickly, even after the turf has been removed. With all these cattle and coolies about one had to be pretty careful, which is naturally not conducive to

good shooting, more especially as in all probability it would be just as expensive to shoot a cow as a coolie.

Everyone knows one should walk up snipe down wind, but down wind entailed walking directly towards the setting sun, and up wind the little devils were getting up out of range. However, without much contribution on my part, except to British trade in the cartridge line we annexed 35 snipe and one golden plover before optimistically trying to wait for teal, one spring having been seen during the early morning fishing. Once again we returned to our base—the friendly temple with courtyard, entirely devoid of any sanitary arrangements whatever, except unhygienic friendly corners. The game was sent in by policemen, passing it from post to post, until finally arriving at Port Edward—an excellent arrangement, for like all keen gunners I can't bear shooting game that will be too high for human consumption on arrival at its destination. That was really one of the reasons why we only shot in the evening.

The next morning, having definitely refused to be taken fishing, I left the camp bed at the gentlemanly hour of 7 a.m. (could have stayed longer, but the sun coming over the courtyard wall necessitated movement), and after a somewhat luxurious bath, loafed around till tiffin, going out gunning again in the evening. This time the birds were scarce and very wild, and we only finished up with 17 and a golden plover.

The O.A.G.'s early morning fishing turned out a frost, and it was a very weary gentleman who arrived for breakfast at 10 a.m. He got to the sea all right, and the boat was afloat to the seaward of the breakers. After a great deal of trouble, and presumably a certain element of risk, he managed to get his boat through the surf and beached it. He then tried a little fishing from the rocks, clad mostly in his birthday suit, but after being buffeted about by wind and waves, finally abandoned his efforts as hopeless.

By this time it was perfectly clear that with the state of the weather it would be absolutely impossible to return to Port Edward by sea so arrangements were made to complete the journey by road. Accordingly we roused at 6 a.m., and packing up, set forth at 8 a.m., breakfasted and shaved, accompanied by one coolie, as we refused to be separated from our guns. This coolie, without undue effort, for 1$—he was asked for a mule, but it appeared extravagant to him—was prepared to carry on his pole three gun cases, 200 cartridges, tiffin and water for the three of us the necessary ten miles, over appalling tracks, to Meng Chia Chuang. Actually we only had eight miles to go, as the buggy managed to get closer to us than we expected. It was a truly welcome sight that rainy morning, that red-wheeled buggy, with old Thomas, the mule, in the shafts. The O.A.G. inspected a couple of police posts, and after tiffining at Weag Ch'uan T'ang, famous for its hot springs, got back to Government House, where an excellent tea awaited us, by which time, the rain having ceased, we were all dry and comfortable. So ended a very pleasant, well organised party. We were lucky to get down by sea in such comfort, and lucky in our weather for the rain did not start till we had packed up camp the last morning.

THE LIGHTER VEIN CLUB.

" Some say, good old Sergeant," remarked Wiggie, as we sat round the fire discussing the Corps and its members. We had been talking of that old saying " Once a Marine, always a rogue—'er—Marine," I should say, and how the Corps influences the future life of its members.

" Talking about old soldiers," said Shorty, " reminds me of a yarn I once heard." He began as follows :—

" In a good many of our harbours fishing is a favourite pursuit. When I was in the old ' Erysipelas,' way back, every one was fishing mad. One of the old soldiers was teaching a youngster a few points about the rod and line. The old soldier had been without a bite for a long time, and was just beginning to get fed up, when the youngster cried—' I've got one ! '

' Wind like ——, then ' shouted the old sweat. On arrival at the surface the fish proved to be about the size of your little finger, and the youngster carried on winding furiously, until it was jammed up in the top of the rod.

' Now what shall I do,' he enquired.

' Well,' remarked the old soldier, turning away in disgust, ' If I were you I should climb up the rod and stab it ! ' "

Jimmy then struck in—" I heard a good one the other day about a motorist : A young exquisite was out motoring a short while ago, when he met with an unfriendly flint in the road, resulting in the inevitable puncture. He jumped out, only to find that he had left his spare wheel at home, so he forthwith set about mending the puncture. Tired and dirty, and in no very cheerful frame of mind, he was just pumping up again when a cockney cyclist passed by, remarking facetiously as he did so—' Per'aps you've 'ad a puncture, mite ? '

' Oh, no,' replied the exquisite sarcastically, ' only just changing the jolly old air, don't you know ! ' "

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My wife then told us the solution of her last month's puzzle of the money bags, which was as follows :—

£1000 in 10 Bags :

1st bag	.. ..	£1
2nd bag	.. ..	£2
3rd bag	.. ..	£4
4th bag	.. ..	£8
5th bag	.. ..	£16
6th bag	.. ..	£32
7th bag	.. ..	£64
8th bag	.. ..	£128
9th bag	.. ..	£256
10th bag	.. ..	£489

It will be seen from these figures that any amount could be paid from these bags without opening a single one.

She then set us the following little acrostic extraordinary, the answer to which she promised to give us next month :—

In stable, not in house ;
In rat, but not in mouse ;
In grass, though not in hay ;
In June, but not in May.
In Zebra, not in horse ;
In gain, though not in loss.
In flour, not in grain;
In hail, but not in rain—
My whole's a game of ball—
A dangerous game withal.

" Changing the subject," interposed Tanky here, ' I thought this one might amuse some of you a little—

Two little boys were playing together, and had got fed up with all the games they knew. 'Let's play at being boxers,' suggested one. 'No, you're bigger than me,' replied the other

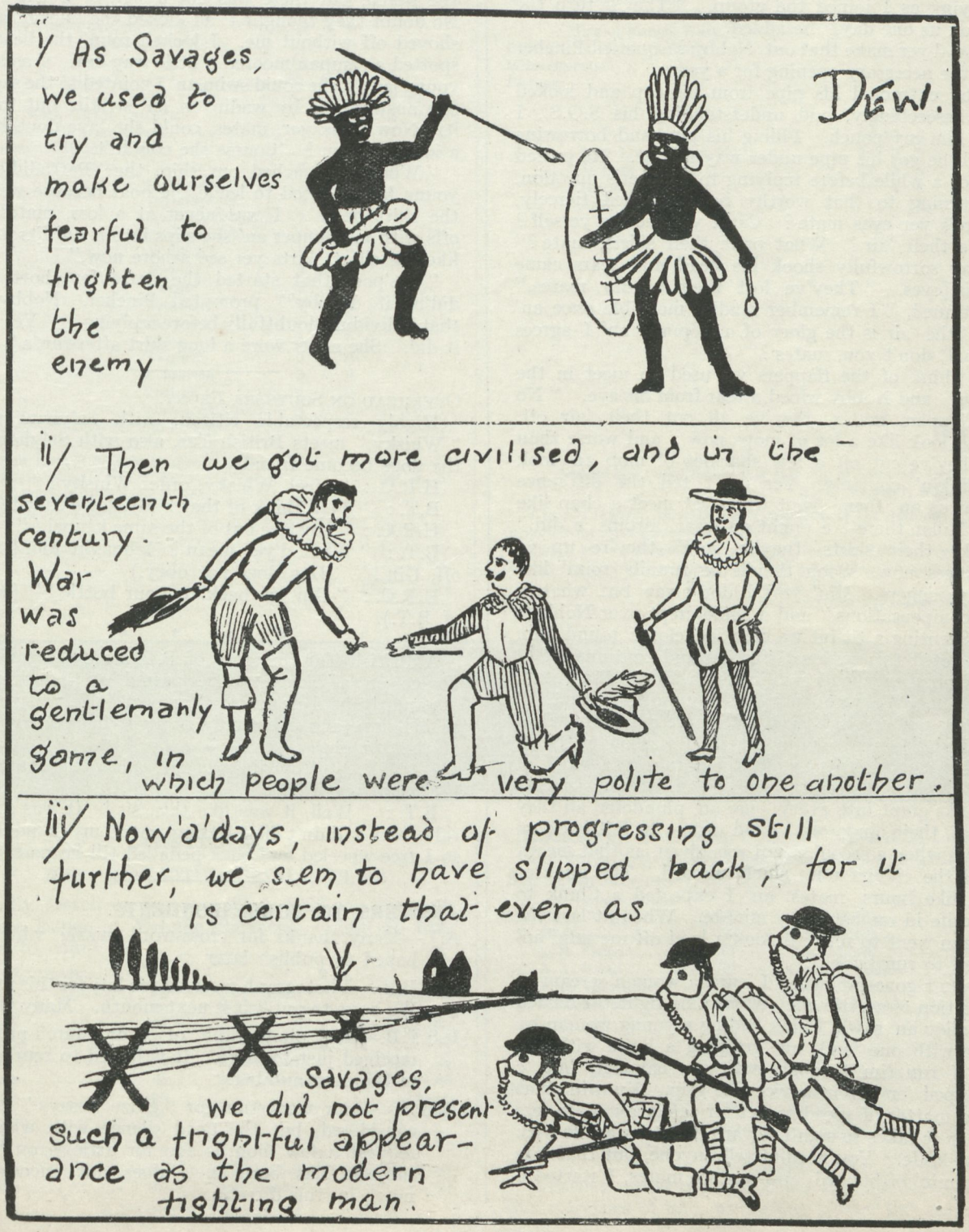
'I know,' was the next suggestion, 'let's play at racehorses!' "No,' was the reply this time, 'you're lankier than me!'

They surveyed each other disconsolately for some time, then the first exclaimed—'Let's play making faces at each other!' 'Not 'arf!' cried the other, brightening visibly. Alas, suddenly his face fell and he turned away in disgust—'Wasser gooderthat?' he sneered, 'look at the start you've got!'"

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On calling upon our artist for his usual tribute to the entertainment he produced the attached sketch.

As it was now getting late, we adjourned the meeting till next month.



"PROGRESS."

NOBBY STARTS A FASHION.

By F.J.B.

H.M.S. "Evolution" lay at anchor, and "dinner" having been piped, the hands were enjoying a leisure hour. Groups here and there were yarning and smoking whilst others paced the deck.

Strolling for'd I came across Nobby. He was waxing eloquent over his pet subject—women.

"Believe me mates, they're goin' to the dogs," he was saying as I joined the group. "They'll turn the tables on us one day," he added.

"How d'yer make that out, Nobby?" queried Pincher giving the necessary opening for a yarn.

Nobby extracted his pipe from his cap and looked round beseechingly, and understanding his S.O.S., I passed him my pouch. Filling his pipe and borrowing a match he got his pipe under way at last. He puffed away for a while before replying to Pincher's question, then turning to that worthy he demanded fiercely, "Where's yer eyes mate? Can't yer see for yerself? Where's their 'air? What price their skirts, mate?"

Nobby sorrowfully shook his head and tears came into his eyes. "They've lost their beauty, mates," he continued, "I remember readin' me bible once an' I read 'the 'air is the glory of a woman' an' I agrees with that, don't you, mates?"

"To think of the flappers we used to meet in the old days" and Nobby wiped a tear from his eye. "No more flappers mates, they've all cut their 'air off. They all look like a lot of mops now; and worse than that, they've cut off a few shackles of mop an' look like blinkin' convicts. Yer can't tell the diff'rence between us an' them, 'cept when yet meet a chap like Dusty Miller there—'e ought to wear 'airpins 'e did."

"Take their skirts—they're goin'—they're up to their knees now. Soon they'll be runnin' roun' like Bombay niggers. Min' yer, I don't say but what it 'as its compensations," and a smile crept over Nobby's face. Scenting a tit-bit we crowded closer round him. Nobby noted this with satisfaction and continued.

"I remember when I was in China, durin' the Secon' Revolution. We were landed at Wompu to protect the Europeans, an' one day the Chinks were out for mischief an' rushed the residental quarter. I was on watch at the time, keepin' sentry-go at the corner of a block of buildin's, when the alarm was given. Silent as cats the Chinks crept into every 'ouse an' plundered all they could lay their 'ands on. I 'ad orders to fall back on the boats when a secon' signal was given, as that meant that all the civvies were safely aboard. The minutes seemed like hours, mates, an' I expected a Chink to put a knife in me back any minute. When at last the signal gun went to retire it took a load off me min' an' I started to run back."

"I 'adn't gone far, when I 'eard a woman scream in the direction of a little alley-way to me right. I darted up the alley an' saw a Chink 'olding a young woman by the 'air with one 'and, an' grasping a knife with the other. I run 'im through with me bayonet, but 'e still gripped 'er 'air in a vice-like grip. Knowin' that it was a matter of speed to get 'er safely away, in less time than it takes to spin the yarn, I cut 'er adrift with me clasp-knife. You need'nt tell anyone, but that was the beginnin' of bobbed 'air—yer see mates, I started a fashion."

"Graspin' 'er 'and, I started to run for the boats, but she 'ad only one speed—dead slow. Yer see, 'er skirts got foul of 'er feet when she tried to run. I was desperate. Once more, mates, me dirk came in 'andy, an' I ripped the blinkin' thing off. This increased our speed a few knots. Of course she was angry with yer 'umble, but that was to be expected. Women are sensible now an' can give us a run for our money."

"Well, mates, to cut a long story short, we reached the beach, but there was not a sign of a ship's boat. No doubt they thought I 'ad kicked the bucket, an' 'ad shoved off without me. I looked roun' the beach an' spotted a sampan moored a little way out. I asked the young lady if she could swim an' I pointed to the sampan. She answers me by wadin' in an' strikin' out towards it. Now I ask yer, mates, could she 'ave done it with a long skirt on? 'Course she couldn't.

"When we reached our ship, the 'Parradidle,' the young lady refused to leave the boat because we'd left the skirt behin'. I was never at a loss, mates, so I offs with me jumper an' she slips into it an' fits it down like the short skirts yer see ashore now."

"I s'pose that started the craze fer short skirts, did'nt it, Nobby?" prompted Pincher. Nobby eyed that individual doubtfully before replying. "Yes, mate, it did. She never wore a long skirt afterwards."

Overhead on Southsea Front.

Highly respectable citizen, with Selyham named "Whisky," meets British Tar, also with Selyham, and the dogs become friendly.

H.R.C.: "Heel, Whisky, order Whisky!"

B.T.: "Well, think of that! My dog's called Gin!"

H.R.C.: "Must be out of the same kennel!"

B.T.: "What d'yer mean? I bought him! Come off, Gin!" (Dog does not obey.)

H.R.C.: "Gin, go back to your bottle!" (collapse of B.T.).

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A British Tar (member of P.B.'s crew), who was a novice on a bicycle, once passed an Admiral, and apparently paid no mark of respect. He was reported to his ship, and eventually brought before the Officer of the Watch.

O.O.W.: "Why did you not salute the Admiral in the usual way?"

B.T.: "Well, it was like this, sir! It was my first ride, and I didn't like letting go of my handle-bars; so I free-wheeled and back-pedalled till he passed!"

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A.J.—Many thanks for cross-word puzzle, which it is hoped to publish later.

Dee Bee.—Photograph received too late for this number. We hope to publish it next month. Many thanks!

E.S.T.B.—The photograph of your March-past was received just too late. It is hoped to reproduce it in the next number.

R.W.S.—Your suggestion for "Prize Essays" is being considered, but the dead silence with which our request a few months ago for articles on Service subjects has been met, does not encourage us much in this direction.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

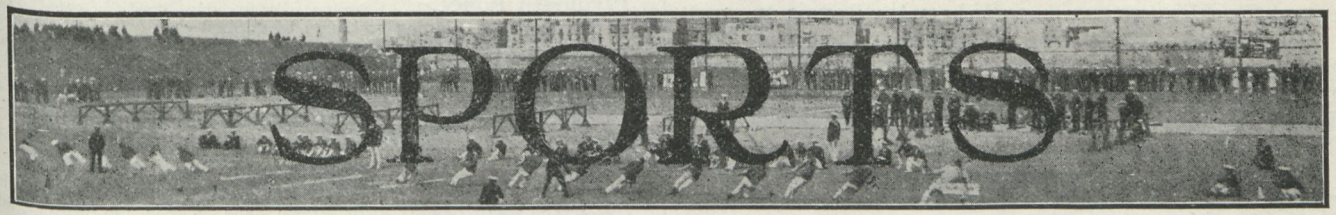
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1925.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance brought forward from 1924—		
War Loan (Value 1917)	83 0 0	
Deposit Account	59 12 11	
Current Account	27 10 6	
Cash	0 0 9½	170 4 2½
Annual Subscriptions (Divisions and Depot)		200 0 0
Voluntary Subscriptions and Donations—		
Individual		20 13 6
Collective—Chatham Division ..	6 0 0	
Portsmouth Division ..	13 12 6	
Plymouth Division ..	18 4 6	
Depot	35 0 0	
		72 17 0
S.A. Staff, Ghain Tuffieha ..		2 0 0
R.M. Small Arms School		1 1 0
Department of D.N.R.		0 10 0
R.M. Detach'ts H.M. *Curacoa* ..	2 16 0	
Cleopatra ..	1 10 0	
Birmingham ..	4 1 0	
Emperor of India	3 8 6	
Chatham Afloat	1 1 0	
Malabar ..	1 0 0	
Repulse ..	5 10 0	
Tamar ..	5 3 1	
Frobisher ..	4 3 0	
Despatch ..	1 14 0	
Flora ..	1 12 0	
Fisgard ..	0 18 0	
Centurion ..	3 0 0	
Dragon ..	4 0 0	
Queen Elizabeth	4 0 0	43 16 7
Bisley—Subsistence and Sweeps ..		32 19 4
Entrance Fees—Officers' Events ..		5 19 0
Grant from R.N. & R.M. Sports C. Bd.		30 0 0
Miscellaneous		20 3 0
Dividend on War Loan	4 0 0	
Interest on Deposit	1 9 6	
		5 9 6
Value of Stock—Medals, etc. ..		16 15 6
		£622 8 7½

Expenditure.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Travelling Expenses of Committee ..		13 18 0
Stationery, Printing, etc...		22 12 9
Medals, Cups and Badges		163 2 11
Cash Prizes		23 19 0
Insurance and transport of Cups		10 11 7
Non-Central Meetings		6 0 1
Bisley—Central Meeting Annual Subscription Hire of Range, Huts, Tents, etc.		143 5 6
Payment of Clerk Annually		6 0 0
Miscellaneous		13 1 3
Postage		4 14 2
		407 5 3
Balance—Stock of Medals	16 15 6	
War Loan (Value 1917) ..	83 0 0	
Deposit Account	63 2 5	
Running Account	51 4 6	
Cash	1 0 11½	
		215 3 4½
		£622 8 7½

Audited and found correct this 18th day of January, 1926.
H. C. BENETT, Major R.M.

I certify that the above is a true statement of the Accounts up to and including the 31st December, 1925.
There are no outstanding liabilities, but the Officers' subscriptions through the Central Fund for 1925, *have not yet been received.*
F. R. JONES, Captain R.M.,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, R.M.R.A.



CHATHAM.

R.M. MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

Friendly Match on January 21st, 1926, on the new Miniature Range at Melville Barracks. Eight to fire, best six to count :—

ROCHESTER.		R.M.	
Mr. Skinner	98	Corpl. Lord	97
,, Child	98	Sgt.-Major Board	96
,, Barrett	95	Sergt. Geater	96
,, Johnson	95	Clr.-Sgt. Smith	94
,, Piper	90	C.S.M. Carlton	93
,, Holton	88	Sergt. Chennery	93
	564		569
Count out :		*Count out* :	
Mr. Croucher	84	Q.M.S. Bennett	86
,, Combes	87	Mne. Ashley	88

R.M. won by 5 points.

ROCHESTER & DISTRICT MINIATURE RIFLE LEAGUE.

Lodge Hill *v.* R.M., Chatham, at Lodge Hill on the 8th February :—

LODGE HILL.		R.M.	
Mr. H. Hall	98	Sergt. Walker	95
,, Morrison	93	C.S.M. Carlton	94
,, L. S. Bacon	91	Corpl. Lord	94
,, A. J. Colan	91	Clr.-Sgt. Collins	93
,, J. E. Thorburn	90	Q.M.S. French	87
,, G. Robertson	90	Q.M.S.I. Bennett	83
	553		546
Count out :		*Count out* :	
Mr. A. Westwood	85	Sergt. Chennery	79
,, J. Winkworth	88	Clr.-Sgt. Smith	70

Lodge Hill won by 7 points.

HOCKEY.

Weather conditions and other mishaps have limited our activities of late, we having played but one match

in the last month. What we have missed in quantity has been repaid in quality, for our one game was the return match against the Depot at Deal. That we won 2—0, despite the fact that we were pinned in our own half for the major part of the game, was due mainly to the defence of our backs and the excellent goalkeeping of Lieut.-Colonel Hickson, coupled with the fact that our forwards were a good deal faster than those of our opponents or of their backs. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Depot for their hospitality to us and to our " supporters."

Our record to date is as follows : Played 15 ; won 10 ; lost 3 ; drawn 2.

PORTSMOUTH

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The last month has been very successful. The inclusion of Mne. Stockton, a recruit from the Depot, has filled a vacancy in the forward line which has never been satisfactorily filled since Corpl. Warwick left. Quick and unselfish, Stockton has improved the forward line beyond knowledge, and 49 goals have been scored in six successive matches. Davidson, with better support on his right, is right on the target, and has scored 17 goals in the last six matches. Sergt. Arnold comes next with 10 goals to his credit. It is hard to make special mention of any one member of the team, when all are working splendidly together and are right on top of their form.

The position in the Hants League has been materially improved by wins over Wellington Works (14—0), Bournemouth Trams (8—1), Bournemouth Gas Works (6—2), and a draw (2—2) with Cowes.

In the U.S. League our position is maintained by wins over Duke of Wellington's Regt (9—2) and H.M.S. " Dolphin " (7—2).

We are eagerly looking forward to the semi-final of the Navy Cup at Chatham on 24th February, and assured of the support of Chatham Division and a large crowd from Eastney, we hope to keep the Royals on top.

The second team is in no way overshadowed by the first team's achievements. In the Gosport League they are leading with the following fine record :— Played 11, won 9, drawn 0, lost 2 ; goals for 59, against 11 ; points 18.

In their last two games they have scored 21 goals without reply. Corpl. Gordon, the captain, is to be congratulated on his team and their record.

We must also mention Marine Kelsey, whose sun rises and sets only for the 2nd team, and who eagerly debates the relative merits of the two teams with all comers.

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Training for the Royal Tournament is now in full swing and the Field Guns' crews from the three Divisions are concentrated at Fort Cumberland, where training is being conducted by Q.M.S.I. Attwood and Sergt, Ring, under the superintendence of Lieut. Wills.

The Tug-of-war teams have a few of last year's members available, Corpls. Gordon, Clowes, Pritlove and Anglin, and Mnes. Elsey, Day, Venables, Lovering, King, Cousins, Chisham, Goodchild and Payne being among those now in training.

The Bayonet team also have a few old stars available in Clr.-Sergt. Miller, Sergt. Richardson, Corpl. Smith and Marines Trinder, Austin and Yates.

PLYMOUTH.

RUGBY.

Owing to the inclemencies of the weather and other causes our Rugby fixtures have suffered rather severely this month, only three matches being played, and these under very bad conditions. However, the team has shown a welcome return to their best form, especially in the back department, and have given splendid displays.

January 23rd—*v.* Totnes, at Totnes, on a rain-sodden ground.

The first half was a great tussle, with the Marines trying to open out the game, despite the handicap of a greasy ball and mud up above the players' ankles. At half-time the score was one try each. In the second half our team asserted their superiority, and some capital passing movements were seen, three more tries being scored. Result : Totnes, 1 try (3 points) ; Royal Marines, 4 tries (12 points).

February 6th—*v.* Paignton Reserves.

Played at Paignton under similar conditions to the last match The first half was a forward struggle, Paignton luckily scoring three tries from breakaways, and leading by 9 points at the interval. Again in the second half our team dominated the play, and from good passing movements three tries were scored, one being converted, thus giving us the lead by 11 points to 9 points.

February 10th—*v.* Somerset Light Infantry.

On the Brickfields, a hard, fast game resulted in a draw of 6 points each. We unfortunately lost a forward and played one short throughout.

HOCKEY.

Owing to bad weather only one of five matches could be played.

February 2nd—*v.* Royal Naval Barracks. This provided a very exciting game, both sides scoring in turn. Many good chances were missed by both sides, and although leading at half-time by 4 to 3, the Royal Marines eventually lost by 6 goals to 5 goals.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

At Longroom, 13th January—R.M. Reserves *v.* Plymouth Police.

The Reserves, playing at home, triumphed easily over the Police team. Hogg opened the scoring, Marshall adding a second. The Marines should have scored time and again, but weak finishing in front of goal resulted in the first half closing with only a 2 goals lead. In the second half, Ashford scored the third, after a splendid solo effort. Result : R. M. Reserves, 3 ; Plymouth Police, 0.

At Longroom, 16th January—R.M. *v.* Green Waves.

This was one of the best games seen on the Longroom ground this season, the result being a draw of two goals each—a fair result of an exciting game, that provided many thrills. Despite the slippery nature of the snow-covered ground, the game opened and was maintained at a tremendous pace. Both goals were visited in turn, and neither custodian could claim to have had an easy time. For the greater part of the first half the " Waves " were slightly the more aggressive, although the Marines were not slow to take advantage of any openings ; but the visitors were more than held by the home halves and backs. The Waves were awarded a penalty for a foul, and Davidson brilliantly saved the spot kick taken by Bricknell, this player making amends just before the interval to score with a clever goal.

After the interval it looked very much as if the Waves were going to improve on their goal lead, for during the first quarter of an hour they were very busy, but gradually the Marines improved, and as a result two goals were scored in a very short space of time. Hogg scored the first equaliser, and then a penalty for " hands " gave the Waves the lead again, but just on time Marshall brought the scores level for the second time. Result : R.M. 2 ; Green Waves 2.

At Oreston, 20th January—R.M. Reserves *v.* Plymouth St. Thomas Reserves.

A very hard game ended in a win for the Marines by 2 goals to 1, Marshall and Branson being the scorers.

At Longroom, 23rd January—R.M. *v.* Torpoint.

End to end play characterised the first twenty minutes' play, Davidson and Pile, the respective goalkeepers being given many opportunities of displaying their abilities. Hight, with a fine shot, almost opened the scorin for the Marines, and Hogg also nearly scored from close range. Davidson cleared splendidly from Cox, but was beaten before the interval with a fine cross shot by Pegler. On resumption Cox placed Torpoint further ahead. In the latter stages the Marines made every effort to avert defeat, and Pile's brilliance in the visitors' goal was particularly noticeable in subsequent play, although fifteen minutes from the end Bryant scored our only goal. Resul : R.M. 1 ; Torpoint 2.

At Bladderly, 27th January—R.M. Reserves *v.* Plymouth Tramways.

A thrilling game ended in a draw, neither side being able to score.

At Saltash, 30th January—R.M. *v.* Saltash.

Saltash won by 2 goals to 1, Bryant scoring for the Marines.

At Honicknowle, 6th February—R.M. *v.* Woodland Villa.

A water-logged ground did not deter the Woodland Villa and the Marines from playing their fixture at Honicknowle, the latter emerging worthy victors by two clear goals. The Marines overcame the difficulties more confidently than their opponents. After Shewbrook had just shot wide, Bryant eluded the home defence, Hogg easily beating Lee from his centre. Just previous to half-time Lee made a great save from Shewbrook's deliberate drive. Only Lee's clever custodianship saved the homesters after the interval, his handling of a treacherous ball being excellent. Hogg ultimately scored a second goal, after the 'keeper had diverted Horne's centre. Whitnell proved a capital defender for the Marines, with Vincent a tireless half. Politt was an energetic leader of the attack, Shewbrook providing the finesse. Woodland defended doggedly, but lacked sting in attack.

At Longroom, 10th February—R.M. Reserves *v.* Plymouth St. Thomas.

In the return fixture of the Devon Wednesday League, we met and easily defeated the Plymouth St. Thomas XI. to the tune of five goals to one. The Reserves opened up dangerously, and after a fine run and perfect centre by Potts, Sturmey scored with ease from close range. Jolly at centre-forward played one of his best games, feeding the wings judiciously, and from one of his openings Marshall added the second. Just before the interval Tait scored the third. On resumption, Marshall scored a brilliant goal, and Jolly obtained the fifth after a very clever effort. In a breakaway St. Thomas scored their only goal, time arriving : R.M. Reserves 5 ; Plymouth St. Thomas 1.

In the Inter-Company League, "C" Co. defeated "A" Co. after a very hard game by 2 goals to 1.

A match played between the Band and Drums and the Signalling School resulted in a draw, both sides scoring four goals each, this being a very fair reflex of the game.

DEPOT.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING.

The following are the results of matches fired during January :—

Depot, R.M. *v.* Deal and District—12 to shoot, best 8 to count : Depot, 785 (Av. 98.1) ; Deal, 769 (Av. 96.1). Depot won by 16 points (Q.M.S.I. Harding 100 ; Q.M.S.I. Ames 100).

The following matches were any number to shoot, best 8 to count :—

Depot R.M. *v.* Chatham Div. R.M. : Depot, 780 (Av. 97.5) ; Chatham, 776 (Av. 97)—Depot won by 4 points (Sgt. Rutland 100, Sgt. Paddon 100).

Depot R.M. *v.* Small Arms School (Hythe) : Depot, 787 (Av. 98.3) ; S.A.S., 775 (Av. 96.9)—Depot won by 12 points (Q.M.S.I. Ames 100).

Depot R.M. *v.* Portsmouth Div. R.M. : Depot, 784 (Av. 98) ; Portsmouth Div., 777 (Av. 97.1)—Depot won by 7 points (Sgt. Paddon 100).

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

1st Team.

Jan. 9	*v.* Margate Amateurs (Deal and Walmer District Senior Hospital Shield	*H*	Draw	2	2
,, 20	*v.* R.A.F. (U.S. League, Div. I.	*H*	Lost	0	5
,, 23	*v.* Dover United (Folkestone and District League) ..	*H*	Lost	0	3
,, 27	*v.* Queen's, U.S. League Div. I.)	*A*	Lost	0	5
,, 30	*v.* Margate Amateurs (Folkestone and District)	*A*	Won	8	3
Feb. 6	*v.* Tank Corps (Folk. & Dist.)	*H*	Lost	2	4

2nd Team.

Jan. 9	*v.* Barton Road Old Boys (Dover and Dist. League) ..	*A*	Lost	2	4
,, 20	*v.* R.A.F. (U.S. League Div. II)	*A*	Lost	1	4
,, 23	*v.* Dover A (Dover & Dist. L.)	*A*	Lost	2	3
Feb. 3	*v.* R. Warwicks (U.S.L. Div. II)	*A*	Lost	1	5
,, 10	*v.* 3rd Company R.E.'s (U.S.L., Div. II.)	*A*	Draw	2	2

3rd Team.

Jan. 16	*v.* Kingsdown (cancelled, ground unfit)				
,, 23	*v.* Mongelam (Deal & Dist. L.)	*H*	Draw	2	2
,, 30	*v.* Kingsdown ,,	*A*	Lost	0	2
Feb. 6	*v.* Deal Sports ,,	*H*	Won	2	1

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

The School's first team have been showing greatly improved form during the last month, and have managed to bag a few more league points. In defeating the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders by 2—1 (this was the first match they have lost on their own ground), the School had the honour of breaking one record this season. Another creditable performance was shown in running the league leaders, H.M.S. " Excellent," so close as to lose by the odd goal in three. We have managed to fight our way into the semi-final round of the United Service Charity Cup Competition, and have been drawn to play our neighbours the Royal Marines ; this local Derby should provide a keen contest, and we hope whichever team may win will bring the Cup to Eastney.

The Boys' Junior team require one more point to secure the Championship of the Lads' Junior League, and have still two more matches to play, so we hope to see at least one championship resting at the School at the end of the season.

The following are the various League Tables up to date :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
U.S. League, Div. I.	18	6	0	12	38	63	12
,, ,, Div. II.	10	2	0	8	13	62	4
Boys.							
U.S. League, Div. IV.	10	3	0	7	22	48	6
Lads' Wednesday League ..	13	8	1	4	37	32	17
Lads' Junior League	18	17	0	1	178	13	34

BILLIARDS.

The Boys' Billiard Competition has reached the final stage, and out of 60 entries, Band Boys Farbrother and Preston have secured the right to play for the championship. This competition has been keenly contested throughout and thoroughly enjoyed by the boys.



CORPS GAZETTE

APPOINTMENTS.

The appointment of Major H. L. Jones, O.B.E., to N.I. Dept., Admiralty, is extended to 9th July, 1926.

Major H. C. Pope, D.A.A.G., R.M., General Staff, vice Ormsby, date of taking over duties.

Major C. E. S. Wright, O.B.E., to be acting Interpreter in Russian, Plymouth Naval Command, dated 14-12-25.

Capt. R. A. R. Neville (Sup'y) Chatham, to Seconded List, on appointment as Private Secretary to H.E. Governor of Ceylon, dated 17-2-26.

To Supernumerary List, on reduction of establishment : Lieut. C. E. Maton, Qr.-Mr. (R.N.S. of M.), Lieut. C. T. Savill, Qr.-Mr. (Deal) ; Lieut. F. J. Flawn, Qr.-Mr. (Plymouth) ; S.C. (W.O.) A. E. Hockley (General Staff) ; S.C. (W.O.) E. J. Wood (Plymouth) ; S.M. (W.O.) H. C. Morgan (Plymouth) ; S.M. (W.O.) A. J. Bryant (Plymouth) S.M. (W.O.) D. A. Board (Chatham).

Lieut. C. F. L. Holford (Chatham) is absorbed in establishments dated 21-1-26.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major W. Sinclair, O.B.E., to " Centurion," vice Briscoe, date of joining.

Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., to " Impregnable," vice Huntingford, dated 1-3-26.

Capt. H. R. Lambert, D.S.C., to " President," additional for duty in N.I. Dept., Admiralty, period 9th-22nd February, 1926.

Capt. C. H. Congdon, to " President," additional for duty in N.I. Dept., Admiralty, for period 11th-24th March, 1926.

Capt. T. B. W. Sandall, to remain in " Repulse " on reduction to Special Complement.

Lieut. A. B. Woodhall, to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, during Atlantic Fleet spring cruise, dated 21-1-26.

Lieut. B. R. Reiss-Smith to remain in " Caradoc " on recommissioning.

Lieut. J. L. Rees to R.A.F. Base, Gosport, dated 12-1-26.

Lieut. B. W. Leicester to " Vietory " (Permanent Supernumeraries) for duty at P.R.T. School, Portsmouth, dated 16-3-26.

Lieut. T. L. G. Bryan to " Egmont," and for No. 140 Flight, dated 9-1-26.

Lieut. C. L. Barcroft to " President," additional for four months' study in France. dated 20-5-26.

Lieut. O. C. Jones to " Egmont," and for No. 402 Flight, dated 9-1-26.

Capt. J. E. Cornish, Lieuts. D. J. Grey and T. K. Walker to " Warspite " on recommissioning.

Surg.-Lieut. W. McCoach, M.B., R.N., to " Pembroke," additional for Chatham Division, R.M., vice Newman, dated 1-2-26.

Surg.-Lieut. J. G. Holmes, M.A., M.D., R.N., to " Victory," additional for Portsmouth Division, R.M., dated 2-2-26.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course, No. 25, which commences at the School of Land Artillery on 18th February : Major H. B. Inman, M.C., Major C. B. Mullins, Major C. H. Coode.

Capts. E. J. Hughes, O.B.E., T. G. Hungerford, N. I. Eastman, will embark in " Tiger " for three weeks, commencing 1st March, to witness the Naval Bombardment Practices.

Capt. A. N. Williams and Lieut. L. D. Caffyn have been selected to attend the Long Qualifying Course which commences at the Small Arms School, Hythe, on 15th March.

Lieuts. F. B. Pym and H. McSlater have been selected to attend the Field Works Course which commences at the School of Engineering, Chatham, on 17th February, and terminates 31st March.

Lieut. H. A. Bass has been selected to attend the Regimental Signalling Instructors' Course at the Army School of Signals, Catterick, from 29th April to 5th August, 1926.

Lieut. J. M. Phillips to " Victory " for P, & R.T. Course, dated 5-3-26.

Lieut. G. A. Viner commenced the 6th Ordnance Officers' Course on 6th February, 1926.

Probationary 2/Lieuts. 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 commence at Practical Military Course at Headquarters on 6th April, 1926.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Sergt.—Corpl. W. E. Turner (" Sandhurst ").

To be Corpl.—Mne. C. E. Davis (Hd. Qrs.)

APPOINTMENTS.

Allot. Office, Training as Clerk.—Mne. F. Lavender.

Dispenser, R. M. Infirmary.—Sergt. K. Mackenzie.

Clerk, Comdt's Office.—Corpl. T. C. G. Coole, vice Sergt. W. H. Watts, on promotion.
Dining Hall Attendant.—Mne. T. A. Newman, W. A. Sullens.
Signalling Staff.—Corpl. W. E. Ings.
Clerk, Comdt.'s Office.—Mne. F. E. Saville.
Armourer.—Sergt. W. E. Elliott.
Librarian, Recreation Room.—Mne. G. Woodrow.
Steward, Junior N.C.O.s' Club.—Corpl. P. D. Langley.
1st Qr. Mr.'s Dept.—Mnes. A. W. Hipkiss, A. W. Waters (for Tailors).
Divisional Carpenter.—Mne. C. T. Chapman.
Bugler Major.—Corpl. L. H. Timbrell (on probation).

DISCHARGES.

2nd Period of Engagement.—Mnes. J. W. Kingdom, S. Sims, C. Payne Coy. Sergt.-Major H. P. Cooke.
1st Period of Engagement.—Mne. A. Brown, Corpl. W. D. Reader, Mnes. E. C. Willis, W. P. Richardson, J. Duncum, H. Batley.
Invalided.—Mnes. P. Harvey, W. F. E. J. Wilby, A. Harper, J. G. W. Absolam, H. Jones, W. Hampson.
Termination of Engagement.—Mne. R. Hubbard.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mnes. C. E. Harber, J. F. Swallow, W. T. Larkins; "**Birmingham,**" Mne. W. C. Chiles; "**Canterbury,**" Copl. R. Gayen, Mnes. W. J. Wall, G. Fisher, W. A. Edward, W. Holmes, C. R. I. Naish, P. J. Howard, H. A. Watson; "**Dragon,**" Sergts. F. A. Geater, J. F. Barnett, Cpl. T. Marston, Bglr. A. J. Hutchings, Mnes. C. C. T. Sayers, W. H. R. Girling, G. Tovell, A. C. Trevett, C. H. White, H. Buck, E. J. Canham, A. J. Bettell, H. W. Belson, C. H. Shanks, P. Carberry, W. C. Williams, A. T. Haynes, J. F. Stapleton, H. R. S. Tubby, F. Richardson, W. J. Marriott, H. T. Emery, W. J. Carpenter, L. G. Randall, "**Frobisher,**" Mne. Geo. Cate; "**Pembroke,**" Mnes. Geo. Hinch, G. W. Blakeman, A. A. Gammon, W. G. Patey, Sgt. P. Curtis, Mne. A. T. Shields; "**Repulse,**" Mne. A. E. Goodair; "**Sandhurst,**" Mnes. Albert May, E. V. Muir, A. J. Chiverton, P. Burke, G. H. Gardiner; **Shotley T.E.,** Mnes. A. Fletcher, S. H. F. Peacock, Coprl. J. Ingram, Corpl. J. C. Clark; "**Vulcan,**" Mne. J. S. Frost, Sergt. Chas. Potter.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Cpl. W. P. J. Bishop, Mnes. E. E. Whibley, J. F. Swallow, W. T. Larkins; "**Blenheim,**" Cpl. F. N. Palmer, Mnes. S. A. Freeborn, J. Sutton, L. V. G. Dunn, H. Thomasson, F. L. A. Clifton, C. E. Harber; "**Dragon,**" Sgt. L. W. A. Draper, Cpls. A. H. Hughes, L. E. Swallow, Bglr. W. J. Goodchild, Mnes. A. H. Perkins, J. W. List, Wm. Day, Sgt. J. R. King, Mnes. G. T. Wild, W. H. Peters, S. A. Ruddlesden, H. C. Hollands, A. E. Fillingham, G. C. Munns, W. A. Edward, J. A. Caulfield, T. H. Russell, A. W. Palmer; "**Pembroke,**" Clr.-Sgts. D. G. Morritt and C. F. Beet, Sgt. G. T. K. Thompson; "**Repukse,**" Clr.-Sgt. H. E. Fitzgerald, Sgts. R. F. Miller, P. Curtis, Mne. A. F. Goodridge, Cpl. A. E. O. Young, Mnes. W. J. Wall, W. E. Wells, H. C. J. Mynott, F. W. Curtis, W. E. Ranson, A. W. Hipkiss, T. Chawner, E. J. Statler, W. A. Corbett, E. Smith, S. A. D. Barrett, G. Fisher, H. J. Tims, E. W. Ryves, H. A. Watson, W. J. Hook, P. J. Howard, G. C. Clark, L. G. Norton, M. Bazely, G. N. Durrant, W. Stegney, W. Naylor, A. H. Haynes, J. E. W. Solley, A. J. Smith, A. Stretton, E. H. Barty, J. H. Warner, H. B. Marlow, Bglr. H. W. Chetly, Mnes. J. C. Wheeler, Hy. Fry, W. J. Turner, D. B. McCarry, A. E. Spratt, J. A. Perks, C. F. Kennedy, F. Antrobus, F. Rogers, R. D. Roos, A. W. Rice, W. A. Harwood, W. Pettinger, T. H. Tuff, L. R. Clarke, B. G. Linge, J. R. Owen, J. K. McMullan, A. D. Hales, R. F. Richards, K. E. Limb, F. R. Fraser, A. C. Wisdom, F. Green, J. G. Brown, H. F. Pilcher, S. T. Speake, C. W. L. Busey, H. C. C. Hillier, L. H. G. Kenny, G. A. Woodrow, S. Floyd, Cpls. Hy. Carter, R. Gayon, J. Onions, Mnes. F. G. Bloomfield, W. R. Jackman, A. T. Anderson, C. J. Singleton, A. F. T. Poulter, L. Faulkner, H. A. Blackman, G. H. Aldridge, J. A. Staff, J. Condon, Sgt. H. Firth, Mnes. H. F. Willats, M. A. Townsend, P. G. Ling, G. Whitmore, V. L. Rappe. "**Sandhurst,**" Sgt. Chas. Goodwin; **Shotley T.E.,** Mnes. A. E. Tuck, N. A. Adams, Cpls. A. T. Welsh, W. S. Sargeant.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Q.M. Sergt. (2nd Q.M.'s Dept.)—Clr.-Sergt. Fred Chalke.
To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. F. J. Hambly.
To Sergt.—Corpl. L. R. Hacker.
To Corpl.—Mnes. W. J. Christopher, Ed. Bacon, H. S. P. Stevens, L. T. L. Tunnicliffe.

SENIORITY LISTS.

Clr.-Sergts.—L. T. Dollery, L. A. Scott, G. L. Wood, J. T. Cooper, W. H. Harman, H. J. Kinch.
Sergts.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, Geo. Vaughan, Harry Smith, W. L. Watts. W. H. J. Darters.
Corpls. passed for Sgt.—W. F. Blanchard, H. W. Mizen, H. J. Churchman, H. G. Pook, Arth. McTurk, James Lee.
Mnes. passed for Cpl.—J. Reynolds, W. J. W Hughes, H. T. Gordon, H. G. V. Wood, J. H. Harrison, A. W. Holmes.

APPOINTMENTS.

L/Cpl. for Infirmary Duties—Mne. W. Arnold.
Groom to Lt.-Col. N. F. Trotman—Mne. Goe. Warner.
Attdt. to the Rev. C. G. G. Pearson, M.A., R.N.—Mne. A. E. Cannons.
Boatman, Boats Crew—Mne. L. W. Humphreys.
Butler, Officers' Mess—Mne. E. S. Clarke.
Mess Attndt., Officers' Mess—Mne. Herbert Delve.
Rangemen, R.M.S.A. School—Mnes. C. E. Coleman, A. E. Parker.
M.T. Driver—Mne. Harry Roberts.
Clerk under Training—Mne. A. E. Lymburn.
Training for Asst. Printer—Mne. W. Skates.
Storemen, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.—Mnes. W. Revill, W. H Cousins.
Batman to Comdr. R.M., G. F. O. Bottrill, M.B.E.—Mne. R. W. Flowers.
P. & R.T. Instructors—Sergt. R. O. Cawthraw, Cpl. Geo. Gordon.
Attendt. to Sur.-Lt. J. G. Holmes, M.A., M.D., R.N.—Mne. H. R. Dear.
M.O.A. to Capt. Jameson, D.S.O.—Mne. C. F. Cox.

AWARDS.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal—Q.M.S. I. F. A. Peasnell, Sergts. F. A. Albury, F. A. Weeks, R. C. Bent, Mnes. W. A. Gooch, Thos. Seale, E. J. Ealey, W. Revill, J. L. Thick.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Dauntless,**" Sergts. T. W. H. Brison, G. D. Snook, Cpls. W. R. R. Leathwaite, J. W. Bedford, C. V. Cripps, L. J. Saunders, Bglr. F. E. Glenn, Mnes. F. C. Edgeley, R. P. Ellis, W. Percival, T. B. Wright, H. H. Freemantle, F. Hounsome, H. C. Bradbury, W. E. Cross, R. G. Fone, F. E. Tilley, W. J. Godden, S. J. Lally, F. Stubbington, L. A. J. Pratt, W. C. Horne, H. Ball, F. C. Riches, H. Grant, G. Rollisson, E. Perry, G. F. Stevens, W. L. Moss, W. S. J. Freemantle, S. R. F. C. Cannon, W. C. Ambridge, G. J. Willetts, H. W. Fletcher, W. S. Tite, H. F. Fudge, Wm. Cudd, P. W. Wanklin, R. P. Ryalls, F. G. Bowdige, A. J. Blackman, R. A. Curtis, T. H. Heath. "**Enchantress,**" Sgt. A. J. W. Foster, Bglr. C. J Roberts, Mnes. H. G. V. Wood, N. Grimshaw, T. C. Arnold, T. S. G. Truman, R. A. Norris, A. E. Patey, H. W. Hailey, F. Ware, H. A. Wassell, G. E. Wakeling, H. G. Shorter, C. F. Young, W. A. Holmes, P. G. Smith, E. J. Ranger, G. Marshall, M. Livingstone, F. R. Wheatley; "**Egmont,**" Copls. P. V. Eckhart, Herbert Wathall, Mnes. H. M. Herring, G. E. Kyte, G. W. Gregory, E. W. Earwick, E. T. F. Povey; "**Emerald,**" Mne. Charlie Porter; "**Tiger,**" Mne. Frank Morrell, Bugler R. G. W. Bryant; "**Dolphin,**" Mnes. J. E. Wilson, W. R. L. Carroll, F. E. Eatwell; "**Victory,**" Mnes. W. G. Edwards, Cpl. E. W. Brewer, Sgt. Frank Miller; "**Dryad,**" Mnes. H. H. Cook, Wm. Madgewick, C. S. Brown; "**Centurion,**" Sergt. T. F. Barrett, Mnes. H. T. Ashby, B. T. Witham, A. J. Waldron, W. E. Allen; "**Lowestoft,**" Mne. Frank Maidment; "**Assistance,**" Cpls. Fredk. Chadwick, W. R. Ransome; "**Cormorant,**" Corpl. Albert Green; "**Eagle,**" Mne. E. W. J. Steel.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Dryad,**" Clr.-Sgt. E. Beckett, Mnes. R. W. Flowers, A. E. Patey; "**Furious,**" Mne. T. Rose; "**Revenge,**" Mnes. R. H. Leach, C. W. Norris, Reg. Frost; "**Dolphin,**" Cpls. Ed. Gilding, J. H. Ripley, Mnes. P. T. Wiggington, L. L. Lloyd, W. R. Horscroft, G. H. Keen; "**Despatch,**" Corpl. G. M. Mitchard; "**Dido,**" Sergt. T. F. Barrett, Cpls. H. T. Farrington, B. R. Millard, J. Johns, F. Woodland, J. B. Benn, Mnes. A. H. C. Hobbs, C. G. Gibbs, E. Annalls, A. W. Hill, H. G. Collins, T. Searle, A. N. Longland, B. J. King, J. S. Humphries, R. A. Norris, T. F. Steppens, F. V. Tattersall, Geo. Rayens, J. F. Beadle, E. Michaelin, M. R. W. Summersby, W. C. Allen, A J. Waldron, "**Victoria and Albert,**" Corpl. F. E. Hanham, Mne. Fredk. Sandy; "**Tiger,**" Mne. H. D. Moss, Bugler. A. W. J. Budd; "**Victory,**" Mne. G. A. Collins; "**Centurion,**" Sergt. G. D. Snook, Mnes. G. Neal, F. H. Green; "**Durban,**" Mne. F. C. Horner; "**Egmont,**" Mnes. Thos. Martin, P. J. Lulham; "**Lowestoft,**" Mne. Walter Moore; "**Malabar,**" Corpl. J. H. Campbell.

TRANSFERS.

To Marines—Bglrs. A. W. J. Budd, S. G. Hollis, W. J. Gregg, L. W. Mills.
To Musns.—Mnes. C. V. Pope, P. J. Anstey, A. F. Haddow, W. H. Barrett, L. A. Smith, F. G. Graffey, J. W. B. Hall, A. F. Martin, C. R. Webb, Frank Been, H. L. Gower, L. B. Howe, E. A. Fitzgerald, Chas. Collier, W. A. Jackson, M. L. Betteridge.
To Royal Navy as R.P.O.'s—Cpls. P. C. Jones, Harry Chase, H. W. King.
To Royal Navy as Stokers—Mnes. Herbert Rampton, W. L. Johnson.
From Ports. Div. to Ch. Div.—Mne. S. J. Ball.
From Ch. Div. to Ports. Div.—Mne. J. R. Lown.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergts.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, E. J. H. Precious, Wm. Connolly, T. C. Soden.

Corpls.—N. V. Bishop, Geo. Oliver, H J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. J. Hooper, C. J. Hoit.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergts. T. A. Cooper, Wm. Southall, H. Rudge.

To Sergt.—Cpls. W. T. Dempsey, A. T. C. Bunker, W. B. Goldsworthy, J. McMaster.

To Corpl.—Mnes. D. E. Price, A. G. Chambers, H. G. Pyke, W. E. A. Packwood.

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Divsnl. Cook—Mne. J. Taylor.

Storeman, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. A. Forsyth.

M.T.I., 2nd Class—Corpl. A. W. Facey.

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Groom to Major Macnair-Smith.—Ch/16759, Mne. R. A. Pannell.

Attd. to Surg.-Lieut. (D) J. L. Lean.—Ply/20809, Mne, G. Berwick.

Attd. to Surg.-Lieut. (D) F. R. P. Williams.—Ply/14284, Mne. J. Gibson.

Attd. to Surg.-Lieut. A. P. Anderson-Stewart.—Po/212218, Mne. W. F. Yalden.

M.T.I., 1st Class.—Po/14118, Sgt. J. T. Aylward.

Attd. to Capt. F. E. Legg.—Ply/21911, Mne. J. J. Webster.

Boatman Boat's Crew.—Ch/21748, Mne. A. C. Smith.

Range Marker (extd. to 4-2-27).—Po/17298, Mne. H. Turner.

Asst. Printer (extd. to 26-3-26).—Po/215368, Mne. T. J. Pettman.

G.M.P. (extd. to 25-1-27).—Ch/18471, Mne. F. G. Grooms.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Ply/13277, Mne. F. Saunders.

By Purchase.—Ply/X50, Mne. J. Boyce.

Invalided.—Ply/X4, Mne. G. Phillips.

Invalided.—Ch/24574, Mne. P. Harney.

Termination of 1st period of Engagement.—Po/213923, Mne. J. T. Murphy.

By Purchase.—Ch/X85, Mne. W. H. Crompron.

Termination of 1st period of Engagement.—Po/15759, Mne. A. E. Wright.

S.N.L.R.—Po/23351, Mne. H. Eades.

N.L.T.B.E.—Po/22615, Mne. H. Carter.

Invalided.—Ch/24708, Mne. W. Hampson.

Invalided.—Ply/X61, Mne. E. W. Bailey.

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

To Bandmaster 1st Class.—B.M. H. Hervert Wright, L.R.A.M.; To Bandmaster 2nd Class.—Band Corpor l E. J. Hills; To Band Corporal-Musician W. H. P. Robbins; To Bandmaster (W.O.) C.S.M. Samual Taylor, L.R.A.M.; To Company Sergt.-Major.—B.M. I. C. J. L. Hamilton (on promotion).

ADVANCEMENT.

To Musician on embarkation.—Band Boy H. G. Couzens.

EXAMINATION.

The following are undergoing a course of instruction for Musical Instructors: Bandmaster 2nd Class Walter Pryce, Sidney Dipple, Band Corporals C. W. Fitch, G. H. Lightfoot.

RETIREMENT.

To Retired List.—Commissioned Bandmaster A. V. Sparrow.

DISCHARGES.

Completed 1st Period of Engagement.—Musicians Fredk. Doy, Frank Bloxham; Purchase.—Musician G. H. Hearnshaw, from H.M.S. "**Birmingham**"; Invalided.—Band Boy A. H. Fowler.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates on the respective Promotion Rosters:—

For Promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class.—T. E. Burnett, Herbert Kenward, R. P. Rosewell, Wm. Martyr, Harry Holwill, G. L. Read.

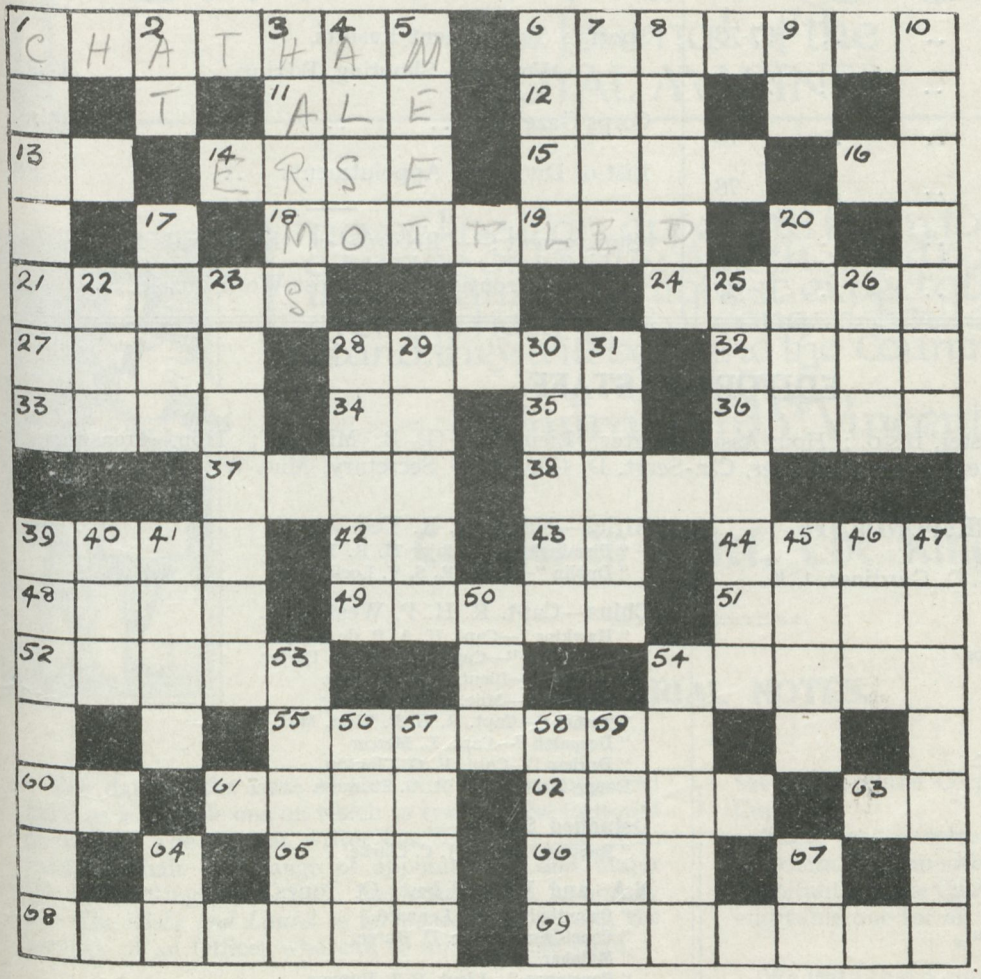
Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class).—A. G. Foskett, J. G. Prior, A. C. Black, W. A. Attrill, C. W. Fitch, F. C. Frost.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporal).—Robert Morton, W. E. Kohlar, M. C. Orrin, R. H. Stoner, W. H. Akerman, J. F. Mills.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Impregnable,**" (C.-in-C.), Musician C. F. Smith; "**Eagle,**" Bandmaster 2nd Class H. A. Butler, Band Boy H. G. Couzens; "**Vivid,**" (R.N.B.), Bandmaster 1st Class G. C. Keen, Band Corpl. W. H. Fletcher, Musicians F. W. Budden, Edward Muir, Arthur Sullivan, H. T. Baney, A. F. Wells, A. G. Chambers, E. A. Gatty, W. H. Briggs, S. G. Cornish, S. J. Toms, W. F. Clucas, Sidney Fesler, J. E. Wardle, Alfred Turner, F. L. Pickering.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE. By A.P.E.



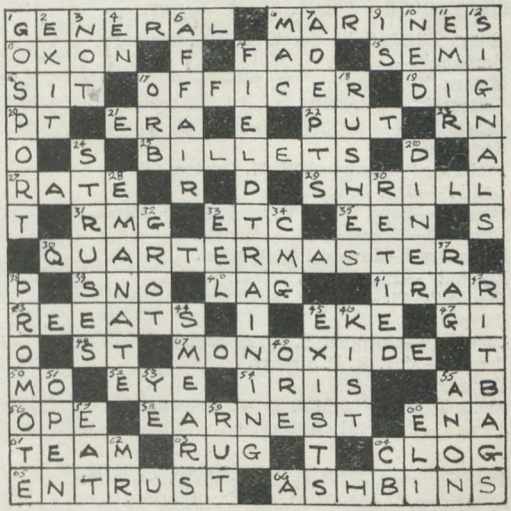
CLUES ACROSS.

1 Town in Kent.
6 Men behind the Guns.
11 Beverage.
12 Raw Material (Mineral).
13 Indefinite Article.
14 Irish.
15 Old.
16 Preposition.
18 Variegated.
21 You'd be hungry without them.
24 Begin.
27 A journey.
28 You have 21 off it.
32 Bitter Herb.
34 Coveted by Artists.
35 Used when at loss for speech.
36 Dutch Farmer at Cape.
37 One.
38 Christmas.
39 The wood in the hole.
42 Service way of putting a certain religion.
43 Slang for Ordinary Seaman.
44 Level.
48 Go Mad.
49 Danish Coin.
51 Weed.
52 Wash out.
54 A Willow.
55 Acid condiment.
60 In like manner.
61 Slang for a look.
62 Tune.
63 Negative.
65 Not.
66 Sign of Zodiac.
68 An estate in land.
69 Uesd in Surgery.

CLUES DOWN.

1 Demanded.
2 Near.
3 Hurts.
4 As well.
5 Come in contact with.
6 Necessary to Football.
7 Incite.
8 Requires.
9 Prefix.
10 More obese.
17 Barren.
19 Beverage.
20 Luminous Circle.
22 Part of the Head.
23 Shades of Departed.
25 Square Confections.
26 Spawn of fishes.
28 A goad.
29 Afterwards.
30 Part of mortise joint.
31 To eat away.
39 Wore clothes.
40 Boat propellant.
41 Elliptical.
45 Stuck up.
46 Before.
47 Afraid.
50 Numeral.
53 Odds or ——.
54. A bright constellation.
56. Idol.
57. Not any.
58. Bile.
59. Sunken court.
64. Part of verb to be.
67. Objective of "I."

Solution to last month's Puzzle.



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"**Emperor of India**"—
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"**Curacoa**"—Sergt. A. J. Regan.
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"**Cleopatra**"—Lieut. C. R. L. Scott.
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"**Cyclops**"—

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"**Frobisher**"—Corporal W. H. Dutton.
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"**Dragon**"—Corpl. G. E. A. Green.
"**Dauntless**"—Corporal W. Walker.
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"**Caradoc**"—Corporal T. W. A. Stanford.
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"**Coventry**"—
"**Ghain Tuffieha**—Q.M.S. T. W. Sloman.
"**Argus**"—Corporal Gutteridge

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"**Cairo**"—Lieut. Deane.
"**Colombo**"—

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"**Birmingham**"—Major M. R. Yeo.
"**Dublin**"—Sergt. R. S. V. Locke.

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"**Vindictive**"—Capt. J. E. Leech Porter.
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"**Repulse**"—Mne. J. C. Clarke.

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"**Capetown**"—Mne. D. Burge.
"**Malabar**"—
"**Constance**"—Lieut. P. J. Burgess.
"**Curlew**"—Lieut. J. C. Westall.

New Zealand—
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"**Philomel**"—Corporal C. Breckon.
"**Diomede**"—Capt. J. S. Selby Tuppen.

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Depot—Capt. D. A. C. Shephard.
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following:—

"The Leatherneck," "U.S. Army Recruiting News," "The Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette," "The Queen's Own Gazette," "The Journal of the Royal Army Service Corps," "The Sapper," "The Wire," "The London Scottish Regimental Gazette," "The Royal Tank Corps Journal," "The Royal Engineers' Journal," "The Covenanter."

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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

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The date of the issue of this number has suggested itself as a suitable one on which to transfer the Editorial portfolio. The present writer has to vacate the Hon. Editor's chair on change of appointment, and Major W. L. Huntingford, C.B.E., has volunteered to occupy it. The *Globe and Laurel* is fortunate in obtaining the services of an Officer who can so ably fill the chair.

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Not the least encouraging fact during the present Editor's régime has been the welcome increase in news from H.M. Ships. To the majority of readers the "Per Mare" section is probably the most interesting, with its unique record of the doings not only of Royal Marines, but also of H.M. Ships, in all parts of the world.

This number includes an interesting budget from New Zealand, which illustrates the increasing share which the Dominions are taking in Imperial Defence. We read of combined manœuvres of the Australian and New Zealand naval forces, in which at least five cruisers and two sloops are taking part.

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The hopes, which beat high, of the return of the Navy Cup to the Corps this year, were disappointed at Chatham on 24th February, when the Corps representatives went down before the Chatham R.N. Depot.

Without doing injustice to the winners, who undoubtedly deserved their success, it can be said that the *Royals* made a sporting fight against bad luck. With pluck such as they showed it cannot be long before the name of the Corps is again inscribed on the Navy Cup.

There was a splendid gathering of supporters from Chatham, Portsmouth and the Depot, and the customary hospitality of the Chatham Division made the day a very enjoyable one for all who were there.

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We learn that Volume III. of "Britain's Sea Soldiers," dealing with the Great War, which has been compiled by General Sir H. Blumberg, has now passed the Admiralty censor. A letter published in this number, however, shows that wider support is still needed.

The record of the part which the Corps of Royal Marines played in The Great War must surely be unique in its variety and interest, and it is hoped that all readers of the *Globe and Laurel* will do their utmost to support it.

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Probably a large number of our readers spend some of their spare time in entering for the numerous prize competitions in the journals of to-day, and in calculating how they will distribute the wealth which is offered to them. They will be encouraged to hear that a £1,000 prize has recently been won for a "Foursome" by an ex Royal Marine, Mr. Turton, of Leigh-on-Sea.

Hearty congratulations, Mr. Turton! We hope you are a subscriber to the *Globe and Laurel*.

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We are asked to announce that prizes to the amount of £100 are being offered for a Word Puzzle in the

" Marine Magazine," on behalf of the training ship " Warspite," in order to stimulate interest in the appeal for funds to defray the cost of the provision of the new training ship.

The success of Mr. Turton should encourage readers to buy the " Marine Magazine " and enter for this competition, and thus assist in forwarding so good a cause. The " Marine Magazine " is the official organ of the Marine Society. The new " Warspite " is a descendant of the first training ship in the world.

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Before laying down his pen, the present Editor wishes to thank most warmly all who have helped to carry on the Corps Journal during his regime. He has enjoyed the support of an enthusiastic and devoted staff: the Assistant Editor, always ready to help in any way; Lieut. Allison, than whom there surely never was a more optimistic and willing hon. treasurer, and to whom all readers will wish the best of luck in his retirement; Colour-Sergt. Goadsby, whose help and knowledge of the characteristics peculiar to the printing trade have been most valuable on the transfer of the journal from Chatham; Marine Masson, the indefatigable and zealous secretary; and the versatile " Dew," who appears to have a never ending source of humour in word and line.

The Editor's special thanks are due to Colonel Field who undertook to supply the copy which forms the interesting section " Records of the Royal Marines." It was due to Colonel Field's original suggestion that this section was started.

Last, but not least, the Editor wishes to thank all correspondents, who have so faithfully contributed the news, without which the journal could not carry on. With such a staff, under the guidance of the new Editor, the prospects of the *Globe and Laurel* look rosy indeed.



ATLANTIC FLEET.

The Atlantic Fleet enjoyed splendid weather during their Annual Fleet Tournament, which was held at Gibraltar in February. The results are given in the " Sports " column.

On the 19th Feb. two R.M. Battalions were landed and after an hour's drill on North Front, marched past the C.-in-C. A.F. in column of route. On the 24th Feb,. the Fleet left Gibraltar for manoeuvres with the Mediterranean Fleet. Between the exercises they anchored in Palma Bay, Sardinia and after the exercises were completed off Palma, Majorca, when the " Resolution " and " Royal Oak " were transferred to the Mediterranean and the " Iron Duke " to the Atlantic Fleet. On the 9th March, the Atlantic Fleet ships sailed for Gibraltar. The " Iron Duke " expects to arrive in England about 17th March, but the remainder of the Fleet are to visit Arosa Bay before returning on the 30th March.

" Revenge "

We, in the Atlantic Fleet Flagship have just a few words for publication in this number of the *Globe and Laurel*. Readers must sometimes wonder why battleships have so little to say while cruisers can send in such lengthy reports. The latter tour more interesting parts of the world, whereas the Atlantic Fleet battleships during the last autumn cruise, in accordance with custom, went north for the " shooting." At that time of the year, Mark 6, Battle Practice, C.M.B., and other breeds of target are in season.

We do not suppose that readers will be interested in the fact that " X " Turret missed the 5th Salvo of a Sub-Calibre Run, because " Harry Ted " tried to load a cartridge with the clip on, or that one of the marines' 6in. gun's crews had a missfire, because the old bean that " makes a smart 6in. gun's crew," had inserted a fired tube.

Time not spent in the Moray Firth, was passed at such resorts as Invergordon, Rosyth and Cromarty. Do they hold any romantic interest? Ask some of the members of our Detachment, but not the one that reviewed the Fleet proceeding to sea from a shore boat.

We hope the Spring and Summer Cruises will provide us with more articles of interest for publication; we have already a few items.

The Spring cruise opened with a dirty trick. Having (gladly) cast off our wives at the S.R.J., and spent a night at Spithead without leave, we sailed in the early hours. The troops, however, got over their disappointment, and within a few days, " Royals," clad in singlets, shirts and knickers of various hues, could be seen in different parts of the ship, manipulating such articles as boxing gloves, medicine balls, bayonets, tug-of-war ropes, foils, and even Main Derrick guys. The " Firms " as usual, continued to wield bars of Pussers Soap to advantage.

All play and no work, makes " Joe " a frivolous youth, therefore we might say that extensive preparations were carried out for the 15in. and 6in. Competitive Firings of 1926, in order to place the ship as far up the list as possible.

A few days were spent at the pretty little town of Vigo, in order to test the specific gravity of the Malaga, and to take out backlash, and then on to the famous Rock, where exclusive of a few days round at Catalan Bay for the firings, and the entertainment of our soldier

friends, we were secured to the South Mole for a month.

The results of our combined efforts are given under their various headings. The great thing to be done now, is to keep things going, and maintain our position in the ship.

GUNNERY.

15in. Full Calibre Competitive Shoot, 6 rounds per Gun. Inter-Turret Shield. "X" Turret, Royal Marines.

Average Loading Time for the Turret was 22-4 secs.

6in. Calibre Competitive Shoot, 12 rounds per Gun. Battery Shield. Port Battery, 4 R.M. Guns.

FOOTBALL.

R.M. Battle Squadron Competition—" Revenge."

Semi-Final—" Revenge " *v.* " Royal Oak," won 2—1 (Baxter, McCormick).

Final—" Revenge " *v.* " Resolution," won 4—1 (Golbourne, Ford, Wood, McCormick).

A team consisting chiefly of Royal Marines took on the Buffs at Bayonets, and beat them 11 fights—5 fights.

BOXING.

The 2nd B.S. Boxing Competition took place at Gibraltar on 11th, 12th and 13th February. There were six marines entered in the Ship's Team :—Godkin and Taylor, *Lights* ; Harris, *Welter* ; Bunce, *Middle* ; LeGassick, *Light-Heavy* ; Walker, *Heavy*.

Unfortunately, three were unable to fight, Harris and Walker being on the sick list and Taylor failing to scale his weight. Marines Cox and Cole did good work training the team.

The Ship did well in retaining the B.S. Cup, leading the " Royal Sovereign " in the aggregate by the narrow margin of three points. Godkin won his weight ; Bunce gave A.B. Foster a good fight in the final, losing on points ; LeGassick made his debut against Duncan of the " Furious," and put up a very good show before being knocked out in the second round.

The Fleet Championships took place on 18th and 19ht February. Both Godkin and Bunce won runners-up Cups, the former losing on points to A.B. Slazor, after an even strenuous bout, and the latter again losing to A.B. Foster whom he extended.

" **Royal Sovereign.**"

This month has been an extremely energetic one from the point of view of sport.

The tournament was held prior to leaving Gibraltar, and the Detachment did a great deal towards helping the ship to secure second place in the boxing. Lieut. Westcott and Mnes. W. Smith, Booth and Turner all put up very good fights.

The Bayonet team drew with the " Resolution " in the first round, but had the bad luck to be beaten through the leader losing to the leader of the " Resolution's " team.

The Tug-of-War teams though not very successful made a very determined effort.

Lieut. Westcott represented the Detachment in Sabres, Foils and Epee.

The interest of everyone is now centred on the forthcoming regatta. The crews have been away together several times and are settling down well.

" **Ramillies.**"

Our first stay at Gibraltar drawn to a close, we embark on a fresh episode, not without its thrills. Assuming " war " is declared, and the " enemy " located, we steam toward the objective under splendid weather conditions. To the uninitiated, nothing untoward has happened until one observes the " enemy " planes swoop down like flies, announcing the " deadly battle " raging. The " battle " over, two combined fleets now very close friends, plough their way along, until the whole come to an anchorage in Palmas Bay, Sardinia. Thus we link for a while.

With the Mediterranean Fleet, the R.M. " soccer star " is in the ascendant, remaining on top with a further gain of four points. This leaves us with one more game to play in the Inter-Part League. Rather adverse luck awaited us in the Squadron Cup match, with the " Royal Oak." Two of the three goals against us were scored from penalties. This naturally upset the moral of the team. However, Musn. Nightingale, Mnes. Burke, Watson and Densham showed fine form, the team generally putting up a good display.

In the Inter-Squadron, individual bayonet competition, Mne. Ellis took second place.

The ship ended second in the Fleet Boxing Competition thanks to the fine show from the Gunroom Officers.

The Ward Room Officers added yet another cup to this years collection by winning the Officers' Hockey.

A keen Band Competition ended in our band, under B.M. H. W. Burrans winning the Band Shield.

Leaving sport for a while, we will speak of efficiency at work. The results of the fifteen-inch, and the six-inch competitive firing are now made known, and it is very satisfactory. The " Ramillies " won the six-inch trophy, and were a good second in the fifteen-inch. The Royal Marines were represented in each :—P VI. share prize money, and are credited with not having lost a salvo. " X " Turret share the prize money for the fifteen-inch shoot, and also credited with not having lost a salvo.

Returning to sport, last but not least comes the Inter-Squadron, and Fleet Tug-of-War. The Royal Marines made up a light and heavy team from fourteen men. These won the light and heavy Royal Marines Championships, and were runners-up for the Inter-Services Light and Heavy Championships. It is a great handicap to take six men from a light team to make up a heavy team, and give away weight. Our teams were eighteen pounds under in the lights, and eleven stone two pounds under in the heavies. Hence, when the time arrived to pull the seamen of our own ship, in the Inter-Services Competition, most of the light-weights were suffering from abrasions incurred with the rope in our previous hard encounters. H.M.S. " Caledon " gave us a pull in the Marines finals of the lights lasting ten minutes twenty-eight seconds.

Our naval opponents were aware of the strategy in pulling off the lights first, and with the splendid exhibition in the Inter-Services Final, it is generally agreed, had we (the Marines), had a chance of pulling the heavies first, one at least of the cups would be ours. Probably it is an unique record to have the four winning teams in the same ship, and we hope it may be repeated.

We may now settle down to some boat work, and trust to our R.M. Cutters Crew to do credit to the " Ramillies," as well as uphold the natural trait of *esprit de corps*.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Iron Duke "

It is regretted that up to the present this ship has not contributed any news to the " G. & L.", but the following brief resumé of the commission may be of interest.

The record of team and individual successes of the Detachment is a very good one. In the first year the detachment was a very strong combination to deal with, and won the Football, Swimming, Marathon, Sports, Miniature Rifle and Boxing. After all these wins it was decided that the R.M. should put in two teams for all " Inter-part " contests, one for Starboard and one for Port Watch. The Detachment still continued to do well, but unfortunately lost the Football and Swimming Shields, the Port and Starboard watch being 2nd respectively in each. In Swimming, Corpl. Brewer won the Mile, Half-Mile, and was 2nd in the Squadron Mile. He also played Water Polo for the Navy against the Greeks at Salonika. He holds the Award of Merit for life saving.

The Boxing Trophy was won by the Port Watch, R.M. Novices only being allowed to enter, and these were well trained by A/Corpl. Bates, well-known on the Station. Mnes. Woodruffe and Denyer have also won fights on the Station, and Mne. Ross won the Heavyweight in the Fleet Championships.

As regards the athletics, Capt. Sparrow, Mnes Paice, Mills and Toms have all done well for the Detachment.

Capt. Sparrow was 1st in the Battleship Mile, 1st. Med. Fleet Mile Championsip, 1st, Med. Fleet ½-mile Championship, 1st at Athens Stadium 1500 metres *v.* Greek Navy ; Mne. Paice was in the winning Relay team and Mne. Mills in the 2nd ; Mne. Toms 2nd in the 100 yards, losing to that well-known runner, R.P.O. Sawkins ; Mne. Paice won the 440 yards open to all Units and Civilians at the " La Valetta " Sports last year.

At football, Corpl. Stenning and Mne. F. G. Mills both play for the ship, and last season also played for the Fleet R.M. XI.

The Miniature Rifle Cup was won by the Port Watch under R.M.G. Sparks, the Starboard Watch, under Lieut. Garrett being 2nd. Sgt. Fuller made the highest score, 139 out of 145, and received a Ship's Medal.

Clr.-Sergt. Ridding, Sergt. Fuller, Mne. Mills (and Sgt. Webb before he left the ship) have represented the Ship in all Fleet Revolver and Rifle matches. Clr.-Sgt. Ridding has won the Fleet Revolver Championship for two years in succession, and Sergt. Fuller the Malta Command Rifle Meeting Open Prize, with top score, two years running. These two N.C.O.'s and Mne. Mills shot for the Navy against the Greeks at Volo, and received Certificates of Merit, unfortunately written in Greek. They have also won many individual prizes whilst in the Ship.

The R.M. Field Guns Crew trained by Sergt. Clements, won the Open Field Gnu Competition in the Fleet Sports last year. They had trained very hard and most deservedly won.

In Fleet Regattas the Band Whaler has won two years running, and the Marines' Whaler 2nd, twice running. At Gibraltar in 1924, the Civilian Rowing Club offered a prize for open whalers. The Marines' Whaler represented the Ship in the Final against all-comers, and won, the " Wild Swan " being second.

Marines have taken part in all Ship' Company Concerts and Shows, and Capt. Sparrow as Author, Producer, etc., has put on three big theatrical successes :—April, 1924, " Peggy O'Neil " ; March, 1925—" Molly Kennedy " ; December, 1925—" Irene Duke."

In all these shows about 50% of the personnel has come from the Detachment, who at various times have taken almost every part in the acting, production, management, etc., from " Leading Lady " to the more humble but necessary scene-shifter.

They have all been very successful, and as a result of the last, " Irene Duke," £100 was given to the " M. 1 " Fund.

The Band have always produced a good percentage of entries for all inter-part events, and have, of course, provided all the music for the theatrical shows and concerts.

From a service point of view, this ship won the C.-in-C.'s Cup for firing, " Q " Turret, manned by Marines naturally taking their part. The Detachment has been lucky in getting through the range at Ghain Tuffieha three times during the commission, always a very welcome break from Ship Routine. Mne. Mabbitt in the Lewis Gunners Course this year, put up a record for the Station, making 251.

In April last year, the Detachment took part in the big Combined (Navy, Army, and Air Force) Manoeuvres, which took place not 100 miles from Valletta.

A miniature " Jutland " is another " attraction " which has just taken place. Every form of armament from Lewis Gnns to 13.5in. coming into action more or less at the same time. As the Gunnery Officer pointed out, it was an experience that will probably not occur again for at least 20 years (in peace time)—each 13.5in. turret firing 42 rounds full charge during the action.

This Squadron is leaving the Station after the Spring Manoeuvres and returning to England.

" Cardiff."

The most important event during the month was the Cruisers Marathon, which took place at Malta on the 19th February, and the " Diff " was again successful, for the third time in succession. I might add greatly to the surprise of the remainder of the cruisers, who thought we were " easy " observing we had only been four months in commission. The detachment provided their quota, not only in runners but cheering parties as well. The following " Royals " were in the team and gave a remarkably good display :—Mnes. Lever, Ide, Picken, Cooper, Corpl. Mansfield, Mnes. Davis and Jackson. Mne. Lever is to be congratulated on coming in eighth. Cheering parties nobly headed by " Septimus, Cabby and Ginger " made more than their share of noise. In spite of careful lubricating, dryness of the throat could not be avoided. By the way, who was the Drum Major leading the band returning to the boats ? Is it true the barrack authorities have their eyes on him ?

Football has been a most unlucky game for us of late, for after defeating the " Coventry " 4—0 in the first round of the R.M. Cruisers Cup, we lost 1—0 to the " EE's " (" Ceres ") in the next round. Whereas in the first mentioned game our forwards were more than

up to standard, in the latter game they were distinctly "off." May we be allowed to wish the "EE's" the best of luck in the final, and may they bring the Cup to the 3rd C.S. In the inter-part competition we have played one and won one since last time of writing.

A miniature shooting match between the Ship's team and Curacoa took place on board the latter at Palmas Bay, and although the honours went to the Curacoa, our team are to be congratulated on putting up such a good show against such formidable opponents. The following R.M.'s were in the team :—Clr.-Sgt. Hancock, Corpl. Edwards and Mne. Rice, According to the remarks heard on the Mess deck several "dark horses" will be given their places in the team for the next match, so all is NOT lost. Mentioning the "Curacoa" reminds one we have the Atlantic Fleet with us, and although we were delighted to see them, who would suggest our feelings were not reciprocated. Gunnery has been the prevailing note during their visit, and all the "Staff" are more than busy. The little box of grey matter has been whipped into a froth on more than one occasion, and one cannot help but notice what fatigue this leaves. Having been at sea for several days, I am glad to report that the canteen has still a good stock of chocolates and bootlaces. This shows foresight on the part of the N.A.A.F.I. and is worthy of great praise. Some of our readers may be interested in gardening, so the following note should not be amiss, for, to quote "Tanky" :—"In the Spring, etc., etc."

Now is the best time to lift bulbs, nip over the fence after dark (not darken ship, don't be confused) and good luck to you.

As ye rip so shall ye sew.

"**Danae.**"

Early in February, most of us experienced some "Per Terram," by way of undergoing a small Arms Course at Ghain Tuffieha, a very pleasant change, thereby avoiding the discomforts of Docking.

On arrival at the range, we found the Emperor of India's Detachment in partial occupation. They very kindly gave us a concert that night.

A week or so later we gave a concert to the E. of I's Detachment ; being "financially in barracks" we had to resort to tapping the Detachment Sports (!) Fund in order to supply refreshments. The following day we played them at football, winning 2—1 in a good game.

Considering the short period of the Course, our average points of 131 are none too bad ; Marine Gisby did very well in obtaining 181 points. Of revolver, the least said the better !

On conclusion of the Course, we carried out a Field Firing Practice in the nature of an attack, and were to have been honoured with the presence of H.E. the Governor, and the Commander-in-Chief, but they were unavoidably absent ; the F.R.M.O. Major Barnby, commented favourably on our efforts.

We sailed from Malta on the 24th with other units of the Fleet, for the combined fleet exercises, and are at present lying at anchor in Palmas Bay, Sardinia.

The fleets disperse after Pollenza, and "Danae" will then visit Palermo, in Sicily, for about 10 days, returning to Malta about 25th March.

CHINA.

The following copies of letters with regard to the R.M Detachments of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and H.M.S. "Tamar" have been received from the S.O.R.M., China.

H.M.S. "Despatch,"
Hankow.
2nd July, 1925.

The Marines from H.M.S. "Hawkins" left Hankow by the "City of Corinth" to-day.

I would like to be allowed to place on record my appreciation of their exemplary conduct and the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties whilst under my orders.

Their accommodation and victualling arrangements were necessarily only of a temporary nature, which entailed a certain amount of discomfort under trying climatic conditions. The men accepted them without complaint and invariably carried out their duties in a manner which was a credit to the Corps and ship to which they belong. I have much pleasure in bringing these facts to your notice.

(Sd.) R. C. Davenport,
Captain, R.N.

The Commanding Officer,
H.M.S. "Hawkins."

H.B.M. Consulate-General,
Canton.
23rd Dec., 1925.

Sir,

On the occasion of the withdrawal of the Detachment of Royal Marines, which has been detailed for Service on Shameen during the last three months, I wish to avail myself of the opportunity to convey to you, on behalf of the community and myself, together with an expression of thanks, our warm appreciation of the way in which in the matter of conduct and discipline, they have maintained the high traditions of the Corps to which they belong.

2. I have the honour, in this connection, to bring to your notice more particularly the efficiency and tact displayed by their Commanding Officer, Capt. R. H. West, M.C., in the discharge of all duties entrusted to him.

I have the honour, to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sd.) T. Jamieson,
Consul-General

Vice-Adml. Sir E. Alexander-Sinclair, K.C.B.,
Commander-in-Chief,
China Station.

H.M.S. "Tarantula,"
Canton,
24th December, 1925.

Dear Commodore Stirling,

I am writing to tell you what a great pleasure it has been to serve in company with Capt. West and H.M.S. "Tamar's" Royal Marines.

2. In uncomfortable circumstances, their behaviour has been exemplary and their cheerfulness unshaken. All sorts of jobs have fallen to their lot and they have

performed them all and entered into both the work and the play of the community with equal zest.

3. I hope you will tell them on behalf of the Officers and men of the Flotilla how much we appreciated their co-operation and how sorry we are to lose them.

4. We wish them all the best of luck.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) J. U. P. FITZGERALD,
Commander.

S.N.O. West River.

"Tamar."

A very pleasant day was spent at Stonecutters with the R.M.O.C.A., South China branch. The latter is flourishing and the objects of the Association are always foremost in their minds. The annual dinner was held at Hong Kong on 23rd January. We were very unfortunate in not having the F.R.M.O. present. In his absence the chair was taken by Captain R. G. Sturges, who in a bright and breezy speech related the progress made and set forth the objects of the Association. This speech was ably backed up by Comrades Frith and Kent, who have both done much to ensure the success of the local branch. All serving R.M. Officers with their respective senior N.C.O.'s were present.

Some amusing stories were told by these "Old Soldiers," but they were usually capped by stories told by the "Very Old Soldiers," *i.e.*, Comrades Grimmett, Clarke and Co. The former, incidentally, is a teetotaller. He enjoyed drinking the health of our Colonel-in-Chief so, however, that we have reason to believe he came off the "wagon" for his special benefit, which after all is quite right for one so loyal.

Among the other guests present we noticed Mr. Bird of the Hong Kong Volunteers, who as you all know is closely connected with the Corps, and also Lt.-Comdr. Ollerhead, R.N. The latter amused us by telling some stories which were greatly appreciated by all. This one he states, is perfectly true :—

"At Scapa Flow during the war, in H.M.S. ——

The Quartermaster piped "Liberty men fall in." The Sergt.-Major musters the R.M.'s and reports to the O.O.W., a newly-joined R.N.R. Officer, "R.M. Liberty men present, Sir." The O.O.W. duly inspects them and then calls the Sergt. Major on one side saying, "Sergt.-Major, get your men into the rig of the day." The Sergt.-Major goes back and has a look at them and again reports to the O.O.W. "They are in the rig of the day, Sir," to which he receives the following reply, "I tell you they are not, some have got a thick stripe on their trousers and others only a thin one !"

The evening eventually broke up at midnight with the singing of "The King." From reports received the next day we have reason to believe that certain members did *not* go straight to bed.

At present all detachments are busy practising for the annual rifle meeting and the "Active Service" and "Peking" Cups. The meeting is usually held at Wei Hei Wei, but owing to the unrest during last summer, it is to be held at Stonecutters on 15th February. This is the first time the R.M.'s of H.M.S. "Tamar" have had a chance of competing, as they always refuse to let us go to Wei Hei Wei, so we hope to be able to show other ships that although we do live in a "Noah's Ark," we are still able to march and shoot with our rifles and Lewis guns.

"Concord."

Since last month's instalment, nothing of any importance has occurred. Up to the time of our departure from Chefoo, we had the same cold weather and snow squalls, with an average temperature of 20° F.

We were unfortunate in having our Xmas mail delayed by an act of piracy. The pirates, who were shipped as passengers, held up the ship when 200 miles south of Wei Hai Wei. They shot the Captain, and compelled the officers and crew to take the ship to Bass Bay, outside Hong Kong, which is over two days' steaming. Within 10 minutes of their arrival at Bass Bay, the pirates had disembarked with their loot, and disappeared. No Europeans were interfered with, and as our mail was left intact and forwarded later, we lost nothing by it.

Two tea-concerts, given by the residents of Chefoo to "Concord" and U.S.S. "MacLeish," were very successful and much appreciated.

On the 11th January we sailed for Wei Hai Wei to oil and await the Durban. We had a wonderful send-off from Chefoo. The U.S.S. "Pillsbury," which relieved "MacLeish," and a Japanese destroyer cleared lower deck and cheered us out ; whilst the residents lined the cliffs and sea front, following the Chinese custom of ensuring a safe passage from devils, by letting off hundreds of crackers.

Leaving Wei Hai Wei on Jan. 14th, we had a very smooth trip to Hong Kong, where we arrived on the 18th, doing a steam trial *en route*.

We have at last received official news of the long delayed "Vindictive." We had almost begun to look upon her as a "Phantom Ship," but all these ideas have now been dispelled by the knowledge that she will *probably* arrive at Hong Kong on Feb. 22nd, 1926. Of course, she is not here yet.

Whilst at Wei Hai Wei we heard of the untimely death of Sergt. Robinson of H.M.S. "Durban." The detachment of this ship joined in extending their deepest sympathy to his relatives.

"Yarmouth" and "Calliope" arrived here on January 31st, with relief crews for "Tamar" and "Hawkins."

Trouble was expected ashore on the Chinese New Year, Feb. 13th, so on Feb. 6th a battalion of seamen and marines landed for a demonstration march through Hong Kong. On the following Monday, the Detachment went to Stonecutters for the annual Weapon Training Course, returning to the ship on the 20th. The average score for the 28 all ranks who did the course was 136.6. Sergt. Montgomery again headed the list with 181 points.

In the shoots for the Peking Cup we are in the "also rans," but in the Active Service Cup we are only 10 points below the top score, made by "Titania," and have still another opportunity.

The "Vindictive" is due to arrive here on the 22nd, and we sail for England on the 26th, so our time is getting very short.

One of our number, Mne. Tuck, has obtained his discharge, and is joining the Hong Kong Dockyard Police.

In January's G. and L., "Delhi" says that she has obtained three hits against "Agamennon," thus holding the record of the Medium Fleet for a single ship shoot. I venture to contradict this statement. When Concord" did her shoot against "Agamemnon" in October, 1924, she obtained 6 or more hits as our records show. So "Delhi" will have to steam some yet to beat us.

N.A. & W.I.

H.M.S. "CAPETOWN."

WINNERS BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP AND ERSKINE BOWL



Back row.—Mnes. Pengelley, Watkins, Baker, Renny.
Front.—Lt.-Comdr. Preedy, Capt. G. H. Knowles, D.S.O., Lt. Fearn, Corpl. Clowes.

EAST INDIES

"Effingham."

Leaving Rangoon on the 18th January, we arrived at Port Blair on the 19th. Here the majority of our time was taken up practising for the Naval and Military Tournament at Madras.

We left Port Blair on the 25th and arrived at Madras on the 28th and went alongside, the "Cairo" having joined us early in the morning of the 28th. Unfortunately owing to the swell in the harbour we had to shift to two buoys next morning.

As the Naval and Military Tournament started on the 9th we had not got much time to spare. Our time therefore was taken up practising for various athletic contests and also for a Pageant called King George's Men,in which the Royal Marines were represented by Lieut. Deane and 20 file from H.M.S. "Effingham" and H.M.S. "Cairo."

On Sunday, the 7th, we pulled off the Finals of the Naval Tug-of-War in which the R.M. Heavy-weight Team of the Effingham defeated the R.N. Team by 2—0. Our Light-weight Team was defeated by the R.N. Team by 2—1.

As the Army were competing for their Challenge Cup we were not allowed to enter a Tug-of-War team so we challenged the winners of the Army, who were the Royal Artillery, and defeated them 2—0.

As regards the Bayonet Combat Team we were unable to enter a team for the same reason as the Tug-of-War, so the B Combat Team of H.M.S. "Effingham" challenged the 2nd Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers the winners of the Army, whom they defeated by 5—3. The following R.M.'s were in the team:—Corpls. Docherty and Mansbridge, Mnes. Kerman, Mann, Jarvis and Corbyn.

Both in the Bayonet Combat and the Tug-of-War, the Tournament Authorities very kindly presented the winners with a Silver Cup and Medals.

At the close of the Tournament, the Tournament Committee kindly presented a Cup to the Royal Marines of the Squadron. It has not yet been decided what form of competition shall take place for the Cup.

We left Madras on the 16th for Trinco, where we are going for Gunnery and Torpedo.

NEW ZEALAND.

"Philomel."

SPORTS.

The Annual Sports were held before first Xmas leave commenced. These are held primarily for the benefit of the trainees as the ships company is really very small. Of those events at which members of the ships company took part, Corpl. Mealing did exceptionally well, securing two seconds and a first in the flat races and second in the Obstacle Race. Cricket is in full swing now, three members of the detachment being in the ship's team.

The friendly attitude shown by the newcomers succeeded in bringing to the fore an atmosphere of perfect harmony and zest for sport. A game of cricket took place on the Dockyard playing field between the marines of "Diomede" and "Philomel," which the "Diomede" detachment won by 169 against 113 runs, yet the discrepancy in size of the two detachments made the result creditable to both sides. A return match should be a close and exciting contest.

A "Diomede" *v.* "Philomel" water polo match took place in the dock on the following day, when the "Philomel" seven included the following named marines:—Corpl. Mealing, Mnes. Burgess, Bray and Connor, and Bugler Coles. The "Diomede" won easily by six goals to nil. The winning team commenced well when they beat the American Navy team, 4—0 at Honolulu, during the tour of the Diomede *en route* to New Zealand.

Since the addition to this team of Corpl. Heaton it has been considerably strengthened. Heaton was a great asset to the Auckland Swimming Team when they toured South Island last year, and he was a key man in the North *v.* South Island water polo match of that season.

The "Diomede" water polo team should rank with the best in the country, and it is to be hoped that scope for big achievements will be found for them.

GENERAL NEWS.

H.M.S. " Dunedin " arrived in Auckland from the official opening of the South Seas Exhibition early in December, and after a brief stay of a few days proceeded to the Hauraki Gulf outside the harbour to carry out her firing practices. She returned in ample time to allow every one to complete their arrangements for proceeding on Xmas leave. All are now back to the plough again.

Two more members of our detachment have " been and done it," making the number of marriages to date four, with more to follow. The detachments' wag has suggested the formation of a " Marriage Club " to which all might subscribe weekly, as he considers the loss of 8 or 9 pints too great a handicap at one hit as his share of subs. for wedding presents. His suggestion fell through lack of support.

The enclosed photograph was taken of R.M. detachment of " Philomel " and Marines of U.S. " New Mexico " on the occasion of the recent visit of the Amercan Fleet to New Zealand.



BRITISH AND AMERICAN MARINES ON BOARD H.M.S. " PHILOMEL."

New Zealand now has two sea-going cruisers and one depot training ship—the " Phillie," so together they constitute a complete little navy.

The Australian warships " Sydney," " Brisbane," and " Delhi " are expected here in the near future to participate in manoeuvres with the New Zealand Squadron plus " Veronica " and " Laburnum."

" **Diomede.**"

It was on the morning of the 15th of October, 1925, that the Royal Marine Detachment marched from Eastney Barracks to Portsmouth Dockyard to commission H.M.S. " Diomede." The strength of the Detachment is forty two, all are selected volunteers from the three Divisions, and it was a proud moment to feel that on that march we were being accompanied by both the brass and the fife and drum bands of the Portsmouth Division, the pleasing strains of which we shall unfortunately not hear again for three years.

The " Diomede " was in dockyard hands, but the days passed swiftly, until at last she was ready for sea ; the New Zealand jack was hoisted, and we were now prepared to join that Dominion which is doing so much in support of the Imperial Navy.

The ship was inspected by the High Commissioner of New Zealand, Lord Jellicoe and Admiral Sir Sidney Fremantle, and finally on the 21st of November we left Portsmouth for New Zealand It was a typical misty autumn morning, but many people had come down to the quay, or placed themselves at other places of vantage, to bid us a fond farewell. There was a great amount of work and drills that had to be done whilst at sea, as must be after newly commissioning, but the Azores were soon passed, and after an uneventful journey we arrived at Bermuda. The ship stopped here for two days only, but during that time an inter-port football match was played which resulted in a win for the Detachment by 8—3.

The next port of call was Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, and whilst there the ship's hockey team, in which the Detachment is so well represented, played a match against the West India Regiment, but unfortunately we lost. It was here one evening that the Sergeants' Mess of the Green Howards most generously entertained the P.O.'s and N.C.O.'s of the ship by giving a sing-song, during whith the Sergt.-Major of our Detachment, who is one of the main-stays of the Ship's Company Concert Party, was encored no less than six times. From Jamaica we went to Colon, and the following day we entered the Panama Canal.

The next stop was at San Pedro where we met the American Pacific Fleet, consisting of about nine battleships, who entertained us most hospitably ; on two occasions large parties from the ship were taken from Los Angeles to Hollywood to watch the production of the cinema films.

We were at San Pedro for five days, and left there on the 24th of December. The next day being Christmas Day was spent in much the usual manner afloat ; in the evening a fancy dress dance was held, at the conclusion of which the Detachment won three out of the four prizes for the best fancy dresses.

After being at sea for seven days we arrived at Honolulu, where a most enjoyable week was spent in an ideal climate ; every form of amusement was offered to us, including long motor runs into the country and surf-riding at the famous Waikiki beach. The Governor, who is an American General, came on board one forenoon, and after having inspected the Guard, congratulated us upon our smart and fine appearance. Whilst at Honolulu we had two rifle matches against local teams, but lost owing to the Amercan teams only being able to use aperture sights ; after the match an exchange of rifles took place, and Sergt. A. R. J. Howard, who is one of our team, made a possible at 200 yards rapid. He had previously obtained a possible with his own rifle. The day after leaving Honolulu we stopped for a few hours at the island of Hawaii, where a working party was sent ashore to repair the monument of Captain Cook, the re-discoverer of the islands, who was murdered on that spot by natives. Four days out from here we crossed the line : Neptune arrived on board in all his pomp and glory, and during the ceremony which followed, the Detachment provided the Barber (Sergt. Hallahan), the Barber's Assistant (Sergt. Howard) and the Maid of Honour (Corpl. Harris) all of whom performed their duties most admirably.

It was not long before we arrived at Suva, the capital of Fiji ; two days were spent here, and finally after a most enjoyable and interesting journey of 13,940 miles we dropped anchor in the harbour of Auckland (New Zealand.)

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

On March 11th, H.M. the King inspected the Royal Engineers, of which corps he is Colonel-in-Chief.

He was received at Chatham station by a Royal Marine Guard of Honour under the command of Capt. Reading. The other officer of the guard was Lieut. Fell. Lieut. Nonweiler carried the King's Colour. His Majesty inspected the Guard and congratulated Capt. Reading on their appearance. He remarked that the last time he inspected Royal Marines was prior to the departure of the 4th Battalion for Zeebrugge.

Colonel Commandant Morgan and Major Sandilands had the honour of being presented to His Majesty.

On the 16th March, an unofficial visit was paid to the Division by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, prior to their attending the launch of H.M.S. "Kent." The Divisional Band played before and during the launch.

Last month, Mr. C. Williams, professional billiard player, played Mnes. Botting and Basten 400 up, conceding 200 in each case. Both games resulted in a win for Mr. Williams. Later Mr. Williams gave an amusing and instructive display.

The results of the Divisional Billiard Championship matches played on the 16th March were as follows —: Q.M.S. Scott 250, Colonel-Comdt. Morgan 217 ; Sergt. Walker 250, Schoolmaster Farmer 214.

SERGEANTS' MESS SMOKING CONCERT.

A well attended Smoking Concert was held in the Mess on Friday, 5th March. The arrangements were in the hands of the Games President (Q.M.S. Pawley) and members of the Games Committee. A local Concert Party were engaged and the items were very much appreciated by those present.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.

The usual monthly Whist Drive and Dance was held on the 12th March. The prize winners being as follows :

LADIES.—1, Mrs. R. Spicer ; 2, Mrs. Mason ; 3, Mrs. Newbold ; Booby, Miss Warwick.

GENTS.—1, Mrs. Tailby (playing as Gent) ; 2, Sergt. Pitt ; 3, Mrs. Foster (playing as Gent) ; Booby, Sergt. Warwick.

At the conclusion the prizes were presented by Mrs. F. A. Freeman (wife of the Mess President). Music was provided by Mr. E. Fry's celebrated Jazz Orchestra,

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT DANCE.

A long dance was held on the 17th of "Ould Ireland" commencing at 8 p.m. Owing to various other dances being held in the district, the attendance did not come up to expectations, but a very enjoyable time was spent. The duties of M.C. were very ably carried out by Sergt. Hartree.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOT.

On Wednesday, 16th March, a Shoot was held in the new Miniature Range, Melville Barracks between members of the Gillingham Division, Kent County Constabulary and members of the Sergeants' Mess. The teams and scores were as follows :—

GILLINGHAM POLICE.		SERGEANTS' MESS.	
P.C. Moore	95	Clr.-Sergt. Collins	95
P.C. Pullen	96	Clr.-Sergt. Barnshaw	93
P.C. Goodgame	91	Clr.-Sergt. McColl	94
P.C. Jackson	93	Sergt. Elliott	84
P.C. Hucker	88	Sergt. Chebnery	94
Sergt. Whitehead	89	Clr.-Sergt. Smith	91
P.C. Conway	84	Q.M.S.I. Bonnett	95
Insp. Chittenden	90	Sergt. Lynham	89
	726		735

After the Shoot, a very enjoyable evening was spent in the Mess, a series of card and table games being played.

JUNIOR N.C.O.'s.

The Junior N.C.O.'s from the Depot Battalion of Royal Engineers were entertained by the Junior N.C.O.'s R.M., in a series of games, after which followed a Smoking Concert. The R.E.'s were the victors by five points to three. Great praise is due to Corpl. Millar for the organisation of games and also to Corpl. Hayman for the efficient manner in which he presided as chairman. Songs were rendered by Corpls. Millar, Smith, Bishop, Alltimes, Young and Corpl. Hayman.

On Tuesday, March 9th, the Sergants' Mess paid their return visit to the Junior N.C.O.'s in a series of games, the result ending in a draw 9—9. A fine concert followed which was opened by Corpl Alltimes, who sung "I'm not all there." Other songs were rendered by Corpls. Millar, Bishop, Rootess. Sergts. Ashton, Day and Jordan ; the star turn being Corpl. Hayman, who gave some wonderful impersonations, followed by a drama entitled "The Squire's Daughter."

A speech was then given by Corpl. Millar and Q.M.S. Freeman, after which "The King" was sung, thus concluding the evening's programme.

RECREATION ROOM.

INDOOR GAMES RESULTS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

13th Whist Drive—	1st Prize	15/-	..	Mne. F. L. Hale
	2nd ,,	10/-	..	Mne. W. A. Sullens
	3rd ,,	5/-	..	Mne. A. H. Hayward
14th Whist Drive—	1st ,,	15/-	..	Mne. A. Ponting
	2nd ,,	10/-	..	Mne. A. O. Barrow
	3rd ,,	5/-	..	Mne. A. C. Seymour
Billiards—	1st ,,	8/-	..	Mne. C. Botting
	2nd ,,	6/-	..	Mne. W. C. Moss
Snooker	1st ,,	7/-	..	Mne. W. C. Moss
	2nd ,,	4/-	..	Mne. C. Botting
Cribb ..	1st ,,	10/-	..	Mne. S. V. Homewood
	2nd ,,	6/-	..	Mne. E. W. Jones
Bezique ..	1st ,,	7/-	..	Mne. S. Saberton
	2nd ,,	4/-	..	Mne. F. Fry
Draughts ..	1st ,,	5/-	..	Mne. J. L. Haslett
	2nd ,,	3/-	..	Mne. W. H. Tabner

PORTSMOUTH

The Command Tournament (Portsmouth and Plymouth) was held at Portmouth on 16th March. The results of this and of the Unit Tournament are given in the Sports column.

JUNIOR N.C.O.'s CLUB.

During the past month the Entertainment Committee have run the usual weekly social function, Dance and Whist Drive on alternate Wednesdays, very successfully. These functions continue to be very popular and are well patronised.

The Club is unfortunate to lose the services this month of their very able Secretary, Corpl. Harris, who is about to embark in H.M.S. "Warspite." Corpl. Harris has filled the office of Secretary since the New Club's inception, and the members have been well served by him. All members wish him good luck on his departure. Corpl. Knibbs has been elected as successor, so the Club will continue to be well served.

Another loss to the Club is the vacating of the Stewardship by Corpl. Baxter, who is also embarking in H.M.S. "Warspite." Corpl. Baxter has proved himself a most popular Steward, and he will be missed by all members. Corpl. Boniface has been elected to serve in his stead by a large majority of votes at the March General Meeting.

At the March General Meeting, a proposition to hold an Invitation Ball, subject to the Colonel-Commandant's approval, was carried unanimously. The Ball is to be held in the Gymnasium, and the Colonel-Commandant, Officers of the Division, Officers of the R.N. School of Music, and their friends are to be invited. As the details of organisation of this affair are in the hands of a very live Committtee there is little doubt that a very successful Ball will be the result. The date is 23rd April. Junior N.C.O.'s serving in ships in the port are cordially invited.

CANTEEN WHIST DRIVES.

Prize winners of No. 25 Whist Drive, held on 22nd Feb., 1926. 170 persons seated.

LADIES.—1st, Mrs. Clarke ; 2nd, Mrs. Platt ; 3rd, Mrs. Beddenham ; Highest 1st half, Mrs. McKnight ; Highest 2nd half, Mrs. Matthews ; Catch Prize, Mrs. F. Clarke ; Catch Prize, Mrs. Larcombe.

GENTS.—1st, Mne. Moore ; 2nd, Mr. Larcombe ; 3rd, Mne. Pilgrim ; Highest 1st half, Mr. Bassett ; Highest 2nd half, Mrs. Woods (playing as Gent) ; Catch Prize, Musn. Gobby ; Catch Prize, Mne. Gray.

Prize winners of No. 26 Whist Drive held on 1st March, 1926. 113 persons seated.

LADIES.—1st, Mrs. Barrett,; 2nd, Mrs. White ; 3rd, Mrs. Wilson, Highest 1st half, Miss Button ; Catch Prize, Mrs. Areley.

GENTS.—1st, Mr. Welcome ; 2nd, Mne. Moore ; 3rd, Mrs. Wright, (playing as Gent) ; Highest 1st half, Mne. Vasher,; Catch Prize Mne. Dunkenson.

"Laugh and grow fat" is our universal motto. Can you imagine a pessimist with a *double* chin ? It is the "chin-chin" man who views life through a glass brightly.

PLYMOUTH.

The work of renovating the Sergeants' Mess has now been completed, and reflects great credit on the various departments of H.M. Dockyard.

Members of that Mess who are serving away from the Division will be glad to hear that the premises are wonderfully improved. The new ceiling reflection lights are also a great improvement and add much to the general appearance of the Mess, which is now more than ever a source of just pride to all its members.

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Steps have at last been taken to abolish the dangerous corner near the Sea Gate. Traffic from no less than five different directions converges at this point. The high barrack wall has been demolished for a considerable distance in rear of the Staff Sergeants' cottages, and is being rebuilt by the borough authorities to a curve, thus reducing as far as possible the chances of collisions and accidents in this vicinity.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

During the three days stay of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty at Portsmouth, a Band from the School had the honour of playing for them on two occasions aboard H.M. Yacht "Enchantress." They provided a programme for dinner on the Monday and tea on Tuesday, and were under the baton of Bandmaster (W.O), Arthur Pragnell, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M.

Their Lordships visited the School on Wednesday afternoon, the 17th February, and on account of the inclement weather, the full programme could not be carried out. The rendering of "Madame Butterfly," which was given by the Orchestra in the Concert Hall, was greatly appreciated by them.

A series of concerts have been given during the winter season by the R.M. Band at the R.N. Barracks, Chatham, under the conductorship of Bandmaster 1st Class E. J. M. Watson, L.R.A.M., who is to be congratulated on the high class entertainment he supplies to the public of Chatham. We are pleased to note that the School will be represented at Wembley on the occasion of the F.A. Cup Final by the R.M. Band from R.N. Barracks, Chatham, who are combining with the R.M. Divisional Band, Chatham.

The N.C.O.'s Social Club held another Carnival Dance during the month, which was attended by a large gathering of members and friends. The evening's entertainment was very much enjoyed, the usual novelties were distributed and the carnival spirit prevailed until the early hours of the morning, when the company dispersed to the various destinations well satisfied with their evenings enjoyment.

OVERHEARD IN THE CONCERT HALL.

1st Musician.—Have you heard the rumour there is to be a big reduction in the R.M. Band Service in August.

2nd Musician.—No !

1st Musician.—Yes ! (Corpl. Hickey leaves on pension) (20 stone).

2nd Musician.—? — ? — ? — ?

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

WINNERS OF TROTMAN CUP, 1926. "A" COMPANY.



(Photo by J. Lewis, Devonport.)

Standing (Back row).—Mnes. Robertson, Kempton, Mitchell, Berryman, Saunders, Cole, Floyd, Kaye and White.
Standing (Middle row).—Mnes. Rice, Cooper, Granger, Broom, Hadley, Walker, Davies, Berry, Granger, Penny, Ashcroft, Blackman, Porter, Bolger, McDonald, Brown, and Weymouth.
Sitting (Front row).—Mnes. Siddons and Challice; Sergt. Clarke; Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O.; C.S.M. J. W. Taylor; Lieut. C. M. G. Luxmoore; Corpl. Hallett; Mnes. Evans and West.

THE ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

CHINA.

A pleasant Sunday, 10th January, in ideal weather (except perhaps for the wind) was spent by the R.M. O.C.A. at Stonecutters.

The twelve ex-Royals assisted by the President and Chairman took on the serving R.M. Officers and Sergts. at Hong Kong, at rifle shooting, the latter being limited to 10 only, last eight to count.

The conditions were—

200 yds.	2 S.S.	10 rounds.
300 yds.	2 S.S.	10 rouds rapid, 45 secs.
500 yds.	2 S.S.	10 rounds.
500 yds.		10 rounds rapid, 1 minute.

The party arrived at 1150 (half an hour late, by the way as Comrade Grimmett had forgotten the "refreshments") and shot off the two and three hundred before tiffin. After an excellent tiffin washed down by "Bull's Eye Beer" and "Magpie Whiskey," the competition was completed, the serving troops winning by 66 points.

The final scores were as under :—

R.M.O.C.A.		R.M. Officers & Sergeants	
Comrade Grimmett ..	140	Sgt. Tugwell (Range Staff)	137
Comrade Clarke ..	130	C.-Sgt. Thorne (*Ambrose*) ..	135
Capt. Sturges	125	C.-Sgt. Spanner (*Tamar*) ..	134
Comrade Pussley ..	113	Sgt. Laughton (*Hermes*) ..	133
Comrade Frith ..	112	Sgt. Whittingham (R.S.) ..	131
Comrade West ..	111	Capt. Boultbee (*Hermes*) ..	117
Colonel Cantrell ..	107	Capt. West (*Tamar*) ..	113
Comrade Blackman ..	106	Sgt. Smith (*Titania*) ..	109
Comrade Pearce ..	104	C.-Sgt. Dillon (*Tamar*) ..	110
Comrade Beattie ..	101	Sgt. Walker (*Tamar*) ..	105
Mr. Clarke, Jnr. ..	88		
Comrade Baker ..	70		
Comrade Kent ..	60		
Total Best 8 ..	944	Total Best 8 ..	1010

The rifles were drawn for and in spite of a certain amount of incrimination between acting owners, they

all admitted that they could see through the bore and in all cases rifling was visible.

On completion of the rifle shooting, a cup was presented to Comrade Grimmett for being the winner, and a cup presented by Comrade Clarke for the best score made by anyone over 40 years of age—with their own age added—was won by himself ! Comrade Kent also gave a prize for the best score made by the young men still serving, which was won by Sergt. Tugwell.

The President in presenting the prizes said it gave him great pleasure to meet them all again and hoped for a repetition of the very pleasant afternoon.

He thanked the people concerned, especially our indefatigible Hon. Sec., Comrade C. E. Frith. After three cheers had been given for the " Very old soldiers," the party sat down to an excellent tea and refreshments kindly provided by the Chairman of the H.K. branch.

The prize winner, Comrade Grimmett, will be at home next summer and hopes to shake up the Depot ; he states that he experienced bathing at the Depot in October only to return to a breakfast of hot coffee. But then he is a very old soldier, entered long before these delectable days of General Messing, or even bathing costumes, with or without " picnic flaps."

GREENWICH BRANCH.

The Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, Greenwich Branch, held their General Meeting at their new quarters the " King William IV.," Trafalgar Road, Greenwich, on Monday, the 8th March. At the conclusion a dance took place, when a company of about 100 members and friends took part, the music being provided by the R.M.O.C.A. Orchestra specially augmented for the occasion by trombone and saxophone. Dancing was kept up till 11 p.m. One more social event was thus added to the success of the Association.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED up to 26th February, 1926.

ARTUS, H. ..	4501	Mne.	Ply.	1551	4-2-26
AUSTIN, A. E. ..	4916	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	2785	17-2-26
CHANNING, J. ..	13340	Mne.	Chat.	5176	21-2-26
COLE, R. T. ..	16640	Clr.-Sgt.	Ply.	3950	3-2-26
CREIGHTON, F. E.	15734	Sgt.	Chat.	4551	26-2-26
DRAPER, T. ..	6466	Mne.	Ports.	18320	3-2-26
GALLACHER, D.	7526	Mne.	Ply.	1353	21-2-26
GARRETT, J. ..	7592	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	1332	12-1-26
HASE, A. ..	13514	Mne.	Ports.	13514	20-2-26
JUST, E. ..	4611	Mne.	Depot	A.128	26-2-26
LANGDON, R. ..	5264	Mne.	Ply.	11517	17-2-26
MILLS, E. G. ..	15755	Sgt.	Ports.	4011	6-2-26
PRATT, J. ..	7942	Sgt.	Ply.	493	22-2-26
PROWSE, T. ..	8782	Mne.	Ply.	1512	13-2-26
REED, T. ..	6603	Mne.	Chat.	37 Co.	28-1-26
ROOKWOOD. H.F.	8486	Sgt.	Ports.	2770	6-2-26
SMITH, J. ..	14592	Mne.	Ply.	1036	7-2-26
SOBEY, J. ..	13774	Mne.	Ply.	689	13-2-26
YOUNGER, J. ..	637	Mne.	Ply.	35 Co.	19-2-26
WILKS, C. ..	17394	Pte.	Ply.	6650	7-2-26

Early in 1915, when we needed recruits, an Irishman offered his services, but after examination the Doctor told him that he was unfit, owing to insufficient teeth. Whereat Pat replied, " Shure, and Oi thowt it was to foight 'em, not boight 'em, ye wanted us."

ROYAL MARINES DINNER CLUB.

The Annual Dinner will take place at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, on Friday, 28th May. Cost of the Dinner, including Wines, 15s.

Members intending to dine should inform the Hon. Secretary, at 55 Whitehall, S.W.1, before 14th May. Seats can also be reserved by informing the Hon. Sec. before 26th May.

ROYAL MARINES DINNER CLUB BALANCE SHEET, 1925.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1924 ..	36	17	0½
8 Entrance Fees at 15s.	6	0	0
199 Subscriptions at 5s.	49	15	0
70 Dinner Fees at 10s. (one at 10s. 6d.)	35	0	6
For Cigarettes unused	0	10	0
Refund *Times* Advert.	0	5	0
nterest on Investments	27	16	8
	£156	4	2½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Hotel Victoria for 1925 Dinner ..	48	15	0
Cigars & Cigarettes ..	5	17	10
Menus	2	3	0
Gratuities at Dinner	5	5	0
Postage & Telegrams	1	10	6
Printing & Stationery	0	10	4½
Advertisements ..	2	15	0
Income Tax ..	2	0	6
Subscription overpaid returned ..	0	10	0
Dinner Fees returned	1	0	0
Bank Charge ..	0	1	0
Registrar's Fee, copy of Death Certif.	0	3	11½
Transfer of Inscribed Stock to new Trustees	1	10	0
Balance :			
Cash in Bank 81 1 5			
Petty Cash 2 16 7½			
Stamps 0 4 0			
	84	2	0½
	£156	4	2½

Assets.	£	s.	d.
£311 7s. 2d. Coosnls at 55 ..	171	4	7
£200 War Loan 1929/47 at 100⅜ ..	201	5	0
£200 L.C.C. Housing Bonds 5% at 99	198	0	0
£50 Conversion Loan at 95½ ..	47	15	0
Balance in hand Dec. 1925	84	2	0½
	£702	6	7½

Liabilities.

Nil

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) Geo. H. Littleton, Major, R.M.

(Signed) A. G. Little, Lt.-Col., Hon. Sec. R.M.D.C.

31st December, 1925.

MARRIAGES.

Mealing-Radford.—On July 1st, 1925, at St. Paul's Church, Devonport, N.Z., by the Rev. Watson, M.A., M.C., Marine H. J. W. Mealing, H.M.S. " Philomel," eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mealing of Bath, Somerset, to Violet Isabel, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Radford, Tiverton, Devon.

Budd-Campbell.—On Nov. 21st, 1925, at St. George's Church, Auckland, N.Z., by the Rev. Stubbs, Chaplain, R.N., Cecil Ivan Budd, Corpl. R.M., H.M.S. " Philomel " to Williamina Cherry Campbell, of Auckland, N.Z.

Harvey-Sharpe.—On July 25th, 1925, at St. Thomas' Church, Auckland, N.Z., by Rev. Drummond, Marine C. A. Harvey, R.M., H.M.S. " Philomel," third son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Bexley, Kent, to Mary Elizabeth Sharpe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, Auckland, N.Z.

CORRESPONDENCE.

" BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIERS."

8th March, 1926.

Dear Mr. Editor,

General Sir Herbert Blumberg's History of the War is practically ready for the printers, but we are hampered for want of funds.

Everyone agrees there ought to be a History of the War, but if it is to be published, we must have funds and know how many copies will be required.

We have estimated £1 per copy, bound in cloth, if we can order 1,000 copies.

Orders have been received for 477 copies, but I am sure there are many more who will want this work when ready.

I therefore appeal to those who have not already done so to write to me, enclosing £1 cheque or postal order, payable to the Hon. Treasurer. Amounts received will be acknowledged in the *Globe and Laurel*, unless otherwise requested, and amounts over-subscribed will be returned when costs are complete.

If all goes well the book should be ready by June or July, in the same style as regards paper, print and binding as Colonel Field's work.

I am, yours faithfully,

J. A. TUPMAN, Colonel (ret.),
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary
Britain's Sea Soldiers' Fund.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

B.W.H.—So you got a " stripey " one ! Well, you're lucky, as there weren't many, and in future there wont be any at all.

L.P.—Will you please overhaul your typewriter. I dare not ask you to send your contributions in manuscript as I have not seen you writing.

F.L.B.—Criticism is always welcome, provided it is accompanied by constructive suggestions. Destructive criticism alone is useful only for the waste-paper basket, or other fundamental purposes.

E. ST. J.B.—Very sorry the photograph of the march-past is not clear enough to reproduce. It is a great pity, since such a splendid exhibition is rarely seen these days.

G.B.—Photograph of your tug-of-war teams received too late for this month. I hope the new Editor will like it as much as I do.

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.—The Editorial Office will be closed on April 1st.

Young Hopeful : " Papa, what is the cup that cheers?"
Proud Papa : " That, my boy, is a hiccup ! "

Cornell Widow.

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?

A school-boy, on being told to translate the words " L'Anglais avec son sangfroid habituel," produced the following version : " The Englishman with his usual b—y cold."

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What kind of tooth paste do you use ?
Never use it ; my teeth ain't loose !

Thompson Tomcat's Yowl.

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Parson Johnson : " De choir will now sing ' I'm Glad Salvation's Free,' while Deacon Ketcham passes de hat. De congregation will please 'member dat while salvation am free, we hab to pay de choir foh singin' about it. All please contribute accordin' to yo' means an' not yo' meanness."—*Boston Transcript.*

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Two coloured gentlemen who had just reduced the population in a farmer's henroost, were making a get-away.

" Laws, Mose," gasped Sam, " why you s'pose them flies follows us so close ? "

" Keep gallopin', nigger," said Mose, " them ain't flies, them's buckshot." —*The Leatherneck.*

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A brawny Scotsman was visiting Niagara Falls in the company of an American friend. As they watched the great rush of water, the latter said :

" There's a story that if you throw a penny into the falls it will bring you luck."

" Is that so ? " inquired the Scot. He considered a moment and then asked hopefully, " Ha' ye a bit o' string ? "—*American Legion Weekly.*

At a recent advertising dinner, the principal speaker said, in the course of his remarks, that there was not a single business under the sun that would not benefit by advertising. When he sat down, his neighbours at table said : " You're not quite right, you know. In my line of trade, for instance, we don't need to advertise, we find that our clients automatically do the pushing for us." " Nonsense," said the advertiser briskly. " What line of business are you in, anyway ? " " Perambulators," said the wit.

Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic.

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N.C.O. : " I hear the Adjutant called you a blockhead this morning ! "

Marine : " No, he didn't, he only said ' Pull down your cap, there's a woodpecker coming ' ! "

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" What you need is an electric bath," said the doctor.

" Not for me," said the patient. " My uncle got drowned in one of those things in Sing Sing."—

Georgia Tech. Yellow Jacket.

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An old lady had been much affected by the look of a doleful man who stood at the street corner in a threadbare habit. At last she went up to him and placed a pound note in his hand, whispering the one word " charity " in his ear. Next day she was surprised to see the doleful one come towards her and give her eleven pound notes. And he whispered also : " Charity, mum. It came in at ten to one ! "

Portsmouth Evening News.

DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS IN THE R.N.

From Notes appearing in the "Marinres Mirror" by kind permission of W. G. Perrin, Esq,. O.B.E.

(*continued*)

IV.—INTRODUCTION OF BAND RATINGS.

In April, 1839, the old rating of Trumpeter was revived for a brief space, disappearing again five years later. Unfortunately the records of this period have undergone the weeding process, and the reasons for this temporary revival cannot now be traced. In 1842, complements underwent a further revision, brought about by the advent of larger ships and heavier armaments. Among other changes there sprang into being a rating of "Musician" classed as a "2nd Class Working Petty Officer." At first his rate of pay was £2 3s. a month, but this was reduced to £2 1s. two years later, no doubt one of the great economies of those days. There was only one Musician allowed to each ship of all classes; undoubtedly this musician was known as the ships "Fiddler" as the following remarks made by Captain F. Liardet bear on this point. He says:—

"We have often heard the sailors say, that it was no dance without a little cat-gut. If the seamen have such a liking for this instrument, would it not be desirable to have a rating for a fiddler on board of each of H.M. Ships, having any stated number of men with an allowance for a fiddle and strings. This expense I believe still falls upon the senior lieutenant, or by subscriptions among the crew; therefore fiddle or no fiddle according to fancy. The want of a good fiddler to a ship is a very great loss. A good fifer may do well, but the fife is not a favourite instrument with the sailors, neither can he play so long."

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" Oh, and why did you leave that job ? "

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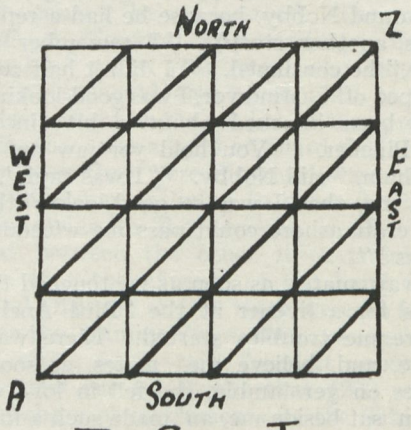
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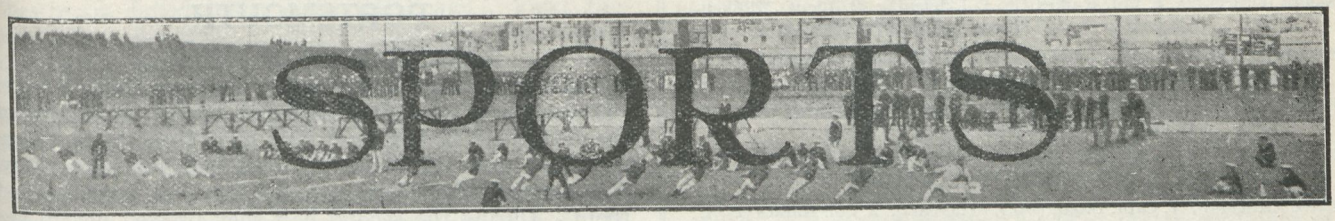


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,, (Light) : *Hood*.

SECOND CRUISER SQUADRON UNIT.

BAYONET : 1, Sergt. Stares, *Cyclops* ; 2, Mne. Mew, *Curacoa*.
FOIL, SABRE AND EPEE : Sergt. Stares.
TUG-OF-WAR (Light) : *Caledon*.

R.M. FLEET TOURNAMENT.

BAYONET : Officers—1, R.M. Gunner Lazzell, *Revenge* ; 2, Lieut. Buckley, *Hood*.
O.R.—1, Mne. Duncan, *Furious* ; 2, Mne. Hurley, *Revenge*.
FOIL : Officers—1, Capt. Alcock, *Furious* ; 2, Lieut. Westcott, *Royal Sovereign*.
O.R.—1, Sergt. Coker, *Hood* ; 2, Sergt. Stares, *Cyclops*.
SABRE : 1, Lieut. Westcott, *Royal Sovereign* ; 2, Capt. Alcock, *Furious*.
O.R.—1, Sergt. Coker, *Hood* ; 2, Sergt. Stares, *Cyclops*.
EPEE : Officers—1, Capt. Alcock, *Furious* ; 2, Lieut. Westcott, *Royal Sovereign*.
O.R.—1, Sergt. Coker, *Hood* ; 2, Sergt. Stares, *Cyclops*.
BAYONET COMBAT : 1, *Furious* ; 2, *Revenge*.
TUG-OF-WAR (Heavy) : *Ramillies* ; Runner-up : *Furious*.
,, (Light) : *Ramillies* ; Runner-up : *Caledon*.

BAYONET AND TUG-OF-WAR. FLEET CUPS.

BAYONET : *Furious* and *Hood* (R.M.) beat *Hood* (R.N.).
HEAVY TUG-OF-WAR : *Ramillies* (R.N.) beat *Ramillies* (R.M.).
LIGHT TUG-OF-WAR : *Ramillies* (R.N.) beat *Ramillies* (R.M.).

CHATHAM.

PHASE I. was held on the 26th February. The fencing was up to the usual standard, as was the Open Bayonet fencing, but the under 21 Bayonets was not up to the standard of last year.

RESULTS :

OPEN FOIL.—1st, Corpl. L. V. Clarke ; 2nd, Sergt. P. Jerred ; 3rd, Corpl. G. E. Hayman.
Open Sabre—1st, Corpl. L. V. Clarke ; 2nd, Sergt. P. Jerred ; 3rd, Sergt. L. N. Johnson.
Open Epée—1st, Corpl. L. V. Clarke ; 2nd, Sergt. P. Jerred ; 3rd, Corpl. C. J. W. Fallace.
Open Bayonet—1st, Corpl. C. J. W. Fallace ; 2nd, Mne. A. V. Perry ; 3rd, Mne. S. Botley.
Under 21 years Bayonet—1st, Mne. H. King ; 2nd, Mne. A. M. Newall ; 3rd, Mne. F. W. Manning.

PHASE II.—The Command Tournament was held at Deal on the 2nd March. The weather was perfect, and the programme was carried out well up to schedule.

Sergt. Spanton carried the honours of the day with three wins in the Open events, while Sergt. Jerred and Corpl. Clarke vied for 2nd and 3rd place in all except the Bayonets.

RESULTS :

Open Foil—1st, Sergt. Spanton ; 2nd, Corpl. Clarke ; 3rd, Sergt. Jerred.
Open Sabre—1st, Sergt. Jerred ; 2nd, Corpl. Clarke ; 3rd, Sergt. Spanton.
Open Epée—1st, Sergt. Spanton ; 2nd, Corpl. Clarke ; 3rd, Sergt. Jerred.
Open Bayonets—1st, Sergt. Spanton ; 2nd, Mne. A. V. Perry ; 3rd, Corpl. Fallace.
Officers' Foil—Winner, Sergt.-Major Board.
Officers' Sabre—Winner, Sergt.-Major Board.
Officers' Epée—Winner, Major Grant.
Officers' Bayonets—Winner, Capt. Adair.

TEAM EVENTS :

Tug-of-war.—Chatham won, win for both teams with two pulls to nil.
Bayonet Team Combat.—Deal won with 12 wins to 6.

PORTSMOUTH UNIT TOURNAMENT.

RESULTS.

BAYONET (Open) : Sgt. Richardson (1 defeat; Mne Austin. (1 defeat) ; C./Sgt. Miller (2 defeats).
BAYONET (NOVICES) : Mne. Osborne (0 defeats) ; Mne. Green (2 defts.); Mne. Brown (2 defeats).
SABRE (O.R.) : Corpl. Smith (0 defeats) ; C./Sergt. Miller (1 defeat) ; Corpl. Ashworth (2 defeats).
FOIL : C./Sergt. Miller (0 defeats) ; Corpl. Smith (2 defeats) ; Sergt. Cawthraw (2 defeats).
EPEE : Corpl. Smith (0 defeats) ; C/Sergt. Miller (1 defeat) ; Mne. Austin (2 defeats).

SOUTHERN COMMAND TOURNAMENT.

BAYONET *v.* BAYONET (Officers) : 1, Lieut. Phillips (Po.), (0 defeat) ; 2, Capt. Bagot (Po.), (2 defeats) ; 3, Lieut. Milliken (Ply.), (2 defeats).
BAYONET (O.R.)—Open : 1, C/Sergt. Miller (Po.), (0 defeats) ; 2, Mne. Austin (Po.), (1 defeat) ; 3, Sergt. Richardson (2 defeats).
BAYONET (Novices) : Mne. Browne (Po.), Green (Po.), Gibbons (Ply.). Beale (Ply.) and Karhuk (Ply.) all finished with 2 defeats each, Final Result—1, Beal, 2, Karkuk, 3, Gibbons.
BAYONET TEAM : Portsmouth won 13—5.

SABRE (Officers) : 1, Col. Raikes (Po.), 1 defeat) ; 2, Lieut. Milliken (Ply.), (2 defeats) ; 3, Col. Edwards (Ply.), (2 defeats).

SABRE (O.R.) : 1, C/Sergt. Miller (Po.), (0 defeats) ; 2, Corpl. Lyon (Po.), (2 defeats) ; 3, Sergt. Clarke (Ply.), (2 defeats).

FOIL (Officers) : 1, Capt. Bagot (Po.), (0 defeat) ; 2, Lieut. Barcroft (Po.), (2 defeat) ; 3, Col. Raikes (Po.), (2 defeats).

FOIL (O.R.) : 1, Q.M.S.I. Mills (Ply.), (0 defeat) ; 2, Corpl. Smith (Po.). (2 defeats) ; 3, C/Sergt. Miller (Po.), (2 defeats).

EPEE (Officers) : 1, Capt. Bagot (Po.), (0 defeat) ; 2, Col. Raikes (Po.), (1 defeat) ; 3, Lieut. Latter (Po.), (2 defeats).

EPEE (O.R.) : 1, C/Sergt. Miller (Po.), (1 defeat) ; 2, Sergt. Clarke (Ply.) (1 defeat) ; 3, Q.M.S.I. Mills (Ply.), (3 defeats).

TUG-OF-WAR (110 Stone)—Portsmouth beat Plymouth by 2 pulls to 0.

,, (130 Stone)—Portsmouth beat Plymouth by 2 pulls to 0.

PLYMOUTH.

UNIT TOURNAMENT.

This took place on the 9th March, a great feature this year being the number of entries for the open and young soldiers' Bayonet competitions. The winners were :—

Other Ranks, Sabre	.. ..	Sergt. E. Clarke
,, Foil	.. ..	Q.M.S.I. C. C. Mills
,, Epee	.. ..	Sergt. E. Clarke
Open Bayonet, 1st	.. ..	Mne. McColgan
,, 2nd	.. ..	Mne. McCridden
Young Soldiers' Bayonet, 1st	..	Mne. Beal
,, ,, 2nd		Mne. Gibbons
Officers' Bayonet	.. ..	Lieut. F. A. Milliken

CHATHAM.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Grays Thurrock	.. ..	Won 2—1
Sheppey United	.. ..	Lost 0—3
Royal Warwicks	.. ..	Lost 1—4
Grays Athletic	.. ..	Draw 4—4
Catford Southend	.. ..	Lost 0—5

We are at present experiencing a very lean time in the Kent League, as the above result of games played during the past month show. This, no doubt, is owing to the constant changes in the team, due to injuries and other causes. We are looking forward eagerly to the result of the Semi-final of the Kent Amateur Cup between Erith and Belvedere *v.* Bexley Heath, so that we shall know who we have to meet at Dover on Easter Monday to defend our title as Holders of the Trophy in question. We were very pleased to see our friends from Portsmouth Division around here to play their Navy Cup-tie ; we should very much have liked to have seen them win, but trust that they will have better luck should we have the pleasure of their company around again. The two Divisional teams met in friendly rivalry on the following day and a very pleasant game was witnessed, resulting in a win for Chatham by 5 goals.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

RESULT OF MATCHES SHOT IN THE ROCHESTER & DISTRICT LEAGUE.

At Lodge Hill, 8th Feb—Lodge Hill 553 ; , R.M. 546.
At R.N. Bks., 22nd Feb.—"Pembroke" 568 ; R.M. 574.
At Melville Bks., 8th Mar.—R.M. 557 ; "Pembroke" 577.
At Melville Bks., 11th Mar.—R.M. 575 ; Rochester and District 583.
At Melville Bks., 12th Mar.—R.M. 572 ; Lodge Hill 561.

PORTSMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Both teams have had a busy time since the last notes were written, the principal event being the failure of the first team in the Navy Cup semi-final at Chatham. Two easy goals scored against us early in the game threw the team off their balance, and the luck went against them. During the second half they pressed nearly the whole time, but only once scored, through Arnold. Though defeated, however, their tails were never down, and they tried hard, with great pluck, to recover from the early reverse in the game.

The team and officials and spectators, of whom 200 travelled by special train, were most hospitably entertained by the Chatham Division, who left nothing undone to make them comfortable.

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On 17th March, at Portsmouth, the first team showed their true form in beating H.M.S. "Excellent" by 3 goals to nil in the final for the U.S. Charity Cup. The game started very evenly and there was no score at half-time, but in the second half the Royals showed they meant business. A long penalty kick, taken by Elsey, found the net after being deflected by a defender, and then Davidson scored with a real snorter, which left the goalkeeper thinking. Sergt. Lawrence then put in a hard ground shot, which the goalkeeper could not gather, and Sergt. Arnold being as usual on the spot, put the ball through. This success was well earned by the keenness with which the team has stuck to their training after their disappointment at Chatham.

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We continue to improve our position in the Hants League and the second team in the Gosport League.

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Corporal Lyons and Marines Davidson and Derrick have been selected for the Navy *v.* Air Force match on 24th March.

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

At Newquay, 16th Feb. Newquay's long winning sequence was broken in their home match with the Royal Marines by 2 goals to 1. In this match, Wheeldon, our latest "capture," was played at centre-forward, and made a most successful *debut*. After 15 minutes Yates scored for Newquay with a neat header, which deceived Davidson. The homesters had the best of matters all through the first half, but thanks to our defence in spite of being against a strong wind they were unable to add to their score. In the second half the Marines had the best of matters, and after 15 minutes, from a nice centre by Shewbrook, Wheeldon scored, and later both players repeated the performance. Both the Marines goals were well obtained. Newquay strove hard to equalise, but failed to get through.

Royal Marines, 2 goals ; Newquay, 1 goal.

At Efford, 20th February.—The Marines gained another victory at the expense of Kitto, defeating them by 4 goals to nil. Shewbrook opened our account with a brilliant shot, Wheeldon getting the second from a pass from Hogg just before the interval. On resumption Wheeldon was brought down in the penalty area, and

Shewbrook failed badly with the "spot" kick, this player however making amends just after by scoring a delightful goal; Bryant scored the fourth.

At Longroom, 23rd February.—The Royal Marines and the South Staffordshire Regt. met in a league match, and after a thrilling struggle ran out victors by 3 goals to 2. The Staffords fielded their Army Semi-final Cup team. Hogg scored our first goal with a clever header; Shewbrook getting the second. Compton reduced the deficit, but Bryant placed the Marines further ahead. Nearing the end Arrowsmith got the soldiers' second goal with a splendid shot. The soldiers struggled hard for an equaliser, but could not penetrate our defence, a very hard game ending R.M. 3 goals, S. Staffs 2 goals. Whitnell and Powell in defence played splendidly; Hogg and Shewbrook being the best of the forwards.

At Oreston, 27th February.—The Marines defeated Plymouth St. Thomas by 4 goals to nil, Shewbrook, Hogg (2) and Wheeldon being the scorers.

The R.M. Reserve XI. are still going strong in the Devon Wednesday League, the results of the last matches being as follows:—

Feb. 17—At Saltash, *v.* H.M.S. "Defiance" won 2—1
Feb. 24—At Bladderly, *v.* Co-op. Utd., lost 5—1
Mar. 3—At Longroom, *v.* Met. Police, won 5—2

In the Inter-Company League, "G" Co. defeated "E" Co. by 2 goals to 1, and "C" Co. defeated "E" Co. by 2 goals to nil.

Several Inter-Departmental matches have been played this month, the Adjutant's Dept. defeating the Band and Drums by 4 goals to 2, and in the return match between the Band *v.* the Signal School, the Band ran out winners by 2 goals to 1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Several matches have had to be cancelled on account of bad weather, but those which have taken place have been played under good conditions, and have in each case provided a good hard game interesting up to the final whistle.

February 20th, at Longroom.

R.M. *v.* Hayne Agricultural College.

This return match on our ground was eagerly looked forward to by us, as the College always plays a fine game, and earlier in the season had caught us on an "off" day and trounced us 24 points to 9. As expected, a splendid game was seen; the Marines rose to the occasion and won by 14 points to 5. Splendid passing bouts were seen by both sides, but the Marines excelled in their tackling, and the forwards controlled the scrums, opening up the game for the backs, who took full advantage of their opportunities.

February 24th at Longroom.

R.M. *v.* R.N. Depot.

Another grim struggle with our old friends and opponents from the R.N. Depot resulted in a draw of 6 points each, both sides going all out from the first to the final whistle and the issue always in doubt.

March 6th, at Penzance.—Penzance *v.* R.M.

We journeyed to Penzance, but lost by 10 points to 5 points, after another splendidly contested game. Penzance scored a nice try, and then our team attacked, and after a fine bout of passing, in which all the backs handled, a splendid try was scored, which was converted, and they led at the interval 10 points to 5 points. After change of ends Penzance scored from a forward rush and then added to their score by a drop goal.

The Marines attacked to the end, but failed to penetrate the defence. A pleasing feature was the splendid ovation given our team by the spectators.

March 13th, at Longroom.—R.M. *v.* Teignmouth.

At Teignmouth in the early part of the season we had lost by 19 points to 5, but the good form displayed by the team in recent matches made us pretty confident of reversing the result, and our confidence was justified. A perfect day and a perfect ground, with very little wind, resulted in a splendid game. Both teams attacked and also tackled finely, but with our forwards just a bit too good for the opposing eight, victory came our way by 12 points to 7 points.

"TUCKEY" CUP.—INTER-COMPANY BAYONET COMPETITION.

1st Round—"A" Co. beat "C" Co. by 4 wins to 2.
"G" Co. beat "E" Coo. by 6 wins to 0.
Final—"G" Co. beat "A" Co. by 4 wins to 2.

HOCKEY.

23rd Feb.—R.M. *v.* South Wales Borderers, at Brickfields.

This provided a very evenly contested game, and resulted in a draw of 2 each, Lieuts. O'Donnell and Smith scoring for Marines.

27th Feb.—*v.* Plymouth College (away).

On a very wet and muddy ground. The Marines had a very level struggle in the first half, leading by a goal to nil at half-time. In the second half, however, they had much the best of the game, winning by 4 goals to nil.

3rd March—*v.* Plymouth Hockey Club (away).

Although playing one short the Marines made a very level game. After leading at half-time, the Marines eventually lost by 3 goals to 2. Scorers for Marines, Lieut. Smith, Sergt. Clarke.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

1st Team:
Feb. 6—Tank Corps, Folkestone & District League, Home, lost 4—2.
,, 13—Margate Amateurs, Deal & Walmer Senior Hospital Cup, Home, won 2—1.
,, 27—Queen's Regiment, Folkestone & District L., Away, lost 6—0.
Mar. 6—Margate Amateurs, Folkestone & District L., Home, won 3—1.

2nd Team:
Feb. 20—Sandwich, Dover & District League, Away, draw 2—2.
,, 27—St. Bart's Old Boys, Dover & District League, Home, lost 2—1.
Mar. 3—3rd Company R.E.S., U.S. League, Div. II., Home, won 4—0.
,, 6—Priory Loco., Dover & District League, Away, lost 3—2.

3rd Team.—Deal & District League.
Feb. 13—Eastry, Away, won 1—0.
,, 20—Deal Conservatives, Away, won 7—0.
,, 27—Northbourne, Away, draw 1—1.
Mar. 6—Walmer, Home, lost 2—1.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

BOXING.

The semi-finals and finals of the annual Band Boys Novices Boxing Championship took place in the R.M. Gymnasium on the 18th February, when some very keen and very interesting contests were witnessed. The officials were :—Referee : Captain R. W. Bagot, R.M. : Judges : Lieut.-Col. G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., R.M., Capt. V. C. Brown, D.S.C., R.M. ; Timekeeper and M.C. : Sergt.-Major H. L. Smith, R.M.B. The following are the results of the various contests :—

Paper Weight—Winner : Bd. Boy W. J. Cranley ; Runner-up Bd. Boy A. G. Rowson.

Fly Weight—Winner : Bd. Boy W. A. Preston ; Runner-up : Bd. Boy R. J. Porter.

Feather Weight—Winner : Bd. Boy R. O. Wilson ; Runner-up : Bd. Boy L. A. Emery.

Bantam Weight—Winner : Bd. Boy E. A. Wright ; Runner-up : Bd. Boy A. Dodds.

Light Weight—Winner : Bd. Boy A. T. Cooper ; Runner-up : Bd. Boy L. D. Brain.

SPECIAL SERIES.

Welter Weight—Winner : Bd. Boy E. S. Ough ; Runner-up : Bd. Boy E. Goater.

Middle Weight—Winner : Bd. Boy R.F. Clucas ;Runner-up : Bd. Boy T. Pittard.

GOOD LOSERS' PRIZES.—Band Boys P. W. Goldsmith, C. E. Gray, C. Bell, G. T. Griffiths, W. G. Newman, S. Yeomans, A. J. Parker.

FOOTBALL.

In the semi-final of the U.S. Charity Cup our neighbours the Royal Marines trounced us by 8—2 ; the score certainly flatters our opponents, as our team played extremely well in the field. Unfortunately Prior our custodian had one of those off days which we have all experienced at some time or other. Our opponents are now due to meet H.M.S. " Excellent " in the final, and we wish them every success. We have now completed our fixtures in U.S. League Div. I.. and gained three valuable points by defeating the R.A.O.C. 2—0, and drew with the Prince of Wales' Volunteers, 1—1. The Junior Boys have secured the championship of the Portsmouth Lads' League.

The Boy's Inter-Section Football Competition has now been completed, and the championship has been carried off by No. 1 Section, captained by Band Boy Allen.

The following are the various League Tables up-to-date :—

	Played	W	D	L	Goals For	Ag.	Points
U.S. League, Div. I. ..	22	7	2	13	42	70	16
" Div. II. ..	14	2	0	12	15	97	4
Boys.							
U.S. League, Div. IV.	11	2	1	8	24	52	5
Lads' Wed. League ..	13	8	1	4	37	24	17
Lads' Junior League ..	19	18	0	1	187	13	36

Smoking at concerts is favoured by many now. It must, however, be remembered that a cigar with a loud band may throw the orchestra out.

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J. A. TUPMAN, Colonel (ret.)
Hon. Treasurer & Secretary.

8-3-26.

During the Great War some people were as keen to get out of the Army as others were to get in. One of the former had done two years without getting a " Blighty," and suddenly thought of an idea that would surely send him home. He reported sick one day, and told the doctor that his eyes were getting a bit weak, and could barely see more than 50 yards. But, alas ! no luck again. The doctor simply gave orders that Tommy was to be put into the " Front Line," which was just over 40 yards from the Bosch.

NOTICES.

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CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

The following Proby. Lieuts. are confirmed in the rank of Lit. Proby. Lieuts. G. W. Ross (Po.), and G. A. Haward (Ply.), dated 1-9-26. Proby. Lieut. G. P. Carless (Ch.), dated 1-10-26.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. Peel, C.M.G. (half-pay) Chat. to further period of half-pay for 12 months at own request. Dated 5-3-26.

Major A. L. Forster,D.S.O., to Seconded List on appointment to Plans Dvn, Admiralty, vice Weston. Undated.

Major W. L. Huntingford, C.B.E., to Drafting Officer, Ports Divn, vice Forster. Dated 1-4-26.

Major W. Sinclair, O.B.E., to be Acting Interpreter in Italian. Dated 3-2-26.

Capt. Bt. Major G. H. Seath, D.S.O., Chat., from seconded List, and borne Supy. to establishment.

Capt. and Bt. Major R. A. D. Brooks, D.S.O., Po., to be Supt. of Swimming and for P. & R.T. duties, Depot R.M., Deal, vice Shephard. Date of taking over duties.

An exchange of Divisions has been sanctioned between the undermentioned Officers :—

Capt. and Bt. Major A. I. Bell, O.B.E., from Ply. to Chat. Divn.

Capt. E. M. C. Parker, from Chat. to Ply. Divn.

Capt. V. C. Brown to seconded List on appt. as G.S.O. 3rd Grade, Directorate of Military Intelligence, War Office. Dated 23-4-2.

Lieut. G. B. Newman, Qr.-Mr. (retd.) will relinquish his appointment as R.S.O., R.N. and R.M., Birmingham, on relief by a retired Naval Officer, on 25th May, 1926.

Capt. G. T. Monk, Qr.-Mr. (Po.) to Retired List at own request under Special Reduction Scheme.

Suptg. Clerks (W,O.) C. T. Kelsey (Po.), J. W. Smith (Ch.), to retired list at own request under Special Reduction Scheme. Dated 1.4-26.

Lieut. R J. Gumm to be A.I. of Small Arms, Deal, vice Lamplough.

APPOINTMENT TO SHIPS.

Capt. and Bt. Major G. H. Seath, D.S.O., to " President," addl. for duty in N.I. Dept. for period 9th—15th March, 1926.

Capt. S. J. Bassett to Seconded List, on appt. to Seaff of C.-in-C., Africa Station, as S.O. (1), Cape Town, vice Brewer. (Borne in " Birmingham "). Dated 25-2-26.

Capt. H. R. Lambert, D.S.C., to Seconded List on appt. to Staff of C.-in-C., East Indies, as S.O. (1), Colombo, vice Caulfield. (Borne in " Effingham "). Dated 28-2-26.

Capt. G. S. Hayman to " Royal Sovereign," vice Brooks.

Capt. M. H. W. Webb-Bowen to " Enterprise " on commissioning.

Lieut. R. W. Gordon to R.A.F. Training Base, Leuchars. Dated 20th March.

Lieut. J. G. Hume to " Caledon," vice Clauchy.

Lieut. W. E. Petleys appt. to " Tiger " is extended for a further 12 months.

R.M. Gnr. W. E. Shaw to " Warspite " on recommissioning.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. T. B. W. Sandall having qualified at the School of Anti-Aircraft Defence is eligible for the notation (a*) against his name in the seniority list of R.M. Officers in the Navy List.

The following Officers passed for promotion in Subject (c) at Dover, on 11th and 12th Feb. :—Capts. F. C. Willes, E. J. B. Noyes, H. D. Weir, H. W. Simpson, A. Rendell, K. A. B. Puckle, W. G. Quianlan.

Lieut. E P. Bickford passed for promotion in Subject (a) at Colchester on 11th Feb., 1926.

Capt. V. C. Brown, D.S.C., having graduated at the tSaff College, Camberley, is eligible for the notation " p.s.c. (m) " against his name in the Navy List.

Capt. C. W. Adair has been selected to attend the B.C.'s Course at Coast Artillery School, Shoeburyness, commencing 3rd April.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course, commencing at the Small Arms School, Browndown, on 23rd March :—Majors C. B. Mullins (Ch.), P. Owen (Ply.), H. G. Grant (Ch.).

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

C.S.M. (appt. confirmed).—Clr.-Sgt. E. E. Penney.

To be Clr.-Sergt.—Sgt. F. C. Riddle.

To be Sergt.—Cpls. P. H. Ives, D. S. Hope.

To be Corpl.—Mnes. E. H. Morris, H. F. Scollick, R. P. Burt.

APPOINTMENTS.

Tailor.—Mne. A. W. Waters.

Attached to Infirmary, tempy.—Sergt. H. Saint.

Asst. Printer.—Corpl. L. Motley.

Games Storeman.—Mne. A. Coveney.
J.N.C.O.'s Club Steward.—Corpl. S. D. Langley (appt. confirmed)
Shoemakers' Shops.—Mnes. G. C. Clark, J. Lovell, E. Morgan.
Pioneer.—Mne. W. Terry.
Library Sergt., Officers' Mess.—Sergt. A. T. Craddock.
M.T.I. (P.) Depot, R.M.—Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Day.
Orderly Room Clerk.—Clr.-Sergt. L. J. Winstanley (nominated for appointment).
Duty at School of Signalling.—Corpl. E. C. White.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mne. Geo. Camp.; "**Columbine,**" Mne. A. E. Murfitt; "**Flora,**" Mne. R. H. Dowler; "**Pembroke,**" Mnes. H. Fry, R. W. Rice, F. Antrobus, W. A. Harwood, D. B. McCarry, R. F. Richards, Corpl. G. S. Trafford; **Shotley T.E.**—Corpls. A. W. Smyth, Thos. Carter, E. G. Biles, A. G. Knill; "**Tiger,**" Mne. H. W. A. Harris; "**Victory,**" Mnes. H. E. Bulmer, J. Fletcher, M. J. Hancock, J. H. Woodrow; "**Vulcan,**" Mnes. P. B. Tofts, F. L. A. Clifton, S. Eaves, J. T. Jones, Bglr. L. N. Adams, Mnes. M. Bazeley, C. F. Kennedy, A. E. Fillingham, H. W. Edwards.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mne. H. T. Brinkworth; "**Ark Royal,**" Sergt. H. C. J. Saint, Cpls. F. R. Ligirtwood, C. W Braybrook, Bglr. L. Warford, Mnes. A. E. Sims, W. J. Elmes, H. T. Gay, F. J. Clark, T. Morrice, P. A. Harris, A. E. Booth, E. B. Willey, J. W. Talbot, P. E. Sargeant, H. Purkins, W. S. Hillier, J. V. Rich, A. Hills, H. Roser, H. G. Poppy, E. F. C. Wilson.; "**Caradoc,**" Mne. A. H. Howard; "**Frobisher,**" Mne. B. N. Kentish; "**Pembroke,**" Sergt. A. E. Stuart, Corpl. H. Andrews, Mne. J. W. List; Corpl. L. B. Clinch, Mnes. F. Linfield, A. G. Ellis, A. V. Perry, Corpl. E. Graham.; "**Repulse,**" Mne. J. Rumary; **Shotley, T.E.,** Corpls H. H. Harris, A. E. Mills, J. Ingram, M. A. Light, Mne. E. W. Henson; "**Vivid,**" Mne. A. E. Pye; "**Victory,**" Mne. A. E. Julier; "**Vulcan,**" Bglr. J. R. Gifford, Mnes. T. G. Cobb, F. W. Allin, A. C. Hawkins, Sergt. H. J. Dagg.

DISCHARGES.

2nd Period of Engagement—Bug.-Major E. Fry.
1st Period of Engagement.—Mne. H. Franklin.
Invalided.—Mnes. R. Coyle, L. R. Clark, F. O. Crook, C. Dince, W. E. Wilson, W. J. Turner, F. Heath, F. A. Woodsell, J. R. Boaz, C. W. L. Busby.
"On compassionate grounds"—Mne. T. Heaton.
"Not likely to become efficient."—Mne. T. Kane.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Q.M.S. (3rd Q.M.'s Dept.).—Clr.-Sergt W. H. Harman.
To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. W. L. Watts.
To Sergt.—Corpl. W. F. Blanchard.
Mnes. L. T. L. Tunnicliffe, W. J W. Hughes, H. T. Gordon, H. G. V Wood.

APPOINTMENTS.

Range Carpenter, S.A. Dept.—Mne. F. R. Collis.
M.O.A. to Lieut. Lordon (one month on probation.—Mne. H. S. Buerdsell.
Clerk, 3rd Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. J. A. Eggo.
Cook, Sergts. Mess.—Mne. P. J. Luce.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C. Medal.—Mne. J. Reynolds, Clr.-Sgt. Buckingham, Clr.-Sgt. A. G. Miller, Sergt. S. T. Vaughan.

TRANSFERS.

To Marine.—Bugler F. J. Jackson.
To Royal Navy (R.P.O. Branch).—Corpls. T. G. Sawford, J. T. Morecombe, F. J. Downton, S. J. J. Greenwood.
To Royal Navy.—Mne. R. J. Taylor.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

"Princess Margaret" to "Revenge"—Mne. F. L. Hurst.
"Revenge" to Princess Margaret"—Mne. Leonard Marsh.
"Hawkins" to "Concord"—Mne. F. E. Rudd.
"Hawkins" to "Calliope"—Corpl. A. A. Grindey.

DISCHARGES.

Termination 2nd Period of Engagement.—Mne. A. Goatley, C.S.M. A. H. Fripp, Mnes. Wm. Edwards and F. J. Bax.
Discharged Invalided.—Mne. F. L. Broadwater.
"D.D."—Mne. P. J. D. Loyde, "Egmont."

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Eagle,**" Mnes. C. W. Sizer, R. Watmore; "**Dolphin,**" Mne. S. Brazier; "**Dryad,**" Corpl. E. H. Aylward; "**Fisgard,**" Mnes. A. J. Simmonds, Thos. Pannell; "**Tiger,**" Mne. G. C. Jeffs. Corpl. A. McTurk, Mnes. T. G. Hall, J. C. Wyeth; "**Victory,**" Corpls. F. M. Brown, S. G. B. Timbury, A. W. Peck, Mnes. H. Gould, M. J. Moffatt, W. F. Mears, J. H. Strugnell, T. F. Foulkes, W. R. Hascroft, Albert Thompson, G. E. Warham, L. G. Bull; "**Lowestoft,**" Mne. F. H. P. Luson; "**Centurion,**" Mnes. R. A. Norris, A. L. Cook; "**Champion,**" Mnes. A. E. J. Bates, H. W. Hasley, Hubert James; "**Despatch,**" Mne. A. C. Field; "**Warspite,**" Mne. J. S. Humphries.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Malaya,**" Mne. R. J. Taylor; "**Dryad,**" Corpl. A. McTurk, Mne. J. H L. Adkins; "**Caradoc,**" Mne. H. Lester; "**Dolphin,**" Mne, Alex. Mills; "**Enchantress,**" Sergt. A. J. W. Foster, Blrg. C. J. Roberts, Mnes. A. G. V. Wood, H. Grimshaw, R.A. Norris, A. E. Patey, T. S. G. Truman, F. S. Arnold, P. G. Smith, C. F. Young, W. A. Holmes, E. J. Ranger, Geo. Marshall, H. G. Shorter, G. E. Wakeling, Fredk. Ware. H. W. Harley, M. Livingstone, C. J. Roberts, F. R. Weatley, H. A. Wassell; "**Fisgard,**" Mne. H. V. Dunkinson; "**Tiger,**" Mne. F. L. Broadwater, Corpl. W. J. Brand, Mne. A. Smith; "**Coventry,**" Mne. R. H. Wignall; "**Centurion,**" Corpl. L. F. L. Tunnicliffe; "**Impregnable,**" Mne. J. R. Owers.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergts.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, E. J. H. Precious, Wm. Connolly, T. C. Seden.
Corpls.—N. V. Bishop, Geo. Oliver, H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. J. Hooper, C. J. Hoit.

APPOINTMENTS.

School Orderly.—Mne. H. H. Penney.
Recruiting Sergt.—Sergt. F. Radford.
Commandants Orderly.—Sergt. S. Cross.
Divisional Cook.—Mne. H. Taylor.
Clerk, 3rd Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. E. C. Taylor.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C.—Mnes. A. E. Dougal, F. Frazer, G. D. G. Hambleton

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Caradoc,**" Sergt. J. Thompson, Corpls. E. G. Chard, R. Hallett, W. J. Dallen, Bugler A. C. Taylor, Mnes. S. J. Smythe, E. G. Smith, S. Duffield, J. O. Kirkby, S. Haslam, W. Richards, S. S. C. Bluett, A. Cooper, J. Stallard, E. A. Radford, G. T. Ricketts, T. Sharpe, R. Drake, C. J. Bray, J. Severn, L. Fellows, F. C. Wannell, S. T. Miller, J. S. Brindle, R. S. Prue, F. W. Pino, J. Bell, V. R. Weymouth, A. S. Edwards, F. J. Hadley, J. F. Broom; "**Vivid,**" Cpls. J. Horn, W. H. Sallis, Mne. J. Ash; "**Osprey,**" Mnes. T. F. Robbins, W. Timms, J. E. Edlin, S. T. G. Bedford, C. N. Dutton; "**Maidstone,**" Clr.-Sgt. F. Shill, Mnes. G. C. McKie, W. C. Foxworthy, W. Holmes, J. F. Lambert; "**Fisgard,**" Mne. C. D. Dennett, A. R. Moth; "**Flora,**" **(St. Helena),** Sergt. S. W. Blakcer, Mne. S. W. Mann; "**Cairo,**" Mne. Arthey; "**Eagle,**" Mne. E. H. Hide, A. E. Garrod; "**Frobisher,**" Mne. J. N. Huddard; "**Queen Elizabeth,**" Mne. E. J. Twaites, T. Booth, R. Henry, H. Walker; "**Thunderer,**" Mnes. L. J. Fowler, L. E. Dutton, G. Bond, B. Hammond, J. C. Brown, Bugler G. L. Bremner; "**Impregnable.**" Corpl. J. G. Fletcher, Mne. R. Huxham, S. W. Tovey, J. Howard, A. J. Ralph, S. T. Hampton; "**Colossus,**" Sergt. A. A. D. Pack, Mne. W. Smith, G. E. Grainger, H. J. Grainger, G. H. Elliot, W. A. Grace, E. H. Sartin, E. Burridge, W. C. J. Burt, W. H. Howells, C. J. Hazeldine; **Command Portsmouth,** Mnes. J. Freeman, F. Hopkins, W. T. Targett, H. N. French, E. E. Wright, J. R. Pinkney, J. Fletcher, A. G. Hope, C. Cardy, H. J. Brown, A. G. Bromley, W. E. King, C. E. G. Butler, W. W. Chandler, W. H. Price, C. Stembridge, J. Jerram, F. Shaw, F. T. Watkins, S. T. Davies; **H.Q.E., Portsmouth,** Sergt. G. R. Halton, Corpl. J. H. Pyne, H. McD. Smith, Mnes. F. A. Sherman, G. W. Jones, T. E. Williams, H. W. Kitchener, C. R. Smart, H. C. Byner; **Command, Deal,** Corpl. Pollitt, Mnes. J. J. Ireland, W. Cooke, J. Taylor, F. W. Cousins; **Command, Chatham,** C. J. K. Torry, F. J. Marshall, T. W. Way, R. Cray, C. Simmonds.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Vivid,**" Clr.-Sgt. J. P. Cridland, Sergt. Radford, T. Thompson; "**Dauntless,**" Bglr. L. S. Descombe, Mnes. A. J. Ralph, W. Boobger, H. Williams, A. B. Croker, R. Gibson.; **H.Q.E., Portsmouth,** Sergt. E. W. Lewthwaite, Corpl. J. Cox, Mnes. E. Newtham, F. G. Russell, T. Lightfoot, W. Foxworthy, W. Stall, D. A. Woodbridge, W. J. Babbage, C. J. Ball, C. D. Dennett, S. Phillips; **H.Q.E., Chatham,** A. F. Jeggard, G. Bishop, T. E. Williams, H. W. Kitchener, C. I. Smart, J. Kelly, L. Gould, F. Holmes, A. Ellis, J. Craig, J. C. Bissett; "**Eagle,**" Corpl. H. J. Pryke; "**Thunderer,**" Mnes. W. J. Wright, W. G. Horn, H. Welsford, R. F. Bryant, H. Roper, R. B. Phipps, S. C. Mordy; "**Colossus,**" Mnes. T. J. Evans, T. J. Morcroft, J. Flaskett, W. J. Smith, W. W. Weston, J. H. Harris, A. H. Stanton, J.

Ware, C. D. Dennett, S. W. Phillips, S. R. Perriam, W. F. Smalle; "**Maidstone,**" Clr.-Sgt. J. M. Beck, Mnes. J. B. Rendall, H. Kelly; **Depot, R.M.,** Sergt. E. H. Martin; "**Osprey,**" F. G. Poolman, T. E. Adams, E. F. Beasley, S. Thurtle, G. Ford.; "**Impregnable,**" Mne. H. Taylor, Corpl. F. W. Lloyd, Mne. J. Andrews; "**Dauntless,**" Sergt. W. C. Brown, H. Henkel, W. Walker, Corpls. E. H. Bartlett, J. E. Barber, Mnes. E. Crawley, O. O. Drewitt, S. H. Grinham, L. Edwards, J. Miles, W. Mayo, R. G. Hubert, J. Tohill, A. Anderson, S. H. Middleton, W. S. Jones, F. A. Sherman, J. Newport, J. G. Gardiner, A. J. Chilcott, F. Chee, S. D. Hampton, H. H. Ruffles J. Cox, W. E. Prothers, A. H. Horrell, J. Dunster, E Cassidy, J. W. Penwarden, E. W. Brittain, H. N. Crowl, F. Lord, A. E. Prince, H. D. Wilson.

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

M.T.I. 2nd Class.—Sergt. A. T. C. Bunker.
M.T.I. 2nd Class.—Sergt. A. B. Butcher.
Appt. as Barber extended to 12th March, 1927.—Mne. G. W. Guerney.
Clerk (Pay Office).—Sergt. C. S. Baker.

MOVES.

To Chatham.—Sergt. R. E. Holloway, Mne. T. A. Crewe. Rejoining.
To Portsmouth.—Sergt. R. G. Gooden. Rejoining.
To Plymouth.—Mne. J. H. Reeday. Rejoining.

DISCHARGES

Unsuitable.—Mne. John Wignall.
Invalided.—Mnes. W. H. Sims, F. E. L. Johnson, W. E. Simpson, W. J. L. Evans, A. G. Pass, W. H. Buckley.
Pension.—Q.M.S. H. E. Hann.
N.L.B.E.—Mne. Thomas O'Kane.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

DISCHARGE.

Termination of 1st period of engagement.—Musns. George Whittington, H. C. Wright.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates on the respective Promotion Rosters:—

Bandmaster Second Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class):—J. E. Burnett, Herbert Kenward, R. P. Rosewell, Wm. Martyr, Harry Holwill, G. L. Read.

Band Corporals (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class):—A. G. Foskett, J. G. Prior, A. C. Black, W. A. Attrill, C. W. Fitch, F. C. Frost.

Musicians (for promotion to Band Corporal):—Robert Morton, W. E. Kohlar, M. C. Orrin, R. H. Stoner, W. H. Akerman J. F. Mills.

LIST OF DIVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS VACANT IN JUNE AND JULY.

CHATHAM DIVISION.

Coxswain Boat's Crew	6th June
School Orderly	9th June
Senior Mess Attd., Officers' Mess	16th June
Shoemaker	22nd June
Billiard Marker, Recreation Room	2nd July
Clerk, Allotment and M.A. Dept.	2nd July
Company Q.M.S.	3rd July
Storeman, 2nd Q.M. Dept.	7th July
Infirmary Cook	10th July

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

Company Q.M.S.	10th June
Gunnery Instructor (Mobile)	13th June
Shoemaker	17th June
Attendant W.O.s' Mess	22nd June
Dispenser	25th June
Marker, Small Arms	1st July
Secretary, Recreation Room	4th July
Pioneer	5th July
Pioneer	21st July
Assistant Printer	22nd July
Signalling Instructor	31st July
Steward, W.O.s' Mess	31st July

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

Assistant Printer	1st July
Boatman	4th July
Butcher	6th July
Divisional Cook	9th July
M.T. Driver	17th July
Painter	17th July
Q.M.S., 2nd Q.M. Dept.	18th July
Boatman	22nd July
Clerk, Commandant's Office	25th July



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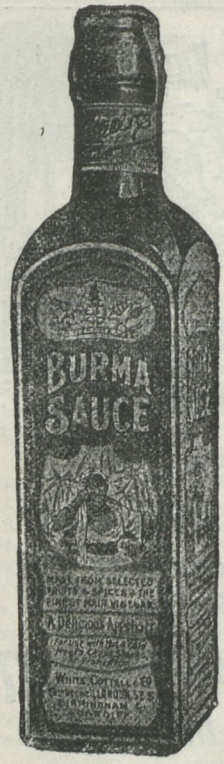
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DEPOT, R.M., DEAL.

G.M. Police Sergeant	12th June
Infirmary Labourer	18th June
Officers' Mess Attendant	26th June
Tailor	6th July
Company Sergeant-Major	7th July
Pioneer	19th July
Recreation Room Attendant	23rd July
M.T.I., 1st Class	23rd July
Receiving Room Sergt.	14th July
Storeman, 1st Q.M. Dept.	31st July

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Company Sergt.-Major	18th June
Musician Barber	26th June
Musician Asst. Mechanician	29th June
Band Corpl., Music Librarian	16th July



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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We make a very diffident bow to our readers on relieving Major A. L. Forster, D.S.O.—a difficult editor to follow. Under his régime the *Globe and Laurel* has made still further advances.

With regard to his delicate reference to our personal characteristics we wish to state that physically the "chair" is not a bad fit, but mentally it is too big for us.

In his new appointment at the Admiralty we wish him all success. There, after being an editor, he will find himself in the position of a "local correspondent" liable to have his best ideas and literary efforts ruthlessly edited by a super-editor.

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On April 21st, a daughter was born to the Duke and Duchess of York, and on behalf of the *Globe and Laurel* and its readers we offer our loyal and humble congratulations to their Royal Highnesses.

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On account of non-service, Lieut.-General H. D. Farquharson, C.M.G., has been placed on the retired list, thus promoting Major-General A. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., to Lieut.-General. The Corps having been reduced by one Major-General, no other step takes place.

The reduction of Quartermasters has led to the voluntary retirement of Capt. G. J. Monk and Lieut. Allison who have been promoted to Major and Captain respectively on retirement. On behalf of our readers we offer our best wishes for the future to Lieut.-Gen. Farquharson, Major Monk and Captain Allison.

In Captain Allison, the *Globe and Laurel* has lost its valued Hon. Treasurer for whose able work we are all sincerely grateful. Lieut. C. T. Savill has very kindly consented to take Captain Allison's place on the staff of the paper.

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We deeply regret to have to record in our Obituary columns the deaths from natural causes of General Charles L. Gordon, Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel H. Fuller and Lieut. Alfred J. Long, and by a sad accident the death, at the early age of twenty-five, of Lieut. T. L. G. Bryan, whilst serving with the Fleet Air Arm.

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The last Municipal Concert in the Town Hall at Portsmouth is well worthy of mention as the orchestra was conducted in turn by three Musical Directors of the Royal Marines who are brothers; we refer, of course, to the brothers O'Donnell. Mrs. O'Donnell, their mother, was present, and must have been the proudest member of the audience.

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We are indebted to Colonel C. Field for the interesting and amusing old print of a gunboat of the time of Henry VIII. in action, which we publish in the Record Section this month. She seems to be engaged with several targets, aerial and otherwise. It is a great pity the artist did not have room to depict the control party. Attitude as the art of gunnery was evidently studied earlier than we thought.

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The Easter Leave is no doubt responsible for a certain lack of news from Home Stations for this month, but amongst other interesting letters we wish to thank

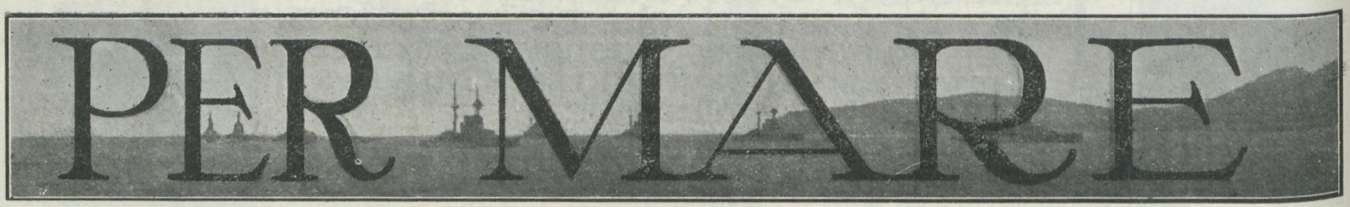
" Delhi " for his contribution which puts us quite " au fait " with " Delhi's " doings up to date, but arrived too late for this issue.

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Our readers will hear with regret that with the arrival of summer the Lighter Vein Club are dissolving until the winter in order to get as much fresh air as possible. We thank D.E.W. most warmly for his clever contributions and hope he will continue them after he has passed for promotion.

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Spring is here with its usual phenomena. The Cuckoo has already been reported in the press, and from the windows of the Field Officers' Quarters at a certain Royal Marine Division, two couples were seen on a seat on the front as early as 0745 on Good Friday morning—more power to them. Football is practically over and cricket has not begun and for the moment all eyes should be on the Corps Teams for the Royal Tournament. Let us hope that the long and hard training they go through will end in the success that we all hope for and which they deserve.



ATLANTIC FLEET.

We have completed the Spring Cruise, the usual large number of banns of marriage have been read, and half of us are enjoying the blessing of the land. There have been few events of special interest.

At Gibraltar a R.M. Battalion was landed with 1st and 2nd supplies as for service, the battleships " Hood " and 2nd Cruiser Squadron each providing a company.

Unfortunately the reductions in complements shortly to take place will make it impossible in the future for a battleship or battle cruiser to muster more than two platoons and a machine gun sub-section. On the other hand we hope it will mean that there will be more time at Headquarters for men to revise their drills and go through the necessary courses. The Atlantic Fleet cruise was exceptionally successful this year, there were no delays or postponements of programmes due to weather or other causes, and the weather at Gibraltar was all that could be desired.

" **Hood.**"

Our excuse for neglecting your columns last month must be that we feared to send you germs while we were still in partial quarantine. Measles badly upset part of the cruise, but rather unexpectedly we were able to compete in the Fleet Tournament, and though you have got the results we should like to congratulate Sergt. Coker on winning Epee, Sabre and Foil in addition to spending a great deal of time coaching the Bayonet and Tug-of-War teams.

The Marines of the B.C.S. who beat the winning Naval team included Lieut. Buckley, Sergt. Coker, Mne. Brown and Mne. Collins, while of our boxers, Mne. Hartley was chosen to represent the Atlantic Fleet at Portsmouth.

During our stay at Gibraltar, an inter-part football competition was played in which we entered two teams. The " A " team by victories over the Fox'le Division and their messmates in the " B " team, qualified for the semi-final against the Communication Branch. Playing with the wind, we registered 3 goals in the first half, Williams scoring two and Skipper one. The second half saw us almost entirely on the defensive, but Humphries and O'Brien never failed us, and we left the field with a 3—0 victory. The whole team played much better together than previously, but special mention must be made of the two backs, whose steadiness undoubtedly won the game.

The next day we met the Q.D. in the final. Skipper opened the scoring with a fine piece of individualism, but the " blunt-end " were a more experienced side and deservedly won by 4 goals to 1.

In representative matches during the cruise, Mnes. Skipper, Crane and Long have been chosen for the ship's team.

We are now busy getting together our cutters and whalers crews for the regatta next cruise.

The last week before returning to England was spent at Arosa Bay, presumably with the object of inuring us to English weather, for it rained incessantly during the whole of our stay. However, the sun was ready for us when we went up the Hamoaze on 30th March and concluded another cruise.

During the last week we have been pouring out energy and ammunition in preparation for the R.M.R.A. Plymouth Afloat Meeting. Clr.-Sergt. Rudge, Sergt. Carn and Mnes. Carter, Hands, Moran, Lanceley, Bowyer, Burd and Clark are representing the Detachment in the various team events, but we cannot give any results this month.

We are due to leave on 4th May for an attractive Scottish watering place, but we are not yet at liberty to state whether this will be Invergordon or Cromarty.

H.M.S. RAMILLIES.

ROYAL MARINE DETACHMENT TUG-OF-WAR TEAM.

WINNERS R.M. LIGHT & HEAVY CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1926 (ATLANTIC FLEET).
RUNNERS-UP INTER-SERVICES LIGHT & HEAVY CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1926 (ATLANTIC FLEET).



Reading from left to right.—

Back row : Mnes. Gournall, Ellis, Stevens, Conyers, Hinton, Clements, Burton.
Middle row : Mnes. Haggett, Holway, Capt. S. A. Field, Sergt. G. Bowie, Mnes. Bull, Lewis.
Seated : Mnes. Horn and Marshall.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Resolution."

We have to apologise to our readers for omitting to furnish an account of the events connected with " Resolution " for the month of February, 1926, but doubtless we shall be pardoned when we " let it be known to all and sundry " that the cruise to the Riviera proved to us that seven days at Nice makes one weak ; hence the lack of energy on the correspondent's part.

February was not a particularly interesting month to us. We left Gibraltar on the 24th February, arriving at Palmas Bay, Sardinia, on the 27th February, where we met the Mediterranean Fleet.

Our next item of interest centred round Palma, in the Island of Majorca, where the rolling " Reso " joined up with the white swans of the Mediterranean Squadrons.

On the 11th March, we sailed in company with the " Royal Oak " and four destroyers for Golfe Juan, at which place we arrived on the 12th March, where our stay of ten days proved most enjoyable and was appreciated by the ship's company. Excellent leave facilities were afforded, of which full advantage was taken. Several charabanc parties were organised by the Detachment, and thoroughly enjoyed. Such places as the Maritime Alps, Italian Frontier, Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Nice were visited. Some were most fortunate in obtaining admission to the famous Casino at Monte Carlo, whilst others were only shewn the " Suicide's Garden." A Ship's Company Dance was given on board on the 22nd March, and was a great success. True to their traditions, the Detachment soon adapted themselves to the mannerisms of the " Froggie," and are now quite good " Linguists."

With sad hearts and empty pockets, we departed on the 21st March, to make our debut in the Mediterranean Fleet at Malta, at which place we arrived amidst splendid weather on the 25th March. We are now settling into the new routine, which naturally comes strange, but hope to adapt ourselves to the new régime quickly, and produce good boats' crews, football and cricket teams, etc., and uphold the dauntless spirit of " Resolution."

" Cardiff."

We are back at Malta again after our spring cruise, and feeling wonderfully refreshed, as all the training going on around shows. Of course the Athletic Sports Meeting, to be held in the near future, is the objective—still, " nuff said " on that score for the present. I think I dealt with our happenings with the Atlantic Fleet in the last issue of our paper, so now for a talk on our doings at Bona, a French town on the Algerian coast, very picturesque and teeming with good-hearted French subjects. Our ten days' stay was all too short for some, but judging by some of the conversations heard on the mess deck, unequalled from an educational standpoint. During our stay the inter-port football league was completed, thanks to the kindness of the local team, who put their ground at our disposal. Our detachment team finished second in the league, having lost one and drawn one. The drawn game was against the league winners, and congratulations are due to our team for putting up such a good show, and a little better marksmanship might have told a different tale. The following played on this occasion : Goal, Cpl. Chandler ; backs, Cpl. Coleman and Mne. Ham ; halves, Mnes. Picken, F. W. Bailey and Coggins ; forwards, Mnes. Ide, Woodcock, Davis, Penny and Kite. The inter-port Knock-out Competition has just started. We were successful in the first round, beating the stokers 4—1 after extra time. Our scorers were Woodcock (2), Picken, and Penny.

The ship's Bayonet Combat team proved successful in the Squadron Competition, but were knocked out at the Fleet Assault-at-Arms by the *Resolution* ; Sgt. Owen and Mne. Harris were in our team.

The detachment Sports Club had a trip into the country at Bona, and the members really enjoyed it, especially the concluding entertainment at the" La Cascade " ; many are the tales thereof, and I foresee many a one bell yarn when we become old soldiers. Quite a number of invitations for dances ashore were sent on board and accepted greatly to the delight of the dancing friends. A Squadron dance was held on board and was a huge success. The committee are deserving of praise. Cpl. Edwards is our worthy representative, and I might add that the chivalrous conduct of white begloved Marines was very noticeable on this occasion.

The Huchers' season has now commenced, our detachment team winning their first match *v. Ceres* away from home. The return match, which I was unfortunate enough to witness, was a breathless affair, *Ceres* winning in the last few throws of the game. The result might have been otherwise if the *Cardiff's* left hander had not been warned off the board for rough play early in the game.

" Caradoc."

We recommissioned at Devonport on Tuesday, February 16th, and as the ship was in dockyard hands, there is nothing of importance to mention. On Monday, March 8th, the ship was inspected by the C.-in-C., Plymouth, and immediately after, left for Gibraltar, which was reached after an uneventful voyage on March 12th. The next three weeks were occupied in gunnery and torpedo exercises and general drill. During the evenings and week-ends we managed to put in some training at the various sports. On Saturday, March 20th the detachment played a team representing the ship, beating them 2—1, but as there is certain to be some more talent, the result is no reflection on the play of the ship's team. We were challenged by the Royal Marine detachment of H.M.S. " Cormorant " to play them at football, also tug-of-war and billiards, so we had a day out on Good Friday. The football match was a well contested game, spoilt a little by a high wind, and we lost to the better team by 4 goals to 1. In the tug-of-war and billiards the detachment were more fortunate, winning the former by two pulls to one and the latter by four games to two. On the whole it was a most enjoyable diversion from the ordinary routine, and I think both detachments enjoyed themselves. We much regret that our limited stay prevented us from returning the compliment, by giving them a return match and entertaining them to tea.

On Saturday the ship's rugby team played the Eastern Telegraph Company, and lost an enjoyable and sporting game by 8 points to nil. Mnes. Hadley, Broom and Smythe played a good game and helped to keep the score so low. We left Gibraltar on the 4th April arriving at Malta on the 7th, where we hope to settle down to strict training for the forthcoming sports and regatta.

We are hoping our order for 33 copies of the *Globe and Laurel* is a record for a small detachment. Assuring you of our support.

" Dragon."

We have now been away from England for about six weeks. We commissioned on February 2nd, and sailed for Portland on February 9th, arriving there on the morning of the 10th. We sailed again at noon for Plymouth, and arrived there at nine o'clock the same evening. We stayed at Plymouth for only two hours and then left for Gibraltar with seven minesweepers.

The voyage to Gibraltar was not entirely to our liking : it was very rough and this put most of the ship's company down and out. The hands who were able to work were employed doing their best to get the ship into trim as everything was rather neglected owing to our long spell at Chatham. We arrived at Gibraltar on February 15th.

All the detachment had been looking forward to a three weeks stay at Gibraltar in order to make a start with the football team. We had hoped to discover some useful talent in the Detachment and to have had some valuable training in order to hold the Cruiser Cup for another year, and to keep it in the First Cruiser Squadron. But the fates were against us, and owing to the combined Fleet Manoeuvres we were called upon to proceed the same day to Malta to be present for the manoeuvres. This was much to the regret of the Detachment.

The trip to Malta was much better than that from England to Gibraltar, and most of the time was employed in getting the Ship's Company used to stations for evolutions. We arrived at Malta on the 19th February, leaving again on the 24th for Manoeuvres with the Fleet. The manoeuvres lasted until mid-day

on the 27th, and we then proceeded with the Fleet to Palmas Bay where we stayed until March 2nd. On leaving Palmas Bay we went to Palma where we stayed with the Fleet until March 11th. On the 11th we left the Fleet and went to Palermo accompanied by the "Danae" and "Dauntless." At Palermo we all made fast to the Mole, alongside one another, and this gave us all a chance to meet "Old Ships."

At Palermo, much of our spare time was taken up with Sports, the Squadron played the Palermo Football Club and a draw 3 all was the result, after a good game. The following Marines were in the team representing the Squadron :—Marine Mason (*Dragon*), Mne. Lawrence (*Danae*), Mne. Shaw (*Danae*), Mne. Tilley (*Dauntless*). A dance which proved a great success was given in honour of our visit.

We are still at Palermo and are now looking forward to returning to Malta so as to settle down to earnest training, as we have a very full programme for the next three months.

N.A. & W.I.

"Capetown."

Our stay at Trinidad terminated on the 4th and we left for Havana that day. Cuba is the largest island in the West Indies, and Havana, its capital, is the largest city, having a population of between three and four hundred thousand.

Passing several forts, we eventually anchored in close proximity of the shore.

The entire Cuban Navy was anchored very close to us, being composed of two ex-American warships.

Havana is a very busy port from a commercial point of view, and many were surprised to see the shipping that passed us. The United Fruit Company plays a very large part.

Ashore proved very interesting, although very little English was spoken, Spanish being the general language. We found the city in the midst of a festival season, known as the "Festival of the Maine." It is interesting to note that it was in Havana that the American warship "Maine" blew up in the "nineties," thereby causing the Spanish-American War. At the conclusion of hostilities Cuba was annexed by the United States, but was later handed over to the population as an independent Republic under American protection. Perhaps some reader could kindly give me some information on this subject.

Two American destroyers and one submarine of the "V" class arrived for the three days' rejoicings, and large numbers of U.S. seamen were landed for the "march past." One platoon of seamen were landed from each of "Calcutta" and "Capetown," but no Royal Marines. We were rather pleased as it happens, for the "march past" was started and finished in pouring rain.

On the 15th February we left for Jamaica. Arriving on the 18th, in company with "Calcutta." Up to the time of writing we are doing our best to settle down (despite our more than generous whack of general drill, etc., etc.), as we have a three weeks' stay here.

At some sports ashore our tug-of-war team again suffered defeat by "Calcutta," but all eyes are turned to our sports which are scheduled for the 7th April.

Arrived Kingston, Jamaica, 16th February, for a stay of three weeks.

Our shooting team again did well, winning all four of the matches in which they were engaged, fairly comfortably. The most notable success was against the "West Indies Regiment," a hitherto non-beaten team.

The M.C.C. again caught us up arriving at Kingston a few days prior to our departure, and we were able to witness the first day's play. The West Indian is an ardent cricket enthusiast, and great efforts had been made to ensure the visitors having an enjoyable stay and a hard game. Extra accommodation had been put up at Sabino Park (the playfield of Jamaica) and some thousands were present when the island team opened the game, in fact it was a case of "all roads led to the Park."

It was rather unfortunate our having to leave after the first day's play as we were hoping to witness the whole game.

On arrival at Nassau on the 13th, we were obliged to move to a nearby Island on account of rough weather, but returned as soon as the weather moderated.

Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas, is the centre of the sponge industry, and it was possible to organize parties to watch the natives engaged in sponge-diving.

During our stay, sight-seeing drives were arranged for us, and very interesting visits to some old historical forts were recorded.

Several large hotels are now in course of erection, and great dredging activities are in progress in the harbour, this, combined with a very healthy climate, leads one to believe that one day Nassau will be classed as one of the fashionable holiday resorts of the West Indies.

Here, our shooting team again defeated a local team making our record for the cruise :—Fired 10 ; Won 10.

In a Navy *v.* Army football match, Mne. Lee was selected to defend the Navy goal. Much credit is due to this Marine on his display between the "sticks," and he proved himself a very capable and efficient custodian.

23rd March arrived at Bermuda, the remainder of the 8th C.S. being already there.

Ed.—The U.S. battleship *Maine* was blown up in Havana in February 1898, and war between the United States and Spain was declared on 20th April 1898.

The Spanish Fleet was destroyed on the 3rd July, and Santiago capitulated on the 15th July, 1898. The Treaty of Paris was signed on the 10th December, 1898. By this treaty, Spain relinquished the Island of Cuba to the United States in trust for its inhabitants.

The temporary character of the American occupation was recognised throughout the treaty in accordance with the terms of the American declaration of war, in which the United States disclaimed any intention to control the island except for its pacification, and expressed the determination to leave the island thereupon to the control of its people. Spanish authority ceased on the 1st January, 1899 and American "Military Rule" lasted from that date to the 20th May, 1902.

The relations to exist between the United States and the new republic were determined by the "Platt Amendment" which was imposed by the United States and finally accepted by Cuba on 12th, June, 1901.

The "Platt Amendment" explicitly affirmed the right of the United States to interfere in the affairs of the island in the provision "That the government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene for the protection of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty, and for discharging the obligations with respect to Cuba, imposed by the Treaty of Paris on the United States, now to be undertaken by the Government of Cuba." As a result of a serious revolution a provisional United States Government was established from 1906 to 1909, when the Republic again assumed control of its own affairs.

"Constance."

We left Bermuda for a cruise in the West Indies on January 5th. The first island visited was Antigua in the Leeward Islands, and also the seat of government of that group. A shooting match took place here against St. John's (the capital) and included in the team were two marines—Sergt. Pepper and Mne. Thorne. The local team were successful by the small margin of 2 points the scores being 312—310. The next day, the 11th of January, 8 marines were included in a very interesting outing to the English Harbour which contains the old dockyard where Lord Nelson refitted his ships during his pursuit of Villeneuve in 1805. The visit was personally conducted by His Excellency the Governor, who explained all the points of interest to the party.

Between the 14th and 18th, we were at Barbadoes with the other ships of the squadron. Nothing of note took place here, except the usual "quota" of "General Drill," however, the presence of the M.C.C. touring team was of great interest to many cricket followers.

St. Lucia was reached on the 19th, but nothing of interest took place since we were at sea once more on the 21st.

After leaving Trinidad on the 25th, we proceeded to Georgetown, the capital of British Guiana, arriving on the 27th. Here a rifle match was arranged against a strong local side, in which the latter were successful by the comfortable margin of 61 points, the scores being 720—659. Sergts. Pepper and Robinson, and Marine Thorne were included in the team. During the stay we had the "usual" march through the town at the somewhat ungentlemanly hour of 0630. Before passing on, as a matter of interest to all serving or past members of the Corps, we met a Mr. Manly (ex-Sergt. Instructor of Gunnery at Eastney) who was discharged as a pensioner in 1906. He found employment as Instructor to the Police at Georgetown the same year. He represented the Colony with others at the British Empire Exhibition, 1925. He stated that he attributed his success to his training in the Corps, especially in "topography."

We returned to Trinidad to oil and left on the 4th February for Jamaica. On arrival more oil was taken in and on the 9th we sailed for Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A.

Arriving on the 13th we found ourselves in the midst of the "so called" dryness, and the festivities of a famous carnival, 100 years in origin, called "Mardi Gras." The following is taken from the local paper:

"The celebration of Mardi Gras is an old story in Mobile, as it is in New Orleans, but this year's carnival is one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held here. Several factors contribute to this result. The weather thus far has been ideal. The presence of the two British cruisers, "Constance" and "Curlew," in port, and of the United States cruiser "Denver," has created unusual interest. The British and American sailors lend colour and picturesqueness to the carnival crowds, while the vessels they man are drawing thousands of people to the water front. The British cruisers, splendid specimens of the British Navy, are both the finest and largest warships that have ever visited Mobile."

Another landing of men from both ships took place here, and from all reports the Royal Marines are much talked about in the city for their smartness and appearance. We bade good-bye to America on the 17th, when we sailed for Belize, British Honduras. We stayed here four days, but since it is only a small town, not much of note took place. The local authorities however, did all in their power to cater for our requirements, and on the eve of our departure many assisted at a very enjoyable "Smoking Concert," which would have terminated in the small hours of the morning had we not been under orders for sailing at daybreak next morning.

We have arrived back at Jamaica again, where we and the "Curlew" remain until the 9th. All ships are present except the "Calcutta." A "Loader" competition has just taken place on board, and the detachment crew carried off the prize, by getting off 10 rounds in 55½ seconds, with no penalties awarded for incorrect drill.

CHINA.

Hong Kong.

The R.M. Active Service Cups and Peking Cups have been competed for by all ships except "Carlisle." On account of the somewhat troublesome times in China this had to be done on a card shoot principle, all detachments being allowed three shoots, the best one to count. The final results are as follows:—

	Active Service Cup.		Peking Cup.	
1	H.M.S. Ambrose .. 435	1	Tamar "A" ..	308
2	,, Concord .. 400	2	,, "B"	237
3	,, Titania .. 362	3	Hawkins "B" ..	232
4	,, Tamar .. 360	4	Durban "B" ..	210
5	,, Hawkins "A" 341	5	Concord "A" ..	194
6	,, Despatch .. 300	6	Hawkins "A" ..	189
7	,, Hawkins "B" 264	7	Concord "B" ..	172
8	,, Durban .. 261	8	Despatch "A" ..	171
		9	Titania ..	167
		10	Durban "A" ..	130
		11	Ambrose ..	115
		12	Despatch "B" ..	101

Very great interest was shown throughout, and the half platoon from the "Ambrose" (Col.-Sergt. Thorne) saved the situation at the last lap, otherwise the Cup would have gone to the "Concord" (Sergt. Shrive). Much as the "Concord's" pleasant company, beautiful appearance and extreme usefulness was appreciated, as far as the R.M. competitors were concerned, we did hope to keep the Cup on the station, which we did, but in parting, we wish them all they wish themselves when they get back to England.

The Peking Cup, 1st and 2nd "Tamar" (Sergts. Walker and Fuller) was a real good show, for it is the first time they have been able to compete for the R.M. Cups in China, and we all hope that if affairs settle down a bit, they will be allowed to come north next summer to Wei-hai-Wei to defend the title. The following is a list of the winning team:—

Peking 1st.

Tamar "A".—Sergt. Walker, Corpl. Smith, Mnes. Jones, Garratt, Barker, Dennett, Burnett.

Active Service 1st:

Ambrose.—Clr.-Sergt. Thorne, Sergt. Phillips, Corpls. Perry, Lester, Green, Spencer, Mnes. Martin, Dominy, Nicholson, McKeown, Bentham, Burghall, Perry, Millard, Cook.

The Young Soldiers' Cup, generously presented by the "Serving Sergeants" for men with under five

years' service—Snap and Rapid at 200 yards, application at 500 yards, was won by Mne. Beacham ("Despatch") with Mne. Robinson ("Hawkins") runner-up. The "Durban" was absent from the competition, having pushed off to sea at very short notice to hunt pirates. Whilst wishing them fortune, we do not get fearfully intrigued, for stunts out here so seldom seem to produce great results. The Chinese who work the business are very brave on paper, and kidnapping, if properly organised, is an easy performance, but their general morale when up against foreigners cannot be considered high.

The Navy, by beating the Army, and drawing with the Civilians, carried off the K.O.Y.L.I. Polo Cup, the R.M.'s being represented by Capt. Sturges, who also ran third in the Fanling National, and carried off the United Services Cup at a Totalisator S.P. of 45 to 1. This was exceedingly fortunate for those few N.C.Os. and men, who in spite of all warning, insisted on supporting the Royal Regiment.

"Vindictive."

At last we have arrived on the China Station, having been nearly a year getting here. No sooner had we arrived than we ran into the Fleet Marathon, Boxing, and Athletic Sports. Two of the detachment were selected for the ship's marathon team, namely, Graham and Hardaway, the former being the first man home for the ship; the latter had the misfortune to get crocked on the way round. In the Boxing we had four entrants, Martin getting the good loser's prize for novices. In the Sports the detachment represented the ship in the tug-of-war and were only beaten in the final, and we had two in the ship's relay team of four, which the ship won; these two were Beard and Musn. Holt.

At football we still keep the lead in the Inter-Part League, having played four matches and won all, with a total of 27 goals for and 2 against.

We entered sixteen for the Young Soldiers' Rifle Competition, but came back empty handed. We hope to do better with practise.

"Concord"

We left Hong Kong on Feb. 26th according to programme. Warships of all sizes and varieties cheered us on our way as we passed through their lines, with the strains of "Rolling Home" greeting us on all sides.

Owing to an epidemic of smallpox in Kuching we were prevented from making our proposed visit there, and made straight for Singapore instead, where we arrived on March 3rd.

Leaving Singapore on the 7th, we reached Penang the following day. We should be leaving here on the 11th, but our stay has been extended 24 horus.

Coming from Hong Kong where it is comparatively cool at this time of the year, the weather here seems excessively hot, but I expect we shall be getting it hotter yet until we pass through the Suez Canal.

"Despatch."

After our landing party had been withdrawn from Holt's wharf on the 15th October, the ship remained at Shanghai until the 1st December, during which period we had our first real opportunity of seeing Shanghai and enjoying the fruits of what Shanghai has to offer in the way of amusements, etc. A number of concerts, dances and whist drives were given by the B.W.A. and the Mission to Seamen, all of which were very much appreciated and well attended. The ship also gave a number in return. On the 29th November the "Concord" had orders to proceed to Cheefoo, and next day the "Despatch" shifted billet to the S.N.O.'s buoy, which movement caused everyone to expect us to remain at Shanghai for Christmas. Our expectations and hopes were soon shattered, as on the 1st December we received orders to proceed to Chin-Wang-tao at once. This was rather unfortunate for us, as the ship is very popular at Shanghai, and we had been assured of an excellent time over the Christmas and New Year. Anyhow, duty comes before pleasure, so we made our way to Chin-Wang-tao, stopping at Wei-hai-Wei to draw winter clothing, etc., arriving at our destination on the 4th December. Chin-Wang-tao is about 120 miles north of Wei-hai, and at this time of the year very cold, the thermometer and the sea having fallen equally, the latter was soon frozen, probably a new sight for some of the younger members of the ship's company. It is a noted place for its coal mines, which belong to the Kailing Mining Administration, also for its Glass Factory, belonging to a Belgian Company. We have had conducted parties to visit the glass factory, also the Old Wall of China, which is about twelve miles away. We have heard numerous stories why this wall was built, the truest being, we think, that it was built about 1250 years ago, to keep the Mongol hordes out, and took 15 years to complete.

The cold weather has been responsible for a number of officers and men growing beards, and if I had been a cartoonist I should have had much pleasure in forwarding on a sketch of our O.C., R.M. Detachment, but lacking that gift, am unable to do so. We have had good facilities for route marches and drill, and the country here is excellent for practising the platoon in the attack. It certainly ought to be transferred home for the use of candidates.

Nothing in the way of excitement happened until the 18th January, when we landed to guard the boundary line between the K.M.A. property and the Chinese territory. On this night General Nei's army was retreating, and General Chang's troops came into the village, announcing their approach by occasional bursts of rifle firing. At present we are still landed, waiting further developments.

SPORTS. Whilst at Shanghai a number of the detachment entered for the Navy Sports, the only successful competitor being Mne. Snelgrove, who was second in the mile race, his time being 4 min. 54 secs. At Chin-Wang-Tao we had a ship's marathon race; our team was third, and consisted of Corpl. Lillywhite, Mnes. Snelgrove, Martin and Newis. Mne. Snelgrove was second man home, being beaten by Ld. Seaman Hogden, an experienced runner of the R.N.B., Portsmouth.

A number of football matches have been played, the

most important being the final of the Inter-Part, which was contested for between the detachment and the Topmen. The first time the match was played it resulted in a draw, no goals being scored after half an hour's extra time. The replay resulted in a win for the detachment, Corpl. Spencer scoring the only goal. We regret to say that we have lost one of our best players, both for the detachment and the ship, Corpl. Mitchard having been invalided home, but we are looking forward to a good substitute in his relief.

We expect to be at Hong-Kong early in February to refit, after an absence of nine months, and we hope to have a little more time to devote to shooting, etc. as during the past year we have been kept rather busy with more important duties.

We should like to take this opportunity of informing the detachment of the " Vindictive " that they will have every opportunity of proving their merit against the detachment of " Despatch," as well as the detachment of the " Hawkins," as stated in the *G. & L.* of December's issue.

NEW ZEALAND.

" **Philomel.**"

Auckland, since the arrival of the " Diomede " has seen much coming and going of warships.

H.M.S. " Laburnum " has returned after an absence of ten weeks. She left port on Dec. 3rd for Ocean Island to quell a disturbance which arose between the Chinese labourers and the Gilbert Islanders (Kanakas), who, together work the rich phosphate beds.

This sloop experienced a fairly trying time, and owing to rough weather was eight days circling the island, unable to find an anchorage. An armed party of fifty was landed, and the native camps surrounded at daybreak, but no firing ensued. Both Chinese and Kanakas were then marched into one of the quarries and searched. No firearms were found on them, and the Kanakas were allowed to search the emptied Chinese quarters for firearms. This they did with a vengeance, breaking everything so that the dwellings were practically demolished. Their search brought to light glass-bottle bombs filled with gelingite which is used in the quarries, a few revolvers, and various home made war weapons.

A party of men from the warship was left behind, and those of the labourers, who were sentenced, were taken to Suva to serve their terms of imprisonment. At Suva, the " Laburnum " signed on about a dozen natives as upperdeck hands and stokers, and a return trip was made to the island. The landed party was then taken on board after being on the island for seven weeks. The sloop then returned to Suva where she " paid off " her native crew, who had behaved admirably during their trip, and were proud of their commission aboard a British man-o'-war. From Suva the " Laburnum " returned to Auckland.

A French warship named " Cassiopée," which is an ex-British vessel of the same class as " Laburnum," arrived here for a fortnight's stay. She replaced the " Aldebaran " in the Pacific, and since she left France in March, 1925, has travelled over 27,000 miles.

The Japanese warship " Iwate " arrived here on a five days visit. She berthed immediately astern of the " Cassiopée " which followed naval custom by sending two parties of men to handle her lines. The " Iwate," is an old armoured cruiser, built in Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1900, and is now a training ship carrying over a 100 cadets, among whom is Prince Hironobu Fushimi a member of the Imperial Family. When the " Iwate " made her way along the east coast she belched so much smoke that people ashore mistook here for a ship on fire.

A return cricket match between Marines of " Diomede " and " Philomel " was won by the " Diomede " detachment by 170 to 155 runs. Capt. Selby-Tuppen was a member of the " Diomede " team, while Lieut.-Comdr. Wilmott-Sitwell, R.N., played for the " Philomel " Marines, and proved to be the mainstay of the team, putting up a brilliant score, and also with Corpl. Kirkham and Mne. Connor took an active part in the bowling.

GIVE AND TAKE.

By V.W.D.

My Lords Commissioners, virtuous men,
Have proved their worthiness again,
For they've decreed that " Royals " need,
Some brand new Sunday Tunics.
For though, no doubt, we're all about,
We were in fear of being cut out
By the lofty " Guard," with breastplate hard,
And the " Airman " with his " Blue-knicks."

But now once more, when we're ashore,
With a girl or two, or three or four,
We need not blush or move at the " rush,"
Whene'er we're passing soldiers.
But we'll smile instead and hold our heads
High above our collars red,
Being careful lest our swelling chests
Should burst their pretty holders.

But in spite of this, undoubted bliss,
There's just a thing or two amiss,
And though we feel we cannot squeal,
It is to be regretted :
That Boots, biennia'll be no more,
No longer will the clerk at the " Store "
Belch forth the welcome " Sea and Shore "—
(The " *and* " will now be changed to " *or* ")—
For this we are indebted

To Economy by the powers that be,
Nor ends this their duplicity,
For sad to tell, they have pinched as well,
One of our pairs of trousers.
For Trousers, serge, and gloves, khaki,
Will cease to be issued annually ;
No wonder " Royals " however loyal,
Are such undaunted " Grousers."

But let us make, for economy's sake,
Resolves to freely " Give and Take,"
And not forget the example set
By the noble Lords Commissioners.
For to suggest that we know best
Would be presumption, so we'll rest
Content with what we still " have got,"
And trust it won't diminish, sirs !

DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS IN THE R.N.

(continued)

FROM NOTES APPEARING IN THE "MARINERS' MIRROR," BY KIND PERMISSION OF W. G. PERRIN, ESQ., O.B.E.

V.—HALF MEASURES.

In May, 1874, a new rating—Chief Bandmaster—was introduced into the Training Ships, with pay of 2s. 2d. and "Instruction Money" of 6d. a day. This had been found necessary because the pay of the Bandmasters was insufficient to attract able and "respectable" musicians, unless supplemented by a subsidy raised by subscriptions among the officers. This subsidy was forthcoming in the ships in the Fleet, but not in the Training Ships—"such cannot be expected of the officers when the band is but a school of music." The Adjutant General of the Royal Marines was at the same time directed to order the Bandmasters of the R.M. Divisions to inspect the bands of the Training Ships twice a year, and grant certificates of competency to these Chief Bandmasters.

A year later the Admiralty decided to establish a regular allowance per annum towards the purchase of musical instruments for the bands of H.M. ships. This varied from £14 to £20, according to the size of the band, but the Admiralty would take no responsibility for these instruments, and it was to be distinctly understood that the instruments are "not Government property."

After this slight improvement the position remained unchanged for a decade. In November, 1883, there were in the service the number of ratings shown in the following list, which figures can be compared with the numbers required by the complements of ships then actually in commission :—

	On Active List	Allowed by Complements
Chief Bandmasters ..	17	19
Bandmasters ..	12	16
Musicians	68	100
Bandsmen	363	354
Band Boys Training ..	104	—

In November, 1884, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh (then in command of the Channel Squadron) put forward certain proposals for the improvement of the position, prospects and training of the C.S. Bandsmen in the Navy. He suggested that the boys should be advanced to man's rating immediately on reaching the age of 18 (unless unfit), as boys of the seaman class were, but pointed out that after attaining the rating of Bandsman, at 1s. 4d. a day, they had no further prospects, and consequently no incentive to improve themselves. Another great defect in the existing system was that the Bandsmen awaiting draft in depot ships had no opportunities of practising, as there were no messengers or orderlies. The result of this was a deterioration that became apparent when they were subsequently drafted to a ship. He suggested that Bandsmen awaiting draft should be attached to the band of the Commander-in-Chief at one of the home ports, a number of instruments being allowed to those bands for the purpose of training these men, and that the best Bandmasters available should be appointed to these three bands.

In order to give more opportunities for the application of this process, he recommended that the Non.C.S. Bandsmen in those bands should take their turn of sea service. This suggestion did not commend itself to the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, who pointed out that he was only able to retain such good musicians as he had in his band, because like the bandsmen of the Guards, Royal Artillery and Royal Marines, their fixed residence on shore enabled them to add to their wages by teaching or performing in their leisure hours. His Royal Highness made further suggestions for the increase of the pay of the band ratings—"for offering some inducement to the bandsmen to become proficient on more than one instrument." He also proposed "That a certain number of bandsmen, to be selected from amongst those who have taken 1st Class Certificates in music on leaving the Training Ship, should every year be sent to a training school for music, to pass through a course of instruction which would qualify them to become Bandmasters. It would no doubt be practicable to make an arrangement with the War Office to send these men to Kneller Hall, where the Military Bandmasters are trained."

The excellent suggestions of H.R.H. were not adopted; indeed, the period in review is one of half measures, under which the band is officially recognised, but only partially supported. There was, moreover, an undercurrent setting in against the band. Sir G. T. Phipps Hornby in the letter setting forth his opinions on the Duke of Edinburgh's proposals concluded in these words : "I venture to submit that it would be well to reconsider the whole question." When the crews of line-of-battle ships consisted of from 650 to 1,100 men, the inclusion of 13 or 14 bandsmen was immaterial ; but now that the crews of ironclads are falling rapidly to 300 to 450, the proportional effect of the bandsmen is serious. Further, the accommodation in those ships is restricted, while the increased armament of machine-guns lately given, calls for more seamen to work them, and it is, in my opinion, worthy of consideration whether it would not be better to follow the practise of foreign navies, and restrict bands to flagships, replacing them in other ships by an equal number of seamen.

Besides, I find that Captains dislike to receive the young bandsmen when drafted from the training ships, and prefer to enter musicians for themselves when they are allowed to do so ; and naturally, for they have to train the former, while they can usually get trained men to volunteer from the shore. By diminishing the number to be entered, more choice would be left, and better musicians might be entered for continuous service, while the expense of training would be saved. Again, so long as Captains enter their own Bandmssters, they are willing to increase their salaries. Probably they would not be so willing to fee a continuous service Bandmaster who would be appointed by the Admiralty. But if the pay is not good, the quality will probably be inferior, and unless their Lordships contemplate raising the wages of continuous service bandsmen by about the rate of private pay—say, £45 a year—I should expect the quality of the Bandmaster in the Navy, if continuous service, to deteriorate. For these reasons I fear H.R.H.'s proposals for the higher training of Bandmasters will not bear the fruit he hopes to see. With fewer bands, I do not doubt sufficient men of good ability as Bandmasters would always be obtainable from civil life."

In a further letter, he again laid stress upon the point that the constant decrease of combatants and increase

of non-combatants in the ships was dangerous, and remarked " that the object of keeping bands has almost disappeared with cessation of long voyages and monotonous duty."

Fortunately, the naval members of the Admiralty Board were alive to the great value of the bands in promoting cheerfulness and contentment among the ships' companies, and the drastic proposal to restrict them to the flagship was vetoed.

(To be continued.)

THE BITER BIT.

" He who fights and runs away," etc. You all know the rest. The incident I am about to relate occurred during a shooting expedition of four days at Nimrod Sound, North China, at which place permission had been given to H.M.S. " Titania " to break her journey whilst *en route* for Hong Kong from Wei Hai Wei. The country round about Nimrod Sound is reminiscent of Scapa Flow, though much more wooded, with a fair number of scattered villages comparatively clean and well built—for China. The party consisted of Captain Raikes, R.N., Lt.-Comdr. Spragge, Surg.-Lt. Comdr. Hopson, Captain Sturges, with attendant beaters, including myself and one Chinese boy to assist in carrying, the chow and spare ammunition and also as guard to the dump. Sport on the whole was moderate, there was no lack of variety, but it was not until the last day that a plentiful supply of birds was seen, and the " gunnery " was then of the nature that might be expected from the occupants of St. Dunstan's.

It was the second day which provided the incident that fortunately for us ended with no more disaster than fright.

We had landed on the mainland about 0930, and a pathway led us with many twistings to the first paddy fields to be worked out. Having drawn our allotted portion blank, it was decided that Captain Sturges and the Dental Surgeon accompanied by myself should move on to some fresh ground whilst the rest of the party worked some reeds around a duck pond. To get to our next beat it was necessary to pick up our original narrow path and move around the base of a large spur. This we did, moving in single file at an easy walk, disappearing from view of the rest of the party. On rounding the spur, the next paddy some 200 yards distant looked promising enough and further interest was roused by the appearance of a large village about 400 yards away. We had just reached a point about 40 yards round the spur when " Bang !" Instinctively we stopped, trying to mark any birds, thinking our opposite numbers might have driven some over, at the same time slightly puzzled by the peculiar sound of the report.

However, " nothing doing," so we moved on only to be greeted by another bang. Captain Sturges, turning round to the Dental Surgeon asked, " Has your ruddy gun gone off by accident ?" A look of blank amazement greeted the question, which was almost immediately answered in no uncertain manner, by the arrival of a bullet between the Dental Surgeon and Sergt. Tugwell, followed at once by a series of " bangs " and the old hateful sound of bullets cracking into the earth. With surprised shouts of " Bullets—Run !" we turned as one man, making a very hasty and undignified retreat, being in the words of the text books " pursued by fire."

That we had been anticipated was proved, for although we got to comparative safety (as we thought) on getting behind the spur, with nothing worse than unpleasant surprise, as soon as we slowed down to quick time, knowing ourselves to be under cover from the village, fire was opened afresh from the other side of the river.

Running, with all six cylinders firing, we zig-zagged across the dry paddi, joining forces with the rest of the party and to their surprise informed them of the unpleasant nature of the district. The " enemy " then treated us to a salvo and a few more rounds, driving us all to cover. A hurried council of war was held and the party decided to adopt a covered line of retreat to the beach (about 2 miles) through the scrub, Captain Sturges dashing swiftly across the open to collect a Leading Seaman who had been left as a " stop " and the Chinese " Boy " at the Dump. We all got away, under fire, though most of the bullets went pleasantly wide, the L.S. and Chinese boy being sent back to try and collect a sampam at the landing place, our own boat not being ordered till 5.30 p.m. Fortunately the sampam materialized, for swimming was out of the question, and after joining up with a " lonely outpost " who seemed delighted to see us, we eventually embarked without further incident (except for the shooting of a stray, foolish hen pheasant) and moved to more peaceful shores. The incident was distinctly interesting and the sequel occurred at 0815 next morning, when a Chinese Coast Defence vessel arrived and sent an officer on board to apologise.

THE LIGHTER VEIN CLUB.

By Dew.

(concluded)

The club met yesterday for the last time this season. It was unanimously decided that, as the summer was coming on, a little fresh air would be more beneficial to us all, and accordingly the club was dissolved until winter should again bring us together around the fireside.

The solutions to the puzzles set last month were as follows :—

1. The number of sheep originally in the flock was 1025.

2. The total number of ways it was possible for the scout to take was 321.

This conclusion is reached as follows :—From the starting point, there is only one way of reaching any of the points lying directly N. or E., so I write in the figure 1.

In the second column there are three ways of getting to the second point from the bottom, five to the next above, seven to the next, and so on, the same figures also applying to the second row from the bottom. These numbers I write in as I make them.

We find then that the central point can be reached in 13 different ways, because he can enter it either from the two points which can be reached in five ways, or from the one which can be reached in three ways, the total of the three being 13.

If we thus total up the three relative points as we go, we shall find that the last point, *i.e.*, the object of our journey, can be reached in 321 different ways.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL CHARLES L. GORDON, R.M. (retd.)

We regret to announce the death of General C. L. Gordon, on the 16th March, 1926, at the age of 62, at his residence at 7 Tamar Terrace, Stoke, Devonport. Born on the 8th September, 1863, General Gordon joined the Royal Marines in September 1881 as a Lieutenant. In 1883 he joined the Portsmouth Division. His first service afloat as a subaltern was in H.M.S. Monarch, in the Mediterranean, and subsequently in H.M.S. Thunderer, Orion and Carysfort, on the same station.

In 1890 he held the appointment of Asst. Instructor of Musketry at the Portsmouth Division from March till August, when he was promoted to Captain and appointed to the Plymouth Division as Instructor of Signalling.

After serving in H.M.S. Hood (Med.), at the Portsmouth Division, and at the Depot, Deal, he was appointed Adjutant to the 4th V.B. Scottish Rifles (Cameronians), with headquarters at Glasgow, where he was very popular with all ranks.

He was promoted to Major in 1890 and vacated the Adjutantcy of the Scottish Rifles in 1901. As a Major in 1903 he was the senior Royal Marine officer of H.M.S. Duke of Wellington, and rendered good service during the somewhat difficult period when the transfer of the depot from that ship to the R.N. Barracks took place. His detachment at the R.N. Barracks shortly after the transfer was about 400 strong.

In 1905, after service in the Reserve Fleet at Portsmouth, General Gordon returned to the Portsmouth Division, received the brevet of Lieut.-Colonel in 1906, and was promoted to Lieut.-Colonel the same year, proceeding to the Depot, Deal. In 1908 he served at the Chatham Division, and was made a Brevet Colonel in 1909. In 1910 he was appointed to the Plymouth Division as Colonel 2nd Commandant, and commanded that Division as Colonel Commandant and Temporary Brigadier-General from October, 1913 till October, 1915, when he was promoted to Major-General.

As a Major-General, shortly after giving up the command of the Plymouth Division, he was employed under the Ministry of Munitions, first at Birmingham and subsequently at Woolwich. He gave up the appointment shortly after the Armistice, and resided at Deal.

In 1914 General Gordon was awarded the Good Service Pension, and received the British War Medal in 1919.

Major-General Gordon married Miss Trevor Dawson and had two daughters, one of whom is married to Captain E. Parker, of the Royal Marines, at present serving in H.M.S. Impregnable.

MAJOR & HONORARY LIEUT.-COLONEL HENRY FULLER, R.M. (retd.)

Lieut.-Colonel Fuller, whose death on the 20th March, 1926, we regret to announce, was born in 1840, and joined the Portsmouth Division of the Royal Marines as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1859.

Promoted to Lieutenant in 1861, he served in H.M.S. "Trafalgar" in the Channel Fleet and Baltic till 1862, when he joined the Woolwich Headquarters till 1865, when he was appointed to H.M.S. "Donegal" in the Coastguard service. In 1867 he returned to Woolwich Headquarters for two years, proceeding thence to the Portsmouth Division.

In 1869 he joined the Recruit Depot at Walmer, and held the appointment of Adjutant there from 1872 until he was promoted to Captain in 1876. In 1877 Lieut.-Colonel Fuller was "recruiting" in Derby for two years, after which he joined the Portsmouth Division, and was embarked in H.M.S. "Excellent" from 1879 to 1881 whence he returned to the Depot, Walmer for two years.

He received his Brevet Majority in 1881, and was promoted to Major the same year. From 1883 to 1885 he was "recruiting" at Liverpool, and he was placed on the retired list at his own request on the 11th December, 1885, being promoted to Honorary Lieut.-Colonel on retirement.

Lieut.-Colonel Fuller was awarded a Greenwich Hospital Pension in 1919.

LIEUTENANT THOMAS L. G. BRYAN, R.M. (Flying Officer, R.A.F.)

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death from drowning of Lieut. Thomas Lawe Guy Bryan, only son of Major Bryan, Indian Service (retired) whilst serving with the Fleet Air Arm in the Mediterranean.

He was born on the 25th September, 1900, and obtained his commission in the Royal Marine Light Infantry on the 1st January, 1919, and after the usual courses was posted to the Chatham Division in July, 1921.

He was promoted to Lieutenant on the 1st of January, 1922, and embarked in the "Resolution" in the same year until November, 1923.

In 1924, Lieut. Bryan took a short course at the R.N. P. and R.T. School.

In January, 1925, he volunteered for service with the Fleet Air Arm and after qualifying as a Pilot at Netheravon, he was attached to the R.A.F. (Training) Base at Leuchars to train for "Deck Landing." He passed out from this course in December, 1925, and the following month was appointed to H.M.S. "Egmont" for duty with No. 440 Flight at Calafrana. It was here, while practising deck landing on the "Hermes," that he met with the unfortunate accident which resulted in his death.

His landing was made too far to Port and the machine, bouncing badly, came to rest facing slightly outboard with one wheel very near the edge of the deck. The wind began to lift under the right wing, and, in spite of the efforts of the Flying Deck party to hold her down, when the weight of the engine came outboard, the near wheel slipped from the deck and the machine turned completely over and fell into the sea imprisoning the pilot (who was strapped in) beneath it. The machine drifted aft and sank and all efforts to save Lieut. Bryan failed. A fresh breeze was blowing and a confused sea running at the time making all attempts at rescue exceedingly difficult.

A memorial service was held on board the "Hermes" at the scene of the accident, on the 1st April. The Commander-in-Chief and other officers from the Fleet attended, and the firing party was formed of 40 rank and file of the Royal Marines under the command of Lieut. Sillitoe. A wreath was lowered into the sea by two Royal Marines attached to the Fleet Air Arm.

Lieut. Bryan was a good messmate and very popular with his brother officers. He was a keen sportsman, and in 1923 was runner-up in the Officers' Heavyweight Boxing Championship of the Royal Marines. His loss

will be keenly felt by all who had the pleasure of serving with him.

LIEUTENANT ALFRED JOHN LONG.

The funeral took place on the 22nd March, at Greenbank Cemetery, of the late Lieutenant Alfred John Long, who died at his residence, 63, York Road, Montpelier, after a long and lingering illness. The coffin, which was covered with the Union Jack, rested on a gun-carriage, supplied by "S" Battery, R.A., whilst the bearers were from the Gloucestershire Regiment, and the bugler who sounded the "Last Post" at the graveside was from the Bristol R.N.V.R. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Deceased enlisted in the Royal Marines in February, 1882, saw much service all over the world, and took part in the Egyptian and Chinese campaigns. He left the service on pension in 1901 with the rank of Quartermaster Sergeant. On the outbreak of war in 1914 he immediately rejoined, and was promoted Sergt.-Major, and in March, 1918, he obtained a commission, and served with the Royal Marines Submarine Miners at Newcastle. His three sons served throughout the war. Deceased was a great lover of books.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED UP TO 31st MARCH, 1926.

Name	Pens. No.	Rank	Div.	Regtl. No.	Date of Death
AGLAND, R. ..	3723	Mne.	Ply.	48 Coy.	11-3-26
ASHEY, E. ..	4277	Mne.	Ports.	358	24-3-26
BEER, T. ..	16211	Q.M.S.	R.M.A.	613	5-3-26
BENBOW, B. ..	16122	Corpl.	Wool'h	88 Coy.	5-3-26
BLAKE, S. ..	23358	Mne.	Ply.	8894	27-2-26
BREWSTER, W. ..	15431	Mne.	Chat.	386	25-3-26
BRINDLE, R. ..	13917	Mne.	Gosport	46 Coy.	24-3-26
BUTE, G. T. ..	22741	Mne.	Ply.	5020	12-1-26
CLARKE, J. ..	13670	Mne.	Chat.	1142	17-3-26
CROOKS, F. ..	20551	Mne.	Ports.	10627	20-3-26
DEAN, J. ..	8646	Mne.	Ports	2194	23-3-26
GEORGE, W. ..	7952	Mne.	Ports.	1543	17-3-26
KEEFE, J. ..	3433	Mne.	Chat.	877	21-3-26
KILMINSTER, D. ..	3030	Mne.	Gosport	1483	23-3-26
JOHNSON, J. ..	6380	Corpl.	Ports.	5819	23-3-26
MARN, J. ..	11148	Sergt.	R.M.A.	—	6-3-26
MAUNDER, S. ..	12761	Mne.	Ports.	5079	20-3-26
MOORING, T. ..	16178	Mne.	Ports.	50 Coy.	24-3-26
SAUNDERS, E. ..	16997	Clr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	2631	27-3-26
STAMP, I. ..	13002	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	H Coy.	13-3-26
STEER, T. ..	14532	Mne.	Ply.	1107	22-3-26
STICKLAND, J. ..	17367	Clr.-Sgt.	Ply.	4146	14-3-26
THOMAS, A. ..	5146	Mne.	Ply.	30 Coy.	24-3-26
USK, G. ..	1007	Mne.	Ply.	B Coy.	24-2-26
WILL, A. ..	19112	Mne.	Ply.	12233	22-3-26
WILLIAMS, W. ..	12495	Mne.	Ply.	1209	18-3-26

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

On the 26th March, a congratulatory telegram was received from the 1st Bn. East Surrey Regiment at Hong Kong, to which a suitable reply was cabled. This is the 101st anniversary of the burning of the East Indianman "Kent," and of the subsequent accommodating of the regiment by the Chatham Division, till other arrangements could be made for its members, who had lost practically all their kit.

In return for the hospitality shown by the Royal Marines, the Officers of the Chatham Division were made permanent honorary members of the mess of the 31st Regiment. Subsequently, as we learn from the old mess records, the officers of the Chatham Division unanimously voted "that the officers of the 31st be invited to consider themselves permanent honorary members of the Chatham mess, with the privilege of inviting guests."

Since the amalgamation of the two branches of the Corps this invitation has been extended to both battalions of the East Surreys, and they have included in their invitation Royal Marine officers of all three divisions.

PORTSMOUTH

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION BALL.

The members of the Portsmouth Division Small Arms Staff hope to be as successful during the shooting season as they were with their first ball, which was held in the Gymnasium, Eastney Barracks, on Friday evening, 9th April. The function was arranged with the object of raising funds for the Royal Marines Rifle Association, and its success has induced the organisers to try and make it an annual affair. There were 400 dancers present, and they spent an enjoyable evening and went home tired and happy at 1.30 a.m. Sergts. Crosby, Smith, Fowler and Corpl. Borrett shared the duties of M.C. The gymnasium was gaily decorated with all kinds of bunting, streamers, balloons and carnival novelties, and huge flags were used to form a covered way into the refreshment rooms and Continental Café which was in the Theatre. The floral decorations, all of which were the property of the Small Arms Staff of the Division were cleverly arranged by Mne. Shearwood, and Mr. W. Weaver brought all his skill to bear in lighting effects. In the absence of the Colonel Commandant, Colonel Second Commandant J. A. M. A. Clark attended with the principal officers of the Divsion, including Major L. D. Briscoe, Major Huntingford and Capt. Jameson. Q.M.S. B. P. Foster was President of

the Committee which arranged the ball, and others who rendered valuable assistance were Q.M.S. Bland, Clr.-Sergts. Wright and Coppin, Arm-Sergt. King and Sergts. Lamacraft, Paget, Macaulay, Emery, Morgan, Hadley and Adams. The amount raised for the R.M.R.A. Funds is not at present known as all bills have not yet been rendered, but a statement will be published in next month's *Globe and Laurel.*

PLYMOUTH.

Recent alterations and additions have transformed the Lecture Room into what it has now become, and for which it is at present solely used—a Church. These changes have been effected gradually during the last few years, and include the provision of scarlet cassocks for the choir, choir stalls, the purchase and installation of a small organ, the re-arrangement of seating accommodation for officers, band and choir, and finally, stained-glass panels in certain of the windows.

The organ, it is hoped, will be considered a great improvement, not only for the service in the absence of the band, but also when used conjointly with the stringed instruments, adding dignity and suitability to the Church music.

By the new arrangement of seating, officers and their families now face the Altar with the rest of the congregation, the band and choir being on the dais on each side of the Altar.

To remedy the uncomfortable glare which streams through the windows, stained glass has been superimposed on those nearest the Altar, with medallions in each panel. This work has been admirably executed by Mr. D. Snell, of the firm of Fouracre & Son, "The West of England Glass Studio," in Chapel Street, Stonehouse. His wide experience and extensive knowledge of such designs have rightly gained him a very high reputation, not only locally, but beyond the confines of the West country. Further, it is particularly pleasing to reflect that such beautiful work has been carried out not only by an artist of repute, but by one who for so many years has lived within close sound of the bugles of these barracks, and to whom the Royal Marines are so well known.

There is a sentiment in this association which adds much to the interest and value of these panels, in providing yet another bond between the civilian element of Stonehouse and the Marines within its barrack gates.

Mr. Snell describes the panels thus: "They show the monograms 'I.H.S.' and 'X.P.", letters of the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ, our Exemplar. '*a*' and '*w*,' Alpha and Omega, indicative of His eternal Being, while in the two upper panels are the heads of Saints George and Nicholas. St. George, as the Patron Saint of England, and of soldiers in general, and St. Nicholas, as the Patron Saint of sailors, are both eminently suitable as saints for the Church of the 'Sea Soldiers.'"

Mr. Snell has shown St. George wearing a Roman helmet of unique shape, a design he originally copied from an example in the British Museum, merely adding to it the Cross of St. George, which he bore as the symbol of our Faith. Surrounding the emblems and heads are symbolical ornaments. The emblems of our Lord have the conventional renderings of the Vine ("I am the Vine, ye are the branches . . ."), while St. George is set amid the Rose of England, and St. Nicholas is encompassed by seaweed and scallop shells.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FIRST ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC, EASTNEY.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES BY
COLONEL-COMMANDANT J. B. FINLAISON, C.M.G., R.M.,
MONDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1926.

PROGRAMME.

3.15 p.m.
Arrival of Colonel-Commandant (Salute by Band).
Orchestral Item by Boys' Band.
Overture—"Don Giovanni" (*Mozart*)
Report on School by Superintendent.
Distribution of Prizes by Colonel Commandant.
Address by Colonel Commandant.
Reply. Thanks by Superintendent.
Orchestral Item by Boys' Band.
Three Dances—"Nell Gwynne" (*German*)

GOD SAVE THE KING.

The following are the Superintendent's remarks on the School:—

Colonel Finlaison, Ladies, Gentlemen, and all ranks of the School,

On the first occasion of the Distribution of Prizes at this School, I welcome all parents and friends, and I hope in the future still larger numbers will attend, so as to make it the School's Social Function of the Year. Before reading out the Report, I desire to make a few criticisms on the work carried out by the boys. This includes Music, Theoretical and Practical; Education; Fire Control; First Aid; Anti-Gas; Physical and Recreational Training.

As regards Music: progress is being well maintained, in fact boys are now sufficiently up in their work to be drafted for service afloat from the age of 17½ years, instead of 18 to 18½ years. This good progress is greatly helped by the keenness of the boys themselves. They practice in their own time quite a lot, and are desirous of gaining information. This is the right spirit. I congratulate the Musical Staff on their results. There are some boys who get on so well with one instrument, that they concentrate on that instrument—usually the orchestral instrument, and neglect the one they are less skilled on. All boys have been warned about this weakness, which must be rectified. It has been the cause of boys not getting musical prizes. Drummers are now just as important instrumentalists as any other instrument, and are no longer a mere trimming. The Piano has now been introduced in bands, and it is hoped that all who can, will take up this instrument

The ceremonial work on parade has vastly improved, and this is a matter of great satisfaction to myself, and reflects great credit, both on the staff and on the boys. In connection with this work, after trying many samples, a new cardholder has been introduced, and will be issued next year. This holder is a holder, and does not allow cards to shoot out on to the ground.

The revision of Musical Salutes for Admirals and other General Officers and Officials is under consideration and a new ceremonial card will shortly be published.

The Educational side is being kept up at a high standard and is in the hands of very capable masters.

In Recreational work the boys have held their own with other establishments and teams. I should like to see still greater numbers becoming really proficient in the various sports, so that in the future, as Musicians and N.C.O.'s, they may assist to bring success to our representative teams. All that is possible is being done to improve the Playing Fields and Pavilion.

The report of the work of the last twelve months is as follows:—

1. Average Strength 175; Entries 43 (11% of Candidates).

Some persons might think that this was a very small percentage, but the Superintendent explained that applicants were first "summed up" for general deportment and appearance (at which stage many were refused), then taken in hand by the schoolmaster, who found whether they were up to the required standard VII. calibre, and if they survived there, they were sent to the musical department, who

summed up their chances of becoming Musicians, and with subsequent visits to the doctor, they would realise that 11% was fairly good. Advances to Musician, 27,

2. Discipline and General Behaviour—" Very Good."
3. Illness—small (no epidemics).
4. Distinctions gained during the last year :

(*i*) Musical	..	L.R.A.M. Certificates	.. 4
(*ii*) Educational	..	1st Class Certificate	.. 3
		2nd Class Certificate	.. 37
		3rd Class Certificate	39
(*iii*) Recreational	..	Cricket : 15 matches ; 11 won. Inter-room won by 56 room.	
		Football : U.S. League, Div. IV. 12 matches, 3rd.	
		Lads' Wed. League : 14 matches, 3rd	
		Lads' Junior L. : 20 matches, 1st. Inter-room won by No. 1 Room.	
		Water Polo : Inter-room won by 60.	
		Athletic Sports Cup : Won by 60.	
		Boxing : 55 entries for Novices' Competition.	

After the presentation of the prizes the Colonel Commandant referred to the Superintendent's satisfactory report, and urged the boys not to confine themselves to the winning of certificates, but to lead their lives as really good members of society. They could do a great deal in the ship by keeping the crew cheerful, and the bands were doing a great deal in this direction, because life on board was very dull at times.

The Superintendent heartily thanked the Colonel Commandant for kindly presenting the prizes in the absence of the Adjutant General who it was regretted could not attend as previously arranged owing to serious illness.

The Boys with their relatives and friends then adjourned to the dining hall, which was tastefully decorated, and a band of willing volunteers served tea to a happy gathering, who voted the first annual distribution of prizes a huge success.

SOCIALS.

The N.C.O.'s and Musicians of the School held a Carnival Dance in the Concert Hall which was attended by a large number of relatives and friends, supper was served in the Dining Hall, and the evenings enjoyment was very much appreciated by all present.

The Boys wound up the " Annual Prize Day " by holding a Carnival Dance which was a fitting climax to a memorable day in the School's history.

R.M. Band ranks will be pleased to note that provision has been made for an increase of about 300 on the Establishment of the School for 1926, and recruits are urgently needed.

FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES (AND OTHERS).

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Abie (shipwrecked) : " Ike, I see a sail ! "
Ike : " Vell, vot of it ? Ve ain't got any samples ! "
Rammer Jammer.

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Two American negresses, Mandy and Eliza, met outside the Commodore Hotel in New York, and the following conversation was overheard.

Eliza.—" What yo' doin' now Mandy ?"
Mandy.—" I'se working."
Eliza.—" What yo' workin' at ?"
Mandy.—" I'se got a very good post at de Commodore Hotel."
Eliza.—" What post yo' got ?"
Mandy.—" I'se admiral ob de fifth floor."
Eliza.—What yo' mean by you'se admiral ob de fifth floor ?"
Mandy.—" I'se in charge ob all de vessels on de fifth floor!"

[Ed.—Mandy's fleet is presumably not affected by the Washington Conference.]

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Recruiter (to Salvation Army lass) : " Do you save women, too ? "
S.A. Lass : " Yes ! "
Recruiter : " Awright, then, save me a blonde ! "
The Leatherneck.

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Henry : " I love you ! You are beautiful ! "
Penelope : " You flatter me ! "
Henry : " I do not. Why your eyes—your eyes, they shine like the pants of a blue serge suit."
The Cocoanuts.

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She : " Your wife dresses quietly, doesn't she ? "
He : " You should hear her yell when she's trying to get into a 36 brassière."
The Leatherneck.

" Good heavens, man ! What's the matter with your face ? Were you in an automobile smash-up ? "
" No ! I was getting shaved by a lady barber, when a mouse ran across the floor."—*London Passing Show.*

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Company Commander (bawling out to recruit who has fallen in at drill formation without rifle) : " Wake, up, son, suppose you were going into battle, what would you think of a soldier without a rifle ? "
Recruit : " I'd think he was an officer, sir ! "
The Leatherneck.

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Prospective Employer : " What did you do while in the service ? "
Discharged Private : " I was an executor, sir ! "
P.E. : " What's that ? "
D.P. : " Well, whenever anything was to be done, the commanding officer would give the order to the sergeant, the sergeant would tell it to the corporal the corporal would pass it on to me, and I would execute it ! "
The Leatherneck.

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" What's your room-mate like ? "
" Darn near everything I've got ! "
Columbia Jester.

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Captain : " If this storm doesn't let up, I shall have to heaveto ! "
Seasick Passenger : " What a horrid way of putting it ! "
The Leatherneck.

Will Marine Robbins, who served as W.R.A. on H.M.S. " Roxburgh," communicate with Marine Robbins H.M.S. Heather.

THE ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

CHINA.

A return rifle match R.M.O.C.A. versus Officers and Sergts. R.M. was held at St. Cutlers on Sunday, 7th March. Twelve a side, best 8 to count. We drew for rifles, with all the usual recriminations, but they could not all have been dud ! Anyway, everything else was good, thanks to the untiring energy of the Hon. Sec, (Comrade Frith) and his cheerful assistants. The members provided Tiffin, and Tea was arranged by our local chairman.

The scores were as under :—

Serving Officers & Sergts.		R.M.O.C.A.	
Capt. Leech-Porter (Vindictive)	162	Comrade Tugwell ..	151
Clr.-Sgt. Thorne (Ambrose) ..	149	,, Pearce ..	141
Sergt. Walker (Tamar) ..	149	,, Grimmell ..	142
Capt. De Beirg (Hawkins) ..	142	Capt. Sturges ..	135
Capt. West (Tamar) ..	139	Comrade Blackman ..	131
Sergt. Hewitt (Tamar) ..	138	,, Pristley ..	127
Capt. Mercer (Despatch) ..	127	,, Frith ..	112
Sergt. Worley (Vindictive) ..	124	,, Clarke ..	101
Total ..	1130	Total ..	1040
Sergt. Whittingham (R. staff)	118	Comrade Baker ..	99
Lieut. Day (Fleet Air Arm)	108	,, Baystring ..	88
Sergt. Thomas (Despatch) ..	105	,, Kent ..	82
Sergt. Austin (Titania) ..	87	,, Kingdom ..	47

First 8 to count.

The competition was 2 S.S. and 10 rounds, 200 yards ; 2 S.S. 10 rounds Rapid 1 minute at 300 yards ; 2 S.S. and 10 rounds, 500 yards, and 10 rounds rapid at 500 yards in 45 seconds. The serving Officers and Sergts. won by 90 points.

The cup for the best score was won by Capt. Leech-Porter, and the cup for the best score Rapid at 500 yards by Sergt. Hewitt. A cup presented for the best score, with one's own age added was won by Comrade Blackman

In presenting the prizes after tea, Chief Inspector Kent said it was a very great pleasure to have the day's outing and thanked Captain Sturges for the great trouble he had taken in organizing the shoot, arranging the targets and supplying the ammunition. Captain Sturges made a suitable reply and after briefly touching on the objects of the association thanked Comrade Frith and his willing helpers for all they had done, not only in the past but to make the day such a success.

LONDON BRANCH.

A very successful Smoking Concert was held by the Old Comrades at the Veterans' Club, on Monday, April 12th, which was enjoyed by a large number of comrades and their wives. Amongst the artistes appearing were Paymr.-Lieut. R. V. Sitters, R.N.R., Baritone ; Miss Ivy Hubbard, Soprano ; Miss Doris Hancock, Juvenile Singer and Dancer ; Mr. Jack Stagg, Humorist ; Mr. Arthur Clements, Comedian ; Comrades J. Stiles and W. Latham ; Mrs. Ford, and many others contributed to a very enjoyable evening.

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The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 23rd, at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, W.C.1, when we shall be honoured by the presence of H.R.H. The Duke of York. The Association hopes that everyone who can do so will attend on this auspicious occasion.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

V.W.D.—Many thanks we are making use of your amusing A.F.O.

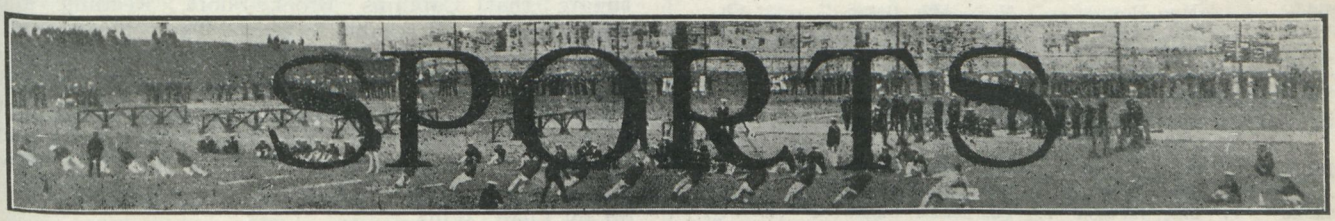
C.E.M.—Many thanks for the photographs. They arrived too late for reproduction in this issue, we hope to use them in our next, and will then return them,

Dee Bee.—We hope the information re Cuba is what you require.

L.C.L.—We are delighted to hear that you are so far recovered from your gastric and dental troubles as to be able to take your place with such marked success on the football field and on the miniature rifle range.

G.L.R.—It is time you got married. We will help you if you will only take us into your confidence.

Caradoc.—33 Copies is a very good result, but you share the honours with some others.



R.N. & R.M. BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1926.

The Annual R.N. & R.M. Boxing Championship Meeting was held at the R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 30th and 31st March and 1st April.

The Royal Marines were well represented in this meeting, the finals providing three winners and three runners-up for the Corps. The following were the prize-winners :—

Officers.		
Lt.-Heavy Weight	Lieut. W. P. N. Dean	runner-up
Middle Weight	Capt. D. A. C. Shephard	winner
Welter Weight	Lieut. J. O. G. Hayter	runner-up
Other Ranks.		
Heavy Weight	Mne. Walker ..	runner-up
Lt.-Heavy Weight	Corpl. Trinder ..	winner
Bantam Weight	Mne. Marsden ..	winner

ROYAL MARINES BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP, 1926.

The eighth Annual Royal Marines Boxing Championship Meeting was held at the Depot, R.M. Deal, on Thursday and Friday, 18th and 19th March.

The boxing all through was very keen, and the majority of the bouts were very closely contested. All

teams were well represented, and it was not until the final evening's session that the winner of the two team trophies could be separated with any degree of certainty.

In addition to the ordinary boxing there were some special attractions in the following. Bugler Lake, the ex-bantam weight champion of Europe and Great Britain, came round from Plymouth and gave an exhibition of sparring with Mne. Marsdon during each evening session. This was thoroughly appreciated by the spectators, and was watched with great interest by all.

Clr.-Sgt. Watts and Sergt. Sheppard gave an exceedingly amusing and interesting demonstration of boxing during three of the sessions.

On the final night there was a very fine contest between Cpl. Trinder, the Light-heavy weight champion of the Imperial Services and Leading Seaman Evans, R.N., the heavy-weight champion of the Imperial Services. The fight was an exceedingly close one, and was a fine exhibition of good clean boxing. At the conclusion Trinder received the verdict. There was really precious little to choose between the two combatants, and the verdict might have gone one way as much as the other.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the prizes were presented by Col.-Comdt. F. C. Edwards, A.D.C., the Vice-President of the Royal Marines Boxing Association.

The results of the team competitions were :—

Divisional Trophy	Points	*Junior Trophy*	Points
Portsmouth ..	55	Plymouth ..	24
Plymouth	48	Depot R.M. ..	21
Chatham	34	Portsmouth ..	17
		Chatham ..	9

OFFICERS.

Weight	*Winner*		*Runner-up*	
Heavy ..	Capt. Shephard	Po.	Lt. Leicester ..	Ply.
Lt. Heavy ..	Lt. Smith ..	Ply.	Lt. Hill ..	Po.
Middle ..	2/Lt. Harvey ..	Ch.	Lt. Grey ..	Po.
Welter ..	Lt. M. Marchant	Po.	(Walk over)	
Light ..	2/Lt. Phillips ..	Ch.	2/Lt. Martyn ..	Po.

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Heavy ..	Cpl. Trinder ..	Po.	Mne. McIlroy ..	Ply.
Lt. Heavy ..	Cpl. Gordon ..	Po.	Mne. Westlake ..	Ply.
Middle ..	Mne. Hornsey ..	Po.	Mne. Baker ..	Ch.
Welter ..	Cpl. Barber ..	Ply.	B. Boy Barrett ..	Po.
Light ..	Cpl. Moyse ..	Ply.	Sgt. Cawthraw ..	Po.
Feather ..	L/Cpl. Davis ..	Po.	Sgt. Marsh ..	Ch.
Bantam ..	Mne. Marsden ..	Ply.	Bugler Belgrove ..	Po.
Fly ..	B. Boy Boorah	Po.	Bugler Wall ..	Ply.

UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE.

Heavy ..	Mus. McNabb ..	Po.	Mne. Linwood ..	Deal
Lt. Heavy ..	Mne. Gwyther ..	Deal	Mne. Anderson ..	Ch.
Middle ..	Mne. Jackson ..	Po.	Mne. Dashwood ..	Ply.
Welter ..	Mne. Fraser ..	Ply.	Mne. Read ..	Deal
Light ..	Mne. Allen ..	Ply.	Mne. Tigar ..	Deal
Feather ..	Mne. Scott ..	Po.	Mne. Baker ..	Ply.
Bantam ..	Mne. Davis ..	Ply.	Mne. Johnston ..	Deal
Fly ..	Bugler Townsend	Ply.	Bugler Curtiss ..	Deal

BOYS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE.

9 st. & under	Bugler Chitty ..	Ch.	Bugler Collins ..	Ply.
7st. 6 & under	Bugler Sargent	Ch.	B. Boy Bell ..	Po.
6st. 6 & under	B. Boy Rowsen	Po.	Bugler Hubbard ..	Ch.

CORPS HOCKEY.

Three fixtures were arranged for the Corps XI. this year during the Folkestone Hockey Festival at Easter, and a trial match was played on the Depot ground on Friday, 2nd April. As a result of the trial the following team was selected to represent the Corps against the Belgian XI. on Saturday, 3rd April :—Goal : Lieut. F. B. Pym ; backs : Lieut. J. H. G. Wills and Capt. H. W. Simpson ; halves : Lieuts. F. M. Bramall, K. Hunt and J. P. Phillips ; forwards : Lieut. M. Archdall, Capt. A. H. E. Reading, Lieut. J. M. Phillips, Capt. C. Brooke-Short and Lieut. W. I. Nonweiler.

The game was played on the North ground of the new Cheriton Road sports ground at Folkestone. The turf was in excellent condition, but as the bully-off did not take place until nearly 4.50 p.m., the light was not good. The Belgians proved a very fast side and combined well together. After about ten minutes' play they scored somewhat luckily twice, on each occasion the Corps defence being confused by the whistle of the umpire of the game which was taking place on the adjacent ground. The Corps forwards attacked well and some good movements were begun, but several opportunities for scoring were not taken advantage of. Capt. Brooke-Short scored with a good drive, after being previously penalized for " sticks " a few minutes earlier, but Capt. Reading was probably the best of the Corps forwards. In the second half the Corps had most of the game, but could not increase their score, whilst the Belgians ran through to add two more goals, thus winning by four goals to one.

For the game against the Spanish XI. on Monday, 5th April, one or two changes were made, Capt. A. C. St. Clair-Morford came in at right back, Lieut. Wills moving to right half, Lieut. Nonweiler going to outside right, and Lieut. C. N. S. Smith coming in at outside left. These changes made a great difference to the balance of the team, and with Capt. Reading playing in the middle, with Lieut. Phillips at inside right, the forwards played well together. Capt. Morford was a success at back, and Lieut. Hunt played an excellent game at centre half. The Spaniards, who had only been beaten by a strong Services XI. by one goal to none, proved slower than the Belgians, and the Corps were continually attacking. Capt. Brooke-Short was in excellent form, and scored six goals, Capt. Reading adding one other, the Corps finally winning by seven goals to none.

Against Kealing, on Tuesday, 6th April, it was unfortunate that Captains Brooke-Short, Reading and Simpson were all unable to play. Their places were filled by bringing Major T. L. Hunton, Lieuts. Bramall and Archdall into the side, but the Corps could not settle down to these changes, and never really got going. Lieut. Wills and Lieut. Hunt played well, and the defence was generally sound, but the Corps were finally beaten by two goals to one, the Corps goal being hit by Lieut. Wills.

One remarkable feature of the Corps games was the fact that Lieut. Wills played in three different positions, *i.e.*, right back, right half and at centre-forward. Although never really at home in the former position, he played a sound game there against the Belgians, but was seen at his best at right half, against the Spaniards, where his tackling and passing were excellent. Of the remaining players, Lieut. Hunt at centre half was very good indeed, and worked hard all the time ; Lieut. Pym, in goal, was very sound and showed good judgment in coming out to clear ; Lieut. Phillips was inclined to wander somewhat, though he worked hard ; Captains Brooke-Short and Reading were probably the best of the forward line.

CHATHAM.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The following is our record since last report.

KENT LEAGUE.

Catford Southend	Away	Draw	1—1
Ashford R.W.	Home	Lost	0—1
Margate	Home	Lost	0—1
Margate	Away	Lost	0—7
Maidstone	Home	Won	4—1
Northfleet	Home	Won	2—1

We journeyed to Dover on Easter Monday to play off the Kent Amateur Final and were rather unlucky to lose 3—4 to Bexley Heath. We were playing under rather difficult circumstances inasmuch that two of our regular half-back line were unfit through injuries. Our best performance of recent date was our victory over Northfleet the leaders and probable champions of the Kent League for this season.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING.

The following matches have been fired since we last went to press :—

Rochester & District M.R. Club 587 ; R.M. 583.

Royal Marines 551 ; "Agwi," So'ton 541.

Royal Marines 564 ; Edinburgh Civil Service B 551

The winner of the sweepstake for the week ending the 13th March was Mne. H. Elmer, and for the week ending 20th March, Mne. H. Tabner.

RESULTS OF COMPETITION FOR THE ATHLETIC SHIELD, 1925.

Coy.	*Bayonet*	*Tug-of-War*	*C.C.R.*	*Football*	*Pts.*
A	8	12	12	4	36
C	12	2	8	12	34
E	4	8	2	8	22
G	2	4	4	2	12

COMPANY FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1925-26.

Coy.	*Played*	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*Points*
C	6	5	1	0	11
E	6	3	0	3	6
A	6	2	1	3	5
G	6	0	1	5	1

BILLIARDS.

The following are the results of games played in the Divisional tournament.

Q.M.S. Scott ..	.. 250	Musn. Chappell ..	.. 250
Colonel Morgan	.. 217	Q.M.S. Scott ..	.. 240
Sergt. Walker ..	.. 250	Mne. Moss ..	.. 250
Sch. Master Farmer	.. 214	Sergt.-Major Board	.. 176
Sergt. Surgey ..	.. 250	Sergt. Surgey ..	.. 250
Mne. Basten ..	.. 188	Sergt. Walker ..	.. 213
Mne. Botting ..	.. 250	Mne. Botting ..	.. 250
Colonel Paterson	.. 227	Musn. Chappell ..	.. 193
Corpl. Lanley ..	.. 250	Mne. Moss ..	.. 250
Major Sandilands	.. 249	Sup. Clerk Webber	.. 192

PORTSMOUTH.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

v. CASUALS, at Eastney, 27th February. Won 29—6.

A good game, which was not by any means as one-sided as the score suggests. Our three-quarters opened up the game well, considering the very wet ball. One of our opponents, Mr. Major, broke his leg during the second half, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

v. H.M.S. EXCELLENT, at Eastney, 10th March.

Lost 17—9. We were playing against a cleverer set of opponents, but managed to hold them most successfully. Our forwards were particularly good, and gave our 'threes' plenty of chances.

v. DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGT., at Eastney, 17th Mar.

Draw 0—0. A most disappointing game, which soon developed into a scrap. Neither side attempted to play Rugby, and the score gives a good indication of a poor exhibition.

This was the last match of a fairly successful season, as usual, our Saturday teams were stronger than the mid-week ones, when we were able to enlist the services of our officers doing courses.

"Colours" have been awarded to 2/Lieuts. Martin and Woods ; Corpls. J. Harris, Walker, Anglin ; Mnes. Green, A. H. Merkel, Comer, Newcombe. This entitles "old colours" to "1925" on the badge.

We would like to thank Colonel Raikes for refereeing in many of the games.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

We are suffering at present from a very congested fixture list, and during the period March 12th to April 12th, have played 16 games, of which we have won 14 and lost 2.

The U.S. Charity Cup will remain at Eastney for another season ; we met H.M..S "Excellent" in the final and won 3—0. This match was played on the U.S. Ground before a large crowd, and the R.M. well deserved their victory.

The only other outstanding game was at Whale Island in the U.S. League, our opponents again being H.M.S. "Excellent." H.M.S. "Excellent" F.C. had previously boasted of an unbeaten record at home for four years, but the R.M.'s left the field the winners by 5 goals to 1. In the return U.S. League match at Eastney on the 12th, we drew 1—1. H.M.S. "Excellent's" team included five Navy players from the Atlantic Fleet.

On the 24th April, we shall be engaged with Portsea Gas Co. in the final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup. We hope to win this, having previously beaten the Gas Co. in the Hants League on Easter Monday by 4—2. We have not won this cup since the season 1912-13, so hope to see "Royal Marines" once more engraved on it.

In the Gosport Hospital Cup we have yet to meet Emsworth or Burrfield Park in the semi-final.

The second team have kept their record in the Gosport League, which now stands as follows :—Played 17, won 14, drawn 1, lost 2, goals for 76, goals against 16. Points 29.

The second string have rendered invaluable assistance to the first eleven with the congested fixture list, and Mnes. Kemp, Raven and Ayling, have figured as much in the first eleven as in the second.

THE ANNUAL "NOVICES' BOXING" COMPETITION.

This Competition took place in the Gymnasium on Friday, 19th February. Some capital sport was witnessed, and a fine musical programme was rendered by the boys of the Royal Naval School of Music.

The results were as follows :—

Fly Weight.—Winner : Bugler Payne.

Runner-up : Bugler Parker.

This proved a good match, the contestants fighting "hammer and tongs" all the time, Payne just getting the decision.

Feather Weight.—Winner : Bugler Prince-Cox.
Runner-up : Bugler Belgrove.

A very ordinary affair, perhaps due to the fact that these two have boxed together several times.

Light Weight.—Winner : Mne. Kenyon.
Runner-up : Mne. Driver.

Kenyon forced the fighting from the start, and keeping it up to the end, finished an easy winner on points.

3-*Round Contest* (*Feather Weight*).—
Band Boy Ough *v.* Band Boy Goater.

Both are winners of their respective classes, and furnished a fine fight from start to finish. At the conclusion Ough was declared the winner.

3-*Round Contest* (*Welter Weight*).
Band Boy Clucas *v.* Band Boy Pittard.

Not a very exciting contest, having boxed each other several times, they began to know each other's style. At the conclusion Clucas was declared the winner.

4-*Round Contest.*—Sergt. Cawthraw *v.* Off. Std. Ingram.

Ingram much the heavier, set off at a fast pace, but soon eased down. A good fight was witnessed, and some hard hitting took place. After a very close contest Ingram was awarded the decision on points.

Middle Weight.—Winner : Mne. Jackson.
Runner-up : Mne. Wiltshire.

Jackson, a clever boxer, kept up his advantage from start to finish, and was an easy winner on points.

The following were awarded " good losers' " medals :
Mne. P. Ryan, Bugler Thompson, Bugler Taylor.

This concluded a very enjoyable night's sport.

PLYMOUTH.

BILLIARDS.

On the 22nd March the Service Men's Y.M.C.A. Billiard Team visited the Recreation Room for a return match with the Royal Marines. The visitors were to have included the winner and runner-up of the S.W. Area Championship, and a previous Army Finalist, but at the last minute the S.W. Area Champion was unable to appear. Nevertheless seven good games resulted, and a fine display of billiards was given, in which the Marines secured full revenge for a former defeat.

Great credit is due to the winners for the manner in which they overcame their opponents, who have far more experience of " match play." Results were as follows :—

Royal Marines.			Service Men's Y.M.C.A.		
Mne. L. Smith	.. ..	150	Mr. Nixey	.. .. ..	68
,, Branson	.. ..	150	Mr. Marshall	.. .. ..	83
,, Reed	.. ..	119	Pte. Dempsey	.. ..	150
,, Vincent	.. ..	142	Pte. Donnally	.. ..	150
,, Hennessy	.. ..	150	A.B. Burton	.. ..	130
Sgt. Oakes	.. ..	107	L/Cpl. Brooks	.. ..	150
Mne. Smith	.. ..	150	Cpl. Freeman	.. .. ..	100
	Total	968		Total	831

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING.

During the last three months the numbers representing the Club have greatly diminished and now stand at a total of fourteen, four of whom are non-firing members.

The following Certificates and Medal have been fired for and won by the members mentioned below :—

Sunday Times Certificate.—Sergt. R. I. Stapleton.
Daily Telegraph Certificate.—Corpl. A. G. Chambers.
Bell Medal.—Q.M.S.I. W. Croke, M.M.
Hidden Score Prize.—Capt. N. K. Jolley.
Booby Prize.—Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Lampen.

The Three Towns Miniature Rifle League having now finished for the season 1925-26, our record was slightly higher than in previous years, although we again finished at the bottom of the league. The " Aggregate " Silver Medal for league shoots, presented by Lieut.-Colonel M. Filmer Bennett, was won by Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross. The " Aggregate " Competition held for the last quarter, the prize consisting of six teacups and saucers, was won by Sergt. N. G. Stacey, with a total of 987 points out of a possible 1000. Sergt. Stacey on two occasions made a possible, for one of which he has been awarded the S.M.R.C. Record certificate. The Club now possesses two holders of these certificates. We have fired two matches against the Depot R.M., and we have been severely beaten each time. The Annual Spoon Shoot took place on the 30th March under handicap conditions. Result :—

1st—Sergt. A. E. Doidge (Silver Spoon)
2nd—Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Lampen (Silver Spoon)
3rd—Lieut.-Colonel H. Ozanne, D.S.O. (Silver Spoon).
4th—Capt. N. K. Jolley (Corps Necktie).
" Hidden " *Score* Prize.—Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross.
" Booby "—Lieut. C. N. Smith.

This was the last shoot for the season, and the Club has now closed down until after the long range shooting season has finished. The Hon. Secretary wishes to thank all members for their efforts to make the club successful during the past season, and would like to point out that it can be made yet more successful if regular practice is maintained and " the once now and again practice " habit avoided. Will Plymouth Marines now afloat bear in mind that there is such an institution as a Miniature Rifle Club at Headquarters and join up on disembarkation ?

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

PENRHYN *v.* ROYAL MARINES, March 20th.

After the recent good form shown by the team in general, we journeyed to Penryn, confident of doing much better than we had done earlier in ths season, when we had lost by 20 points to nil. The result fully justified our confidence, and we retired winners of a good open game by 15 points to 3 points. The team were at the top of their form, and soon after the commencement a good try was scored after a splendid bout of passing by the backs. This was converted, and play remained in our opponents' territory. Eventually Affleck dropped a good goal, and just before the interval another bout of passing ended in a try, which was not converted. The second half was of a more even character, the play going from end to end with remarkable rapidity. Just before the final whistle the home team scored a try, and immediately the Marines retaliated with a try by South, after a thrilling run. Neither of these were converted, and so a game ended which must be classed as the best of the season.

WIVELISCOMBE *v.* ROYAL MARINES.

March 27th. Although we had to leave several of our players behind, we took quite a good team to this Somerset town. This was our first visit, and we proved a popular attraction. A hard, pleasant game was fought out, splendid rounds of passing being the order of the day, between very evenly matched sides. Our opponents scored two tries, but our team failed at critical times to take advantage of their scoring chances, and the game ended : Wivaliscombe 2 tries, R.M.'s nil. The game and trip were thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* C.Y.M.S.

March 27th. We had out a good side, in spite of having to field a XV. at Wiveliscombe, but not having played together before, they were naturally a team of individuals, while our opponents, who are about the smartest local team, played well together. This undoubtedly

won the game for them, as they scored a goal and a try in the first half before our team got properly together. The second half was of a very even character, nothing being scored, and the game ended : C.Y.M.S. 8 points, R.M.'s nil.

The fact of being able to turn out two good teams the same day demonstrated the increased popularity and interest taken in the Rugby code in this Division.

OKEHAMPTON *v.* ROYAL MARINES.

April 3rd. In spite of Easter leave we had a good team, and won at Okehampton by 15 points to 10 points. The weather was more suitable for cricket, but a nice open game took place, enjoyed by all. One feature was the failure of our goal kicking, 5 tries being scored by us and not converted, while our opponents converted the two they scored.

PLYMOUTH ALBION RESERVES *v.* ROYAL MARINES.

April 10th. Played at Beacon Park, in summerlike weather. The first half the Albion took advantage of two slips in our defence and scored two tries, both being converted ; they also kicked a penalty goal, and led at the interval by 13 points to nil. In the second half the Marines attacked all the while, the Albion not getting out of their own half. However, we only scored once, numerous scoring chances not being taken advantage of. To sum up, it was a game of lost opportunities for our side, as we had far the major part of the game, but failed to turn it to advantage, and the result was : Plymouth Albion Reserves 13 points, R.M.'s 3 points.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* LOOE.

At Longroom, 20th March. This match attracted our largest "gate" of the season, Looe having only lost one P. & D. league match. Looe opened up strongly, and Pennell let Looe's outside left through to score with a brilliant cross shot. Looe continued to have the best of matters, and before the interval C. Mills scored a second. The second half was much more evenly contested, and after Shewbrook and Hogg had missed easy chances to reduce our deficit, Wheeldon scored after a brilliant individual run. A misunderstanding between Whitnell and Powell let Looe through again, and C. Mills scored with ease, a fine game ending R.M. 1, Looe 3.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* TAVISTOCK.

At Tavistock, 27th March. The Marines quite outplayed Tavistock after the first quarter of an hour, when Tavistock scored in a melée. Hogg quickly equalised, and Horn placed us ahead with a splendid shot. After the interval Hogg scored two more goals from brilliant centres by Bryant and Shewbrook bagged the fifth. Wheeldon at centre forward distributed the ball well, and Powell and Whitnell were both safe in defence. Davidson had quite an easy time. Result : R.M. 5, Tavistock 1.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* WOODLAND VILLA.

At Longroom, 10th April. A very keen game ended in a draw of one goal apiece. Wheeldon opened the scoring for the Marines from a pass from Shewbrook. In a breakaway by Woodland, Pennell put through his own goal.

The Reserve XI. have only played one match in the D. Wednesday League this month, *versus* the R.A.M.C., and ran out easy winners by 4 goals to 1. Potts, Jolly, Sturmey and Smith being the marksmen.

OFFICERS *v.* BAND.

At Longroom, on Easter Monday. An interesting and thrilling game was played between the Officers and Band. Although the Band won by 5 goals to nil, the score somewhat flattered the winners. Lieut.-Col. Lampen, the Officers' custodian, brought off some wonderful saves. Lieuts. Phibbs and Blandford repeatedly repelled the Band vanguard, led by Lieut. O'Donnell. Capt. Jolley raised the hopes of the officers' supporters, but after cleverly running through the Band's defence, he shot wide. Surgeon Comdr. Hobbs was a lively leader of the Officers' attack, and was unlucky in not reducing the deficit on several occasions. For the Band Lieut. O'Donnell (3) and Musician Williams (2) were the marksmen.

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL RESULTS TO DATE.

FIRST TEAM :—

March 13—Dover Marine Sports, Away. Won 3—1 (*Folkstone and District*)
,, 20—Deal Town, Home. Lost 3—5 (*Folkstone & District*)
,, 27—King's Own Royal Regt., Away. Lost 3—4 (*Ditto*)
April 8—Dover United, Home. Won 1—0 (Semi-final of Deal, Walmer and District Senior Hospital Shield).
,, 10—Folkstone, Home. Lost 1—3 (*Folkstone and District*).

SECOND TEAM :—

March 20—Eytherne. Home. Won 3—1 (*Dover and District*).
,, 27—Holy Trinity Old Boys, Home. Won (*Dover and District*).
April 10—Priory Loco., Home. Won 2—1 (*Dover and District*).
March 23—R.A.F., Home. Lost 1—2 (Semi-final of Deal, Walmer and District Junior Hospital Cup).

THIRD TEAM :—

March 13—Ash, Away. Lost 0—1 (*Deal and District*).
April 10—Kingsdown, Away. Lost 2—4 (*Deal and District*).

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING.

The following 3 matches finished the season :—

v. Dover and District. 12 to shoot best 8 to count. Depot R.M. total 784, Av. 98. Dover's score was not sent in.

v. Plymouth Division, any number to Shoot, best 8 to count. Depot R.M. total 791, Av. 98.8. Plymouth, total 772, Av. 96.5.

v. S.A.S. (Hythe), any number to Shoot, best 8 to count. Depot, R.M., total 789, Av. 98.6. S.A.S., total 765, Av. 95.5.

The Depot has had a very satisfactory season, firing 12 matches winning them all. The average score of the Depot 8 for these matches works out to 98.

INTER-COMPANY MINIATURE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

The competition for this Cup was worked in monthly periods throughout the winter, in each period the best 2 cards were taken, Company Teams consisting of 4 of any Rank and 4 Recruits. The result shows with what interest this Cup was contested :—

H.P.S. Other Ranks, 2,000 ; H.P.S., Recruits, 800 ; H.P.S. for Company, 2800.

Compy.	*Other Ranks*	*Recruits*	*Total*
" A "	1962	787	2749
" C "	1946	778	2724
" D "	1940	780	2720
" B "	1692	740	2432

Winnners, " A " Company.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

BOXING.

The following Musician and Band Boys attended the R.M. Boxing Championship held at R.M. Depot, Deal, on the 18th and 19th March, 1926, and assisted the Portsmouth Division to secure the Championship Trophy. Musician D. S. McNab, Band Boys R. F. Clucas, C. E. Barrett, E. J. Boorah, A. F. G. Rowson, Clifford Bell, L. A. Emery.

FOOTBALL.

The seasons fixtures have now been completed and the various teams have done fairly well in their respective leagues, the Junior Boys especially are to be congratulated on securing the Championship of the Portsmouth Junior Lads' League.

WATER POLO.

The Boys inter-room competition has commenced, and some very keen and interesting contests are to be expected in this competition. There are also some very promising players amongst the Boys. The School have entered a team in U.S. League, Div. III., and we wish them every success.



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Major-Gen. A. R. H. Hutchinson, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjutant-General, R.M., to be Lieut.-Gen., vice Farquharson. Dated 8-4-26.

Proby. 2nd/Lieuts. M. G. Pughe and J. C. Cairncross to be Proby. Lieuts. Dated 1-4-26.

Acting R.M. Gnr. A. D. Layzell (Po.) confirmed in rank of R.M. Gunner. Dated 5-4-25.

APPOINTMENTS.

An exchange of Divisions has been selected between the undermentioned officers :—

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. B. C. Gardiner, C.B., from Ply. to Po. Divn.

Major. J. G. Horne from Po. to Ply. Divn., 17-3-26.

Major H. R. Brewer, Chat., absd. in Establishment from Seconded List. Dated 5-4-26.

Major H. C. Pope assumed duties of D.A.A.G., R.M. on 1st April, 1926

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. R. D. Ormsby, C.B.E. (Supy.) Ply., absd. to Establishment, vice Pope. Dated 1-4-26.

Major F. A. Hamer to be Interpreter in French from date of joining "Frobisher."

Capt. C. H. Congden to Seconded List on appointment as S.O. (I) Singapore. Dated 25-3-26.

Capt. H. D. Weir, Chat., resumed appt. of Adjutant, vice Reading. Dated 5-4-26.

Capt. A. H. E. Reading to Depot for duty, vice Quianlan.

Capt. G. H. Stephens to Po. Divn. on appt. as 2nd Q.M. (Ordnance), vice Monk. Dated 20-4-26.

Lieut. G. Burt, Q.M. to Retired List at own request under Special Reduction Scheme.

Lieut. C. T. Savill, Q.M., to Ports. on appt. as Asst. Paymaster, vice Allison. Dated 19-4-26.

Lieut. R. F. Cornwall is attached to Small Arms School, Browndown, for a period of three months. Dated 17-5-26.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) H. Darlow, Gen. Staff to Retired List at own request under Special Reductions Scheme.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) E. Evans to Supy. List on Reduction. 6-4-26.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major W. Sinclair to transfer from "Centurion" to "Weymouth" on becoming Flagship of V.A.C. Reserve Fleet.

Major L. D. Briscoe to "Revenge" (and as F.R.M.O.) vice Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. B. C. Gardiner, C.B. Dated 5-5-26.

Major A. C. Barnby (as F.R.M.O.), Capt. V. D. Thomas and Lieut. K. L. M. Cooper to "Warspite" on becoming Fleet Flagship.

Major C. H. Coode to "Curacoa" vice Capt. and Bt. Major E. Bamford, V.C. Date of joining.

Major M. R. Yeo, O.B.E. (and as F.R.M.O.) to remain in "Birmingham" on recommissioning.

Major H. G. Grant to "Egmont" (and as Naval Provost Marshal, Malta), vice J. B. Chancellor, invalided.

Major P. Owen to "Calcutta" (and as F.R.M.O.) vice Tripp. Date of joining.

Capt. F. C. G. Stock to remain in "Marlborough" on reduction to Special Complement.

Capt. J. H. Hadden to remain in "Emperor of India" on reduction to Special Complement.

Capt. W. G. Quianlan to "Ajax" (and for duty on Staff of Senior Officer, Reserve Fleet), vice Gowney. Date of joining.

An exchange of ships and sea time has been approved between the following officers :—Capt. M. H. Spicer ("Durban") and Capt. R. H. P. West, M.C. ("Tamar").

The following officers for trooping service, *i.e.*, passage to Mediterranean Stn., in "Warspite," and return passage home in "Queen Elizabeth" :—Capt. J. E. Cornish, Lieut. J. Robinson, Lieut. D. J. Grey.

Proby. Lieut. J. C. Cairncross to "Royal Sovereign" vice Westcote. Date of joining.

Lieut. P. J Burgess will transfer from "Constance" to "Colombo" on recommissioning.

Lieut. R. C. Giles to "Columbine" and for flying duties in No. 405 Flight.

Lieut. K. Hunt to "Columbine," and for flying duties in No. 406 Flight.

Lieut. G. H. Morris to "Furious," and for flying duties in No. 443 Flight.

R.M. Gnr. W. A. Hooper to "Queen Elizabeth," vice Dean. Date of joining.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Major F. A. Hamer qualified as Interpreter in French (Higher Standard) at the Civil Service Examination held in Jan. 1926.

Capt. H. W. Wilby was selected to attend a course at the School of Army Co-operation, R.A.F., commencing 7th April.

Lieut.-Cols. M. F. Bennett and G. R. S. Hickson, C.B.E., have been selected to attend the Senior Officers' Course from 25th April to 1st

May at School of Military Engineering, Chatham.

The undermentioned officers are attending a short equitation course with the 17/21st Lancers at Aldershot :—Capts. A. H. E. Reading, K. A. B. Puckle, Lieuts. E. P. Bickford, C. J. Fell, H. E. Balls, O. C. T. Dykes.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. C. Dixon (Hd. Qrs.).

To be Sergt.—Corpls L. H. Tembrell (Band H.Q.), A. Bennett ("Vulcan").

To be Corpl.—L/Cpl. W. B. Smith (Band H.Q.), Mne. C. A. Dean ("Dunedin"), Mne. G. N. Montague ("Marlborough").

APPOINTMENTS.

Tfd. from Comdt's. Office to 1st Q.M. Dept.—Q.M.S. W. G. Scott, D.C.M.

Asst.-Instr. of Signalling (tempy.).—Corpl. W. E. Ings.

C.Q.M.S. nomination.—Clr.-Sgt. Blackgrove.

Bugler-Major.—Sergt. L. H. Timbrell.

L/Cpl. Musician.—Musn. M. S. Booth.

Works Dept.—Mnes. S. A. Weller, H. Roser.

Senior Mess Attdt. Officers' Mess.—Mne. G. W. Adby.

Mess Attdt., Officers' Mess.—Mne. H. Hammond.

Barrack Masters Dept.—Q.M.S. J. W. Pawley, Sergt. F. E. Player.

1st Q.M. Dept.—Corpl. F. L. Quilter.

Shoemakers.—Mnes. H. S. Mitchell, F. Stamps.

Corpl. Cook.—Corpl. H. F. Clyesdale.

Pioneer.—Mne. W. J. Elmes.

C.S.M. of "A" Coy.—Clr.-Sgt. L. P. Selver (three month's probation)

Orderly Room Clerk.—Clr.-Sgt. L. G. Winstanley.

Boats' Crew.—Mne. G. R. Laming.

M.T. Driver.—Mne. A. J. Smoker.

Type Cutter.—Mne. A. W. Hepkiss.

Canteen Motor Driver.—Mne. L. K. Kelly.

Maker, Fort Borstal.—Mne. A. S. Goodridge.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax**," Mnes. D. N. Reynolds, T. G. Haynes, W. Calder ; "**Calliope**," Mnes. T. Morrice, J. H. Jones, J. Hanna ; "**Canterbury**," Mne. H. C. Warne ; "**Cambrian**," Sergt. C. Goodwin, Mnes. A. E. Frost, W. T. Newbrook, S. H. Tuff, A. Stretton, H. Weston, G. F. Lewis, S. Smith, C. R. Pye,; "**Columbine**," Mne. T. Middleton ; "**Durban**," Mne. J. Parker ; "**Enterprise**," Sergts. W. E. F. Pledger, A. C. Hutton, Corpls. H. C. Smith, A. T. Goode, J. Onions, B. Oakley, Buglers J. J. Dredge, D. R. Pankhurst, Mnes. R. Burnett, S. J. Jefferies, L. Livick, J. D. Daig, H. C. Smith, E. S. Martin, F. Starling, W. J. Stevenson, B. W. Hardy, F. G. Glister, T. Scott, W. H. Berman, E. A. Keller, H. Jarvis, R. A. Barn, C. J. Singleton, R. J. Beatty, J. E. Swallow, H. W. Tabner, B. Powell, F. R. Smith, J. W. Kelly, H. J. Cleary, T. V. C. Draper, F. Crooker, E. H. Hann, A. V. H. Everett, F. R. Tomsett, W. Church, C. W. Preston, J. H. Waite, C. M. Middleton, L. D. Hills, T. R. Fisher, W. N. Evans, A. E. Ponting, H. J. Nye, W. R. Jackman, E. H. Barty, S. A. D. Barratt, J. C. Wheeler, A. S. Miller, A. J. Mercer, R. A. Firmin, W. Hubbard, T. Taft, S. C. Brown, Sergt. S. A. Allen ; "**Ganges**," Mne. A. E. Spratt ; "**Marlborough**" Mnes. A. Muncaster, C. B. Welley, H. H. Knights ; "**President**," Mnes. E. G. Cannon, F. R. Sage, C. Kneller ; "**Pembroke**," Corpl. C. E. Marlow ; "**Vulcan**," Mnes. E. H. Hawkes, A. E. Pye, A. J. Padney, A. H. Parkins.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax**," Mnes. J. Allison, E. W. Brice ; "**Calliope**." Corpls. J. H. Harding, A. B. Clarke, J. J. Miller, Mnes. F. N. Church, A. T. Reynolds. Corpl. J. A. A. Clarke, Mnes. A. E. Watson, R. Mumford, W. Spooner, J. King, A. W. Hickson, Sergt. C. A. Douglas, W. J. Shaw, Mnes., A. Butler, W. H. Fox, S. F. Dowman, C. F. Poulter, T. J. M. Rumble, D. A. O'Connell, Sergt. W. R. Wood, Corpl. W. Harris, H. R. Redfern, Mnes. W. E. Trayler, R. W. Stibbing, J. Wright, G. A. Thomas, P. H. Harris, F. W. Sears ; "**Columbine**," Mnes. S. J. Hicks, A. Muncaster ; "**Eagle**," Mne. H. Springett ; "**Ganges**," Corpl. E. C. White, Mne. W. E. Sells ; "**Marlborough**," C/Sgt. F. Sheffield, Sergts. S. D. Parker, G. Rogers, W. G. Jones, Corpls. N. R. Todhunter, T. C. Fletcher, J. C. Webb, A. J. Kirkham, W. G. Williams, H. W. Sally, W. A. Alltimes, A E. N. Hitchcock, Bugler F. J. Lewis, Mnes. W. Taylor, J. Wotton, A. H. F. Edwards, W. Wood, T. F. Adams, H. Hetherington, J. Finney, O. W. Wallace, J. Brown, H. S. Webb, C. White, J. R. Murray, C. Higginson, F. Harris, H. A. Harvey, W. Cobbett, W. J. Bassett, A. E. Forward, W. D. Florence, R. R. Russell, G. White, R. W. T. Barker, G. J. S. Rickwood, J. Simpson, A. V. Brown, F. Crow, G. A. Stringer, R. D. Bickley, R. Havercroft, E. Smith, D. B. Jupp, R. J. Condon, B. J. Steer, C. Peacock, E. R. Arthur, A. W. Bridger, C. Gabriel, E. W. Bilcliffe, N. H. Casey, E. F. Holt, J. E. W. O'Rourke, W. J. Ludgate, C. H. Holder, E. Theaker, A. E. Marriott, L. C. F. Fleming, G. Pitcher, J. Green, R. B. Curry, R. E. Fuller, S. Little, W. H. French, E. Barnes, S. W. Barrett, C. T. Girvan, T. J. Tidbury, G. Townsend, L. E. Gunn, J. R. Wickens ; "**Pembroke**," Sergts. P. Curtis, C. S. McBrayne, W. T. Whitmore, N. Welton, Mnes. G. Blakeman, W. P. Patey, A. A. Gammon ; "**President**," Mnes. T. A. Cushney, T. Hounsome, H. Pawley ; "**Sandhurst**," Mnes. R. Born, W. E. Peckham, J. C. Darwent, F. J. Lancaster ; "**Tiger**," Mnes. T. G. Haynes, H. S. A. Harris, "**Yarmouth**," Corpls. W. W. Dumble, E. L. Hopper, R. G. Hill, Mnes. A. Gooch, R. D. Newstead, A. W. Balreaves, W. J. Greenland, G. W. Betts, F. Holmes, T. Doherty, G. J. Cast, F. W. G. Barker ; "**Vulcan**," Mnes. R. C. Sawyers, T. E. Ford, A. E. Blackman, J. Vallis, F. A. T. Baker, W. F. Fensome, R. B. Mutch, H. B. Parks, J. H. Jones.

DISCHARGES.

2nd Period of Engagement.—Sergt. H. J. Dagg, Mne. J. A. W. Walter Clr.-Sergt. W. Gossett, Mne. J. Spinner.

1st Period of Engagement.—Mne. E. W. Beaton.

"D" Termination of Engagement.—Mne. G. West.

Invalided.—Mnes. C. A. Biggs, Sergt. D. Cook, Mnes. L. E. Gumm, J. E. Farmer, G. H. Walpole.

Within three months of Attestation.—Mnes. T. Philipson, P. B. Baker.

"Not likely to become efficient"—Boy-Bug. W. G. Marren.

"On compassionate Grounds.—Mne. C. F. Haynes.

TRANSFERS.

From Chat. to Po.—Mne. J. B. Ballard.

From Po. to Chat.—Mne. J. H. Lamb.

From Po. to Chat.—Corp,. H. T. Gordon.

From Chat. to Po.—Corpl. N. R. Willcox.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To C.S.M.—Clr.-Sergt. Harry Eyres.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergts. W. H. J. Darters and A. J. Bentley.

To Sergt.—Corpls. J. R. Anders, H. W. Mizen, H. J. Churchman.

To Corpl.—Mnes. J. W. Harrison, A. W. Holmes, R. R. Last, E. S. Clark, J. G. O. Cole.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. S. J. Gouge, as Divisional Barber.

Mnes. D. F. Shipton and H. C. Collins as Tractor Drivers.

Mne. W. W. Johnson, to Labourer, School of Land Artillery.

Mne. C. T. Sims, as M.O.A. to Capt. H. W. Wilby.

Mne. J. H. Buckle, as Waiter, Sergts. Mess.

Mnes. Ed. Ayling and W. Lawley, as Tem'y Waiters, Sergts. Mess.

Clr.-Sergt. B. E. Fox, to Clerk, Pay Office.

Mne. T. R. Birtchnell, as Cook, Divisional Cookhouse.

TRANSFERS.

Mne. F. Russell, from Plymouth Div. ; Mne. F. Tilbury, to Plymouth Div. ; Mne. J. H. Lamb (*Revenge*), to Chatham Div. ; Mne. L. F. Ballard (*Revenge*), from Chatham Div. ; Mne. E. F. Harriman (*Hood*), from Plymouth Div. ; Mne. A. H. Hawke (*Revenge*), to Plymouth Div. ; Corpl. E. W. Brewer, to R.N. (R.P.O. Branch) ; Mne. G. R. Skinner (*Malaya*), to R.N. ; Corpl. N. R. Wilcox, from Chatham Div. ; Corpl. H. T. Gordon, to Chatham Div.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

Mnes. Sidney White and H. Lester—*Centurion* to *Repulse*.

Mne. (A/Sergt.) A. G. Walker and Mne. S. L. Ball—*Iron Duke* to *Barham*.

Mne. S. Humphries—*Barham* to *Resolution*.

Mne. P. V. Mayes—*Iron Duke* to *Frobisher*.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 2nd Period of Engagement—Mnes. G. H. Keen, G. Cook, H. V. Dunkinson, Clr.-Sergt. J. T. Cooper, Mnes. Samuel Vallance, R. H. Wignall.

Termination 1st Period of Engagement—Mne. Thos. Lapworth.

Invalided—Mnes. C. Barham, A. G. Hope, L. J. Lally, W. L. Moss, C. Drace, Corpl. E. A. Berry.

EMBARKATIONS.

Dolphin—Corpl. H. R. Stenning. **Fisgard**—Mne. R. H. Leach. **Centurion**—Mnes. W. A. Gooch, Henry Lister, C. W. Jordan. **Yarmouth**—Sergt. H. R. Stevens, Corpls. W. A. Herage, A. E. Ayling, Bugler Prince-Cox ; Mnes. J. G. Ingram, J. C. Hobbs, A. J. Rawlins, Albert Smith, Thos. Braithwaite, H. C. Sparrow, Reginald Sturgess. **Victoria and Albert**—Mne. Fredk. Sandy. **Victory (R.N.B.)**—Mne. Fredk. Ware, Corpls. Wm. Bannister, C. J. Baldwin, F. V. Blakeley. **Royal Sovereign**

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DISEMBARKATIONS.

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R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKATIONS.

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DISCHARGES.

Termination of 2nd Period of Engagement—Musn. William Brooks.
Termination of 1st period of Engagement—Musn. W. H. G. Harris.
Invalided—Band Boy W. J. Glover (not finally approved), Band Boy P. G. Evans.

APPOINTMENTS.

B.M. 1 G. C. Keen, L.R.A.M., appointed C.S.M. on probation.

ADVANCEMENT.

Band Boys to Musician—R. A. Joyner, C. E. Golding.

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Herbert Kenward	J. G. Prior	W. E. Kohlar
R. P. Rosewell	A. C. Black	R. H. Stoner
Wm. Martyr	W. A. Attrill	F. J. Sharpe
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15-4-26.

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Q. How often is the pull-through used ?
Ans. Once a day in Barracks and once a week at sea.

Q. How do you clean the barrel after firing, if there is metallic fouling in it ?
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BIRTH.

EVANS.—On March 22nd, 1926, to Audrey, wife of Corpl. Arthur Evans (H.M.S. Ceres)—a daughter.

ENGAGEMENT.

A marriage has been arranged between Captain Charles Adair, Royal Marines, elder son of the late Admiral C. H. Adair and Mrs. Adair, and Joan, elder daughter of Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Patrick Arbuthnot, Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham.

MARRIAGES.

TOLLEMACHE : TAYLOR.—On the 6th February, at St. John's Church, Eastbourne, Mr. Humphrey Thomas Tollemache, Royal Marines, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyonel Tollemache of Eastbourne to Nora Priscilla second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Broomhill, Eastbourne.

ROBINSON : TURKOVA.—On 7th April, at the Old Town Hall, Prague, and afterwards at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Wall, Vivian Dering Vandeleur, son of Colonel G. V. Robinson, R.M.L.I. (retd.) and Mrs. Robinson, of 53 Russell Terrace, Leamington, and grandson of the late Rev. John Branfill Harrison, formerly Rector of Great Mongeham, Kent, and Anci Arnostka, daughter of M. Vaclav Turek, Chief Inspector of Posts for Bohemia, and Mme. Turkova, of Praha-Bubenec, Wintrova 362 Czechoslovakia.

ROYAL NAVAL FUND.

The Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Royal Naval Fund, founded in connection with the Royal Naval Exhibition of 1891, was held on 24th Mar. at the Royal United Service Institution. In the absence, through indisposition, of the President, Admiral of the Fleet the Right Hon. Sir Edward Seymour, the Chair was taken by Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and the attendance included Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Madden, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Joseph Chambers, Sir Alfred Eyles, Admiral the Hon. Sir Edmund Fremantle, Mr. R. A. Haydon, General Sir William Nicholls, R.M., Paymaster Rear-Admiral Sir Charles Pollard, Sir Charles Stansfield, Sir George Wyatt Truscott, Sir Charles Walker and Mr. J. F. Phillips, Secretary.

The Chairman, in presenting the Annual Report, stated that the Committee regarded the present as an opportune occasion on which to call attention to the growth of the Fund. Since the Fund commenced operations in 1893, the Capital had increased from £47, 256, representing the profits accruing from the Royal Naval Exhibition which was held at Chelsea in 1891, to £73, 946. During this third part of a century the Fund had disbursed, in relieving the necessities of widows, orphans or other dependent relatives of Seamen and Marines, a sum almost equalling the original amount of capital. Apart from certain substantial additions to capital, the income of the Fund had been augmented to a very appreciable extent by grants towards current expenditure from the Admiralty, and, for the past four years, from King George's Fund for Sailors, besides contributions in the shape of annual subscriptions. The Chairman mentioned that His Majesty the King, Patron of the Fund, was an annual subscriber, and that H.R.H. Prince George also was an annual subscriber and a Life Governor. The demands upon the Fund had so increased that only very small grants could be given in individual cases. These grants completely exhausted the annual income and still left unassisted many cases in which grants would be well-bestowed if funds were but available It was, however, satisfactory to know that the grants, though small, had proved very beneficial and were highly appreciated as helping the recipients to tide over the period of acute distress immediately following upon the loss of those upon whom they were dependent for their subsistence. The Committee again appealed to all interested in the Naval Service for such support as would ensure the further development of the Fund, and so enable it to confer more lasting benefits upon the widows, orphans and other dependents of Seamen and Marines coming within its scope. The Report was unanimously adopted.

24-3-26.

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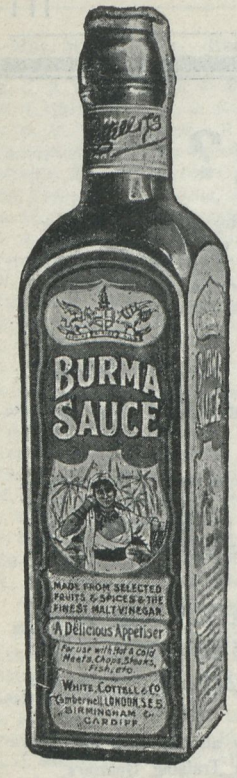
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EDITORIAL NOTES

Our Country has just come triumphantly through a very dark hour in her history during which all that "Britain" and "British" stand for was gravely threatened. She has emerged from her trial with enhanced prestige in the eyes of the whole world.

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The anniversary of St. George's Day, a day of proud memories to all Royal Marines, has passed since we last went to press. In the "Per Terram" section some accounts are given of entertainments held in connection with Zeebrugge Day.

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As a result of the printers' strike our May number, in addition to being late from the press, was delayed in distribution owing to the postal restrictions found necessary in the crisis. This number will unavoidably be somewhat late in appearance as the printing trade is working short time owing to the coal strike.

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When the public was deprived of their daily papers owing to the printers' strike, at the Portsmouth Division the *Globe and Laurel* issued a daily bulletin giving a *résumé* of the news received by W/T up to the previous midnight in order to bridge the gap during which the Division was without its newspaper supply.

This bulletin was printed and circulated by 9 a.m. daily, thanks to the willing co-operation of the printing staff of the division, to whom we are very grateful.

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Our illustration entitled "A Naval Occasion," is by that clever artist Major J. S. Hicks, late of the Royal Marines, who has so oftened helped the *Globe and Laurel*. It is published through the courtesy of the Editor of the *Royal Magazine*.

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Hearty congratulations to Sergt. Howard of *Diomede*, on his important successes on the rifle ranges in New Zealand.

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Apparently the Accountant-General of the Navy's Department is still on strike, as we have not received the list of pensioners who have died during April.

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We have only one birth to record and no engagements or marriages. Perhaps the General Strike was wider than we thought.

BIRTH.

BARKER.—On the 7th April, at 11 Bedford Row, London, W.C.1, to Lina, the wife of Mr. S. J. Barker (late Corporal, R.M., Chatham Division)—a son.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G.H.D., Prospect, Australia.—Glad to hear from you, and to know that you appreciate the style of the paper.

J.P., Bull Point.—A good joke, but too well known.

PER MARE

MEDITERRANEAN.

Malaya."

Time flies, so we are told, and it appears to be correct, too, for every time the 15th of the month appears we suddenly remember that our report ought to have been in the Editor's hands. So this time we have taken the " bull by the horns "—not the one we killed, as recorded in our last report—and decided to compile a few lines for the June edition.

The ship made a determined effort to rob the " Bronze man " off the *Valiant*, but they were " valiant " enough to withstand the attack of the Malayan tiger, and we offer our congratulations with all good faith ; we were beaten by a better team.

We had a consolation prize, however, in the shape of Mne. Sydney Press, who came in first in the Squadron Marathon, and as this is his second time in succession, the ship's company are recognising his feat—or feet, if you like—by presenting him with a clock. Mne. F. Stone also deserves comment—he came in 7th in the race and 3rd for the ship. May they do great things for the Corps in the future.

Our Band decided to play football on their own this past season, and although they only number 15, they managed to win their way to the final, and were only beaten after a gruelling re-play. Very creditable and probably a unique record.

Of course it is needless to talk about our ship's football team, their record is now general conversation throughout the fleet. Suffice, therefore, for me to say that we have three of the team in the detachment—A/Corpl. Odey, Mne. Renouf (goal) and Mus. Kemp, and they will probably prove an asset to some other detachment or depot next season.

The ship won the Bayonet Competition this year, and our two representatives won their fights—Sergt. Bishop and Mne. Thurston. It is worth noting that this team did not have one point scored against them in the final (15—0).

The Billiards Cup also rests in our cupboard. Mne. North was the only R.M. in the team, and he played well and helped towards the success of the team.

Cruising ? Oh, yes ! We do leave Malta sometimes, and we have been to Palmas Bay (Sardinia), where we could not get ashore on leave. But trust a Royal to find some scheme to work or play " Per Terram." Hence a jolly fine afternoon's outing. Anyone knowing Palmas Bay will understand that there was not much of interest ashore. A welcome diversion was therefore provided in the form of sports between the R.M. detachments of *Barham, Valiant* and *Malaya*. The sports, though consisting of only two items—tug-of-war and relay race—were very keenly contested and provided considerable amusement. A small strip of sandy beach was selected and we all landed, or rather waded, the boats not being able to get in close. Neither this, nor the bulls, who came unpleasantly near to watch us, damped our spirits.

The *Barham* won the tug-of-war, and we managed to win the other event. We were rather unfortunate about getting back to our respective ships, and it was quite dark before the welcome lights of *Barham's* boat appeared. Luckily there were some shepherds, who made a very nice fire, round which we clustered, and the yarns we spun—well, 'nuff said.

When some way out from shore we were startled to see a light being frantically waved on the beach. We at once concluded that someone had been left behind, and although each team seemed quite certain that they were all present, we did not feel easy enough to ignore this signal, especially as the fleet was under sailing orders, and we therefore put back to investigate. Our fears were unfounded, however. It appears that the light was merely one of the aforesaid shepherds waving a glowing ember from the fire, as a sort of send off. We started off again and eventually arrived back tired, but happy. We should like to thank the *Barham's* detachment for their hospitality during our wait on board.

The Fleet left there for Pollensa Bay, but owing to the inclement weather, we had perforce to anchor in Palma Bay, Majorca. Leave was again restricted, and only limited numbers were allowed to witness the Mediterranean Fleet *v.* Atlantic Fleet football match and the *Malaya v. Revenge* match. Of course we could not let the *Revenge* go back to Blighty without showing them how to play football.

Along with the *Q.E., Valiant, Eagle, Coventry* and destroyers we then went to Algiers. Here we were welcomed by the Algier-France people and we had a good time. There was something to see at last. It was a sight for sore eyes to see the emporiums, shops, buildings, etc., also the clean, wide streets. What a change from the wonderful edifices of Strada Reale, Valletta. Apart from the sights worth seeing there were char-a-banc trips arranged for our people by the British community. There were also plenty of vehicles for hire, so many of us spent some of our time—and money—in seeing the interior of the country. Everyone was struck by the beauty of it. The cultivation and irrigation was something worth seeing, and probably more astonishing because the general impression of this place is that it is on the edge of the Great Sahara and that only sand prevails—totally different to what we saw. Football was also indulged in, and we played some very hard matches against the French during our stay.

We duly arrived back after our month was up, and steamed into the Grand Harbour for another long stretch—we wish we could tie up in " Pompey " as often and for so long.

We had an unsuccessful attempt to do the C.-in-C.'s shoot, owing to bad weather. We were weather-bound for three days, much to the joy of our natives, who could not toddle off home at four p.m.

The Italian and French Fleets have been to Malta, and we did our best to entertain them.

Our Gibraltar Cup Team again proceeded to Ghain Tuffieha, and put up the splendid score of 632¼ points, and it seemed as good as won, but, alas, it was not to be; the *Queen Elizabeth* put up a score of 720¾ and became the possessors of the trophy, *Malaya* being second.

The Fleet Sports are now occupying our minds, and our detachment put in some good work in the inter-part competitions to represent the ship. Mne. Press won the three miles, Mne Stone second. Mne. Stone won the mile, Mne. Press second. Mne. Thurston won the 880 yards, and our wall-scaling team came in second. In fact we were well represented in the "places" and our Captain's wife, Mrs. Astley-Rushton, had great pleasure in presenting us with the silver cup, which Commander Bald presented to the ship for inter-part sports. Second last year, winners this year.

Sergt. Bishop's catch-weight and Corpl. Desmond's light-weight tug-of-war teams are working hard to represent the ship in the fleet finals.

The months have shortened to weeks, and now the weeks are shortening to days. On June 25th we will be sighting the shores of England (D.V.), and all will be pleased to be back in Portsmouth for leave and pay-off—but more of this anon.

At the Fleet Rifle Meeting the detachment performed great feats, carrying off many medals and much prize money. Our congratulations are due to Cpl. Kay, who won the Rifle Championship, carrying with it the Beresford Cup, M.F. Gold Medal, and the N.R.A. Bronze Medal, which latter medal enables him to shoot for the Prince of Wales' Competition at Bisley, and we wish him every success in that event.

Summing up, we can safely say that we have held our own and have had a fairly enjoyable time.

"Cardiff."

The outstanding sports event recently was the success of our detachment in the inter-part "knockout" football competition. The football in this competition was very keen, and meeting the Stokers in the first round, our team had to go all out. At full time the score stood at one all, so extra time was played, and greatly due to the thrustful efforts of Mnes. Coggins and Woodcock, we ran out winners, the score being 4—1. The second round was not quite so exciting, but the 2nd Division were beaten by 2 goals to 1. The final was a great game against the Daymen, and observing they had beaten us in the League, everyone of our team determined to reverse the tables this time. Mne. Ham, our captain, was forced to stand down for this game owing to an injury, and Corpl. Mansfield was brought into the team. After half an hour's play the Daymen were two goals up, but eventually speed and pace began to tell, and after a rain of shots at the Daymen's goal, their right back turned a hot shot from Ide into the net. After half-time our players started off at a great pace, and two goals scored by Ide and Penny gave us the lead. After about half an hour's play a fourth goal was added by Kite, our dashing outside-left. The Daymen scored again just on time, making the final score 4—3 in the R.M.'s favour. All the team are to be congratulated on their success.

The ships' inter-part sports took place at Corradino on the 24th April, in very good weather. The Daymen were very lucky to win the cup by two points from the Royal Marines, and as a result quite a number of our detachment will be representing the ship at the Fleet sports shortly.

At the Fleet Rifle Meeting the following were included in ship's teams: Cr.-Sergt. Hancock, Corpl. Chandler, Mnes. Rice, Upton and Fisher, and although we were not successful in winning any cups, great praise is due to the teams for the way they shot under rather trying conditions, and I am quite sure a lot of knowledge was gained, which will be stored up until next year.

Our Gibraltar Cup team did very well, considering this was the first time two-thirds of the team had seen the range. I will not go into details, for I expect they will be recorded on another page.

"Concord."

After a short stay at Singapore we sailed for Penang, arriving on March 8th. Staying for four days we once more continued our homeward voyage, and arrived in Colombo on the 16th, to find *Cairo* and *Effingham* in port. Leaving Colombo on the 19th we made a seven days' trip to Aden, and sailed again on the following day, arriving in Port Suez on the 31st. Here we painted ship, and proceeded through the Canal on the night of April 2nd for a 24 hours' stay in Port Said, then on to Malta, where we arrived on the 7th. As we were steaming into Malta Grand Harbour, with our "paying-off pennant" flying, it seemed a coincidence that *Caradoc* should precede us to commence a new commission.

From the time we left Hong Kong to our arrival in Port Said we had ideal weather, but from then on it was just the reverse. Between Port Said and Malta we lost our loader and all starboard waist awnings.

Leaving Malta on the 12th, preceded by *Queen Elizabeth* and *Cardiff*, we commenced our final trip. *Cardiff* cleared lower deck and cheered us on our way, and then sped off to pick up the squadron.

Arriving at Gib. on the 15th we sailed once more next day, but although our stay was short, we saw the Submarine X.1., and many were the comments passed on her size. We eventually arrived at Devonport on the 20th, after experiencing very heavy weather, to find the inevitable rain falling. After exchanging the customary salutes, we steamed up the harbour to the accompaniment of much waving of handkerchiefs from shore. Tying up alongside *Comus* we spent the rest of the day and night and next day in de-ammunitioning ship. Proceeding further up stream we lay in No. 4 basin for a few days, prior to going in dry dock, where we are still laying.

Most of the ship's company were sent on leave, with the exception of the Marines, but they were called back to barracks owing to the strike.

We are all now looking forward to the day when we pay off, as there is no comfort living in a ship being refitted.

" Caradoc."

Since our arrival at Malta the detachment have been busy training for the Fleet sports. They have made an excellent start by winning the Inter-Part Cup for ship's sports, with a total of 91½ points, whilst second place was secured by the boys with 79 points. The winning of this Cup was certainly a good performance, as during the two previous days the detachment had marched to Ghain Tuffieha and taken part in the Gibraltar Cup competition.

In the various events Sergt. Thompson won the 100 yards final, veterans and open, Mne. Duffield won the 3 miles, Mnes. Bluett and Horsham 1st and 2nd respectively in the ½-mile. The relay race was won by the Marines, also tug-of-war. Mne. Smith took 3rd place in the hurdles, and was rather unfortunate in tripping over the last hurdle. Mnes. Cooper and Fellows secured 2nd and 3rd place in putting the weight, whilst 2nd place was also taken by us in the obstacle and wall teams.

A word of praise is due to Lieut. Reiss-Smith, who although crippled, gallantly ran the 3 miles, thereby securing a point for completing the course.

It is to be hoped that the detachment will carry on in the same spirit; if this is done there is no reason why we should not do well in the Fleet sports, and we hope in our next report to say we have finished near the top.

" Dragon."

Leaving Palermo on the 23rd March we arrived at Malta on the 25th. Here our thoughts were concentrated on the semi-final of the Cruiser Cup Competition, which was played at the Marsa the following day, our opponents being the *Danae*. Here we got rather a shock, as the *Danae's* team proved to be a much better team than we had expected. At the close of the first half the score stood 2—0 for *Danae*—a fair reflection of the play. On restarting, lack of training in our team soon began to show itself, and the *Danae* ran us off our feet to the tune of six more goals, our only reply being one goal, by Mne. Randall, which came late in the game, the final score being 8—1 for *Danae*.

On the 29th March we put to sea for Gunnery, in which the Marine crews put up a very creditable show.

On the 18th April a platoon (less one Lewis gun section) proceeded by march route to Ghain Tuffieha, to take part in the Gibraltar Cup Competition the following day. This competition lasted five days, four ships taking part each day. Our score was 437¼ points, against the winner —which was *Queen Elizabeth*—with the fine score of 720¾; we all heartily congratulate them on their success.

The ship's football team finished runners-up in the Cruiser League, and so won the 1st C.S. Shield and Medals. Marine F. Mason was selected from the detachment to play in the final game, and receives a medal.

We have two racing boats in strict training, the cutter's crew being coached by Sergt. Barnett and the whaler by Corpl. Franks, and if we may judge by the " Prussianism " of their coaches and their appearance while training, they will be found no mean opponents in the forthcoming regatta, which is being held at Volo some time in September.

Our interest is now centred on the Ricasoli Rifle Meeting, and judging by the number of entries from the " Royals," we should more than uphold our name.

EAST INDIES.

" Effingham "

News is, I am afraid, rather scarce here at the moment. After three hectic weeks of G and T practices at Trincomali we left Colombo for our half yearly docking.

On the 4th March *Colombo* left Aden where she was relieved by *Emerald*, who arrived at Colombo on the 22nd March.

On the 26th March we left for Bombay to take part in the Official Ceremonies connected with the arrival of the Viceroy Designate, Lord Irwin and the Departure of Lord Reading.

We left Bombay on the 4th April for Jaigard which is about a hundred miles South of Bombay. From Jaigard the R.I.M. draw the majority of their recruits.

We are now at Colombo where we remain for a few days before leaving on the 15th for the East African Cruise.

Football is the only sport in progress at the moment, the Royals being well up in the League having won five matches out of the five played.

The Efficiency Star and prize money for the first quarter of 1926 was awarded to the R.M. Gun.

N.A. & W.I.

" Capetown."

On the 21st and 22nd April, the 34th Annual Naval and Military Rifle Meeting was held at Warwick Ranges, in rather indifferent weather.

Results :—

BERMUDA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE CUP.
1st—" Capetown "; 2nd—2nd Bn. The Green Howards.
Corpl. Clowes (" Capetown ") obtaining the highest indiv. score, 78.

FALLING PLATE COMPETITION—" BLUCK " CUP.
1st—" Capetown "; 2nd—Bermuda War Veterans' Association.

ROCK TARGET.
1st—" Capetown," score 55; 2nd—" Calcutta," score 38.

RAPID FIRE COMPETITION.
1st—" Capetown," score 306; 2nd—" Curlew," score 210.

" HAMILTON " CUP (INDIVIDUAL).
4th—Marine Watkins (" Capetown ").

LEWIS GUN TEAM.
1st—The Green Howards, score 66; 2nd—" Capetown," score 63.

LEWIS GUN (INDIVIDUAL).
1st—Marine Young, score 20 (possible); 2nd—Marine Baker, score 19. (Both of " Capetown ")

In the Rapid Fire Competition *Capetown's* score of 306 was a record for the range, with an average of 51 The highest individual score being 60 by Marine Burge (*Capetown*).

The Rifle and Lewis Gun Teams, with the exception of one naval officer, was formed from the detachment.

H.E. the Governor in presenting the trophies and prizes commented on the remarkable shooting of our teams, especially in the Rapid Fire Competition.

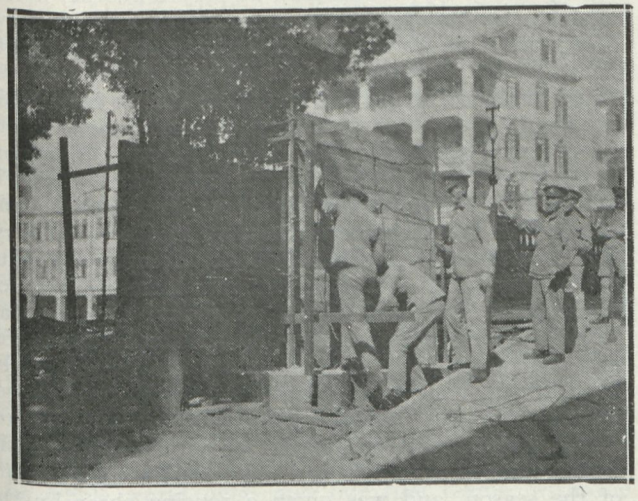
At present we are in dry dock, and are earnestly looking forward to the day when we vacate it.

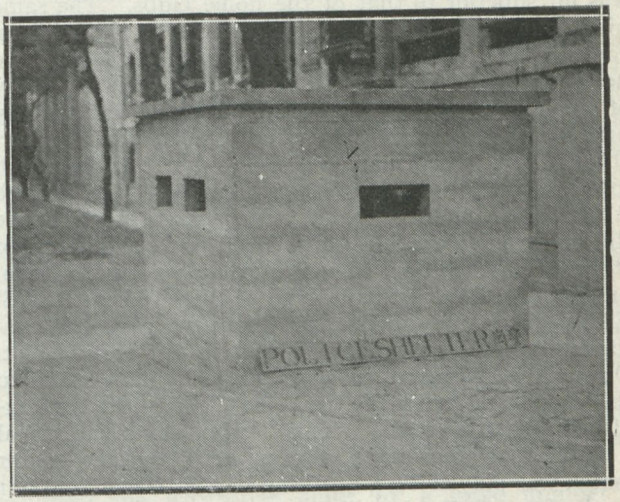
In the recent Annual Sports, Marine Young took 3rd place in putting the shot.

We all join in congratulating the *Calcutta's* tug of-war team in their recent successes in the Navy, and the Navy and Army Sports, winning both events with ease. This is the third year in succession they have proved themselves Station Champions, and boast of an unbeaten record.

Calcutta left on the 26th April for Portsmouth to " pay-off."

CHINA.





Pill-box constructed by the Royal Marines who formed the Guard at " the Shameen " at Canton, during the recent troubles with the Chinese in that City.

AUSTRALIA.

" Delhi."

Since our last insertion in the Corps paper, many interesting and amusing incidents have fallen to our lot. " Delhi " left Malta early one morning to do a 6-in. full calibre full charge shoot at " Agamemnon," which is the wireless controlled ship used as a target by the ships of the Fleet. After the usual amount of bustle, the shoot was carried out successfully, recording three hits ; this makes the record for single ship firing, and places " Delhi " at the top of the Fleet for gunnery.

The next incident was the visit of Their Majesties the H.M. King and Queen of the Belgians. For many days prior to their arrival " Man and Cheer " ship was practised assiduously, only to be abandoned on the final day. The liner conveying their Majesties steamed up the harbour early in the forenoon, and the harbour resounded with " Alerts," and each ship was manned, but no cheering was carried out. After having had luncheon and paid visits to the C.-in-C. and Governor respectively, they sailed the same evening. Each ship was again manned, and the liner steamed out of the Grand Harbour accompanied by the " salutes " from H.M. ships. From the shore the fleet looked magnificent, with the various flags flying for " dress ship," and in a message the King congratulated the fleet on their appearance.

The much anticipated return match with " Malaya " resulted in a 1—1 draw, but on the play " Delhi " were easily the winners ; Mne. Hartwell again showed excellent form in the attack. A farewell game was also played against Floriana F.C., to whom we recently lost 2—0. This game resulted in the same score, after a hardly contested game. Other laurels have fallen to our credit, the band having won the 1st C.S. Band Cup; the Marines were well represented in Corpl. Cory and Mne. Newton, on cornet and trombone respectively.

A Farewell Dance was given at Corradino, admission free, and many of the " jazzites " said farewell to many of their friends, male and female. This dance was a huge success, and the rooms were artistically decorated, under the supervision of Corpl. W. Pearce, to whom credit is due for the success obtained. Dancing commenced at 8 p.m. and terminated at 1 a.m., to the regret of the dancers. Prizes were given for various dances, one of which was won by Mrs. Creighton, our Captain's wife.

On Sunday, November 15th, 1925, " Delhi " was due to sail for Australia. At 0930 Rear-Admiral Waistell, Commanding 1st Cruiser Squadron, came on board to present the Band Cup and wish us goodbye. Lower deck was cleared and after presenting the cup, our Admiral wished us farewell with a stirring speech, in which he said he was very sorry we had to depart, as he remembered the happy time he spent in " Delhi "while he flew his flag there, and also he had hoped we should have been able to stay and win the Fleet Football Cup, but as we were leaving, he did not now know where to look for the winner. Captain K. L. Creighton, M.V.O., in a return speech, thanked our R.A. for his good wishes, and hoped that we should return in time to serve once more under his flag. At 11.45 " Delhi " slipped the buoys and started her trip. " Malaya," " Iron Duke " and " Marlborough " cleared lower deck and cheered us as we passed by, and the breakwater was crowded with civilians, who accorded us farewell cheers, which showed how highly we were esteemed by the civilians of Malta. A heavy swell was running, and after 24 hours steaming we eased down to await the arrival of Mr. Cobham, the great English airman, who was experimenting on a flight from London to Capetown. This delayed our arrival at Port Said by three days, much to the chagrin of many of our crew. On arrival at Port Said on 21st November we saw our " Prize," the S.S. " Elkatrina Ingleesee," which was salved on our way to Akaba in May this year, and we were disappointed in not receiving any news about the salvage money. Men-of-war of many nationalities were riding at anchor, the most prominent being a Siamese and a Dutch submarine, who gave us the usual customary salutes. On the 22nd our 1st and 2nd teams landed to play again the

" Hesperia " F.C. and were beaten 2—0, but our play was far superior to that of the home clubs. The same night our band rendered a programme at the soldiers' canteen, and judging by the shouts of " encore " we heard on board, gave an excellent performance. Many of the English inhabitants came on board and greatly praised the cleanliness of our ship. On Monday we sailed through the Suez Canal, but this did not evoke much interest from the ship's company, as we had been through it just a few months before. Owing to a stoppage we did not reach Port Suez until 10.30 p.m., so instead of stopping as scheduled, we continued on our way to Aden. Sunday the 29th saw us arrived at Aden, where H.M.S. Effingham lay at anchor, to whom we gave the customary salute as we steamed past to our oiling billet. During the afternoon we again shifted billets, much to the disgust of many of the " lads " and had contemplated an afternoon's " nap," who gave the usual " howls " as pessimists always do. Another soccer match was played here, resulting in a 2—0 win, and our newly formed Boxing Club tried, with no success, to arrange some matches with " Effingham." Our stay at Aden was very short, as on Monday the 30th we slipped the buoy and continued onwards to Colombo, where on arrival soccer matches were arranged against the Royal Engineers and " Cairo," resulting in 5—0 and 6—0 wins respectively, thereby upholding "Delhi's " standard as the best football team in the Mediterranean Fleet. Many elephants, our ship's crest, were among the curios brought on board, and many of the ship's company found they had been inveigled into buying black wood for ebony, by the plausible tongues of the street vendors. Much consternation was caused on the night prior to our departure by the non-return of the ship's company's washing from on shore. This resulted in one of the R.P.O.'s being sent on shore to find the cause of the trouble, which he eventually did, but I'm afraid that if anyone mentions " Dhobie " to him in the near future he will speedily retaliate by his views on the subject in the Navy vernacular.

En route for Penang very rough weather was encountered, and as we only stayed long enough to allow the " old commissioners " to see friends made during the world's tour, we saw very little of the place, and pushed on to Singapore, encountering much rough weather and many of the open-air fiends who slept on the upper deck found themselves doing swimming lessons in their hammocks. One night stands out as a narrow escape from death and disaster: during a thunderstorm, a thunder-bolt fell with a resounding crack, just off our accommodation ladder ; the ship shook like a leaf, and many remained awake for the remainder of the night, in case another fell. Arriving at Singapore on Sunday, 20th December, 1925, leave was given to watch and part, and many stepped ashore to see the sights, only to be greeted by heavy showers of rain. Our arrival at Singapore brought back the loss of a shipmate, Mne. H. Layfield, and a subscription was raised to get a wreath placed on his grave ; this was eventually done by our Sergt.-Major, Sergt. G. Barks, accompanied by many old commissioners. On the 21st December, football, rugby and water polo matches were arranged against the Army, with the following results: Soccer, drawn 1—1 ; rugby, draw (points unknown) ; water polo, win, 7—0. Immediately the water polo match against the Army was finished we played another match against the Malays, and this ended in a 4—4 draw. The team were given an excellent tea and impromptu concert before leaving, and we all very much regretted being unable to return this reception, but we hope to do so should we return this way on completion of our service with the Australian Navy. Leaving Singapore at 0700 on Tuesday the 22nd we arrived at Batavia, in Dutch East Indies on the 24th, and this enabled many of our lads to celebrate Xmas Eve in the usual way. The British and American Tobacco Company sent us off a large case of cigarettes, and these were much appreciated by the ship's company. Xmas Day found the messdecks brightly and artistically decorated, and the tables fairly groaned under the weight of the good things displayed on them. All the Marines messes were artistically, but not expensively, dressed, and reflected great credit on the detachment. Our Captain went round at 1140, wishing everyone the compliments of the season, and was given a rousing cheer by the Marines when he came to our messdeck. Officers and men alike shared in making the festival as happy as possible, and by singing and dancing this was made successful, and cigars from Colombo were in great prominence.

" Crossing the Line " was carried out, and nearly all our detachment went through, causing much hilarity. Amongst the officials the detachment were well represented. Sergt. Barks was the " barber," and woe to those who came under his brush ; Mne. S. Dellar officiated as " doctor " and served out ".soap pills " and another concoction he called " medicine," and very formidable he looked with his array of knives, choppers, steels, skewers, etc. Mne. Dorman made a very efficient " policeman " and routed many of the " skulkers " to the stools. Mne. Guy, our butcher, was one of the " Bears," and tried to drown many of those who went through.

Christmas Island was our next port of call, and very heartily were we received, as the last British man-o'-war to call there was " Dartmouth " in 1913. Leave was given and trips organised by the English residents for the troops. Many fine views were seen, also birds of every imaginable colour amongst the trees. Birds of paradise and flying foxes sped before our eyes, and the land crabs were a source of amusement to many. Plenty of refreshment was provided, and those who came on board were given the treat of hearing an English brass band in various selections. The hospitality of the people of Christmas Island was very deeply appreciated by the ship's company, and amongst the foremost of these was our detachment, who were given a glorious time. On our way out we gave a searchlight and firework display ; a wireless message received told us that this was greatly appreciated, and also that great praise was due to the ship's company of " Delhi " for the admirable conduct and smartness of the men ashore, so we reluctantly left with the knowledge that we had assisted to keep up the high standard of the British Navy, which all nationalities know we have whilst on shore.

En route for Freemantle a very interesting historical lecture was given by Mr. Brown, our schoolmaster,

who told us how and when all the various countries of the ports we had called at came into our possession, and he also remarked on "the Royal Marine," who was featured in the dress of the 19th century. Owing to the excellent way in which this lecture was delivered, one could not help feeling proud that we belonged to the country of the Union Jack.

Sunday, 3rd January, found us at Freemantle, and we were soon berthed alongside station jetty, where we were accorded a rousing reception from the crowd who had gathered to witness our arrival. Our stay at this port was extended by five days by the special request of our Captain. Each day found the ship crowded with visitors of all ages, and impromptu dances were held in the battery. The people of Freemantle gave one and all a glorious time, and we in our turn returned their hospitality by giving a dance at the Victoria Hall, Freemantle, which was a great success. From remarks gathered from various visitors, we found that we had been able to uphold the excellent name "Delhi" bears the whole world over, and our rifle teams, with the valuable assistance of Corpl. Little, Mnes. Pearce, Beaser and Weaver, shot against and defeated a team from on shore by ten points. While here, our interest was aroused by the arrival of the Cunarder "Carinthia," which is taking a number of American millionaires around the world on a tour, and we found the ship fitted up like a palace, with every possible commodity to make life easy. The Japanese battleship "Iwate," which came from Batavia with us, sailed for Adelaide and two hours later we commenced preparations for our departure. A crowd, composed of the friends of the ship's company, collected to see us sail and wish us Godspeed, and it was with the deepest regret that we had to leave such a charming place behind. Streamers of all colours hung between ship and jetty side, and these were held until the ends were reached. Cheer after cheer rang out as we slowly steamed away, and many wished that we could have stayed a few more days. One thing we found amongst the Australians, which made us admire them, was their straightforward speech and unbeatable generosity and hospitality.

After ten hours at sea we passed the Japanese ship enshrouded with coal smoke, and soon left her on the horizon far behind us. Two new members joined our detachment at this port, one a cockatoo, the other a kangaroo, but we regret to state that the latter died at sea a few days later.

To give our readers an idea of how we entered Sydney Harbour, I quote a few sentences from the local paper, which reads: "A seven gun salute heralded H.M.S. Delhi's arrival from Freemantle on Monday. The picture this ship made during the trip to the buoy reflected great credit on the British Navy; looking spotlessly clean, and with brasswork glittering, she steamed to her berth at No. 1 buoy, and the ability shown by the ship's company when lowering boats and securing to the buoy, reflected great credit on the Mediterranean Fleet, which she has just left at Malta." This was followed by a short account of "Delhi's" history. Saturday, 23rd January, found us preparing for a Commodore's inspection, and Sunday the event took place, and he gave us another recommendation for the cleanliness of the ship and the smart appearance of the ship's company. By special request of the local authorities the ship was opened to visitors from 2 p.m. till 5 p.m., and many of the men availed themselves of this opportunity to show their friends from on shore around the "Tiddly Delhi." After a stay of twelve days the Australian Fleet and ourselves sailed for Jervis Bay, where gunnery and torpedo exercises were carried out; here also the Night Loader Cup was contested for, and No. 4 gun, one of the Marines' guns, only lost this trophy by two seconds, but made the record run of the ship by eleven rounds in 1 min. 9 secs. No. 6 gun won the Cup, so we are now waiting to try and annex the Day Loader Cup from No. 5 gun.

After a few days' stay at Jervis Bay we sailed for Hobart, Tasmania, and here we enjoyed ourselves immensely. Dances, concerts, etc., were arranged, and practically everyone availed themselves of this opportunity of enjoyment. Here also a rifle team, representing the ship, in which four Marines shot—Mnes. Pearce, Weaver, Newton and Allen—succeeding in beating the Australian ships by a large number of points, and in turn being beaten ourselves by a picked team representing the Army in Tasmania by 20 points.

At the end of a very enjoyable ten days we once more put to sea for Lyttleton, N.Z., and en route H.A. and Torpedos were fired. Just prior to arrival the flagship "Sydney" left us to go to Dunedin, while we carried on to port, where we tied up alongside Gladstone Pier. The people on shore arranged dances, teas, suppers, smoking concerts, picnics and rambles for our entertainment, and we had a glorious time. Here also an Officers' "At Home" was given on board "Adelaide" and "Delhi," the bands of these two ships rendering an excellent programme. Here again the papers gave a description of us, and also our history, but they made one great mistake, and that was that they said that "Delhi" was not completed until 1922. Ashore here many people mistook our detachment for policemen, until a few rectified this mistake. The inhabitants of Lyttleton treated us all with the greatest of hospitality, and we left with the greatest regret to pick up "Diomede" and "Dunedin" for manoeuvres.

This brings our correspondence up to date, and I will endeavour to keep you posted with our further movements in the near future.

NEW ZEALAND.

"**Philomel**"

The Australian cruisers, *Sydney* and *Adelaide*, accompanied by the *Delhi* reached New Zealand and called at Wellington. From Wellington the squadron made their way up north and were met by the N.Z. Squadron in the Hauraki Gulf, where all ships took part in manoeuvres which lasted about nine days.

During manoeuvres the *Delhi* had a rating injured and so the ship made a brief call at Auckland to get the injured man to hospital.

The N.Z. Squadron, accompanied by the Australian Unit returned to Auckland on the 17th March. The visiting flagship, *Sydney*, famous for her destruction of the German cruiser *Emden*, was very popular with the ship-visitors. Sports and other functions were held both on shore and afloat in honour of the visiting squadron, and a party of 350 Aussies was taken by



New Zealand Naval Team. Trentham, 1926.

train to Rotorua to view the world-famous thermal regions.

The Devonport Yacht Club held its annual regatta and generously provided a cup for competition between the naval sailing whalers. The *Diomede's* whaler finished first in 4h. 33m. 10s., beating *Veronica* by 1m. 5s. *Diomede* was however disqualified by the naval officer in charge for not carrying full equipment. This put *Veronica* first with *Dunedin* second. The race created great interest and of the six boats that faced the starter, two capsized in a heavy squall, and one naval rating nearly got drowned through being penned under the spread of canvas.

SPORT.

The N.Z. Forces' Rifle Meeting consisting of nearly 500 competitors, was held at Trentham, near Wellington, 8th Feb. to 12th Feb. A naval team of twelve was entered and included eight R.M.'s namely—*Dunedin*: Sgt. Hiscock, Mnes. Ginn, Mason and Wheatley. *Diomede*: Sgt Howard, Mnes. Halloran and Mansell. *Philomel*: Cpl. Mealing.

First Army Championship.—Sgt. Howard won the Army Championship, but was not eligible for the Belt and so he had to contend with the second prize.

King's Medal.—Sgt. Howard tied with a Staff Sergt. Thomson, of the N.Z. Permanent Forces, for the King's medal, but lost preference on points calculated from a preceding fire with movement practice. The New Zealander was a Bisley shot in 1919. The medal, being another trophy exclusive to N.Z. Forces would not have gone to the Royal Marine in either case.

N.Z. Forces' Team Match.—R.N. team came in second and received money prizes and trophies.

Night Firing.—Navy team, third, and received money prizes.

Each team consisted of eight men and that of the Navy held seven R.M.'s. This is the first year for the R.N. to be represented, and all the Royal Marines received trophies and money prizes ranging up to £15. The Royal Marines were well to the fore, and received great praise from the Minister of Defence and all Officers concerned. Sgt. Howard kept up the traditions of the Corps by being the best and most consistent shot of the meeting.

Water Polo.—The *Diomede* beat an Auckland suburban team, 4—0 in a match held under the auspices of the Auckland Swimming Association. The newcomers were well watched and showed great skill and combination. The superiority of their display has apparently annulled the prospects of big achievements, because the secretary for the ship's team received notification from the association regretting the inability to include the naval team in the leagues on shore, though friendly matches would be appreciated.

The *Diomede* and *Delhi* played a friendly match in the dock; result, *Diomede* 2—0. Corpl Heaton scored both goals. The *Delhi* are water polo champions of the Australian Fleet and so a further match was held as a special event in a programme on shore to decide the premiership of the Australian and New Zealand Navies. The *Diomede* won 5—0.

Football.—A soccer match between the two squadrons, for a shield presented by the Auck. F.A., resulted in a win, 4—0 for New Zealand. Cpl. Bradley (*Diomede*) and Mne. Bird (*Dunedin*) were members of the N.Z. team. Though the Australians came off second best in the inter-naval contests, the *Delhi* beat *Dunedin* at soccer, and the fact that the cricket fixture did not materialize perhaps prevented the "Aussies" from carrying off the "Ashes".

OBITUARY.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR A. R. C. ATKINS, K.C.B., C.M.G.

Major-General Sir Alban Randell Crofton Atkins, late Royal Army Service Corps, who died at Weybridge recently at the age of 55, joined the Royal Marines in 1889, and served in the Ashanti expedition in 1895-6, in the Hinterland expedition in 1897-8, and in the Sierra Leone expeditions in 1898-9. In 1898 he transferred to the Army Service Corps, and for his work in the South African War as adjutant he was mentioned in despatches and received his brevet of major. He was staff captain at Headquarters from 1904 to 1906, and from 1908 to 1910 he was chief instructor, Army Service Corps Training Establishment.

In 1911 he was appointed Deputy-Assistant Director at the War Office, Assistant-Director of Transport in 1914, and Deputy-Director of Supplies and Transport in the following year. In June, 1915, he was created C.M.G. "for services rendered in connection with military operations in the field."

On the resignation of Major-General S. S. Long in March, 1916, Colonel Atkins was appointed to succeed him as Director of Supplies and Transport, and he held this post till 1919, having been promoted Major-General in 1918. He was created K.C.B. in 1919, and retired in 1920. He was a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John, and he held also French, Italian, Belgian, Serbian, and Greek decorations.

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CAPTAIN JOHN BALLARD, R.M. (retd.)

We regret to announce the death of Captain John Ballard on the 20th April, 1926, at the age of 47, at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar. Born on the 21st July 1878, at Rathmullen, Donegal, Captain Ballard enlisted in the Royal Marine Artillery at Eastney Barracks as a Private on the 26th September, 1893. He was transferred to bugler on 12th October, 1893, and served in H.M.S. "Hood" from 8th October, 1895, to 23rd September, 1896. On rejoining Headquarters he was graded to Gunner R.M.A., and was promoted Bombardier on 1st April, 1898. After a short tour of service afloat in H.M.S. "Benbow" in 1898, he was appointed Clerk in the Staff Office, and was promoted to Corporal on 15th September, 1899. He continued to serve in various clerical appointments in the Staff Office, and was promoted Sergeant on 1st December, 1905, Colour-Sergeant 13th June, 1913, and Superintending Clerk (W.O.) on the 10th March, 1915. On the 21st August, 1918, he was promoted to Lieutenant and Quartermaster, and to Captain and Quartermaster on the 11th October, 1920. He was in possession of the L.S. & G.C. Medal and the British War Medal.

The funeral took place on the 24th April, 1926, at Highland Road Cemetery. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and rested on a gun-carriage supplied by the Portsmouth Division R.M. Members of the Sergeants' Mess acted as bearers, and a bugler of the Division sounded the "Last Post" at the graveside. A large number of friends of the deceased (including officers of the Portsmouth Division, R.M.) attended the funeral. The many beautiful floral tributes indicated the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Captain Ballard was very interested in all kinds of sport, and was at one time secretary of the Divisional Football Club. He leaves a widow and two daughters, and his loss will be keenly felt by his many friends in Portsmouth.



CHATHAM.

The Great Strike has come and gone, without any stirring events having occurred at Chatham. It takes more than a General Strike to arouse the burgesses of the "Loyal and True" borough.

True, we were deprived of our trams for the period of the strike, a state of things which was deplored only by the Dockyard maties. Rumour had it that they (the trams, not the maties) would never run again, but two days after the strike was called off, the familar old green trams were once more grinding their noisy way through our narrow streets and obstructing the traffic. That they provide employment for many ex-Marines is their only value.

We have had several parties away guarding "vital" spots, but they report no items of interest. The Band was caught at Leamington, but managed to get back, and has done yeoman service in lightening the lengthy hours all ranks have been compelled to spend in barracks.

On Sunday the 2nd May the Mayor of Chatham paid his annual visit to the Dockyard Church, accompanied by the Corporation, Police, Fire Brigade, British Legion, Girl Guides, etc. After the service the procession marched through barracks headed by the Divisional Band, and a brave show they made, prophetic of the efforts to be made by all members of the community to preserve the King's peace during the following anxious week.

The Athletic Shield for 1925 has been won by "A" Company, and "C" Company have carried off the Compy. Football Cup.

Training for the Tug-of-war for the Shield has com-

menced. Each company is allowed to put in two teams of ten men, one of 130 stone and the other of 110 stone.

Our Royal Marine Police have been going through an anxious time lately. Oh, no, not the Strike, or Bolshies with bombs outside the iron fence, but the Proficiency Exam. Strong men, who would have repelled an attack on their station single-handed, have blanched and wilted under questions such as " What is a Dying Declaration?" or " What action will you take on the approach of a thunderstorm ? "

The Miniature Rifle Club are winding up the season with an inter-departmental match, but the strike has prevented it being completed in time for the results to be published this month. However, some latent talent has been discovered, particularly among the ladies, and some of their instructors are beginning to feel that they will have to look to their laurels.

The final of the Divisional Billiards Championship has taken place, Sergt. Surgey being the winner, beating Mne. Moss by 98 in 400 up. Colonel Commandant Morgan presented the Cup to the winner and a miniature replica to the runner-up.

JUNIOR N.C.O.'S CONCERT.

The Junior N.C.O.'s assembled in their Club on April 23rd to celebrate the anniversary of Zeebrugge. A fine concert was given, which was well organised by Corpls. Hayman and Millar. The programme opened by all members rising and drinking a toast in commemoration of their fallen comrades. Musical selections were given by the J.N.C.O.'s jazz band, which consisted of Mr Daniels, Corpls. Heskett, Light, Marlow and Sargent. Great laughter was caused by Corpl. Mills in his favourite song " I'm a Daddy." Other items were given by Sergts. Holloway, Ashton, Corpls. Millar, Bishop, Quinn and Hayman. The evening closed by singing " God save the King." .

BALL.

With the kind permission of Colonel-Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., the Junior N.C.O.'s held their Annual Ball in the Town Hall, Chatham, on Thursday, April 18th. Dancing began at 8 p.m. and continued until 1 a.m. ; the guests present fully enjoyed the programme. Among those present were Colonel-Comdt. R. H. Morgan, Mrs. Morgan, Lieut.-Col. H. A. H. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Major P. Sandilands, D.S.O., Major C. Attwood, Capt. and Adjutant H. D. Weir, also many other officers. Guests came from the Sergeants' Mess and Royal Naval Barracks. Carnival novelties enhanced the enjoyment and fun of the evening, and when the streamers were set flying and the balloons released from their hangars, the hall became very spectacular. The function was well organised by the dance committee, consisting of Corpls. Coole (President), Hayman, Langley, Radford, and Heskett. Great praise is due to them for their untiring efforts to ensure success. Corpls. Radford and Coole carried out their duties as M.Cs. in a most efficient manner.

" AT HOME."

The R.P.O.'s from the Royal Naval Barracks were entertained by the Junior N.C.O.'s in a series of games on Tuesday, April 20th, the J.N.C.O.'s being easy victors by 12 points to nil. On the conclusion of games a concert was arranged by Corpl.Millar who presided as chairman. Songs were rendered by Sergts. Holloway, Corpls. Millar, Bishop, Ackhurst, and Corpl. Hayman gave a splendid monologue entitled " The Clutching Hand " (in 15 parts). During the interval light refreshments were handed round to the guests. The evening was concluded by the guests giving the J.N.C.O.'s three hearty cheers.

PORTSMOUTH.

SERGEANTS' MESS ANNUAL BALL.

The Sergeants' Mess Annual Ball was held in the Gymnasium on the 16th April, 1926. Over 700 invitations were issued to members of the Mess and honorary members, members being allowed three tickets and honorary members two.

The Colonel Commandant, Officers and Warrant Officers were cordially invited, and there was a very good attendance.

Dancing took place from 8 p.m. until 2.30 a.m. The Divisional Band, under the conductorship of Band Sergt. Brims, R.M., provided an excellent programme of music, which added greatly to the success of the Ball. A relief band was arranged, so that there should be no break in the dancing.

An excellent supper was provided, there being a varied menu, including ices, etc. Red, white and blue tickets were issued to prevent congestion, thus one-third only had supper at one time ; this also relieved the dancing space in the gymnasium, which does not cater for 600 to 700 dancers at the same time.

Light refreshments were served in the theatre, a tastefully decorated covered way being built from the gymnasium to the theatre. Chocolates, etc., were also to be had there.

The hard work of the Ball Committee, under the presidency of Q.M.S.I. B. Hatcher, D.C.M., R.M., was well rewarded. The Colonel-Commandant, Officers and Warrant Officers, members of the Sergeants' Mess and their friends were loud in their praise of the splendid arrangements for their comfort, and the organisation, which allowed such a pleasant evening to be spent without the slightest hitch anywhere.

JUNIOR N.C.O.s' ANNUAL BALL.

The Junior N.C.O.s' Annual Ball was held in the Gymnasium on the 23rd April, 1926, under the presidency of Q.M.S. Norman A. Finch, V.C., R.M. Invitations were limited to 350 (including members, honorary members and friends). The Colonel-Commandant, Officers and Warrant Officers were heartily invited, and there was a good attendance.

An excellent programme of music was rendered by the orchestra, under the conductorship of Bandmaster Robertson, R.M.B.

The work of the Ball Committee, under the presidency of Corpl. Ernest Dencer, R.M., was deserving of every praise. The able manner in which they arranged and organised the Ball was spoken of in more than appreciative words by all.

" Love me ? "
" No ! "
" Love me ? "
" NO ! "
" Then sit on your own lap."—*Mass. Tech. Voo Doo.*

PLYMOUTH.

General Sir A. J. Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, inspected the Division on the 3rd May. We quote the following extract from the *Western Morning News* :—

" Four companies, numbering 250 officers, non-commissioned officers and men, were on parade in review order, with the colours and full band and drums in attendance. The parade presented an extremely smart appearance with the men's white helmets. With the precision customary of the Royal Marines every movement was smartly carried out. The parade was under the command of Lieut.-Colonel L. C. Lampen, with Major A. D. Welch, second in command, the colours being carried by Lieut. F. A. Milliken and 2/Lieut. J. L. Moulton.

THE GENERAL'S ADDRESS.

General Godley, in company with Colonel-Commandant F. C. Edwards, made a complete tour of the four companies, and afterwards the Marines marched past in companies and returned in close formation, the general taking the salute just below the clock tower.

After the general salute had been given General Godley addressed the parade, saying :

I want you to know how very much I feel honoured, and what a delightful thing it is for me to be able to inspect such a parade of well turned out and soldierly body of men as I have this morning. I think the whole turnout and march past was well up to the standard and great traditions of this corps, for which I, in common with most officers of the Brigade of Guards, have a particular feeling of regard. I congratulate you very much, Colonel Edwards, and also your officers, on having such a fine command."

The parade having been dismissed, General Sir A. J. Godley visited the Sergeants' Mess and Recreation Rooms and afterwards lunched in the Officers' Mess.

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The R.M.R.A. Rifle Meeting (local), which was to have been during the first week of this month, and the Adjutant General's annual inspection arranged for the 11th-13th May, has had to be cancelled in consequence of the General Strike.

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Cr.-Sergt. H. J. Parker has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust Committee, Devonport.

SERGEANTS' MESS CONCERT.

The Annual " Zeebrugge " Concert was held in the Mess Room on the evening of the 23rd April. As this date also happened to be that on which the Officers were dining the C.-in-C. (Admiral Sir Sydney Freemantle) the attendance of officers suffered thereby.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, for which the greatest possible credit is due to " General " Gordon and his willing band of helpers, Sergt. Holman, Cr.-Sergt. Wright, Sergt. Emery, and B.M. Parkins ; the last named producing, by a wave of some magic wand, an orchestra, which he ably conducted during the evening.

Q.M.S.I. Eden, who, in the unavoidable absence of the President (Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II.) Attwood), presided. In proposing the toast of the evening he reminded the gathering that it was a very great privilege to have served with these officers and men whose epic deed would ring down through the ages. Q.M.S. Finch, V.C., briefly, but very feelingly, responded.

Artistes : Baird and Vi ; Messrs. Dick Woods and Kelsey ; Sergt. Smith ; Cr.-Sergt. Perkins (light comedian).

SERGEANTS' MESS CONCERT ON ZEEBRUGGE NIGHT, April 23rd, 1926.

The Honorary Colonel-Commandant, Plymouth Div., R.M., General Sir Charles Trotman, K.C.B., Colonel-Commandant F. C. Edwards, A.D.C., Officers and Honorary Members were the guests of the members of the Sergeants' Mess at a Smoking Concert held on Zeebrugge night, 23rd April, 1926. Prior to the commencement of the entertainment all present stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late members who had made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

There was not a dull moment from start to finish of the concert, every artiste on the programme was of exceptional talent, and every item first-class of its kind. The opening overture, excellently rendered by the orchestra—Band Sergt. Blacker, Sergt. Tulley (band), Corpls. Couch and Ford, and Musns. Piper and Werry—was deservedly encored. Mne. Drouett raised many hearty laughs with his droll songs and monologues.

The toast of " Our Colonel-in-Chief, H.M. the King," given by the President (Q.M.S. F. Crawley) was observed with loyal enthusiasm, all joining in singing the National Anthem.

Mr. Timewell (junior) proved himself a baritone of good ability in his rendering of two sea songs, and Mnes. Dougal and Brindley's song and cross-talk were well received. A cornet solo by Sergt J. Tulley (band) well deserved its enthusiastic encore.

The toast of " The Honorary Colonel-Commandant, Colonel-Commandant and Officers " was proposed by Q.M.S. F. Eastaway, who in a brief and fitting speech expressed the pleasure of the members of the Sergeants Mess in having their good friends the Honorary Colonel-Commandant, Colonel-Commandant and Officers amongst them. He paid a deservedly high tribute to the excellent relations existing between officers and the members of the Sergeants' Mess, and expressed the hope, that although this was the first time that the Honorary Colonel-Commandant was present at a Mess function, that it would not be by any means the last. The toast was observed to the accompaniment of " For they are jolly good fellows." Sir Charles Trotman, in replying, expressed the thanks of the officers for the kind invitation to a function which cemented the cordial relations existing between Officers and N.C.O.'s, and hoped to be able to attend many future ones.

A " dark horse " in Sergt. Symes displayed great talent as a comedian, keeping the audience in roars of laughter, and upholding the traditions of the Gun Battery in his rendering of " Can you hear me ? " which must have been audible at John o' Groats. Band Sergt. R. Blacker, ably accompanied Corpl. H. Couch on the violin, treated the company to an exhibition of the 'cello which held them spell-bound. Sergt. Stapleton, a conjuror of no mean ability, from the Paymaster's department, caused his Chief several spasms by the manner in which he made articles disappear. After

witnessing this performance the Paymaster was heard to remark that he now knew where missing things went. Mne. Drouett was a capable assistant to Sergt. Stapleton, their " toothless " turn in " Gum Arabic " being particularly good. A violin solo by Corpl. H. Couch and a xylophone solo by Corpl. C. Ford were in excellent keeping with the high reputation the instrumentalists of the Divisional Band have earned on the concert platform. Mr. Knapmans' rendering of two songs was much appreciated, and Mr. Dewar also earned well-deserved applause in an appropriate song.

Q.M.S. G. R. Twist, who proposed the toast of " The Honorary and Past Members," expressed the pleasure of the Sergeants' Mess in having their company at this function. He made a happy reference to the cordial relations existing between the Staff of H.M. Dockyard, who were Honorary Members, and the members of the Mess. The Past Members were complimented on having formed a local branch of the R.M.O.C.A., the formation of which would greatly assist members leaving on pension, and were congratulated on the splendid advertisement given by their excellent services to employers, resulting in a steady demand for the services of ex-members in civil life. He concluded by expressing the hope that all would emulate the example of Mr. Ward, a pensioner who " had seen the Admiralty off " for fifty years and was still going strong. Mr. Ward (aged 91 years), the oldest Hon. Member, in replying, expressed the gratitude of the Honorary and Past Members for the kind invitation of the members to such a splendid evening's entertainment. He compared the emolument in force when he went to pension—over fifty years ago—to those now in being, and hoped that all present would follow his good example and live to be 110 years, which he considered was his limit. All present appropriately sang " Old Soldiers Never Die " at the conclusion of this speech.

Musician Piper, who rendered yeoman service on the piano, gave an excellent solo on the bassoon, and in an encore on the latter instrument made all the machine-gun experts " go green with envy " at the manner in which he " took it to pieces " whilst playing " Lucy Long."

The entertainment closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the various artistes and the special committee, who had made the evening gay, and caused the old soldiers who graced the walls to smile their appreciation.

The Mess was decorated for the occasion, the raised lettering of the many battle honours of the Corps included in the particularly fine cornice which runs round the room being picked out in electric fairy lamps, the latest distinction of " Zeebruggee " receiving special attention from the electricians, under the ever helpful superintendence of Mr. Higgins.

The following two instances illustrate the inconvenience caused to those travelling during the General Strike :

Cr.-Sergt. W. A. Reeves, who arrived at Southampton from St. Helena on the 12th inst. with his wife and family, had to arrange by wireless for a char-a-banc to convey his family to Blandford, and then proceed to " advance by short rushes " on the R.M. Barracks, Plymouth, reaching his objective by rail on the 15th inst.

Marine R. Atkinson, who was on leave at Darlington, near Newcastle, when the strike occurred, had a somewhat unique experience in getting back to headquarters. He succeeded in reaching London by train, and reported himself to the Police at Whitehall, by whom he was informed of a naval char-a-banc proceeding to Portsmouth. In this he obtained a passage, and after reporting at the R.N. Barracks, took passage in a destroyer to Plymouth, arriving only 12 hours late !

SUDAN.

ROYAL MARINES IN THE SUDAN.

The Company of the Camel Corps, Sudan Defence Force, commanded by Brevet Major A. R. Chater, took part in the whole of the operations against the rebel tribesmen in the Nuba mountains from last February to March. Lieut. L. H. Wrangham, M.C., who is serving with the 9th Sudanese at Omdurman, was attached to Major Chater's Company for the latter stages of the operations.

EDITOR.—The Nuba Mountains Province, with an area of 34,000 square miles, and a population in 1921 of 268,000, is situated in the Southern Sudan, and appears to be maintaining its reputation as one of the most favoured provinces for " active service."

The nearest government post to the scene of the above-named operations is probably Dilling, about 92 miles from El Obeid, which lies 428 miles S.W. of Khartoum. El Obeid is the furthest point to which the railway extends at present.

Several Royal Marine officers have served in the Nuba Mountains in the past : Colonel O'Sullivan was at Talodi, the capital of the province, up to 1911. Here also Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. Darwall and Major Gibson served with the 10th Sudanese in 1912. Major Gibson and the late Captain Hutton, R.M.A., served also in the Civil Administration as Inspectors at Dilling. It was whilst serving in this capacity that the latter was killed in punitive operations against the Nubas in 1917.

On being seconded to the Egyptian Army, Major Chater was first appointed to the 14th Sudanese (formerly commanded by Lt.-Col. Darwall) and subsequently to the Camel Corps, the *Corps d'elite* of the old Egyptian Army and the present Sudan Defence Force.

Two coloured soldiers were boasting about the wonderful buglers that each had in their outfit. The first said, " Boy, when our bugler bugles it sure am heavenly; Ah,, jus' close mah eyes and think Ah was in heaven !"

Second one : " Dat am nothing, bigboy. When our bugler bugles, Ah looks at mah beans and says, " Strawberries, behave yo' selves. Yo is crowding out all the cream."—*E.M.M.*

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Judge (at the conclusion of the trial) : " Not guilty; the case is dismissed ! "

Coal Black : " Judge, does I have to return de chickens ? "—*Pointer.*

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" I am not accustomed to call my chauffeurs by their first name, Clarence. What is your surname ? "

" Darling, madam ! "

" Drive on, Clarence."—*Normandy Courier.*

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COULDN'T BLUFF JOHN.—A large city restaurant put up a sign, " Day and Night Service." Two doors below another announced it would be " Open at All Hours." Between the two was a Chinese laundryman who, not to be outdone, hung out this sign—" Me Awake Too."

The Leatherneck.

THE ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.





PLYMOUTH BRANCH.

As reported in the March issue of the Corps Journal, a Branch of the above Association has been formed at Plymouth. We are indebted to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. H. Meatyard, for the following brief particulars of its organisation and aims :—

Patrons.—Generals H. C. Eagles, Sir Charles Trotman, K.C.B., Sir Herbert Blumberg, K.C.B. ; Lieut.-Generals E. J. Stroud, C.B., C.M.G., St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G. ; Major-Generals J. H. Swanton and G. J. H. Mullins, C.B. *President*—Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Drury, C.B.E. *Officers* : *Chairman*—Mr. F. F. Facey ; *Vice-Chairman*—Mr. J. Rice ; *Hon. Secretary*—Mr. W. H. Meatyard. *Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. G. Trice, and a Committee of eight re-elected annually.

MEMBERSHIP.—The Association is open to all ex-members of the Sergeants' Mess, and has its headquarters in the Sergeants' Mess, R.M. Barracks, Plymouth. Subscription is at 2/6 per quarter.

Meetings are held quarterly (on the 2nd Thursday in each quarter). The object of the Branch is to fraternize with active service members, and to assist members whenever possible in obtaining employment.

The organisation, which was only formed in January last, is meeting with encouraging support, and already boasts of 64 subscribing members, including Lieut.-Col. T. Jolley and Capt. J. F. Richards.

LONDON BRANCH.

The photographs here shown are of the Memorial Tree planted in the Memorial Avenue at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Western Canada, by Mr. George Holdstock, in honour of the Royal Marines who fell at Zeebrugge and Jutland. Mr. Holdstock served in the Corps from 1879 to 1891, and is an enthusiastic member of the Old Comrades' Association. He is here seen standing beside the tree. The Old Comrades' Association sent out a number of iris and daffodil bulbs to be planted round the tree, in honour of the *Iris* and *Daffodil* ferry-boats, who conveyed our battalion to the attack on Zeebrugge.

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The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 23rd, at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, W.C.1., when we shall be honoured by the presence of H.R.H. The Duke of York. The Association hopes that every one who can do so will attend on this auspicious occasion.

Guide : " We are now passing the government hotels, where 3,000 girls live ! "

Marine : " Wot we passin' 'em for ? "—*Yarn.*



CHATHAM.

ATHLETIC SHIELD, 1925 & COY. LEAGUE, 1925-6.

The Athletic Shield, which was last year competed for for the first time as an Inter-company Team Trophy, was presented to the winners, "A" Coy., by Col.-Comdt. R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., on the 30th April. On the same day the Inter-company Football Cup was presented to "C" Company.

The number of competitions held in 1925 was very few, as will be seen from the table below. This was due to the league principle which was in force for all competitions. This was found to take too long, and in consequence, for 1926, the competition will be held on the " knock-out " principle. It is hoped to add cricket, boat-pulling, miniature rifle and a swimming relay race to the events this year. Points will be awarded for each competition as follows :—1 for each team entered, and in addition 2 for the final winner and 1 for the runner-up.

ATHLETIC SHIELD, 1925.

	Bayonets	Tug-of-war	C.C. Race	Football	Total
"A" Coy.	8	12	12	4	36
"C" Coy.	12	2	8	12	34
"E" Coy.	4	8	2	8	22
"G" Coy.	2	4	4	2	12

COMPANY LEAGUE, 1925-26.

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
"C" Coy.	6	5	1	—	11
"E" Coy.	6	3	—	3	6
"A" Coy.	6	2	2	2	6
"G" Coy.	6	—	1	5	1

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

National Challenge Competition, 3rd Round, fired 16th April : City of Newcastle, 557 ; R. Marines, 556.

Rochester and District League.—Fired at Cobham, 19th April : R. Marines, 577 ; Cobham, 559. Fired at Melville Barracks, 23rd April : R. Marines, 581 ; Cobham, 567.

FINAL RESULT OF LEAGUE.

	Fired	Won	Lost	Points
Rochester and District	8	6	2	12
Royal Marines	8	4	4	8
Lodge Hill	8	4	4	8
H.M.S. Pembroke	8	3	5	6
Cobham	8	3	5	6

PORTSMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The 1st May, 1926, brought to an end a strenuous football season. The Divisional teams have been very successful, and the following is a list of their successes :—

Winners.—Portsmouth Senior Cup.

Winners.—U.S. Charity Cup.

Winners.—Divisional Final Navy Cup.

Runners-up.—U.S. League (lost on goal average)

The Gosport League has not been decided yet, owing to the leaders having, it is alleged, played ineligible men on two or three occasions, so the second team may yet be winners for the second season in succession of this League.

Romsey, who beat our second team in the Hants Intermediate Cup, have won this competition.

Since our last report, which dealt with the U.S. match *v.* H.M.S. " Excellent," the following games have been played :—

April 14—*v.*	Portsea Gas Works, Hants League ..	Won	4—2
,, 15—*v.*	Bournemouth Gas Works, Hants League	Lost	2—6
v.	Argyll & Sutherland Hghs., U.S. League	Won	3—1
,, 17—*v.*	Fareham, Hants League	Won	3—1
,, 21—*v.*	Fareham, Hants League	Lost	3—4
,, 22—*v.*	Thorneycrofts, Woolston, Hants League	Lost	1—2
,, 27—*v.*	Portsea Gas Works, Final Portsmouth Cup	Won	3—1
,, 28—*v.*	Bournemouth, Hants League	Won	4—1
,, 29—*v.*	Ryde, Hants League	Won	3—1
May 1—*v.*	Thorneycrofts, Basingstoke, Hants League	Won	3—1

From the 14th April to 1st May :—Played 10, won 7, lost 3 ; goals—for 29, against 20.

This closes the season, bringing a welcome rest. The final of the Gosport Hospital Cup between the R.M. and Emsworth Football Club will take place early next season.

SHOOTING.

We opened our .303 Season early last month (April), having in view the various meetings to be contested before the premier meeting at Bisley. It is regretted to say, that owing to the weather and the " General Strike " we have made very little headway as regards team practice.

The matches arranged have been fired with the exception of one of our principal ones, *i.e.*, against Sussex County VIII., at Portslade ; it is hoped that this will take place as soon as a " General Settlement " has been arranged.

In the matches fired we have met teams from the following :—H.M.S. " Victory," " Excellent " and Portsmouth R.C. (Rifle), and H.M.S. " Iron Duke " (revolver), with the following results :—

RIFLE MATCHES.

Royal Marines, 1,219 points, H.M.S. Victory 1,120 points (United Services).

Royal Marines 1,217 points, H.M.S. Excellent 1,224 points (United Services).

Royal Marines 766 points, Portsmouth R.C. 678 points (1st Stage King's Prize).

In these matches the conditions were 10 to shoot, 8 to count. The highest score under U.S. conditions was made by S.M. Jarvis (173 points), whilst Sergt. Crosby made 101 points in his first shoot under the conditions of the 1st Stage for the King's Prize.

REVOLVER MATCH.

Royal Marines 548, H.M.S. Iron Duke 477 points. The conditions were 8 a side, all count. It is interesting to note that four of our Corps shot for the " Iron Duke." The highest score for this shoot was made by Comsd. S.M. Watts, 82 points.

With reference to our contribution of last month regarding the Ball in aid of funds for the R.M.R.A., we are very pleased to state that the sum of £33 10s. 0d.

(thirty-three pounds, ten shillings) was forwarded to the Rifle Association, a letter of appreciation having been received from the Hon. Secretary for our effort.

PLYMOUTH.

RUGBY.

The Rugby season was brought to a close on April 23rd with a match against St. Budeaux, this resulted in a win by 18 points to 3.

The record for the season is :—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points for	Agst
33	16	13	4	287	298

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BOWLING.

The result of this Competition was :—

1st	2nd Quartermaster's Dept.	Score	2339
2nd	1st Quartermaster's Dept.	,,	2288
3rd	Pay Office	,,	2236
4th	Barrack Master's Dept.	,,	2221
5th	Adjutant's Dept.	,,	2204
6th	Brigade Office	,,	2064
7th	Gunnery Dept.	,,	1725

The highest break during the competition was 106, made by Marine Jeffrey.

"TUCKEY" CUP.

The "Tuckey" Cup was once again won by "G" Coy. after a close struggle, with 11 points :—"G" Coy. 9, "E" Coy. 7, and "A" Coy. 5.

Results : "C" Coy. won the tug-of-war, boat pulling, cross-country race, and association football.

"G" Coy. won the miniature shooting, bayonet fighting and 303 shooting.

"E" Coy. won cricket, bowling and billiards.

"A" Coy. won the Trotman Cup.

CRICKET.

Owing to the Strike several matches had to be cancelled but two practice games have been played and some "talent" discovered.

The first match, played on the 7th, against the Royal Artillery, resulted in a complete victory for the Marines. Batting first, 242 runs were scored for two wickets (Lieut. C. N. S. Smith, 131 not out, Capt. A. H. E. Reading, 59). After tea we succeeded in dismissing the Gunners for 114. The wickets were taken by Lieut. O'Donnell (4 for 36), Lieut. Burnett (3 for 21), and Mne. Leach (3 for 30).

Tuesday 11th—*v.* Staff and Departments. : Batting first the Marines scored 230 for 4 wickets and declared (Capt. Reading 79, Capt. Farmer 60). A driving rain started after tea, made the ball almost impossible for our bowlers to hold, and the match was drawn after 6 wickets had fallen for 150 runs.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

We have just concluded one of our most successful seasons in local football. In the Plymouth and District League our record is : Played 34 ; won 19 ; lost 11 ; drawn 4 ; points 42, and we take 6th place in the league table. The record of the Reserves is : Played 28 ; won 14 ; lost 11 ; drawn 3 ; points 31 (5th position in the Devon Wednesday League).

Owing to cup-ties, etc., we had the usual congested fixture list to complete, and great credit is due to the players for turning out. Our matches played since our last report resulted as follows :—

14th April (away)—*v.* Plympton, won 2—0 (Shewbrook, Hogg).
17th April (away)—*v.* Green Waves, lost 4—0.
21st April (home)—*v.* Plympton, won 3—0 (Shewbrook, Horn and Wheldon).
25th April (away)—*v.* Torpoint, won 4—2 (Horn 2, Hogg, Wheldon).
26th April (home)—*v.* Kitto, won 5—0 (Shewbrook, Hogg 2, Horn and Wheldon).
28th April (away)—*v.* Wadebridge, won 3—1 (Shewbrook 2, Potts).
29th April (away)—*v.* Looe, lost 1—2 (Shewbrook).

2ND XI.

30th April (home)—*v.* S. Staffordshire Regt. Reserves, draw 2—2.

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In the R.N. & R.M. (local) *v.* Army (local), Corpl. Davidson, Mnes. Shewbrook, Vincent and Whitnell were selected to play, with Mne. Branson as reserve. The Navy won by 5 goals to 4 ; Mne. Shewbrook besides "skippering" the Navy side scored three brilliant goals.

In the P. & D. League *v.* The League Champions, played at Truro on 30th April, Mnes. Shewbrook and Whitnell were selected to play for the P. & D. League.

"C" Company by defeating "G" Company in the final match won the Inter-Company League and the Football Shield, the Inter-Company League ending as follows :—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Points
"C" Coy.	6	5	1	0	10
"G" Coy.	6	3	2	1	7
"A" Coy.	6	1	3	2	4
"E" Coy.	6	1	4	1	3

DEPOT.

FOOTBALL.

THE INTER-SQUAD FOOTBALL CUP.

Owing to the large number of squads this competition was played on the "knock-out" system, and resulted in a victory for the 117th squad, the 129th squad being the runners-up. The Cup and silver-mounted canes were presented by the Col.-Commandant on parade, who congratulated the teams, especially the 129th squad, which was at that time the junior squad at the Depot.

CRICKET.

At Deal, May 8th.—Depot R.M. *v.* Duke of York's School. Score : D. of York's 197, Depot R.M. 136. (Lieut. O'Donnell 63, Lieut. Cutler 32, Sergt. Henwood 4 for 35).

May 12th.—Depot R.M. *v.* Cavalry Depot, Canterbury. This match was scratched owing to the emergency.

GOLF.

CINQUE PORTS CHALLENGE GOLD MEDAL.

This was played over the Championship Course of the Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club on Monday, 17th May, and resulted in a tie between the Hon. Michael Scott and Lieut. S. G. Cutler. A feature of the competition was that at the end of the first 18 holes they were level with a score of 78. In the afternoon they both again went round in 78, and so tied at 156 for 36 holes. The tie will be played off at a later date.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Inter-Squad Cross Country Cup was won by the 128th Squad, the 124th Squad being second.

BOWLING.

The Inter-Departmental Bowling Cup was won by the Band and Drums, who went through the League without suffering a defeat.

SPORTS.

The Depot Sports will take place on the 10th June, and training is now in full swing.

SHOOTING.

The following is the result of a Shooting Match fired on Kingsdown Range on Wednesday, 7th April—Depot R.M. *v.* S.A.S. (Hythe). "Methuen" Cup conditions, 12 to shoot, best 8 to count. S.A.S. won by 52 points. The following are the scores :—

DEPOT, R.M.		S.A.S. (HYTHE)	
Sergt. A. C. Rutland, D.S.M.	165	S.I. Mapp	169
Lieut. R. J. Gunn ..	160	C.S.M.I. Maltman ..	167
Sergt. H. T. Masters ..	160	S.I. Austin	162
Sergt. M. M. McCalpin ..	158	S.I. Horsley	162
Sergt. H. Henwood ..	157	C.S.M.I. Barnes ..	161
Sergt. T. W. Paddon ..	154	S.I. Goddard	159
Sergt. C. Barnes ..	146	S.I. Collins	158
Clr.-Sergt. G. Graby ..	143	C.S.M.I. Churcher ..	157
Total	1243	Total	1295

The Inter-Company Shooting Shield resulted in a tie between "A" and "B" Companies. A shoot was arranged to decide who should take the Shield, the following being the conditions :—

Teams : Two N.C.O.'s, two trained soldiers, and two recruits.
Distance : Teams to run from 200 to 300 yards.
Target : Twelve 12-in. tiles.
Time : Forty-five seconds.
Number of rounds : Ten.

In this competition "B" Company brought down 11 tiles and "A" Company 9. "A" Company had bad luck in having to shoot one man short. The performance of the recruits in both teams was especially praiseworthy, as they had not shot on the open range before.

DEPOT R.M. CADET CORPS.

On Sunday the 2nd May the Cadet Corps attended Church Parade, being marched to Church by their drum and fife band. On returning from church they paraded in South Barracks, where the Colonel Commandant presented the Medals of Honour (in bronze) to Cadets Howard and Holyer. These medals are awarded to competitors of teams who compete in H.M. The King's Trophy, and score 97 or 98 out of a possible 100. Similar medals in silver are awarded to competitors who score 99 or a possible 100. No silver medals were won in Great Britain, and only eight bronze medals, of which the Depot Cadet Corps secured two. The number of competitors in Great Britain was 5,500.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CRICKET.

A good programme of fixtures has been arranged for the season, and we are looking forward to some keen and interesting matches.

The Boys commenced their season by defeating the Portsmouth Grammar School by an innings and seven runs, the best individual scorer being Band Boy Wright, who contributed 31 runs, and was successful in securing 9 wickets for 6 runs in the Grammar School's first innings, and 4 wickets for 16 runs in their second innings.

The Boys' Inter-room competition is now in full swing. The competition this year is being contested for in two sections, the winners of each section playing off for the Championship. This arrangement tends to make the competition far more interesting, and the final should result in a very keen match.

The School opened the season against H.M. Signal School on Saturday, 8th May, with the following result :

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Musc. Anstiss, b Hickish	4
B.M.I. Keen, b Bavistock	18
Musc. Bellinger, l.b.w., Hickish	0
B.M.I. Murray, b Bavistock	0
B.M.I. Robertson, b Hickish	4
Musc. Power, b Hickish	4
L/Corpl. Mills, b Hickish	8
B.M. II. Parkins, c and b Hickish	29
C.S.M. Baines, b Woods	9
Musc. Cook, c Woods, b Bavistock	4
B.M. II. J. E. Burnett, not out	7
Extras	0
Total	87

H.M. SIGNAL SCHOOL.

Bavistock, c Power, b Anstiss	12
Hickish, c Mills, b Anstiss	6
Woods, l.b.w., b Anstiss	2
Farquar, c Power, b Robertson	6
Wilkinson, b Mills	1
Spencer, c Burnett, b Robertson	0
Williams, c Murray, b Bellinger	0
Challon, c Power, b Robertson	1
Orchard, b Murray	0
Baines, b Robertson	0
Atterton, not out	0
Extras ..	1
Total	29

WATER POLO.

The School have entered in Division III. of the Portsmouth and District Water Polo League, and all being well should open the season on June 1st against H.M. Signal School.

IF A BUDDY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Give him a lift ! Don't kneel in prayer,
Nor moralize with his despair ;
The man is down and his great need
Is ready help, not prayer and creed.
'Tis time when wounds are washed and healed,
That the inward motives be revealed ;
But now, whate'er the spirit be,
Mere words are but a mockery.
One grain of aid just now is more
To him than tomes of saintly lore ;
Pray, if you must, pray in your heart,
But give him a lift, give him a start.
The world is full of good advice,
Of prayer and praise and preaching nice ;
But the generous souls who aid mankind
Are scarce as gold and hard to find.

Yours all the time,
JOHN H. CLIFFORD.
The Leatherneck.

Angry parent, striding into dimly lighted room : "Young man, I'll teach you to make love to my daughter ! "

Daring Dan : "Wish you would, old boy ; I'm not making much headway."

Grinnell Register.

DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS IN THE R.N.

(continued)

FROM NOTES APPEARING IN THE " MARINERS' MIRROR," BY KIND PERMISSION OF W. G. PERRIN, ESQ., O.B.E.

IMPROVEMENTS IN PAY.

In April, 1886, the Inspecting Captain of Boys' Training Ships suggested the institution of a rating of Band Sergeant, one to be appointed to each training ship. He was to be selected from among the bandsmen on the ground of high attainments, good character, and ability to play the violin, and was to assist the Bandmaster in general instruction and teach the boys to play string instruments. This proposal was approved, but his reiteration of the earlier suggestion that a few selected bandsmen should be trained as bandmasters in the Army manner fell on deaf ears.

Later in the year it was suggested that the boys should be trained as tailors, barbers, and shoemakers, which would enable them to increase their income during their leisure hours, and incidentally do away with those ratings. It was also suggested that the entry of the foreigners should cease, as they were unaccustomed as bandmasters and band sergeants to the management and discipline of men. This led to some discussion, from which it is clear that the opinions of the higher naval authorities were divided as to the actual conditions prevailing, and as to the feasibility of adopting any effective system of training and drafting bandsmen. Shortly after this a committee was appointed to consider the ratings, rates of pay and allowances of the men of the Royal Navy, and in regard to the Band, their report, which is dated 23rd January, 1888, runs as follows :—

The difficulty experienced in berthing the crews in most modern ships renders it very desirable to get rid of all non-combatant ratings not absolutely essential, in order that their places may be filled by fighting men. For this reason we consider it expedient to do away with the Bands of all seagoing ships, except flagships, where they may be deemed necessary. The present rate of pay of bandsmen compares so very unfavourably with that of all other men, except in the lower grades, that we propose to increase their pay, and add to the ratings borne by them " Band Sergeant " and " Band Corpl." It is very difficult to obtain men to fill the present position of Musician, and those who do so are usually of so inferior and objectionable a class, as to be entirely unfit to hold the rating of Petty Officer. We therefore propose to abolish the rating, and to supply the musicians for all ships which now bear that rating from the bandsmen trained in the service, and to incorporate them with the bands in such ships as carry them, under the new title of " Band Corporal." We do not consider that the Musician of a small ship should necessarily be a violinist, as there are other instruments, a proficiency in which would equally serve the purpose for which he is borne.

The pay of bandsman on being rated to be 1/4 per diem, as before, but considering the long service in this rating of most men, we would after three years' service, raise it to 1/7, the bare pay of an A.B. For reasons previously stated we have transferred to the Bandsman Class, from which it will in future be supplied, the rating of " Musician," whose designation will be " Band Corporal " with pay of 2/- per diem.

A new rating of " Band Sergeant " was also instituted, with pay at 2/5 per diem, rising after four years to 2/8. The title of Chief Bandmaster was substituted for " Bandmaster " at 2/11 per diem, and after three years to 3/5. These alterations would then bring the bandsmen on an equality with the remainder of the service, and it was considered desirable that the bandsmen should have some promotion to look forward to.

The proposal to restrict bands to flagships was again vetoed by the Naval Lords, but other recommendations were adopted and were given effect by Order in Council of 28th March, 1889. It was agreed that Continuous Service Bandsmen awaiting draft should be attached to the training ships and given opportunities for practice and improvements on instruments provided by the Admiralty. Band Boys with a 1st Class Certificate in music were granted an extra penny a day.

The normal Band was to comprise eleven performers, the instruments being as follows :—

WIND.	STRING.
1 Piccolo and Flute	4 Violins
3 Clarionets	1 Viola
2 Cornets	1 Violincello
2 Saxhorns	1 Double Bass
1 Baritone	1 Flute
1 Euphonium	1 Clarinet
1 Bombardon	1 Cornet
	1 Euphonium

There appears to be no provision made for a drummer, so we surmise that this instrumentalist was probably an A.B. or some other member of the crew ; it is also evident that some of the bandsmen had to perform on two instruments, as is the case in the R.M. Band Service to-day.

The alterations of the name from Chief Bandmaster and Bandmaster to Bandmaster and Band Sergeant, respectively, were not of long continuance, and the older titles were restored by Order in Council of 21st October, 1890.

No further improvements were made, and six years later Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, on giving up the command of the Mediterranean station, raised the question of the expense entailed upon the officers for the maintenance of the bands afloat. He pointed out that when he took command of that station it had cost him £230 to purchase the necessary instruments, towards which he received only £20 a year while the annual cost of maintaining the band in his flagship had been £220, divided between himself and the officers of his ship. In some other ships on the station it had been even more. He suggested that the instruments might be supplied by the Admiralty on an annual payment for their use, in the same way as mess traps. He also suggested that the Admiralty should provide the uniform, and the leading instrumentalists should be required to pass an examination and be more highly paid.

(To be continued)

TANKY'S TWELVE.

By G.R.H.

There were many Royal Marines who in 1914 were due to leave the service, their twelve years completed. The war altered their plans and caused many of them to remain for pension.

Private Frank Ward's case was different: "I will go with my twelve!" he said. "My time is up at the end of 1914, on the 31st December to be exact, and I'm off then!"

Fate kept him to his word. "Tanky," as we called him, was well known to most Gosport Marines, because of his ability to play soccer and cricket, he being a popular figure on the Forton ground. In pre-war days the Turkish Navy was modelled on British lines; the Turks also wanted ex-gunlayers from the British Navy to instruct their men. Tanky decided this job would suit him, and was duly chipped about his intention to "become a Turk" by his chums.—"You'll look well in a fez" they laughingly remarked.

In July the fleet assembled for the Spithead Review. Tanky embarked in H.M.S. Minerva, a ship built in 1895, armed with eleven 6-inch and eight 12-pdr. guns, a bit old, of course, nevertheless a fine ship, and proud to be present with such an armada as gathered together to be reviewed by H.M. the King, such a short time before they were to be dispatched to the seven seas to clear from sight all German shipping. Twenty-five of the detachment were R.F.R. men ("Old and Bold"), who in civilian life had various occupations, such as postmen and policemen. Captain (now Major) Snepp was the Marine officer, and the ship was commanded by Captain P. H. Warleigh, R.N., the inventor of the spotting table. The beginning of August saw the outbreak of hostilities with Germany. How long would the war last? Three months, said the detachment's optimist! Tanky still cherished hopes of leaving with his twelve. Almost daily he was teased by his messmates about his original intention of going to the Turkish Navy. For the first months of the war the "Minerva" assisted in the transportation of the original expeditionary force to France, and in September left Plymouth to convey the 42nd East Lancs Division to Egypt. (This Division afterwards did excellent work in Egypt and Gallipoli.) During this time the German ships "Goeben" and "Breslau" had escaped from the Straits of Messina and had dropped anchor before Constantinople. The sight of these two powerful ships lying off the Golden Horn began to have a strange effect on the Turks, and it soon became clear that only a miracle could prevent Turkey from joining forces with Germany. All eyes were now watching the developments in the Near East; nobody could have been more anxiously interested than Tanky. Had he tried to forget, he could not have done so, for even the drummer smilingly tormented him about his friends in Stamboul. This state of affairs between Turkey and the Allies could not continue indefinitely; nobody was surprised when the following W/T message arrived: "Admiralty, to all ships, October 31st, 1914 (sent 5.5 p.m.)—Commence hostilities at once against Turkey.—Acknowledge."

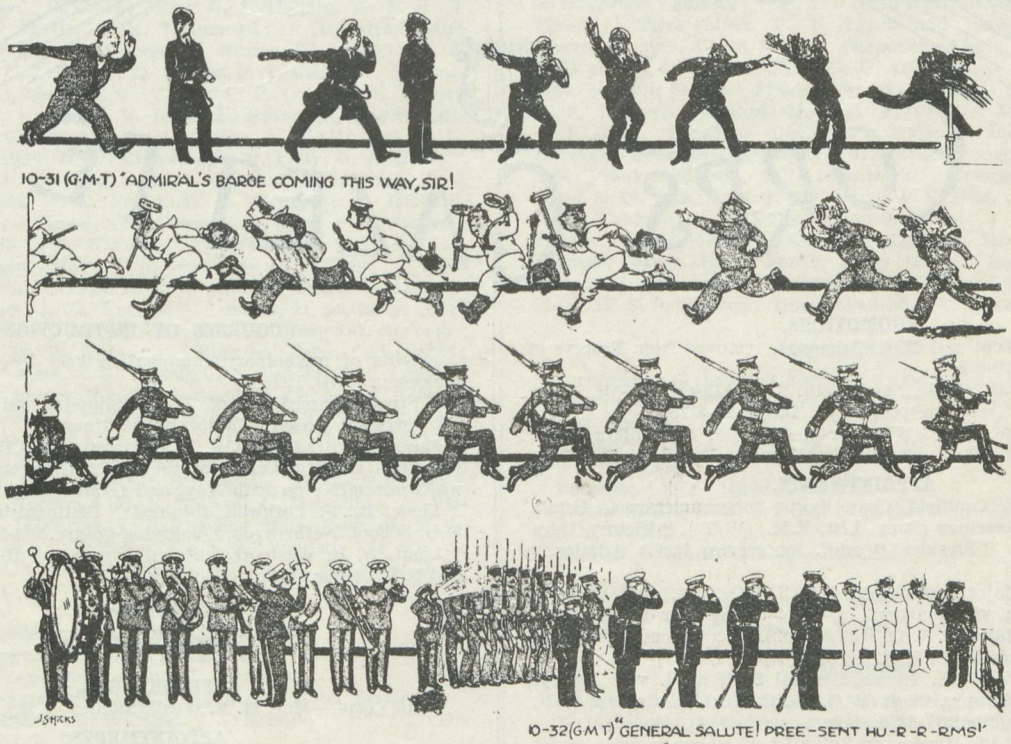
The "Minerva" was at this time in Suez. Without a moment's delay a mysterious party of six persons, wearing native Arab dress, accompanied by Capt. Stirling, D.S.O., of the Dublin Fusiliers, came on board. The ship then proceeded to sea, arriving at Akaba the following day.

Akaba is a small town on the eastern side of the gulf of that name in the Red Sea. We were told it was the seaport used by King Solomon; this caused the detachment's wag to remark when first seeing the place: "I thought Solomon was famous for his wisdom. The fact that he had so many wives suggests that he cannot have been too brainy, but his selection of Akaba as a port proves he was mad." However, because Akaba was one of the few places in the Sinai Peninsula where water could be obtained, it was of vital importance to the Turks—especially so as rumours were prevalent that the Turks contemplated an attack on the Suez Canal. On arrival at the place a large Turkish flag was flying over an old stone fort, partly concealed by palm trees. The ship got into communication with the authorities on shore, making them understand that by 5 p.m. that day (Nov. 1st) the town would be shelled if the Turkish flag was not lowered. During the period of waiting it was noticed that crowds of women and children were leaving the town and making their way to the hills in the background; this seemed to suggest that the Turks had no intention of hauling down that flag. During the period of waiting Tanky received more chaffing from his messmates than usual, and it seemed all in keeping with the trend of events when he had the distinction of firing the first shot from the ship, and incidentally one of the first to be fired by the Allies against the Turks. The word was then passed round the messdeck that the detachment, together with 100 seamen and 50 seedie boys would land the following day. Having no khaki we dyed our white suits and helmets in Condy's—and what a picture we looked the next day as we were towed ashore, whilst the seamen left in the ship kept up a constant bombardment with shrapnel and lyddite. This was too much for the Turks, who fled hurriedly, only firing occasionally, and then not in an organised manner. After the landing party returned the ship went back to Suez and took on board a seaplane, returning to Akaba to watch the place. The time passed steadily, Tanky continued to have his leg pulled as December 31st got nearer. The detachment carried out many landings and got to know the place fairly well; but Johnny Turk was not content to let the festive season pass without sending his greetings, and on Christmas Eve he got so uncomfortably close with the shells he fired at the ship from a gun he had suddenly produced, that the Captain decided to get under weigh and steam out of range.

The western side of the gulf looked barren and deserted, and was considered by the Marines to be "as safe as houses," so it was no surprise to hear that such a small party as six men and a corporal would land under Capt. Snepp for a reconnaissance; of course, the seaplane was to fly over first and report any sign of an enemy.

This "safe" landing happened to fall on December 31st, the day that caused Tanky to have his leg pulled so often. It almost seemed to be in honour of his birthday that he was selected as orderly to Captain Snepp, and Tanky's last greeting to his messmates before leaving the ship in the cutter was—"I finish

my twelve to-day, remember to put me out a large tot at seven bells!" Arriving safely on shore, the small party extended as a line of skirmishers and carried out a reconnaissance, soon getting out of sight of the ship in dead ground. Suddenly, to the complete amazement of each man, there was heard Crack! Crack! Crack! followed by sounds of rifle bullets whizzing overhead. Could a recruit at Deal have got to ground for cover quicker than those Marines? I doubt it! From that moment a steady fire was kept up by the 40 or 50 Turks who were entrenched much too near to be comfortable. The first volley from the Turks had wounded Capt. Snepp; Tanky, too, was lying beside him, having already ceased to take active interest in the operations, because of the three or four bullets he had stopped. Corporal Coombes, who was nearest to the beach, managed to crawl to a position from which he could signal to the ship. The ship soon replied with 6-inch sprapnel, which cheered the small party, but what cheered them even more was the sight of the Sergt.-Major (Sergt. Radford) bringing the remainder of the detachment towards the scene at the double. The Turks however, were not keen to see them and immediately began to run away in a disorderly manner, making quite an easy target as they went. Captain Snepp and the remains of Tanky were carried sorrowfully back. Tanky's funeral at sea that afternoon, in sight of Akaba, was impressive enough, although we could not fire three volleys or sound the last post, as "the Major" was lying seriously wounded between decks, and the Condy's stained suits of the detachment were not exactly what would be expected at a ceremonial parade. The seaplane did not return, which added to our anxieties for the day, and caused another landing the next day to search for it. Two of the original landing party of six men, Private (now Sergt.) Keefe and Private Dean, were awarded the D.S.M. for their services, but those honours could not recompense the detachment for the loss of Tanky, "who went with his twelve" on the very day.



- A NAVAL OCCASION -

(By kind permission of "Royal" Magazine.)

"You are concealing something from me," said the hero.

"Certainly I am," replied the girl, "I'm no Salome.'

Hurty-Peck.

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"Gee, I once had a neck like a swan!"

"You would now if you washed it, Sweetie!"

The Leatherneck.

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He: "If you wear that dress to the dance you'll get pinched!"

She: "I don't care, if they don't go any farther!"

The Leatherneck.

Inspector: "Got away, did he? Didn't you guard all the entrances?"

Constable: "Yes, we think he must have left by one of the exits!"—*Passing Show.*

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Wifey: "What do you suppose people would think if I went out on the beach wearing a form fitting bathing suit?"

Hubby: "They'd think I was crazy!"—

Training Station News.

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"Do you sleep with your window open?"

"Naw, just my mouth."—*Minn. Ski-U-Mah.*



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Capts. H. D. Went and M. C. Adamson, removed from Reserve of Officers. Dated 20-4-26.

Capt. G. T. Monk, Qr.-Mr., and Lieut. S. A. Allison, Qr.-Mr., to be Major, and Capt. (retd.) respectively. Dated 20-4-26.

Proby-Lieuts. W. F. P. Whitmarsh, (Ch.), T. H. Walker (Po.), R. A. Edmondson (Ply.), confirmed as Lieuts. Dated 1-9-25.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major St. G. F. G. Caulfield (Chat.) borne Supernumerary to Estab.

Major E. G. Cheeseman (Supy. List, R.M., (W/T.), "Victory" (for Signal School) to "President" addl. for service inside Admiralty (D.S.D.).

Capt. and Bt.-Major E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O. (Ply.) to I. of Small Arms, Hong Kong, vice Sturges. Date of taking over duties.

Capt. and Bt. Major R. A. D. Brooks, D.S.O., commenced duties as Supt. of Swimming, Depot R.M., on 13th April, 1926.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) E. Evans, General Staff absd. vice Kelsey, dated 17-4-26, and Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) A. E. Hockley, General Staff, absd. vice Darlow,dated 22-4-26.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) H. Darlow to Retired List at own request, under Special Reduction Scheme. Dated 22-4-26.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Major A. D. Welch to "Iron Duke," vice Gillespie, on recommissioning.

Capt. J. A. Bath, D.S.C., "Dunedin" to be Squadron R.M.O., N.Z. Division, R.N.

Capt. T. B. W. Sandall, Lieuts. W. S. North and W. F. P. Whitmarsh to "Repulse" on recommissioning.

Capt. C. R. W. Lamplough, D.S.C. to "Concord," vice Lieut. Bullock. Date of recommissioning.

Capt. E. J. O. Ellison, "Eagle," to "Victory" (and for No. 242 Flight).

Lieut. E. P. Bickford to "Sandhurst," on recommissioning.

Lieut. H. M. A. Day, A.M., "Hermes," to "Vindictive," for No. 403 Flight.

Lieut. O. C. Jones "Egmont," to "Hermes," and for No. 403 Flight (supy.) for final deck landing training. Dated 15-3-26.

Lieut. A. G. Warren, R.A.F. Base, Leuchars, to "Hermes," and for No. 441 Flight.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Results of preliminary examination held by Civil Service Commission in April, 1926 :—

French (passed)—Capt. H. W. Simpson and Lieut. E. B. Dun.

Swedish (passed)—Major H. G. Grant.

Major and Bt. Lieut.-Col. R. D. Ormsby, C.B.E., has been selected to attend the 21st Course at the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, which assembles on 25th May, and terminated 20th August, 1926.

Lieut. R. F. Cornwall obtained "Distinguished" Certificate at M.G. School, Netheravon, Qualifying Course, 9-4-26.

Lieut. A. E. Westcott, "Royal Sovereign" to "Victory" for P. and R.T. Course. Date of joining.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Corpl.—Mne. H. E. Weall (Shotley, T.E.)

APPOINTMENTS.

Marker, Fort Borstal.—Mne. A. F. Goodridge.

Divnl. Blacksmith.—Mne E. W. Bruce.

Attendt. to Col.-Comdt.—Mne. E. Smith.

C.Q.M.S. of "G" Coy.—Clr.-Sgt. A. T. Blackgrove.

Cook.—Mne. H. Bailey.

Paymasters Dept. (Allots Branch).—Cpl. H. T. Barlow (attached).

Shoemaker.—Mne. A. J. Hallam.

Coxswain Boats Crew.—Clr.-Sgt.—Clr.-Sgt. E. H. Lee (nominated).

EMBARKATIONS.

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1st period of engagement.—Mnes. A. Barker, T. Martin.
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TRANSFERS.

To Depot Establishment.—Q.M.S. J. W. Pawley.

PORTSMOUTH

PROMOTIONS.

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To Sergeant—Corpl. H. G. Pook.
To Q.M.S.—Armourer Staff Sergt. H. S. King.
To Corporals—Mnes. F. G. Wood and Edward Parsons.

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D. D. H. C. Smith (discharged dead).

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To Plymouth Division from Portsmouth.—Mne. Frederick Bothamley

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To Corpl.—Mnes. W. T. Harris, E. J. Walker, H. Durden, W. F Aggett, H. H. Sturmey.

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DEPOT.

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Rejoining.—Mne. H. J. Parsley.
Rejoining.—Clr.-Sgt. W. T. Brooks.

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Rejoining.—Mne. F. H. Grant.
For Motor Mec. Crse.—Mne. W. Cade.
Rejoining.—Mne. L. G. Harris.
Rejoining.—Mne. F. H. Breen.
Rejoining.—Mne. J. R. Perkins.

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							Mne. H. J. Vince	161
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Titania ..	6	2	2	2	148.7	Mne. H. J. Vince	187
Hawkins ..	13	1	9	3	139.1	Mne. I. Ballert ..	181

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General Sir William Adair has been twice married but has no children. At the present time a member of the family is serving in the Royal Marines,—Capt. C. W. Adair.

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We apologise for two errors in the June number:

(1) In the flurry of a process known as "the make up" an account of the Zeebrugge concert in the Sergeants' Mess at Portsmouth was inserted under Plymouth News. We heartily thank the many kind friends who have pointed it out to us.

(2) On page 126 of the June Number, the winner of the Tuckey Cup should be "C" Company and not "G."

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We regret very much indeed that Lieut.-Col. H. W. Channer is unable to continue as Divisional Correspondent at Plymouth, and on behalf of our readers and ourselves thank him very warmly for the many interesting contributions which he has sent to the paper, and for the help it was to us to receive them already edited and practically ready for the press.

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We are very grateful to the *Western Morning News* for so kindly sending us the splendid photograph of "The Trooping of the Colour" at Plymouth, on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday.

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Will correspondents be kind enough to leave a margin when sending us their news, and to leave plenty of space between the lines.

ENGAGEMENTS.

THICKNESSE-TUPMAN.—An engagement is announced between H. J. Anthony Thicknesse, Royal Artillery, eldest son of the late Lt.-Colonel Thicknesse, the Somerset Light Infantry, and Mrs. Thicknesse, Bishops Hall, Taunton, and Joyce Margaret, younger daughter of Colonel J. A. Tupman, retired, Royal Marines, and Mrs. Tupman, "Ingleside," Walmer.

KENNY-LEYTHAM.—An engagement is announced between Captain James Kenny, late Royal Marines, and Kathleen Mary, elder daughter of the Rev. C. E. Leytham M.A., and Mrs. Leytham, Stowell Memorial Rectory, Salford, Lancs.

PER MARE

ATLANTIC FLEET.

There is a little news for your readers this month, now that we've got the Easter leave and the Great Strike off our chests. Most of us took a hand in the latter (on the right side), though we haven't seen our portraits in the "Tatler" yet. We have now got down to a solid month's gunnery (mitigated by a little cricket and golf).

N.B.—They do say that the well-known marksman scrounged enough "Shell" from the dump to run his T—— car for the rest of its natural, but you know what sailors are.

The dispositions of the Atlantic Fleet during the Emergency may be of interest :—

Ramillies	Liverpool
Royal Sovereign	Firth of Forth.
Marlborough	Portland.
Hood	Clyde.
Enterprise	Hull.
Caledon	Avonmouth.
Cleopatra	Cardiff.
Comus	Clyde
Conquest	Royal Albert Dock, London.
Cyclops	ditto.
Furious	Employed as an Army troopship.

The remainder at Portland or home ports.

"Revenge."

Revenge left Portsmouth on 17th May for the Summer Cruise, having been into dock for the annual refit. Owing to the refit and the General Strike, we spent more than the usual four weeks at our home port.

It had been hoped that during our stay at Portsmouth, a small rifle meeting might be arranged at Browndown with a view to selecting a team or two to compete in some of the R.M.R.A. Competitions, but owing to a combination of unforseen circumstances, this was not possible.

The ship has now been at Invergordon for about a fortnight, where we are carrying out preliminary practices to the big shoots that are to take place in June, There are great activities in many other fields ; regatta practice is in full swing, and we have two cutters crews and two whalers crews in training ; the Band also have a whalers crew. Clr.-Sgt. Wright, our new Sergeant-Major, and Sergt. Kingswell have the cutters, Corpl. Cole, Corpl. Millard and Musn. Dyer the whalers. We have also tried our hand at the launch during General Drill, the triple banked crew being spurred on to great efforts by the Sergt.-Major.

We have had several cricket matches up here. Our first match in the Inter-Part against the Stokers, we managed to win. Our opponents made 22 all out, and after a disastrous collapse of our first five batsmen, the tail wagged merrily, and we were all out for 55. The batting honours fell to Corpl. Ridout who knocked a very creditable "six" among other good scoring strokes, and the bowling honours to Mne. Stone, the captain, and Mne. McCormick. We have yet to play many redoubtable teams from other parts of the ship.

We suppose we had better furnish our friends at Eastney and Malta, etc., with a brief account of our recent doings.

Naturally, being the "World's Flagship," we adjourned to Portsmouth for the Easter period. As we passed between Blockhouse and the Bull-ring, we could seen the Dockyard mateys' outposts and advanced guard, situated on the South Railway Jetty, in other words, the chalk and 2 ft. rule party, as soon as the first brow was placed they swarmed inboard, and deployed forward and aft like fully-trained rabbits, and immediately commenced to harass our troops. In a day or two, they had thrown in supports in the form of several Platoons of Drillers, and about nineteen squadrons of rivetters (yes, don't say it, that's them). Anyhow, to cut a sad story short, we were eventually captured and placed in the Floating Dock, between the "Cordites'" stronghold and Aromatic Stamshaw. We should not attempt to describe the language, but in lieu thereof, we will tell you that Marines reside in P. 4, 5, 6 and 7 casemates, and they docked the ship with the Port Battery turned to the icy blasts coming from over Portsdown Hill, and then pulled back all the 6-inch. guns. Of course you know what the Recruiting Sergeant told you. One morning, I saw a Marine who looked as though he might have just come off the "morning," sitting on a drilling machine balancing a cup of coffee (we have cups in the *Revenge*), and a plate of bacon and red lead on his lap, just above was an Armament Dept. fitter with a candle, letting it drip on Joe's plate, but Joe had that stolid look of determination on his countenance peculiar to Pompey Marines, as much as to say "Ah well, it all goes towards muscle-building during these distracting leave periods.

To touch on the General Strike, we did our bit like the remainder of the Atlantic Fleet (keep it dark messmates), and for our services rendered, we shall be pleased to enjoy an extra week's leave this summer.

And now we are back at that dear little Scotch watering place, namely Invergordon. We call it a watering place after having tasted the beer.

Regatta time has arrived once more, it is not necessary to bore you with a description of that, but in case you are interested, if you stand near the Lower Boom with your eyes closed, you can tell when the Royals are manning their boats, also some of the crews are getting red-faced.

Last year, our regatta chances were two to one

against, each way, East and West, because we had two Duffo ships and two Marf-organ ships in the 2nd B.S. but we left the " Rolling Reso's," and the O's at Malta to teach those Mediterranean chaps boatpulling, and our chances in 1926 will be even, but we shall have more to say about the regatta (and other things) after our visit to Torquay.

Before concluding, we wish to pass the usual salutations to the *Royal Oak* and *Resolution's* Detachments. No doubt they have slipped back since losing our guiding influence, but we are looking forward to them " making a noise " at Palma next spring, because we know that Marines stationed at Malta save a lot of money.

" Curacoa "

After refitting at Portsmouth we left for our second home—Portland. Major Bamford has left us for Hong Kong, and was relieved by Major Coode. A very successful dance was held by the ship's company at the Palm Court, Weymouth, a place which some of our pals now abroad may remember.

The detachment provided a Royal Guard for the Queen's Birthday ceremony, and I believe were one of the first R.M. detachments to appear in the new cloth tunics.

Our cutter's crew are going strong in training for the regatta and we have decided ideas as to where the cup for Marines' cutters is going to settle ; it seems an ominous coincidence that a new cup show-case is being made for the aft deck—our form must have been noticed.

We deposited one anchor at another lair of ours, Rosyth, and after waiting a few days for old visibility to favour us, went out and battered the old *Agamemeon* out of recognition ; it is really surprising how well the small ships shoot.

Next week we go on a busman's holiday to the seaside, down the east coast. This includes a week's stay at London, where we hope to combine an effort to uphold the reputation of the Corps in the capital with an enjoyable run round the " smoke."

A True Story.

The R.M. butcher in a certain ship, famous for his ever ready flow of awe-inspiring, blasting, hear-it-to-believe speech, was last week dumbfounded and rendered speechless by the following incident :—

A R.N.V.R. rating arrived, ten minutes adrift, with a tea-urn to draw the " spuds," and mildly enquired, " Does this shop keep open all day ? "

" Conquest "

We regret having given you no news for the last cruise. Our movements were the same as those of the main part of the Atlantic Fleet. During the cruise General Sir George Aston came on board to see Captain " S " and was taken over a submarine. The ship's company held two very successful Whist Drives, and a Dance was given ashore at Gibraltar (Mne. Norris being one of the M.Cs.), which was voted one of the best given.

Those who have served recently at Deal may be interested to hear that the officers gave two productions of the " Gipsy Queen's Revenge," which were very well received, and during a general landing of seamen our volunteer band was ordered to march past the Commander-in-Chief ; Mne. Gale is our representative in this department.

As for our present cruise, after Easter leave we left Portsmouth for " our second home," at Portland, leaving and arriving on the 4th May. We were then to have carried out exercises with the submarines of the flotilla.

We were rather disappointed, as we thought we should not be called upon to take part in any Strike duties On the 7th, however, we received orders to proceed to the London Docks, and on the 9th we arrived at the Royal Albert Docks. As the Royal Marines of the flotilla were the only ones in this area, we hope the following notes may be of interest.

We found that there would not be much chance of the Royal Marines landing, but the platoon from the flotilla was all prepared. We had been sent to these docks in order that the submarines might be available to supply power to the docks, which they subsequently did. The Grenadier and Coldstream Guards were in the docks for protective duties. An *entente* was soon established between the two Services, and the guardsmen took to the water ; if we had stayed longer their boats' crews might have become quite expert. It had been arranged for the officers of the ship and the officers of the Grenadier Guards to have an officers' gig race and several pulling races, and ·22 shooting matches were also being arranged between the ship's company and the guardsmen ; unfortunately, however, we left this area before these events took place. Two concerts were given in the Docks one by the B.B.C. and by a party sent down by Mr. George Grossmith—these were very much appreciated. Our seamen made themselves useful, as usual, by erecting the stage and arranging the flags and lighting.

On the 12th *Conquest* and Submarines L.11 and 21 proceeded to the West India Docks (South) in order that these submarines might supply the power for and work the grain sucker. On leaving the Royal Albert Docks we were played out of harbour by the band of the Grenadier Guards. On arrival at our new billet we found ourselves alongside the Irish Guards. Many of your readers will be interested to hear that they are now commanded by Colonel Pollock, who was Brigade Major in Constantinople. At this place we also made friends with the Port of London Authority Police who allowed us to use their canteen and got up several dances and concerts for us. Just before sailing we were able to give leave to one watch to visit London. Several of us, who had never been to London before, lost our way back to our home in Limehouse.

On the 17th we left London for South Queensferry, where we are at present, carrying out submarine exercises and preparing for " heavy gun firing."

Great excitement now prevails in getting ready for the regatta. Owing to the smallness of the detachment we find it impossible to enter a cutter but hope to do something with our whaler. In spite of the fact that the ship is at three-fifths complement, we hope to make a big noise, if only on the megaphone and with " chucking up " parties. We are also commencing the Loader Competition for the cruise. Last cruise the Royal Marines ("X" gun) were second with a best time of 42 2/5ths seconds and 47 seconds in gas-masks ; the winning crew ("A" gun, seamen) having best times of 41 2/5ths and 42 3/5ths in gas-masks.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Barham "

At last we will try and send you a little news of the various items of interest regarding the Detachment R.M. Probably you will be thinking we have been rather backward in not doing so before, but as we have not been in commission for any length of time, there has been quite a good deal to keep us busy, but we will try to find a few items of interest at last—" better late than never ! "

Well, just lately we have been rather unfortunate, as the whole of the 1st Battle Squadron went to sea on Monday, 12th April, to carry out firing (sub-calibre, etc.) preparatory to firing for the C.-in-C.'s shoot, but as " luck " would have it, a gale sprang up and lasted for four days, and although the " dummy runs " were carried out the heavy firing 5 rounds per gun of 15-in. and a run of two minutes for 6-in., with an unlimited number of rounds, had to be postponed indefinitely. We were all rather eager to see the result of this, the first competition shoot of the new commission, and everyone seemed to be absolutely at tension, as drills had been carried out almost incessantly, both in the turrets and round the 6-in. guns, so you can just imagine that the guns' crews, as soon as they knew it was all to be postponed, felt rather bitter about it, but nevertheless good spirits still prevail, and it is probable that we shall carry out the firing in the near future, and, of course hope to see our turret X. do the best that is possible.

Seeing the shooting, as I said, was taboo, we got up anchor and proceeded into Grand Harbour once more, and commenced training for the Inter-part Sports, which were soon to take place ; also a small platoon was formed by Lieut. Pughe, R.M. and Clr.-Sergt. J.A. Burgess, to compete for the Gibraltar Cup at Ghain Tuffieha, and as luck would have it, the Gibraltar Cup run and the ship's sports at Corradino came on the same day. Our lads kept up their spirits over this, however, and were out to try to win, and gave of their best. The Gibraltar Cup team had a very exacting inspection on arriving at the starting point, and I am pleased to say scored full points for their approach march, a very creditable performance ; they then proceeded to carry out their run, and considering that they had had practically no training, did extremely well in obtaining 534 points. The team from the R.Ms. of the *Q.E.* eventually won the Cup with a fine score of 720 points—all honour to them, and may we win next year.

We entered for the Inter-part Sports with zest, but owing to the paucity of numbers in R.Ms. compared to other parts of the ship (points being awarded for numbers entered), we were rather down the list as regards points at the finish, but much good talent was shown, and we hope that better luck will be ours next time. We entered two tug-of-war teams, a Heavy (trained by Sergt. Bartram) and a Light (trained by Mne. Layzell). This is where we *did* shine ; we absolutely walked away in this event, bringing home two cups for the R.M., and our teams are still training hard, so that they may keep fit to enter for the ship in the Fleet Sports, and although our heavy team is really a catch-weight team, I'm sure they will put up a good show against any opposing team.

Last Sunday, 25th April, in the evening at Corrodino, the R.M. billiard team, consisting of B.M. 1 H. Robson, Sergt. R. F. Sait, Corpl. W. Masters, Mus. Congram, Mus. F. Plume, Mus. W. Lawrence, played off the Final in the Inter-part Billiards, against the Chief Petty Officers, and I am very pleased to say that we won by five games to one (six a side), thus bringing another trophy home to the Detachment which, with the prizes for the tug-of-war, was presented by the Captain at Sunday Divisions.

" Malaya."

We have completed the Fleet Athletic Sports and I am sending the details of our Marine successes.

Our heartiest congratulations are due to Sergt. Bishop and his Catch-weight Tug-of-War team, who beat the *Q.E.'s* catch-weight by 2 pulls to 0, thus winning this event. Our light-weights team was less fortunate and were runners up to *Q.E.s* lights.

Mne. F. Stone won the mile ; Mne. H. T. Digweed the 100 yards ; and Mne. H. Thurston ran the last lap for our winning relay ream.

Unfortunately Mne. S. Press injured his foot and was consequently unable to run in the 3 mile ; a race which we feel confident he would have won. He was, however, second in the Fleet Championship 3 mile, which he ran before injuring his foot.

The total number of prizes gained by the Detachment at the Fleet Rifle Meeting is 65 money prizes and 15 medals and bars.

" Frobisher."

The detachment proceeded to Ghain Tuffieha for a course of tactical training ending on the 25th, after which the Machine Gunners underwent a short requalifying course. It was very pleasant to get away, even for a short time, from the noise and discomfort of a ship in Dockyard hands for refit. The shoot for the " Gibraltar " Cup took place during the week ending 24th April. Sixteen teams competed. Although we only came out fifth, the general opinion was that we had put up a good show from a tactical point of view.

The detachment have become quite enthusiastic about billiards and have played two and won two matches. The following was the score played against the *Eagle.*

H.M.S. Frobisher.		*H.M.S. Eagle.*	
Corpl. Wilkie	.. 150	Mne. Goddart	.. 132
Corpl. Smoker	.. 150	Mne. Jones	.. 65
Mne. Bangham	.. 150	Corpl. Hewitt	.. 28
Clor.-Sgt. Boyle	.. 150	Mne. Steel	.. 141
Mne. Prescott	.. 150	Mne. Potter	.. 143
Corpl. Mullis	.. 150	Mne. Weir	.. 113
B.M. Hoyle	.. 150	Corpl. Griffiths	.. 131

Farmer : " Be this the woman's exchange ? "
Woman : " Yes ! "
Farmer : " Be ye the woman ? "
Woman : " Yes ! "
Farmer : " Well, then, I think I'll keep Maggie."

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"Cardiff."

The greatest event that has happened since last time of writing was our visit to Ghain Tuffieha for our annual course of musketry. We were blessed with very good weather and some very good scores were obtained, Corpl. Mansfield headed the list with a score of 188. I might add we had the *Resolutions* detachment with us and many games of cricket and football were played. At football we were far superior, winning both games against the *Reso.*, the scores being 3—2 and 4—1. At cricket the *Reso* was far the better side, and many coming county players were on view. This was particularly noticeable in the Sergts. Mess *v.* Corporals match, and I would draw the attention of the *Resolution* selection committee to one or two members of the Sergts. Mess aboard that man-of-war. A shooting match between the Staff, *Resolution*, *Cardiff* and details from *Ceres* and *Calypso* resulted as follows:—*Resolution* 819 points; Staff 809; *Cardiff*, 797; and *Ceres* 769. Our three top scores being, Corpl. Mansfield 105, Colr.-Sgt, Hancock 103, Major Bird 102. Everyone was more than sorry when our 14 days course was completed, but the few attendants left on board were very pleased to see us return. Since our return every one has been very busy getting ready for Admiral's Inspection. The F.R.M.O. inspected the detachment to-day which finishes an exceedingly busy week. Boats crews are getting busy and great hopes are entertained for the success of our cutter and whaler, still more of this anon. On the 22nd June we are leaving for a cruise and I hope to have more news for the next issue of our paper.

"Dragon."

The Ricasoli Rifle meeting commenced on May 3rd and lasted until May 7th, under ideal weather conditions.

The number of competitors from the Detachment was very good, and as the prizes were mostly money prizes, they all finished up with quite a small fortune.

This meeting also gave us a good chance to find some good shots, as we hope to arrange some team shoots when the time permits.

When the Rifle Meeting was over and the hard-earned prize money spent, several members of the Detachment being interested in what was termed "A New Game," but nothing more than the grand old game of darts, banded themselves together and entered a local tournament at Senglea.

Their passage through this tournament was rather stormy, causing great amusement throughout the remainder of the Detachment, much to the discomfort of one of the leading lights of the team.

They eventually emerged from the contest victorious and won a set of seven silver medals. On the 17th May we put to sea for Gunnery and exercises in Marines day and night landing parties, which were carried out under war conditions.

No difficulties were found in the day landings but the night landings proved a more difficult job, and it was found necessary to wade waist deep in water to reach the beach; this was soon overcome after a few of the usual comments one always hears from the stand off Watchkeepers, etc. We returned to Malta on the 21st Our racing boats crews are still in strict training.

On the 27th May, our Whalers crew received a challenge from the seamen of *Wryneck* for a mile pull; this was accepted by the Marines and pulled the same evening, resulting in a win for the Marines by 5 strokes.

We are due to proceed to Ghain Tuffieha on the 9th of next month for our annual course of weapon training.

"Ceres"

Six months have elapsed since our last desperate contribution—made under trying circumstances, when the ship was in dock; and now, in the same condition, we must, like the *Delhi*, get "up to date," though there is not very much to record.

In the throes of the annual "long refit," which in our case will last about six weeks, the memories of the spring cruise become a little hazy, but we feel sure the inhabitants of Bone, Algeria, and many members of the ship's company, will always remember the visit of the 3rd C.S. with pleasure, and that the latter will look upon it as a charming ten days' holiday.

Back "home" in Malta the first excitement was the Gibraltar Cup, in which competition our little detachment (little in numbers only, let it be said) came in seventh out of the ships of the Mediterranean Fleet, putting up, as we were told, a "very gingery performance"—a remark which made us forget the dozen miles of Maltese roads and the fierce stunt which is the climax of the competition.

Meanwhile, the detachment's tug-of-war team has been doing some strenuous but quiet training, under the able coaching of Marine Hubbard, an ex Blue Olympian, who had ambitions for the H.L.I. Cup. But, alas! after vanquishing the best teams of the Cruisers, he came up against the *Q.E.'s* detachment in the final, their team pulling the *Ceres* over after a sharp struggle.

We congratulate the *Q.E.'s* detachment on winning the H.L.I. Cup, and in possessing such a perfectly trained and beefy team.

About this time (May 12th) the "stragglers" from last year's Musketry Course were enabled to go through, and to add their quota of marksmen to the detachment, which now possesses fourteen.

The Musketry Course now, unfortunately, lasts only fourteen days, a fact which is to be deplored, since the month's training was very popular, and its curtailment was received with disappointment.

However, during our refit we hear there is to be a "rest" at G.T. for the detachment, for which the powers be thanked—a week's respite from the din of hammer and pneumatic chisels, etc., to say nothing of mosquitoes and worse, being a thing to be looked forward to.

Once again the Royal Marines Gun, No. 3 6-in. wins the Inter-part Gunnery Competition Cup, and the prize money which goes with it.

And that, I think, brings us up to date. There is nothing now to do except wait until we can join the Fleet on its summer cruise, enjoying meanwhile such pleasant diversions as come our way, of which, surely, the greatest of these is our daily swim in the clear water of Bighi Bay.

Professor: "I will use my hat to represent the planet Mars. Is there any question before I go on?"

Student: "Yes! Is Mars inhabited?" *Pathfinder.*

Ghain Tuffieha.

FLEET RIFLE MEETING.
ROYAL MARINE PRIZE-WINNERS.

The Mediterranean Fleet Rifle Meeting was held during week commencing Monday 3rd to Friday, 7th May, 1926. The weather held up fairly well for the Meeting, the first day the light being poor, the remaining days, although light was much better, the wind proved troublesome, veering from 7 o'clock to 11 o'clock, and at times very gusty.

One of the features of the Meeting was the large percentage of prizes won by Royal Marines in all matches and the number of prizes won by the detachment of H.M.S. Malaya.

In the Championship match, which was competed for by the 24 best aggregates in matches 1—7, eleven Royal Marines obtained places, the final results being as follows :—

WINNER OF CHAMPIONSHIP, which carried with it the Lord Beresford Challenge Cup (with replica), Mediterranean Fleet Gold Medal and N.R.A. Bronze Badge—Corpl. Kay, Malaya.

WINNERS OF CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS.—4th, Cr.-Sergt. Lee (*Lucia*) ; 6th, Q.M.S.I. Sloman (Ghain Tuffieha) 8th, Sergt. Harbert (*Coventry*) ; 9th, Sergt. Cherriman (Ghain Tuffieha) ; 10th, Sergt.-Major Stacey (R.M.C.D.).

REMAINING PLACES.—11th, Sergt. Jago (*Coventry*) ; 15th, Sergt. Gasson (Ghain Tuffieha) ; 16th, Corpl. Carey (*Resolution*) ; 18th, Mne. Pittard (*Malaya*) ; 23rd, Sergt. Geater (*Dragon*).

In the Revolver Championship the result was not so good as last year, when we obtained the first three pleacs This year we only obtained five places for the final shoot, the order of merit being :—8th, Mne. Purdy (*Valiant*), winner of Bronze Medal ; 15th, Corpl. Burnett (*Q.E.*) ; 18th, Q.M.S.I. Sloman (Ghain Tuffieha) ; 19th, Cr.-Sergt. Lee (*Lucia*) ; 24th, Mne. Wright (*Calypso*).

A L.G. Competition was introduced this year and proved very popular. The first Flotilla were the winners on the first day, two Marine teams being 1st and 2nd on the second day.

Good results were put up in all Snap, Rapid and Fire with Movement matches, proving that the present " R " Course brings out all the finer points necessary for the development of expert service shot.

Competitors were divided into three classes, as follows :

A. Officers and men who have competed at Bisley. Men employed as Range Instructors. Officers and men who have won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prizes in any Port Meeting in 1924 or 1925, or in the Mediterranean Fleet Meeting 1925.

B. All remaining officers and men of over six years man's time.

C. All remaining men and boys.

MATCH 1.—INDIVIDUAL DELIBERATE RIFLE SHOOTING.

1 sighter and 7 rounds at 200 yds ; 1 sighter and 5 rounds at 300 yds Counts towards Class and Grand Aggregates.

Prizes to each class according to entries and match prizes.

Match Prizes : 2nd, C/Sgt. Lee (*Lucia*) £1 10s. ; 10th, Mne. Purdy (*Valiant*) 10s. ; 11th, Mne. Taylor (*Malaya*) 10s. ; Winners of 5s.—14th, Corpl. Burnett (*Q.E.*) ; 16th, Mne. Martin (*Malaya*) ; 21st, AC/Sgt. Monnery (*Malaya*) ; 22nd, Corpl. Giles (*Q.E.*) ; 23rd, Mne. Griffin (*Malaya*) ; 26th, Q.M.S.I. Sloman (Ghain Tuffieha).

Class Prizes.—*Class A* : 2nd, C/Sgt. Lee (*Lucia*) £1 10s. ; 3rd, Corpl. Carey (*Resolution*) £1 ; 4th, Mne. Purdy (*Valiant*) 10s. ; 5th, Corpl. Burnett (*Q.E.*) 5s.

Class B : 1st, Sgt. Harbert (*Coventry*) £2 ; 4th, Mne. Hall (*Resolution*) 10s. ; 11th, Corpl. Giles (*Q.E.*) 5s. ; 15th, Capt. Johnson (*Malaya*) 5s.

Class C : 4th, Mne. Taylor (*Malaya*) £1 ; 6th, Mne. Griffen (*Malaya*) N.E. ; 8th, Mne. Pittard (*Malaya*) N.E. ; 9th, Mne. Horler (*Resolution*) 5s. ; 12th, Mne. Coombes (*Malaya*) 5s.

MATCH 2.—RAPID AND SNAP.

1 sighter and 2 series of 5 rounds, 200 yds. Series 1, 5 rounds rapid in 25 seconds ; Series 2, 5 rounds snap-shooting, 5 second appearances.

Match Prizes.—Winners of 10s. : Sgt. Brisson (*Dauntless*) ; 7th, Mne. Dowling (*Calypso*) ; 8th, Sgt. Coombes (*Malaya*). Winners of 5s. : 20th, Corpl. Burnett (*Q.E.*) ; 21st, Corpl. Bryant (*Valiant*) ; 23rd, Mne. Russell (*Malaya*) ; 25th, Mne. Brown (*Danae*).

Class Prizes.—*Class A* : 3rd, Sgt. Coombes (*Malaya*) £1 ; 4th, Corpl. Burnett (*Q.E.*) 10s.

Class B : 4th, Sgt. Brisson (*Dauntless*), 10s. ; 5th, Mne. Dowling (*Calypso*) 10s.

Class C : 2nd, Mne. Russell (*Malaya*) £1 10s. ; 3rd, Mne. Brown (*Danae*) 15s. ; 6th, Mne. Mason (*Dragon*) 10s.

MATCH 3.—INDIVIDUAL DELIBERATE RIFLE SHOOTING.

1 sighter and 5 rounds at 500 yds ; 1 sighter and 6 rounds at 600. Counts towards class and grand aggregates. Class and Match Prizes.

Match Prizes.—1st, Sgt.-Major Stacey (R.M.C.D.) £2 ; Winners of 5s. : 15th, Mne. Griffen (*Malaya*) ; 20th, Mne. Stoole (*Valiant*) ; 22nd, Q.M.S.I. Sloman (Ghain Tuffieha) ; 23rd, Mne. Purdy (*Valiant*) ; 27th, Corpl. Carey (*Resolution*) 29th, Sgt. Stapleton (*Resolution*).

Class Prizes.—*Class A* : 1st, Sgt.-Major Stacey (R.M.C.D.) £2.

Class B : Winners of 5s. : 13th, Capt. Johnson (*Malaya*) ; 14th, Mne. Radford (*Coventry*) ; 15th, Sgt. Stapleton (*Resolution*) ; 19th, Sgt. Harbert (*Coventry*) N.E. ; 20th, Mne. Thorne (Ghain Tuffieha).

Class C : 3rd, Mne. Griffen (*Malaya*) £1 10s. ; 5th, Mne. Stoole (*Valiant*) 10s. ; 6th, Mne. Taylor (*Malaya*) N.E. ; 9th, Mne. Gisby (*Danae*) 5s. ; 10th, Mne. Pittard (*Malaya*) 5s. ; 13th, Corpl. Burnett (*Eagle*) 5s.

AGGREGATES OF MATCHES 1, 2, 3—Match and Class Prizes.

Match Prizes.—2nd, Mne. Purdy (*Valiant*) £1 10s. ; 8th, Q.M.S.I. Sloman (Ghain Tuffieha) 10s. ; 9th, C/Sgt. Lee (*Lucia*) 10s. Winners of 5s. : 14th, Sgt. Harbert (*Coventry*) ; 15th, Mne. Griffen (*Malaya*) ; 16th, Corpl. Burnett (*Q.E.*) ; 17th, Sgt. Coombes (*Malaya*) ; 22nd, Sgt. Gasson (Ghain Tuffieha) ; 24th, Mne. Taylor (*Malaya*) ; 25th, Corpl. Carey (*Resolution*).

Class Prizes.—*Class A.* : 2nd, Mne. Purdy (*Valiant*), £1 10s. ; 4th, Cr.-Sgt. Lee (*Lucia*) 10s. ; 5th, Q.M.S.I. Sloman 5s.

Class B : 5th, Capt. Johnson (*Malaya*) 10s. ; 6th, Sgt. Harbert (*Coventry*) 10s. Winners of 5s. : 9th, Corpl. Bryant (*Valiant*) ; 13th, Mne. Dowling (*Calypso*) ; 14th, Sgt. Brisson (*Dauntless*).

Class C : 3rd, Mne. Griffen (*Malaya*) £1 10s. Winners of 5s. : 5th, Mne. Taylor (*Malaya*) ; 6th, Mne. Horler (*Resolution*) ; 7th, Corpl. Burnett (*Eagle*) ; 8th, Mne. Coombes (*Malaya*) ; 9th, Mne. Russell (*Malaya*).

MATCH 4.—1 sighter and 10 rounds at 600 yards.

One prize list, according to entries, with a number of 4s. prizes reserved for Classes B and C.

3rd, Sgt.-Major Stacey (R.M.C.D.) £1 ; 6th, Mne. Tolfree (*Malaya*) 10s. ; 10th, Mne. Kirk (*Danae*) 10s. ; 14th, Mne. Gwynne (*Q.E.*) 10s. Winners of 5s. : 25th, Mne Anderton (*Malaya*) ; 31st, Mne. Brass (*Frobisher*) ; 35th, Corpl. Kay (*Malaya*) ; 36th, Corpl. Feeney (*Frobisher*) ; 40th, Sgt. Dunk (*Calypso*). Winners of 4s. : Sergt. Bailes (*Eagle*) ; Sgt. Harbert (*Coventry*).

MATCH 5.—INDIVIDUAL FIRE WITH MOVEMENT.

550 yards to 300 yards. Targets exposed for 30 seconds. Kneeling at 350 and 300 yards. Prizes same as Match IV.

1st, C/Sgt. Lee (*Lucia*) £3 ; 2nd, Sgt. Harbert (*Coventry*) £ 2; 3rd, Sgt. Cherriman (Ghain Tuffieha) 15s. Winners of 10s. : 5th, Mne. Torrens (*Malaya*) ; 6th, Corpl. Kay (*Malaya*) ; 7th, Mne. Tolfree (*Malaya*) ; 11th, Corpl. Gwilliam (*Frobisher*). Winners of 5s. : 14th, Mne. Lewis (*Dragon*) ;

16th, Mne. Akhurst (*Hermes*) ; 20th, Mne. Griffen (*Malaya*) ; 21st, Sgt. Coombes (*Malaya*) ; 23rd, Mne. Gospel (*Frobisher*) 24th, Mne. Russell (*Malaya*) ; 27th, Mne. Pittard (*Malaya*) ; 29th, Mne. Hall (*Resolution*) ; 30th, Corpl. Hinton (*Valiant*); 32nd, Q.M.S.I. Sloman (Ghain Tuffieha) ; 33rd, Mne. Wells (*Valiant*) ; 34th, Mne. Harbert (*Valiant*) ; 36th, Mne. Cumberbatch (*Royal Oak*).

Class B : Winners of 4s.—Mne. Cumberbatch (*Royal Oak*) ; Mne. Hartnell (*Coventry*) ; Sgt. Jago (*Coventry*) ; Mne. Richards (*Lucia*).

Class C : Winners of 4s.—Mne. Townsend (*Q.E.*) ; Mne. Gwynne (*Q.E.*).

MATCH 6.—INDIVIDUAL RAPID.

1 sighter and 10 rounds at 300 yards. Start in Standing position, rifle loaded with 10 rounds. 40 seconds. Prizes same as Match 4.

1st, Sgt. Jago (*Coventry*) £3 ; 9th, Mne. Day (*Valiant*) 10s. ; 11th, Corpl. Carey (*Resolution*) 10s. ; 12th, Corpl. Light (*Valiant*) 10s. Winners of 5s. : 16th, Mne. Herbert (*Valiant*) 18th, Sgt. Geater (*Dragon*) ; 19th, Corpl. Higgins (*Resolution*) ; 20th, Mne. Workman (*Royal Oak*) ; 21st, Mne. Hartnell (*Coventry*) ; 23rd, Mne. Jones (*Cardiff*) ; 25th, Mne. Sparkes (*Lucia*) ; 27th, Corpl. Smooker (*Frobisher*) ; 29th, Corpl. Burnett (*Q.E.*) ; 32nd, C/Sgt. Boyle (*Frobisher*) 41st, Mne. Heath (*Calypso*) ; 42nd, Mne. Coombes (*Malaya*).

MATCH 7.—INDIVIDUAL SNAP-SHOOTING.

10 rounds 22-in. Snap-shooting Target with 12-in. inner ring. 3 second appearances at irregular times over a period of 2 minutes. Prizes as for Match 4.

2nd, Sgt. Geater (*Dragon*) £2 ; 4th, Sgt. Cherriman (Ghain Tuffieha) 10s. ; 5th, Corpl. Kay (*Malaya*) 10s. ; 8th, C/Sgt. Boyle (*Frobisher*) 10s. ; 9th, Corpl. Burnett (*Eagle*) 10s. ; 10th, Mne. Pittard (*Malaya*) 10s. ; 11th, C/Sgt. Hancock (*Cardiff*) 10s. ; 15th, Corpl. Shortman (*Lucia*) 7/6 ; 19th, Mne. Hartnell (*Coventry*) and remainder 5s. each : 20th, Corpl. Carey (*Resolution*) ; 24th, Mne. Rice (*Cardiff*) ; 25th, Mne. Rand (*Frobisher*) ; 28th, Sgt. Jago (*Coventry*) ; 29th, Sgt. Bittles (*Resolution*) ; 31st, Corpl. Franks (*Dragon*).

AGGREGATE OF MATCHES 4, 5, 6 AND 7. (No Classes).

1st, Corpl. Carey (*Malaya*) £3 ; 2nd, Sgt. Cherriman (Ghain Tuffieha) £2 ; 3rd, Sgt. Geater (*Dragon*) £1 ; 5th, Sgt. Jago (*Coventry*) 10s. ; 6th, C/Sgt. Lee (*Lucia*) 10s. ; 8th, C/Sgt. Boyle (*Frobisher*) 10s. ; 11th, Mne. Pittard (*Malaya*) 10s. Winners of 5s.—13th, Sgt.-Major Stacey (R.M.C.D.) ; 14th, Mne. Hartnell (*Coventry*) ; 16th, Corpl. Carey (*Resolution*) ; 17th, Q.M.S.I. Sloman (Ghain Tuffieha) ; 20th, Sgt. Harbert (*Coventry*) ; 22nd, Mne. Gwynne (*Q.E.*) ; 23rd, Sgt. Gasson (Ghain Tuffieha) ; 32nd, Mne. Tolfree (*Malaya*)

MATCH 8.—1 sighter and 7 rounds at 600 yds ; 1 sighter and 7 rounds at 800 yards. Match Prizes only. Open to best 24 aggregates in Matches 1—7.

2nd, Sgt.-Major Stacey (R.M.C.D.) £2.

MATCH 22.—SNAP-SHOOTING. UNSQUADDED. Limited to 3 entries per head. 200 yards at 16-in. Snap-shooting Target with 8-in. inner ring. 3 second appearances. Class and Match Prizes. Silver Medal to Winner.

1st, Corpl. Kay (*Malaya*) 15s. ; 3rd, Corpl. Smooker (*Frobisher*) 10s. ; 4th, Mne. Harbert (*Valiant*) 5s. ; 7th, Mne. Taylor (*Malaya*) 5s.

Class A.—1st, Corpl. Kay (*Malaya*) 15s. ; 3rd, Mne. Harbert (*Valiant*) 5s.

Class B.—1st, Corpl. Smooker (*Frobisher*) 15s. ; 14th, Mne. Head (*Calypso*) 5s. ; 21st, Mne. Herring (*Frobisher*) 5s.

Class C.—1st, Mne. Taylor (*Malaya*) 15s. ; 2nd, Mne. Press (*Malaya*) 10s. ; 5th, Corpl. Gwynne (*Q.E.*) 5s.

MATCH 23.—RAPID, UNSQUADDED. Limited to 3 per head. Bisley Target. 1 sighter and 10 rounds. Standing position, rifle loaded. 40 seconds. Class and Match Prizes. Silver Medal to winner.

1st, C/Sgt. Monnery (*Malaya*) 15s. ; 2nd, Corpl. Kay (*Malaya*) 10s. ; 4th, Mne. Thompson (*Frobisher*) 5s.

Class A.—1st, Corpl. Kay (*Malaya*) 15s. ; 3rd, Corpl. Burnett (*Valiant*) 5s.

Class B.—1st, A/C/Sgt. Monnery (*Malaya*) 15s. ; 2nd, Mne. Thompson (*Frobisher*) 10s. ; Winners of 7/6 : 4th, Sgt. Dunk (*Calypso*) ; 7th, Corpl. Smooker (*Frobisher*) ; 8th, C/Sgt. Boyle (*Frobisher*) ; 9th, Corpl. Martin (*Malaya*) ; 15th, Mne. Hartnell (*Corentry*) 5s.

Class C.—Winners of 5s. : 4th, Mne. Mason (*Dragon*) ; 6th, Corpl. Gwynne (*Q.E.*) ; 7th, Mne. Winter (*Malaya*) ; 8th, Mne. Cooke (*Q.E.*).

REVOLVER DAILY COMPETITION.

1st Day—Mne. Wright (*Calypso*) 5s. Match Prize, 10s. Class Prize.
3rd Day—C/Sgt. Lee (*Lucia*), 5s. Match Prize, 3s. Class Prize.
4th Day—Q.M.S.I. Sloman (Ghain Tuffieha), 10s. Match Prize, 5s. Class Prize.

Note.—(N.E.) No man may take more than two Class Prizes in Matches 1, 2 and 3, and the aggregate of these three, nor may any man take more than two such prizes in Matches 4, 5, 6 and 7, and the aggregates of these four.

CHINA.

" Vindictive."

Whilst at Hong Kong the R.M. Detachment arranged an Olympiad with D Company of the East Surrey Regiment, consisting of Football, Tennis, Cricket, Shooting, Billiards, Tug-of-War, Fencing, and to be finished with a Sing Song. Unfortunately when about in the middle, the ship got orders to proceed to Shanghai, and consequently the remainder had to be scratched. We managed to get the football match off and won by 4 goals to 1, also cricket losing by 33 runs. At billiards we won by 11 points. We also had time for the sing song, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On the 23rd March the Detachment played the *Hawkins* Detachment at football and we came out the winners by 1 goal to 0. This was a very good game and well contested.

The whole Detachment took part in a field day on the 25th with the East Surreys against the Punjabs.

We left Hong Kong on the 3rd April and arrived Shanghai on the 10th, and are due to leave again on the 26th for Wei-hei-wei..

On the 22nd April the whole Detachment landed at Shanghai for a field day, but unfortunately it rained so hard all day that the field day did not materialise, its place being taken by a march through Shanghai to the racecourse, where we were able to put in some useful work and returned at 3.30 p.m.

The following day being St. George's Day, our thoughts turned to the old *Vindictive* of 1918. One member of each Mess was entertained to dinner on the quarterdeck by the Officers and an appropriate speech was made by our Captain. In the afternoon the Ship's Company gave a dance on board, the music being supplied by the Jazz Band of the R.M.B.

On the 24th, the two R.M. Officers and 16 Other Ranks were entertained to a dinner and sing song by the R.M.O.C.A., Shanghai. Our band were also present and provided some very excellent music. A very pleasant evening was spent and one which will not be forgotten in a hurry. We hope to send along a flash-light photo before long. Our Tug-of-War team, strengthened by two heavy members of the Ship's Company, took part in the Shanghai Police Sports and got to the semi-final. The pulls in which we beat the Russian Police were well worth watching.

EXCUSABLE.

A steward stood at the gangway of a ship and kept shouting for the benefit of the arriving passengers : " First class to the right ! Second class to the left !"

A young woman stepped aboard with a baby in her arms. As she hesitated before the steward, he bent over her and said in his chivalrous way : " First or second ? "

" Oh ! " said the girl, her face as red as a rose. " Oh, dear, it's—it's not mine ! " *Forbes Magazine.*

EAST INDIES.

" Cairo."

Our last contribution was sent from Colombo as long ago as December, since when we have completed a cruise in the Bay of Bengal, during which we visited Calcutta, Chittagong, Akyab and Madras.

On our way to Calcutta from Trincomali with *Effingham* we encountered a derelict which we were ordered to tow back to Trincomali whilst the *Effingham* went on to Calcutta. However, we were only a few hours behind them on arrival at Calcutta, with the additional prospect of prize money (which should run into several cents a share).

Our activities at Calcutta up till 6th January have already been described by an abler pen than mine under the heading of *Effingham* in the March number. The Ship's Company gave a very successful Children's Party and, later, a dance, both of which were very well attended.

At Chittagong we had great times with the Assam-Bengal Railway Battalion football, boxing, concerts, etc. (and the sailors put up a Route March, all on their own, to impress the natives).

At Akyab we were again royally entertained, but we were only there for a few days.

At Madras we met the *Effingham* again and both ships soon got busy training and rehearsing for the Madras District Naval, Military and Air Force Tournament which lasted for five days from the 9th Feburary.

The Navy and Marines did very well in the tournament but as the Flag Ship earned most of the laurels I will leave the task of a full description to their correspondent.

A combined party of Royal Marines from both ships took part in a Pageant at the Tournament and had to appear at three afternoon and two night performances. Our R.M. Tug-of-War team was beaten by a team of young giants from the *Effingham*, but we feel sure that given better luck and better conditions we could have given them a much more energetic time for their victory.

On the 16th February we returned to Trincomali and immediately started in on ten days' agony preparing for the C.-in-C.'s annual inspection.

On March 2nd and 3rd, the Detachment were inspected by the F.R.M.O. On the first day we underwent the usual inspections on board and on the following day were put through our paces ashore. We await our Inspection Report with very mixed feelings !

With all these horrors behind us we left for Colombo and the annual refit, and most of the Detachment went up to the Naval Camp at Diyatalawa for a month and got busy with Range Practices.

Although the conditions were infinitely better than last year our average was four points lower and we are now encumbered with two third class shots after twelve months without any. The excellent draught beer at the Canteen is, perhaps, partly to blame !

The final results of the Classification Practices are as follows :—Marksmen 11, First Class Shots 8, Second Class Shots 14, Third Class 2. Platoon Average 124.7.

In Lewis Gun :—2 First Class, 4 2nd Class and two failures.

In the First Camp games the Detachment won the Inter-Platoon Tug-of-War, were in the final of the Inter-Platoon Hockey and the 6-a-side football, and in the semi-finals of the soccer.

In the Second Camp we won the soccer competition and were in the finals of the Tug-of-War and 6-a-side competitions.

We returned to Colombo on the 10th April and left there for East Africa on the 15th. We spent five days at Kisimayu, which now belongs to Italy, having been ceded with Jubaland last year. We shall be nearly a month here at Mombasa, after which we leave for Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Tanga, Seyschelles and Male in the Maldive Islands.

We were originally to have been relieved by *Enterprise* in June, but as she has been again delayed we expect to see Colombo again at the beginning of August ; in fact, we shall not be surprised if we are still out here for Christmas.

N.A. & W.I.

" Curlew."

At present the detachment is undergoing its annual musketry course at Warwick Camp, and everyone seems to be enjoying the change. We took over the camp from the *Constance* detachment which simplified our transport arrangements. So far we have enjoyed perfect week-ends although the weather during the rest of the time has not been too good; however, most of the detachment should be expert swimmers on return to the ship, even if we are not all marksmen.

The Fleet Sports took place before we left the ship, the detachment tug-of-war team under Corpl. Sturgess doing quite well, but they were not able to cope with the *Calcutta*, who have a remarkably fine team. Mne. Moore won the sack race with ease. Sergt. Gardiner, Mnes. Harding and Biddulph shot for the ship in the Naval and Military meeting.

We hear we are sailing for the Pacific early next month so hope to have some more news after that date.

AUSTRALIA.

" Delhi "

After a fine stay of four days at Lyttleton, we sailed for Wellington, where we arrived on the 2nd March. *Sydney* and *Adelaide* berthed at one pier and *Delhi* at Pepitea wharf on the opposite side to the harbour. Our arrival was greeted by an invitation of a dance given at the Town Hall by the Navy League. This was a great success, only one thing marring a brilliant evening, that being too many men and not sufficient ladies. Anyhow, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, knowing only too well that the next ten days after leaving Wellington would be spent at exercises. The hospitality of this City was returned by a Fleet dance, which was held on Friday 5th, and this was also a huge success.

During our stay we were open to visitors, and crowds came on board to look over the " Silver Greyhound " from the Old Country, and many of the " Boys " met " Townies," whom they showed round.

At 12 noon on Saturday the wharf began to fill with

persons of both sexes and all ages, as we were due to sail at 1400. Farewells were exchanged and many wet cheeks were left on the jetty when *Delhi* slipped from the wharf to the tune of " Old Comrades," rendered by our cup-winning band on the poop. Steaming at economical speed, course was shaped for Houraki Gulf, and just prior to arrival *Dunedin* and *Diomede* joined company, and exercises and evolutions were carried out. Of course we had to do the usual amount of gunnery, which we believed we had finished with until we rejoined the Mediterranean Fleet, but to our dismay " Action " was sounded, so we had to grin and bear it. After two days at the Gulf we sailed for Port Russell, where we arrived on the 12th. Here fishing was plentiful, and the canteen had very little call on their stock during our stay, as the ship's side was simply crowded with eager fishermen. Port Russell is renowned the whole world over for swordfish and kingfish, and here our Lieut.-Comdr. " G " caught a swordfish which measured over 6 feet and weighed 275 lbs. Here also a dance was given for the Squadron, but we were unable to return the compliment as time was limited, and we sailed for Houraki Gulf the next day. On arrival here a regatta was held, which *Diomede* won and *Delhi* came fourth. Here again both the Marines 1st and 2nd whalers upheld previous records. Just before 10 a.m. the pipe was heard, " Away Marines' Racing Whalers' Crews," and our two crews ambled leisurely along the battery, accompanied by the good wishes of the whole of the ship's company. The 1st whaler's crew was the same as won the Mediterranean Fleet Marines' Whalers at Argostoli last year, but the second, coxswained by Corpl. Tugwell, our big drummer, only had four days away together. Eager eyes watched the boats being towed to the starting point, and a few moments later a report heralded the commencement of the race. With a long, beautifully time stroke the first whaler forged ahead, watched by the ship's company through their binoculars, and throughout the course led by 50 to 55 strokes. The second whaler, however, although they had not had the amount of training as our first, stuck gamely to their oars and waged a war for second place with *Diomede's* boat, and all the way down the course this ding-dong battle was waged, but stamina told, and the second's were beaten by four or five strokes and finished third. Many remarks were overheard from some of the other ships when our first whaler steamed past, one in particular being " Take the torpedo out of her ! " The Marines were the only crew in the ship, excepting officers' skiff, who brought a first place to the ship ; this is the second time they have been able to do this.

On the 17th March course was set for Auckland, where we arrived the same day. Here also our arrival was boosted up in the papers. On Friday the 19th a dance was given by the Navy League to the Fleet, and great praise is due for the way this function was arranged and carried out. The decorations were simply gorgeous and showed very artistic taste. Ships were again opened and a lot of civilians came on board. On Sunday the 24th our band amalgamated with the Port of Auckland band and gave a programme in the afternoon at Ellersby racecourse, and in the evening at Central Wharf, thereby adding £24 to their band fund. They also gave us a social evening and smoking concert, and we all found them a jolly fine crowd of fellows. They insisted on coming on board on Tuesday the 26th and giving the fellows who could not go on shore a programme. The members of the band who remained on board did their best to give them a good reception, and due to the work of Corpls. Cory and Tugwell this was carried out successfully.

On the same night a Fleet Dance was given at the Town Hall and was a great success. Dancing was on from 1945 to 2355, *Adelaide's* Jazz Band performing. Instead of sailing with the Australian ships at 0740 on Wednesday the 27th, *Delhi* remained behind until 1700, to take the Fleet's mail. Heavy seas were encountered on our way to Sydney, and everyone was glad when this port was reached.

Imagine our surprise when during the Easter holidays 48 hours general leave was given, and the " Royals' " messdeck was practically deserted during the whole of this period. On the Tuesday after the Easter festivities the " jolly lads " came back to earth suddenly, with the realisation that they had a rehearsal to carry out for a march through the town, which was to take place on Thursday, 7th April, so those who were still suffering from the after effects of " general leave " pulled themselves together and did their utmost to uphold the honour of our Corps. The band, ably assisted by its Royal Marine members, were the best band in the march, in fact they were the only ones which kept a good marching pace all the way through, for which great credit is due to Corpl. Tugwell, our big drummer. Thursday, the great day, dawned rather cloudy and not too cheerful, but during the breakfast hour the sun broke through and eventually blue sky was overhead. At 8.45 sharp the seamen and marines fell in and were inspected, and soon after were away in the boats for Woollomalloo. On landing they formed up for marching to the rendezvous, headed by the band to the tune of " On the Quarter Deck." Arriving at the rendezvous we found *Sydney*, *Destroyers* and *Training Establishments* already lined up, and *Adelaide* came soon after. The display of arm drill by the detachment, under Captain Robertson, R.M., reflected great credit on our Corps and many comments were passed by civilians watching. After a " stand easy" and a smoke the battalion marched off, *Sydney's* band leading, followed by *Adelaide's*, *Delhi's* and *Training Establishments* in succession. Every kind of photographic camera was visible, from the cinematograph to the small Brownie, and the Marines being the only ones of their kind there, came in for a lot of the photos taken, one or two of which I hope to be able to forward at a later date if my negotiations in that direction are successful. In MacQuarie Street, one of the main streets of Sydney, at a saluting base, was the Governor-General of Australia, who took the salute ; with him were the Governor-General of N.S.W., Commodore of Australian Fleet, and many other high officials, whose rank and name I was unsuccessful in obtaining. To the lively air of " Colonel Bogey " the seamen commenced to march past, and very creditable was their performance, but compared to the Royal Marines they were far in the shade. A line of white-helmeted figures, with sparkling bayonets, each head turned to the right in salute, the Royals passed the saluting base like a solid wall, their marching was excellent, and many gratifying remarks were heard from the onlookers who crowded each side of the street. Not only from the civilian population

but from the officers and men of the Australian Fleet came recommendations for the smart appearance, good marching and excellent arm drill of the Royal Marine detachment, and there is not the least doubt but that on that day they showed that Lord St. Vincent's message was right, and that a Royal Marine, even though on the sea, can ably be trusted to uphold the glorious traditions of which he is so proud.

On Sunday *Delhi's* band again came into the limelight by playing at the St. George's Hospital at Kogarrah, by invitation of the Directors, which was a great success and reflected credit on those concerned. Some of the pieces in the programme were "Caracticus March," "Gondoliers," "Faust" Selection, and the "Piper's Wedding." Large private cars conveyed the members of the band to Kogarrah, and it was a beautiful drive through the country to the hospital.

Many new honours have fallen to *Delhi* since our return to Sydney: firstly, our two water-polo teams each won the Squadron Water Polo Cups by 2—0 and 3—1 respectively; Mne. Hartwell was the detachment's representative. This meant two more cups added to those we have at present. Secondly, after heavily defeating the whole of the Australian Fleet the football team played Granville F.C., the top team of the Sydney League, and beat them to the tune of 13—2; here again Mne. Hartwell was our representative.

Sailing for Jervis Bay on Tuesday, 13th April, ship was darkened, and a war or battle fought for a couple of hours, finally anchoring in the Bay on Wednesday the 14th. The Day Loader Cup will be again competed for during our stay at Jervis Bay, and we are putting in plenty of practice.

As another Regatta will be held at Hervey Bay some time in June, training has again commenced, and as there is no "Marine's Whalers" race, the "Royals" have picked a crew from the two whalers' crews to try and bring the "galley" home.

NEW ZEALAND.

"Philomel."

The Commemorative Services for Anzac Day, April 25th, at Auckland, were held at the Town Hall and around the Cenotaph. The *Philomel's* R.M.'s took part in the services and the march past with the N.Z. division of the Royal Navy. His Excellency the Governor-General and important personages attended the function. This is the second year the *Philomel's* R.M.'s have participated.

Many of the R.M.'s on this station are musically inclined and have formed the orchestra at some of the Navy League's dances, and other service entertainments Recently they have accepted, with the consent of the Captain, an invitation to broadcast a voluntary programme. The fact that the Squadron was away at the time rather limited the number of performers, but Corpl. Mealing, Mnes. Bray, Foster, Connor and Bglr. Coles armed with banjo-mandolines as well as ukeleles and other Hawaiian instruments, gave a highly satisfactory rendering of English and Hawaiian melodies.

The Soccer and Rugby football season has commenced and the *Philomel* soccer team have entered in the Auckland 2nd Grade. Corpl. Mealing, Mnes. Webb, Harvey, Burgess, Conner and Bglr. Coles are included in the team. Their first match resulted in a win against Chelsea F.C., but apparently a name is not everything in the football world. Two friendly matches against *R.M.S. Corinthic* and *R.M.S. Remuera* were won also by *Philomel.*

OBITUARY.

MAJOR-GENERAL NOWELL FITZUPTON SAMPSON-WAY, C.B.

We deeply regret to record the death of Major-General N. F. Sampson-Way, which occured at Henbury, Bristol, on 16th May, 1926, at the advanced age of 87.

He was born on the 29th August, 1838, and joined the Royal Marines at Chatham as a 2nd/Lieut. in 1855. In 1859 he served in *St. Jean d'Acre* and was promoted Lieutenant whilst serving in her. From 1869 to 1891 he was recruiting at Bath and Chippenham and was promoted to Captain at Chatham Headquarters in 1873. As a Captain he served in *Indus* from 1874-76, and obtained his majority in 1880, and was made Brevet Lieut.-Colonel in 1883. On the 17th June, 1884, General Sampson-Way proceeded to Suakin where he served in command at Fort Euryalus and in the town of Suakin. In November, 1884, he was appointed to command the 2nd R.M. Battalion at Suez.

Early in March, 1885, he returned to Suakin and took part in the action on the 20th March. He was present at the attack on McNeil's Zareba on the 22nd March and at the attack on the square composed of the Coldstream Guards and the Royal Marines on the 24th March.

On the 27th March he assumed command of the R.M. Battalion and commanded it in the action at Tamai on the 3rd April and during the remainder of the campaign.

He was promoted to Lieut.-Colonel in 1885 and Colonel 2nd Commandant at the Depot in 1889. From 1892 to 1895 he was Colonel-Commandant of the Plymouth Division and retired on the 8th September, 1895, with the rank of Honorary Major-General.

General Sampson-Way was mentioned in despatches in 1885 whilst serving in Egypt and was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath, and received the Egyptian War Medal with two clasps and the Khedive's Star.

He was a son of the late Holroyd FitzWilliam Way, and a nephew of the late Edward Sampson, of Henbury Manor, Gloucester, to whose estate he succeeded and whose surname he assumed by addition to his name nearly thirty years ago.

He was made a magistrate for the county of Gloucester in 1901 and was well-known at the Shire Hall, which he also visited for meetings of the County Council, on which he represented the joint parishes of Almondsbury and Henbury. He was twice married.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

On Tuesday, 8th June the Commander-in-Chief, the Nore, Sir W. E. Goodenough, K.C.B., M.V.O., paid his annual visit to the Barracks to inspect the Gun Battery. He was received by a Guard of Honour and Band. Capt. C. Adair was in command, and Lieut. Farrington carried the Regimental Colour.

An important addition has been made to the collection of portraits in the Officers' Mess, by the loan of a fine painting of Lieut.-Colonel Henry John Merton. Colonel Merton joined the Corps in 1798, and saw service in the North Sea and Helder Expedition in the following year. In 1801 he took part in the Egyptian Expedition, and saw fighting the same year in the East Indies. Promoted to 1st Lieut. in 1804, he took part in operations in the West Indies, where he was wounded. The following year he saw service off the French coast, and in 1806 he was engaged in cutting out enemy vessels from under the batteries in the Mediterranean. For this last service he was voted a sword of honour by the Patriotic Fund. In 1809 he was engaged off the Coast of Spain, aiding the guerillas. Promotion to Captain came to him in 1813, in which year he saw service in Holland. He was made Bt. Major in 1837 after 39 years service, and was advanced to Lieut.-Colonel the same year. He retired in 1842, after 36 years full pay and 8 years half-pay.

PORTSMOUTH.

SERGEANTS' MESS.

The annual Shooting and Billiards matches with the Reading Territorials took place at Eastney on the 12th June, and resulted in a win for the "home teams." At the "Smoker" held in the evening, Mr. Moore, sen., the "Father" of the Reading club, replying to the toast of the "Visitors," recalled the times when we did not always win easily, and it was necessary to put out the Divisional team to stand an "earthly." Mr. Moore, who is a wonderful old man of 84, though he looks but half that age, mentioned that he took part in the first match in '87, and gave particulars of the origin of the function, which has taken place every year (except during the war). The origin is so curious that it may be of interest to give it as outlined by Mr. Moore.

In '86 a certain Gunner R.M.A., on leave in the vicinity of the Berks Volunteers' Camp, managed to get "one over the eight," and the Volunteers had, very reluctantly, to confine him in the guard tent, where he was so well treated, and advertised the fact so well, that it was decided to invite his late hosts to a "Do" at Eastney.

This was kept up as an annual affair by the Division for some years, but during the last 20 years has "degenerated" into a Sergeants Mess function. Mr. Moore asked the Mess to accept as a token of regard a replica of a silver cigar lighter, which is part of the regimental plate of the Berks Regiment and takes the form of the Regimental Badge. This piece has now an honoured position in the Mess.

PLYMOUTH.

The outstanding event to record this month is the Trooping of the Colour on the 5th June. We cannot do better than quote the following account from the *Western Morning News*. Incidentally it should be remarked that among the many distinguished visitors present was Mr. J. Williams, ex Private, Royal Marines, aged 91, and one of the very few surviving veterans of the Crimea, and it is believed the last of the Royal Marines in Plymouth who can claim this honour.

TROOPING THE COLOUR AT PLYMOUTH.

KING'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS BY ROYAL MARINES.

A BRILLIANT SPECTACLE.

The ceremonial of trooping the colour is always one which appeals to the imagination of every Britisher, whether belonging to the Services or not.

This morning, when the Plymouth Division of the Royal Marines carried out that ceremony on their parade at Stonehouse, in honour of the birthday of the King, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Marines, it was done with all the impressive characteristics usually attendant on such occasions.

It was the outstanding ceremony in connection with His Majesty's birthday in the Plymouth port and garrison and it was but natural that it should attract much attention. One of the reasons why the Royal Marines are so popular in Plymouth is the fact that they are generous in their remembrance of the interest of the general public on such days as this, and this morning they flung their gates open to the public as far as the accommodation in the square would permit. The ceremony must have been witnessed by between 3,000 and 4,000 people.

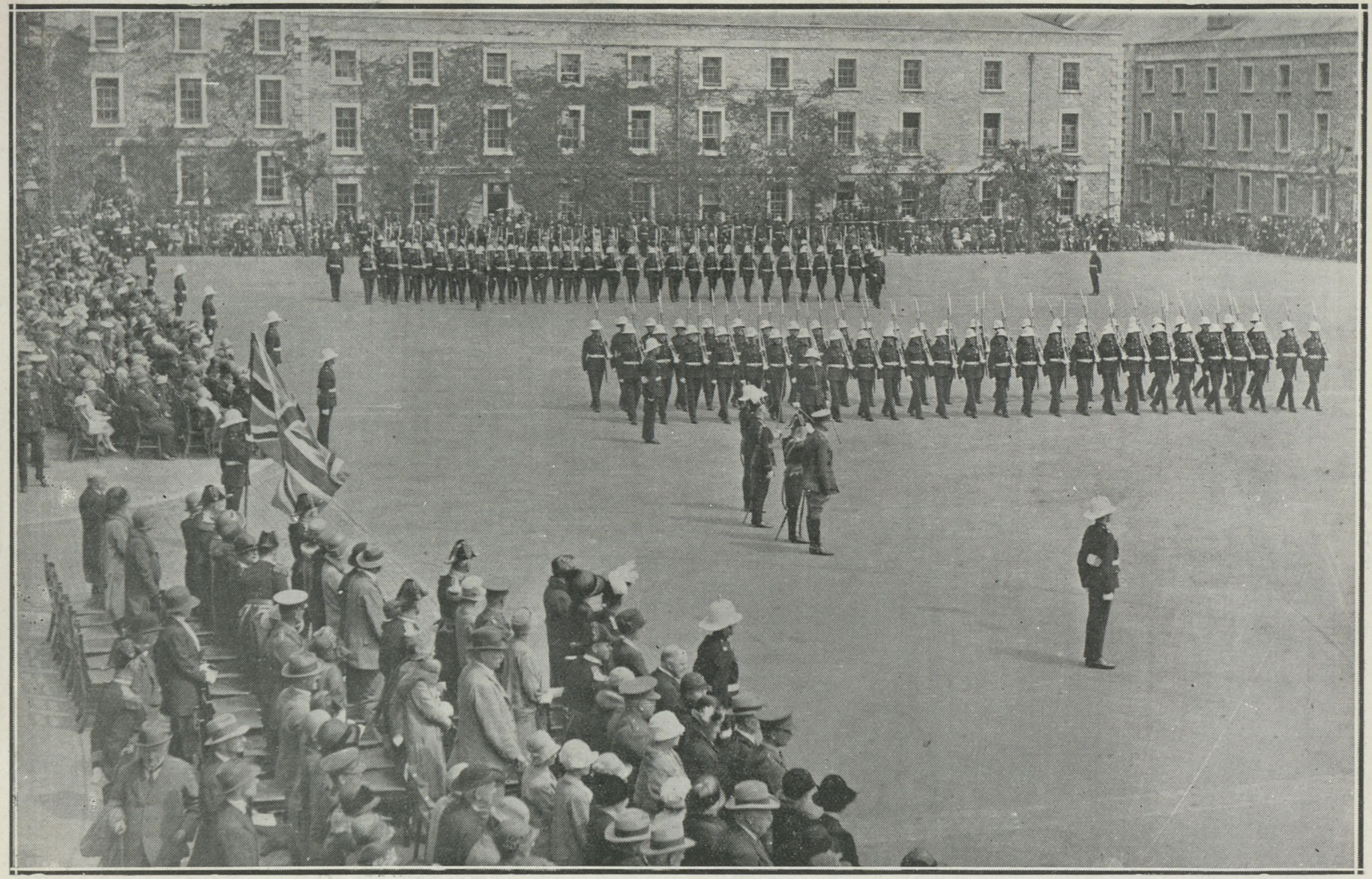
A DISTINGUISHED COMPANY.

STIRRING DISPLAY ON THE PARADE GROUND.

The onlookers were representative of all grades of local life, officers of all branches of the Services, naval officers in their striking uniforms with lavish gold braid, cocked hats and swords, Marine officers in ceremonial dress and white helmets, officers of the other branches of the Army in their more business-like khaki, retired officers and other ranks, all with their ladies.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Plymouth (Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell) represented the civic authorities. The principal officers present were the Commander-in-Chief (Admiral Sir Richard F. Phillimore), Colonel-Comdt. F. C. Edwards, commanding the Plymouth Division Royal Marines, and Colonel-Comdt W. D. Wright, V.C., commanding the 8th Infantry Brigade.

There was a stirring display of medals and decorations, right from the coveted V.C. down to the more humble Service medal, and here and there among the onlookers one noticed the grey-bearded veterans of the Crimean War. It was altogether a striking panorama which



TROOPING OF THE COLOUR
by the
PLYMOUTH DIVISION OF THE ROYAL MARINES,
5th June, 1926.

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unfolded itself on the parade ground even before the Marines taking part in the ceremony appeared on the scene.

Officers in Charge.

Lieut.-Col. L. C. Lampen had charge of the parade, and other officers taking part were the adjutant (Capt. N. K. Jolley ; officer carrying colour, Sec.-Lieut. G. F. Burnett ; No. 1 Guard, Capt. C. R. W. Lamplough and Lieut. R. A. Edmonson ; No. 2 Guard, Lieut. C. M. G. Luxmore and Lieut. W. S. North ; No. 3 Guard, Lieut. P. W. O'H. Phibbs and Lieut. O. C. T. Dykes ; No. 4 Guard, Lieut. N. Lennox and Lieut. H. E. Balls ; Sergt.-Major A. J. Bryant ; while Capt. E. T. N. Farmer was in charge of the troops lining the parade.

Impressive Scene.

Magnificent Ceremonial : Precision and Dignity.

Smartly at eleven o clock the bugles and drums, in company with the full band, led the way on to the parade with the music of the " State Trumpeters," and after the assembly there was the impressive slow troop to the music of " The Colours " by the full band, which soon stirred into the quick troop to the strains of " Royal Marines, Plymouth."

It was a striking scene, with the full band and the four guards, numbering in all about 250. The troops, white helmeted, white-gloved, bayonets gleaming in the sunlight, the rhythmic marching of well-trained and well-disciplined men, the echoes of the drums and bugles and the stirring marches, all blended into one of those fine ceremonials which appeal to the imagination in its fullest sense.

Again they came across the parade to the " British Grenadiers " in an out-stepping quick march, and then came the salute with all its full dignity and measured meaning.

In slow march and quick march the various movements attending the trooping of colour were all carried out with the careful precision and dignified bearing so characteristic of the Royal Marines. At the saluting base the senior officers formed a striking group, the three uniforms of the Navy, the Royal Marines, and the infantry making a picture of striking contrasts.

The Commander-in-Chief took the salute, and as the colours came past, the hands of those in uniform came smartly to their caps and helmets, and civilians removed their hats in a complete display of homage to the colours, which spread out in the summer breeze, and through those colours in homage to His Majesty.

Cheers for His Majesty.

The march past was but one of many magnificent features. Then came the finest sight of all. Colonel-Commandant Edwards, his scarlet tunic and fluttering plumes making a bright splash of colour in a wonderful scene, stepped forward, and in a voice which carried to every corner of the parade, invited " Three cheers for His Majesty the King." Helmets came off and three times they were tossed high in the air at the point of the bayonet, whilst the grey barrack walls and buildings rang with the echoes of the full-throated cheers. The National Anthem was played, and then, after the colours had been deposited with all due ceremony in the officers mess, the troops marched off to the sprightly strains of the " Double Eagle."

Firing the Salute.

The ceremony had taken precisely an hour, and as the troops departed from sight there came the deep boom of the artillery, as from Eastern Kings the Royal Marines fired the 21-gun salute.

The whole scene had been a stirring one. Every movement had borne the hall-mark of efficiency, and nothing had been more dignified or striking than the slow marching. Thus the Plymouth Division trooped the colour to celebrate the birthday of their Colonel-in-Chief.

In the harbour at Devonport the warships presented a gay scene with their over-all dressing of flags, and at noon the guns boomed out their salute.

FAREWELL DINNER TO MAJOR BENHAM.

Major F. Benham was the guest of the Officers on the 8th June at a farewell dinner given to him on his retirement from the Service. A large number of officers dined in on this occasion, to wish " goodbye and good luck " to an old comrade held in high esteem by all.

Col.-Comdt. F. C. Edwards, A.D.C., proposed Major Benham's health, and on behalf of the Officers of the Division offered him and his family every possible good wish for the future, coupled with the hope that it would not be long before he would return to pay a visit to the Division in which he had so long served, and where he would always be sure of a hearty welcome.

Major Benham s health was drunk with musical honours, and the " Hip ! Hip ! Hip ! Hurrahs ! " had scarcely died away when Major Benham rose to reply. In a speech rich in anecdote and well seasoned with humour, Major Benham expressed his regret at severing his connection with the Division and the closing of his active career, and his sincere appreciation of the invitation he had received to dine with his brother officers that evening. He promised that he would do his best to pay a visit in the near future, to renew old friendships and to ensure not losing touch.

SERGEANTS MESS.

Prior to his departure from the Division, Colonel-Commandant F. C. Edwards, A.D.C., was invited, together with Colonel 2nd Commandant H. D. E. O'Sullivan, C.B.E., Lieut.-Colonel H. Ozanne, D.S.O. (Supervisor Sergeants Mess), and Major H. Blount, D.S.O. (Brigade Major) to be photographed with the members of the Sergeants Mess ; Capt. N. K. Jolley (Adjutant) was unavoidably absent on leave. After the photograph had been taken, the Colonel-Commandant bade farewell to the members of the Sergeants' Mess, and in a brief speech, delivered with much feeling, expressed his deep regret on leaving the Division. He referred to the cordial relations existing between Officers and N.C.Os. and expressed the hope that the splendid support given to officers by N.C.Os., on sea and land, would continue to be given in that helpful spirit which was so much appreciated. He acknowledged his gratitude for the excellent co-operation always given him in the Royal Marines by his N.C.Os. since he was a subaltern. On the conclusion of his speech three hearty cheers were given by the members of the Mess for Colonel-Comdt. F. C. Edwards, A.D.C.

DEPOT.

CELEBRATION OF H.M. THE KING'S BIRTHDAY AT THE DEPOT, R.M.

For the first time since 1919, a Ceremonial Parade was held at the Depot, R.M. in honour of H.M. The King's Birthday.

The Battalion, which was taken from the 122nd, 123rd, 124th and 125th Squads was formed in the Drill Field and marched to the South headed by the Depot Band. The Adjutant was in command and the Company Officers were Capt. Broadwood, Lieuts. Bramall, Cutler, and Wright.

The Colonel-Commandant arrived at 11 a.m. to take the Salute and afterwards inspected the battalion. The inspection was followed by the firing of a *Feu-de-Joie* and three cheers for H.M. the King.

The Battalion then marched past the Colonel-Commandant in Column and Close Column and afterwards advanced in Review Order.

All recruits at the Depot and a large number of friends of Officers, Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Depot were present to witness the ceremony.

The following paragraph appeared in Orders on Monday, 7th June, H.M. The King's Birthday: "The Colonel-Commandant compliments the Battalion that took part in the King's Birthday Parade on the excellent drill, steadiness and general appearance."

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

A Band Social from the School comprised entirely of Boys attended on the 26th and 27th of May on the occasion of the County match between Hampshire and Somerset. Two excellent programmes were rendered under the conductorship of Bandmaster 2nd Class Harry Holwill.

The N.C.O.'s Social Club are arranging an outing on the 18th of June by way of a visit to the Aldershot Tattoo.



CHATHAM.

ATHLETICS.

The Inter-Company Tug-of-War, 110 stone, was held on the 7th, and the 130-stone on the 8th June. "A" Company are lucky in having a large percentage of the Divisional teams, and in consequence won the two events without great difficulty. In the absence of the Colonel-Commandant, Colonel 2nd Commandant R. O. Patterson, O.B.E., presented the cups to the winning teams.

The 130-stone cup was presented to the Chatham Division in 1922, by the Royal Marine tug-of-war team of H.M.S. Raleigh, who won it at a Field Meet in the Navy Yard at Washington D.C.

The 110-stone cup was presented in 1925 by the detachment team of H.M.S. Benbow, who won it at Malta in that year. Both these cups were presented for the first time.

The points for the Athletic Shield now stand as follows:—"A" Co. 4; "C" Co. 4½; "E" Co. 3; "G" Co. 2½.

The Nore Command Port Athletic Championships were held on the U.S. Ground on the 12th June. As the rain kept off a very good day's sport was witnessed. The following Marines were placed:—

110 Yards—1, Mne. T. Chawner, H.Q., time 11 secs. 3, 2nd Lieut. Cornelius, R.N.C.

880 Yards—1, Mne. James, Deal, time 2 mins. 14 secs.; Mile—2, Mne. Cooper, Deal.

Long Jump—3, 2nd Lieut. Cornelius, R.N.C.

An 100-stone team of eight men selected from the Divisional Tug-of-War teams competed at the Kent A.A.A. Championship Meeting at Gravesend, and were beaten by the R.N.B. Chatham after a very good pull in the final. The same team also competed in a meeting at Woolwich Greenwich U.A.A. Sports. After beating two teams they were beaten in the final by the B. Div. Metropolitan Police.

LOCAL NON-CENTRAL R.M.R.A. MEETING.

The above took place at Borstal Ranges on the 9th, 10th and 11th June. The meeting was postponed from the original dates owing to the strike, and consequent lack of practice. Very little practice had taken place, and this in conjunction with rain and strong winds made good shooting a very difficult proposition during the meeting.

KENT COUNTY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

This annual meeting was held at Sheerness on the 5th June, 1926. The best shots of Kent County congregated at the meeting, as a preliminary test for Bisley, and keen competition in the various events was witnessed. The Royal Marines, Chatham, finished third in the "President's" Cup Competition, the first three scores being:—Dover Rifle Club, 390; H.M.S. Pembroke 1st team, 386; R.M., Chatham, 384.

Cr.-Sergt. C. R. Collins tied for 1st place in the "Brewers" Competition, and for 2nd place in the Grand Aggregate, obtaining the Kent County Silver Cross.

The Division hopes to send a good representative team to Bisley this year.

BILLIARDS.

No games have been played for two months on account of so many moves through the Strike, but the committee hope to continue them next month.

Further alterations have been made in the Billiard Room and Coffee Bar, which has greatly improved the seating accommodation for billiard matches.

PORTSMOUTH.

CRICKET.

We have had to scratch several fixtures, owing to the bad state of the weather, which has not been very encouraging for cricket up to the present.

Results of matches played :—

R.M. 69 *v.* R.N. Depot 173—lost. (Corpl. Woods, 25 not out).

R.M. 87 for 9 *v.* H.M.S. Tiger 59—won. (Corpl. Maughan 30).

R.M. 39 *v.* Duke of Wellington Regt. 68—lost.

Company cricket is in full swing. This year we are running a Company League, instead of as in previous years, a knock-out competition.

Results : A Co. 37 *v.* I Co. 28 ; A Co. 54 *v.* N Co. 44. A Co. is at present League Leaders, with a percentage of a hundred.

WATER POLO.

We opened this season well, each team winning their first match. We are fortunate in having several of last year's players available—Lieut. Paine, Q.M.S. Attwood, Sergt. Ring, Sergt. Richardson, Corpl. Borrett and Mne. Davidson—and with the assistance of some recent arrivals at Eastney who have come with a good reputation—Capt. Shepherd, Corpl. Woods, Mne. Tallent etc.—we hope to sweep the board, in addition to retaining the Cup and U.S. League, which we won last year.

Games and Results to Date.

1st Team	*v.* R.N.B.	Won	2—1
2nd Team	*v.* R.N.B.	Won	3—1
	v. R.N.B.	Won	4—1
3rd Team	*v.* R N.B.	Lost	2—4
	v. Signal School	Won	5—0
	v. North Sea	Draw	1—1

SHOOTING.

Since our last report we have completed the competitions of the R.M.R.A. Non-central Meeting, which were fired concurrently with our Divisional Rifle Meeting. Owing to the Strike opportunities of practice were considerably curtailed and no choice of days for competitions was possible, with the result that weather conditions, which were extremely unfavourable, had to be accepted.

However, a good attendance was recorded (140 competitors took part in the first day of the Meeting) and the individual results were very satisfactory.

The McCausland Cup (Department's Competition) was won by the R.M. Small Arms School, Browndown with a score of 29 hits, which easily led the field. The Divisional Championship, a N.R.A. Life Membership presented by Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., A.D.C., was won by Mne. R. J. Macaulay, who also won the Young Soldiers Highest Aggregate Prize.

A special competition was arranged for the R.M. Afloat, Portsmouth, which was won by Sergt. T. F. Barrett.

Divisional matches included one at Bisley *versus* The North London Rifle Club, and another at Eastney against Sussex County VIII. In the former match we made our record score, winning by 8 points, and our team maintained their reputation by winning the latter match by 9 points.

ROYAL MARINES.

	200	500	600	Total
Q.M.S.I. Foster	32	34	35	101
Sergt.-Major Jarvis	35	32	34	101
Sergt. Crosby	33	35	31	99
Sergt. Emery	32	34	32	98
Sergt. Morgan	31	33	33	97
Corpl. Borrett	31	34	32	97
Q.M.S.I. Eden	29	34	33	96
Sergt. Lamacraft	31	32	32	95
Totals	254	268	262	784
Counted out :				
Sergt. Macaulay	32	34	29	95
Capt. Jameson	31	32	28	91

NORTH LONDON RIFLE CLUB.

	200	500	600	Total
F. F. C. Webb	32	34	35	101
H. E. Miller	34	33	33	100
C. G. Munro	32	34	33	99
Comdr. Brooks	31	34	33	98
J. L. Milne	32	31	33	96
A. Eccles	31	31	33	95
H. G. Burr (G.M.)	29	34	32	95
Capt. H. St. G. Maxwell	32	32	28	92
Totals	253	263	260	776
Counted out :				
W. E. Curnock	31	30	31	92
H. C. Porter	32	31	28	91

v. SUSSEX. Royal Marines, 778 points (Sergt. Morgan 101, Sergt. Emery 100) ; Sussex County VIII, 769 points (Capt. Carden 101, Major Sutton 100).

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

Other Ranks.—The team has been very successful, the following matches having been played :—

13th May R.M. *v.* R.A.M.C., won 106 to 53. Mne. Trusler 29.

14th May R.M. *v.* Somerset L.I., won by 93 to 43 runs. Corpl. Maidment 30.

15th May R.M. *v.* Lea Moor. Lost 47 to 59. Mne. Trusler 16.

18th May R.M. *v.* H.M.S. Defiance, won 106 for 4 to 66. Mne. Hyne 51.

20th May R.M. *v.* St. Budeaux, drawn.

24th May R.M. *v.* Ivybridge, lost 40 to 43 runs.

25th May R.M. *v.* R.N.H., won 120 for 8 to 70. Staff Sergt. Cartwright 39 not out.

29th May R.M. *v.* Callington, lost 37 to 83 runs. Mne. Hyne 15.

1st June R.M. *v.* Officers Stewards, won 191 for 4 to 39. Mus. Traske 81 not out.

3rd June R.M. *v.* H.M.S. Maidstone, won 114 to 50. Mne. Penney 20.

5th June R.M. *v.* Constructive Dept., lost 55 to 69.

8th June R.M. *v.* R.F. Destroyers, won 172 for 8 to 18. Mne. Hyne 51.

Divisional Matches.

19th May—R.M. *v.* R.N.E.C. The R.N.E.C. won the toss and batted first, making 195, Mne. Leech taking 4 for 40. A very exciting match followed, the R.M. requiring 4 runs to win, with the last man in at 6.30. The R.N.E.C. very sportingly decided to play out the match, which we then won with 234 for 9, Mus. Traske 111 not out.

21st May, R.M. *v.* H.M.S. Maidstone. This was won

by 19 runs, R.M. 144 (Capt. Farmer 84), H.M.S. Maidstone 125 (Lieut. O'Donnell 5 for 34).

22nd May—R.M. *v.* R.N.B. This match was drawn, the R.N.B. making 197 for 8, R.M. 148 for 6 (Capt. Farmer 74 not out).

31st May—R.M. *v.* H.M.S. Maidstone, won by R.M. The R.M. batted first, making 174 for 6 (Lieut. Smith 54), H.M.S. Maidstone all out 141, Major Lough 5 wickets for 5 runs.

7th June—R.M. *v.* Hampshire Regt. Won by 58 runs. The Hampshires were all out for 81 runs, (2nd Lieut. Burnett taking 7 wickets for 37 runs,) R.M. 139 (Mne. Trusler 29, Major Lough and Mus. Leech 24 each.)

25th May—R.M. Officers *v.* Kelly College. Lost by 22 runs. Kelly College 117 (Lieut. O'Donnell 4 for 30). R.M. Officers 95 (Major Lough 26, Lieut.-Col. Lampen 18)

10th June—R.M. Officers *v.* Kelly College. Rain spoilt this game, which was played at Mount Wise and resulted in a draw. Kelly College 101 for 7, R.M. Officers 74 for 8.

Lieut. Smith made 183 not out for the local Navy *v.* Army. The Navy won by 10 wickets.

RUGBY.

The following have been awarded caps for 1925-26 season: Corpls. Ward and Hine; Marines Webb, Light and Penny.

The following players already in possession of Caps have been awarded dates for 1925-26 season: Sergts. South and E. Clarke; Corpls. Jeffery, Stapleton and Gallin; Marines Affleck and Thacker.

BOAT SAILING.

The first race of the season took place on the 19th May, over the Royal South Western Yacht Club's eastern course, earlier races having been cancelled on account of the Strike.

There was very little wind during the whole afternoon, and the course was therefore shortened to two rounds. Lieut. Milliken sailed the whaler and Lieut. Phibbs the cutter, both boats getting good starts. The result, after handicaps had been adjusted, was the same as the order in which the boats finished: 1st, R.N.E. College, gig; 2nd, H.M.S. Thunderer's gig; 3rd, R.M. Cutter (Lieut. Phibbs); 4th, R.M. Whaler (Lieut. Milliken).

RATINGS' RACE, under the auspices of the R.S.W.Y.C. sailed on 27th May. Eight boats started. Weather conditions were a stiff south wind, flood tide and heavy seas. The R.M. whaler was first over the line at the start, followed closely by Thunderer's whaler and R.M. cutter. Wind increased towards the end of the first round, and at the commencement of the second all boats gave up except three, which finished in the following order:—

1st—K.H.M's 25-ft. whaler	Time 4 hrs. 14 m. 55 secs.
2nd—R.M. 30-ft. cutter	Time 4 hrs. 17 m. 36 secs.
3rd—R.M. 27-ft. whaler	Time 4 hrs. 26 m. 53 secs.

The R.M. cutter and whaler thus obtained 3 and 2 points respectively towards the Arbuthnot Cup.

June 2nd—OFFICERS' RACE. Eight started. Result: 1st, K.H.M. s whaler; 2nd, *Impregnable s* cutter; 3rd, R.M. cutter (Lieut. Phibbs). The R.M. whaler was unfortunately disqualified for being over the line at the start.

June 3rd—RATINGS' RACE. Nine started. Result: 1st, K.H.M. s whaler; 2nd, *Thunderer's* gig; 3rd, R.M. cutter (Col.-Sergt. Soden); 4th, R.M. whaler (Col.-Sergt. Norris).

INTER-COMPANY SHOOTING.

The result of the Inter-Company events in the Non-Central R.M.R.A. Meeting was as follows:—

"E Co.	.. 9 pts.	"G" Co.	.. 8 pts.
"C Co.	.. 4 pts.	"A" Co.	.. 2 pts.

"E Co. win the Shield and receive two points towards the "Tuckey Cup," "G" Co. receiving one point.

BILLIARDS.

On the 3rd June the Divisional Recreation Billiards team were "At Home" to the team placed in the field by the Employees of the Co-operative Welfare Association, and defeated them by 6 games to nil.

The match was an innovation, and was thoroughly enjoyed by both the players and spectators. A return match is to be played at the visitors' club on the 24th June, and it is to be hoped that these matches will be the forerunners of many others.

SNOOKER.

The final match to decide the Divisional Snooker Championship was played on the 8th June in the Recreation Room, Commissioned R.M. Gunner M. Clarke meeting L/Corpl. Parsons of the Band. It was a close and exciting match, the first game being won by Parsons with the last ball. Mr. Clark won the next two, one of these depending on the black. Parsons won the fourth game, scoring 79 to 7, thus making two games all. The fifth game went to Mr. Clarke, who won with a narrow margin and secured the enviable position of Divisional Snooker Champion for twelve months.

The distinction of being the first Snooker Champion of Devon has been gained by ex Col.-Sergt. W. H. Meatyard, M.M., late of the Plymouth Division, to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations. It is very satisfactory to be able to record such a success achieved by an old comrade.

This competition was first instituted in 1925, but has been prolonged into this year owing to various unavoidable causes. Centralised in Plymouth, Barnstaple, Exeter and Torquay, the winners of each section compete in the semi-finals and final. Mr. Meatyard eventually qualified for the final, the best of five out of nine games, and met Mr. C. E. Andrews of Torquay on the 9th June at Plymouth, whom he defeated by 5—1, thus winning the Devon Championship," The Riley Challenge Shield, and a gold medal.

Private Jones was summoned to appear before his captain. "Jones," said the officer, frowning darkly, "this gentleman complains that you have killed his dog."

"A dastardly trick," interrupted the owner of the dog, "to kill a defenceless animal that would harm no one!"

"Not much defenceless about him," chimed in the private, heatedly. "He bit pretty freely into my leg, so I ran my bayonet into him!"

"Nonsense!" answered the owner angrily. "He was a docile creature. Why did you not defend yourself with the butt of your rifle?'

"Why didn't he bite me with his tail?" asked Private Jones with spirit. *The Orient.*

DEPOT

CRICKET.

DEPOT, R.M. *v.* CHATHAM DIVISION, at Chatham, 22nd May. Depot 284 for 7 wkts. (Major Brooks 91, Capt. Reading 72); Chatham 187 (Major Brooks 7 wkts. for 73). Depot won by 7 wickets.

DEPOT, R.M. *v.* HYTHE, at Hythe, 26th May. Hythe 190 ; Depot, R.M. 159 (Lieut. O'Donnell 70). Hythe won by 31 runs.

DEPOT, R.M. *v.* DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL, at Guston, 29th May. Duke of York's School 126 (Major Brooks 5 for 44) ; Depot, R.M. 181 for 9 wkts. (Lieut. Cutler 60, Lieut. O'Donnell 44). Depot won by 5 wickets.

DEPOT, R.M. *v.* INCOGNITI, at Deal on 4th & 5th June. Depot, 1st innings 102 (Lieut. Cutler 54), 2nd innings 171 (Lieut. Cutler 60) ; Incogniti 1st innings 202 (Major Brooks 4 for 73), 2nd innings 195 for 3. Incogniti won by 10 wickets.

ROYAL NAVAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CRICKET.

During the month several matches have been played including the game with the R.A.F., in the United Services Knock-Out Competition, who defeated us by 11 runs after a very keen and interesting contest. On Whit Monday an all day match was played against the "Devonians" who we defeated by an innings and 49 runs. The day was one of the few fine days we have experienced this season and full advantage was taken by the School and visitors with their friends. Lunch and tea being provided.

The Boy's are having a fairly successful season, but owing to the inclemency of the weather several matches had to be cancelled. In the Boy's inter-room competition, 60 Room are the leaders in the 1st Section, and 56 Room in the 2nd Section. This competition is being keenly contested.

WATER POLO.

The School have played two matches in the United Service league Div. III., defeating the Signal School by 5 goals to nil. and securing a draw against Northsea.

The Boy's inter-room competition is in full swing, 59 Room leading the way with two victories to their credit.

A man much inebriated flopped into a seat in the lobby beside a clergyman.

"Nysh day," began the drunk.

"Yes, it is," said the clergyman, feeling that perhaps the circumstances called for a little forbearance.

"Nysh hotel."

"Yes, I find it very comfortable."

"Will you have a drink ? "

This was too much. The clergyman's face set severely and he intoned sternly, "No, thank you, sir. I don't indulge."

"Shay, whattaya givin' us, feller ? You're drunk now. You gotsha collar on backwards."

Yale Record.

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Mess Sergeant : "Didn't I tell you to notice when the soup boiled over ? '

Junior Cook : "I did. It was a quarter past ten ! "

DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS IN THE R.N.

FROM NOTES APPEARING IN THE "MARINERS' MIRROR," BY KIND PERMISSION OF W. G. PERRIN, ESQ., O.B.E.

VII.—THE OLD SYSTEM.

The representations of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, in November 1896, were destined after many years to bear fruit. Early in the following year they were referred to the Inspecting Captain of Boys' Training Ships for report. At that time the numbers borne were :—

Chief Bandmasters	20
Band Corporals and Musicians	84
Bandsmen	496
Boys	220

After six months consideration, Captain Pelham Aldrich sent in a lengthy report dealing with the provision of instruments, pay and prospects of band ratings, entry and training of Bandsmen, and their employment on return from foreign service. This report throws a good deal of light upon the conditions prevailing in 1897. There were three types of bands :—

1. Bands composed entirely of non-continuous service men, mostly foreigners, entailing great expense on officers for "private pay and uniform."

2. Bands composed entirely of Continuous Service men. These bandsmen were better adapted for service requirements, as they had some training in drill and discipline, and were to be relied upon in active service. They were, however, not such competent musicians as the foreigners, due to the fact that the qualifications for entry as band boy had been kept low in order to secure sufficient candidates, and to their lack of proper training while in the training ships. Their uniform was provided by the Service.

3. Mixed Bands of non-continuous service and continuous service men, under a British or foreign bandmaster. These were subject to disadvantages of the first type, with the additional drawback of a jealousy occasioned by the fact that the foreign bandsman commanded more "private" pay than the Britisher.

The bands of the first type were the best regarding instrumentalists, but they entailed more expense on the officers of the ship, as the tendency was to use them more for social than Service requirements, with the result that they were string instrument players, and not much use on ceremonial occasions.

The instruments of all the bands were provided by the officers, and the small contribution made by the Government was not enough to cover the cost of repairs and to provide music. Setting aside the cost of providing the instruments it appeared that the cost of maintenance averaged £147 a year in the Mediterranean, divided as follows :—

Captain	£20 to £25
Officers	£100 to £120
Government ..	£17

In the Channel it was somewhat less, about £100. The Ward Room officers' subscription was about 5s. to 7s. 6d. a month, and in some ships the Gun Room contributed a small amount. In flagships the rate of

subscription was rather more, and moreover, the Admiral had the privilege of paying for the instruments, an expense that was shared between captain and officers in the private ships.

The report suggested that the Government should pay all the expenses of the military band and a certain percentage of the string band the officers paying the remainder.

As regards the personnel, it appears that the " private" pay of a bandmaster was from £40 to £60 a year, bringing the total up to £100 to £120. It was suggested that some of this might be moved to the shoulders of the State in the guise of instrument allowance. The bandsman was as well off in pay as the ordinary seaman but had not the same prospects of increase, therefore it was suggested that badges (with badge pay) might be awarded under the regulations applied to the Royal Marines. The institution of three grades of certificates, with corresponding advantages in pay, was also proposed. Testimony was borne to the importance of the band when " coaling ship," during which the band plays some lively airs, and their services add much to the spirit with which the men do their work. The instruction given in training ships suffered because the bandmasters serving in them were worse off than they would be in sea-going ships, although they had much more work to do, consequently it was impossible to persuade really good bandmasters to stay in them ; moreover there were not sufficient instructors for the various instruments. There were also many difficulties in connection with drafting, one being that officers preferred to enter non-continuous service bandmasters (who were generally more proficient musicians), the continuous service bandmaster being left on the hands of the training ship. Among numerous other suggestions for improvement it was remarked that " The uniform at present worn by band ratings is condemned by officers as being unsightly" and it was recommended that they should be dressed as seamen, the lyre to be adopted as the distinguishing mark of the class. This suggestion was not carried out, as there was a clear divergence of opinion on the question. The question of bands had got too big, and was being thrashed out.

Affairs began to move quickly. In December 1902 a Memorandum was presented to Parliament, which contained the following statement : " There has for some time past been a strong feeling that the appearance, system of training, and standard of efficiency of Naval bandsmen are unsatisfactory, and that an unfair proportion of the cost of Naval Bands falls upon the officers. The Board have now under consideration a plan for the complete reorganisation of Naval Bands, the effect of which it is believed will be substantial relief to the officers in the matter of expense."

The plan in question involved the transfer of the Naval Band Service to the Royal Marines.

(To be continued.)

Mrs. Goldie : " I mended the hole in your trousers pocket after you went to bed last night. Am I not a helpful little wife, dear ? "

Mr. G. : " Um—er—yes ! But how in thunder did you know there was a hole in my pocket ? '

Fenton News.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MARINE AND A MARINER.

FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MAGAZINE.
No. 385—January 28th, 1843.
By Captain Basil Hall.

The words " marine " and " mariner " differ by one small letter only ; but no two races of men (I had well nigh said no two animals) differ from one another more completely than the " Jollies " and the " Johnnies."

Jack wears a blue jacket, and a Jolly wears a red one. Jack would sooner take a round dozen than be seen with a pair of braces across his shoulders ; while the marine, if deprived of his suspenders, would speedily be left *sans culotte.* A thorough going, barrack-bred, regular-built marine, in a ship of which the sergeant-major truly loves his art, has, without any very exaggerated metaphor been compared to a man who swallowed a set of fire-irons ; the tongs representing the legs, the poker the backbone, and the shovel the neck and head. While, on the other hand, your sailorman is to be likened to nothing except one of those delicious figures in the fantoccine show-boxes, where the legs, arms, and head are flung loosely about to right and left, no one bone apparently having the slightest organic connection with any other ; the whole being an affair of strings, and springs, and universal joints.

The difference between sailor and marine was strikingly exemplified in a well-known instance of mutiny on board a frigate. The captain was one of that class of officers, now happily extinct, whose chief authority consisted in severity. To such an excess was this pushed that his ship's company, it appears, was at length roused to actual revolt and proceeded in a tumultuous but apparently resolute body to the quarter-deck. It is extremely curious to remark that the same stern system of discipline which had driven the seamen into revolt had likewise been applied to the marines, without weakening the paramount sense of duty under any circumstances. Such, at all events, was the force of habit and discipline that, when the captain ordered them to fall in, they formed instantly, as a matter of course, across the deck.

At his further orders they loaded their muskets with ball and screwed on their bayonets. Had the corps now proved traitors, all must have been lost ; but the captain, who, with all his faults of temper and system was yet a clear-headed officer, calculated upon a different result. Turning first to the mutineers, he called out : " I'll attend to you directly ! " And then addressing the soldiers, he said with a tone of such perfect confidence of manner, and so slightly interrogative as to furnish its own answer—" *You'll* stand by your king andcountry ? "

The marines thus appealed to said nothing, but grasped their firearms with an air of resolution.

And stepping forward he seized the two principal ringleaders by the throat, one with each hand, and calling out in a voice of thunder to the rest instantly to move off the quarter-deck, he consigned the astonished and deserted culprits to the master-at-arms, by whom they were speedily and quietly placed in double irons—and the whole mutiny was at an end.

But this is not all. The fate of the disciplinarian and the disciplined forms at once one of the most

appalling and most affecting stories we ever read—and with it we shall conclude.

The successful issue of the recent mutiny, and his confidence in his own resources, had taught the captain to believe that he could command the services of his people, not only on ordinary occasions, but at moments of utmost need. Here was his grand mistake. The obedience he exacted at the point of the lash had no heartiness in it ; and when the time came that the argument of force could no longer be used, and when the bayonets of the marines had lost their terrors, there was read to him, and in letters of blood, the bitterest lesson of retributive justice that perhaps was ever pronounced to any officer since the beginning of the naval service.

The frigate under the command of this officer, when in company with another ship, chased two French frigates off the isle of France. As his ship sailed much faster than her consort, he soon outstripped her, and closed with the enemy single-handed. The Frenchmen, seeing only one ship near them and the other far astern, shortened sail and prepared for the attack, which, however, they could hardly suppose would be undertaken by one ship. In this expectation, however, they underrated the spirit of its commander. Seeing the enemy's frigates within his reach, and well knowing what his men could execute if they chose—never dreaming for a moment that they would fail him at this pinch—he exclaimed, " We shall take them both ! Steer right for them !

This was the last order he ever gave. The men obeyed and stood to their guns ; but they stood there only to be shot to death. They folded their arms, and neither loaded nor fired a single shot in answer to the pealing broadsides which the unresisted and astonished enemy were pouring fast in upon them ! Now had arrived the dreadful moment of revenge for them ; as their captain, who was soon struck down like the rest, lived only long enough to see the cause of his failure, and to witness the shocking sight of his crew cut to pieces rather than move their hands to fire one gun to save the credit of their commander—all consideration for their own lives or for their country appearing to be absorbed in their desperate determination to prove at last how completely they had it in their power to evince a sense of the unjust treatment they had received.

Think how speech has been simplified. In Bible times they phrased it : " Arise, take up thy bed and walk."

Now they've condensed it all into two words : " Air bedding."

Tennessee Tar.

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Night Watchman : " Young man, are you going to kiss that girl ? "

He (straightening up) : " No, sir ! "

N.W. : " Here, then, hold my lantern ! "

Pennsylvania Keystone.

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WIFE : " Do you know what day it is ? It is 25 years ago to-day since we became engaged !

ABSENT-MINDED PROFESSOR : " Why didn't you remind me before ? It's high time we got married ! "

Pathfinder.

THE " TURRET RATS " A.B.C.

A is the ACID so bitter and blue, we serve free of charge to " X " Turret's Crew.

B is the BLUEBELL, they bring us along, if we don't hide our own, it doesn't stay long.

C is the C———, we use quite a lot applied with a brush, supplied in a pot.

D is the DIRECTOR, it is working all day, the Blighter that works it, deserves all his pay.

E is the ENERGY quite tons and tons, employed by the " Troops " at " Quarters Clean Guns."

F is the FROTH on the pint pots of beer, the Gunlayers promised us early last year.

G is the GUNNER, a kind-hearted old boy, when we draw cleaning gear, he is singing with joy.

H is HANDLOADING, a jolly fine game, makes rugby and wrestling seem frightfully tame.

I is the INTERCEPTOR, first " Of " but now " On," just a second too late, the Salvo's just gone.

J is the " JAMG," got " The Bloke " in a rage, when they left the breech closed, and brought up the cage.

K is the KINDNESS we usually show, to people that hop on our brightwork, what-ho.

L is the LEVER, whose arrangement is queer, works cage, rammer, flash-door and shell-carrier gear.

M is the MAGAZINE far down below, our " Oppo " down there works hard as you know.

N is the NOISE as the " Troops " dash away, when the Bugler sounds " G " and " Cooks " every day.

O is the OIL, used for " Sponging Out " spill a drop on the " Quarter " and hear the " Com " shout.

P is the PRESSURE we often " Switch On," drip, drip, drip, drip, drip another joint gone.

R is the RAMMER, it can push quite a lot, and can fold up the Cordite if the Pedal's forgot.

S is the SWASHPLATE we love its gay song, when Control Parties are " Closed Up " all the day long.

T is the TIFFY, its seldom he speaks, his existence consists of " making good " leaks.

U is the UNIFORM we poor chaps spoil, crawling about in water and oil.

V is the VENT, from which we " stand clear " naught to do with the vent on a barrel of beer.

W is the WORK, the toil and the slog, makes a Turret Rat's life like that of a dog.

X is the X, chalked alongside two more, on the barrels of lotions, that makes us chaps poor.

Y is the YARN we usually spin, when we're collared asleep in the corner shell-bin.

Z is the ZEAL, which once more we repeat, makes the old Turret Sweeper a hard man to beat.

" TRUNNIONBLOCK "

" Why do you stare at me ? "

" Father says you are a self-made man ! "

" Well, why stare ? "

" I'm wondering why you made yourself like that ! "

Berlin Dorfbarbier.

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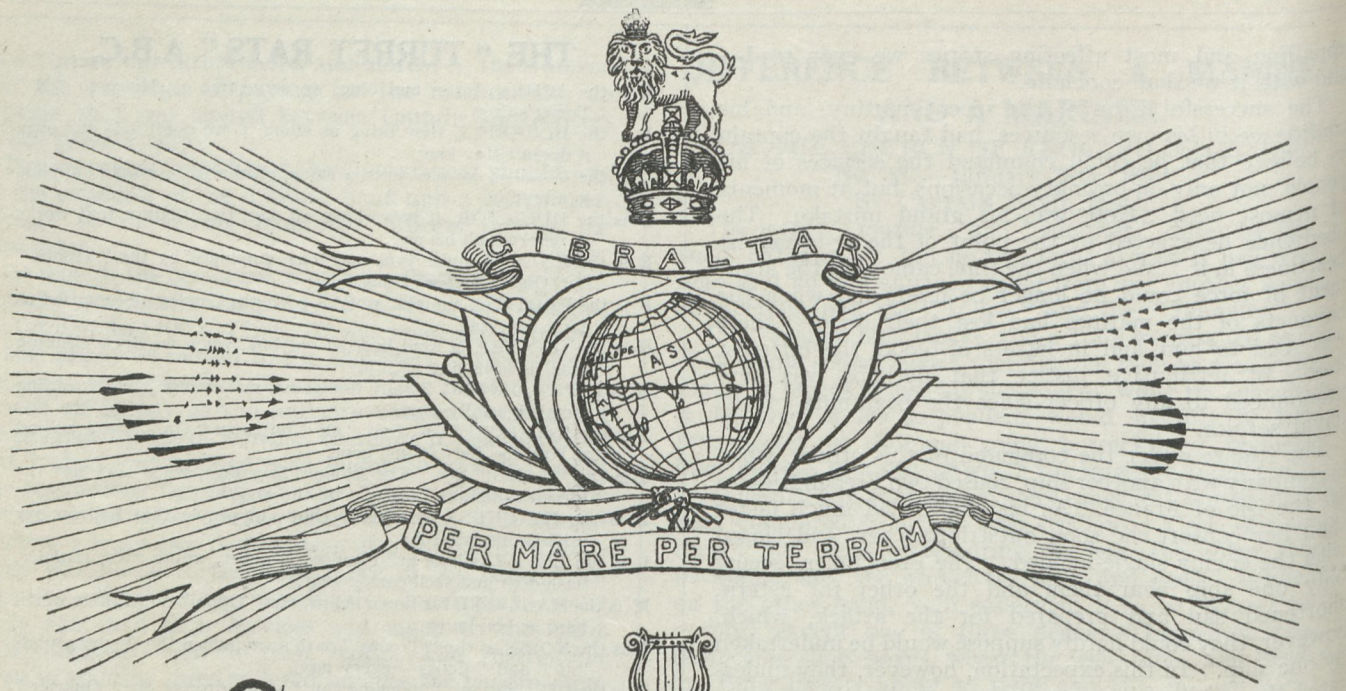
" Prisoner, did you steal that rug ? "

" No, yer Honour. A lady gave it to me and told me to beat it, and I did ! "

NOTICE.

If any Chatham Marine, desirous of exchange to Plymouth Division, would communicate with the undermentioned, the same could be put forward immediately. Mne. Wickenden willing to cover costs of exchange :—

(Ply. 20187) Mne. Chas. P. Wickenden,
E Coy., Royal Marines, Chatham.



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

General Sir W. T. Adair, K.C.B., R.M., awarded a Good Service Pension of £200 per annum, in the vacancy created by the death of Major-Gen. N. F. U. Sampson-Way, C.B., R.M.

Lieut.-General St. G. B. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G. to General, vice Blumberg.

Major-Gen. Picton Phillipps, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., to Lieut.-Gen., vice Armstrong.

Col.-Comdt. F. C. Edwards, A.D.C., to Major-Gen. vice Phillipps.

Col. 2nd Comdt. R. O. Paterson, O.B.E. (Ply.) to Col.-Comdt., vice Edwards.

Lieut.-Col. A. G. Little, C.M.G., to Col. 2nd Comdt., vice Paterson, and borne supy. while holding appointment of D.N.R.

Lieut.-Col. C. L. Mayhew (Ch.) to Col. 2nd Comdt., vice Little. Dated 16-6-26.

Col.-Comdt. J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G. (Ports.) A.D.C. to H.M. the King, vice Edwards. Dated 16-6-26.

Lieut.-Col. F. H. Griffiths (Ports.) to Corps duty, vice Mayhew. Dated 1-7-26.

Capt. F. A. Ackerman, Qr.-Mr., R.M., to Major on appointment as 1st Qr.-Mr. vice Benham. Dated 7-6-26.

Proby. Lieut. M. G. Pughe (Ch.) confirmed as Lieut. Dated 1-4-26.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) F. W. Phillips (Ch.) to be Lieut. on appointment as Asst. Payr., vice Burt. Dated 7-6-26.

Ply. 13946 Staff Clerk Samuel Halliwell (Po.) to Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) Comdts. Office, vice Phillips. Dated 7.6.26.

R.M. Gunners T. Boffey, D.S.M. (Ply.), P. W. Sparkes (Ch.), A. F. Vickery to Comsd. R.M. Gunners. Dated 15-6-26.

APPOINTMENTS.

Gen. Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., at own request, to Retired List. Dated 16-6-26.

Major G. Rutledge (Po.) from Seconded List, to Experimental Officer, School of Land Artillery, and borne supy. to Establishment. Dated 26-5-26.

Major St. G. F. G. Caulfield (Ch.) supy,. absorbed, vice Gowney. Dated 27-5-26.

Major H. L. Jones, O.B.E. (Ch.) from Seconded List and borne supy. Dated 10-7-26.

Major A. L. Forster, D.S.O., to "President," addl. for duty in Plans Division, Admiralty, vice Weston. Dated 19-7-26.

Capt. (Bt.-Major) G. H. Seath, D.S.O., to "President," addl., for duty in the N.I.D., Admiralty, vice Jones. Dated 10-7-26.

Major D. J. Gowney, D.S.C., D.C.M. (Ch.) to Retired List, on account of age. Dated 27-5-26.

Major F. E. Benham, Qr.-Mr. (Ply.) to Retired List, on account of age. Dated 7-6-26.

Lieut. W. A. M. Hanson, M.C., to Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty. Undated.

Lieut. L. D. Caffyn (Po.), Asst.-Supt. S. A. School, Ports., vice Smith-Hill. Date of taking over duties (after Bisley).

R.M. Gunner P. W. Sparks (Ch.) to Gun Battery (Staff), vice Wardell.

Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) W. McK. Brown (Ply.), Comdts. Office, vice Townsend. Dated 28-7-26.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) W. A. Stratton (Ch.) Office Sergt.-Major vice Swain. Dated 30-6-26.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) D. A. Board (Deal) P. & R.T., vice Wills. Dated 15-7-26.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) A. J. Bryant (Ch.), Parade Sergt.-Major, vice Board. Dated 15-7-26.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) H. G. Morgan (Ply.) Parade Sergt.-Major, vice Bryant. Dated 15-7-26.

To Retired List, at own request under Special Reduction Scheme:— Sergt.-Major (W.O.) H. G. Swain (Chat.), Sergt.-Major (W.O.) G. E. Wills (Deal), Suptg. Clerk (W.O.) W. Townsend (Ply.).

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. T. G. Hungerford to "Benbow," vice Whitworth. Date of joining.

Lieuts. B. W. Knowles and S. C. Woolley, "Eagle" to "Hermes," and for full flying duties in 423 Flight. Dated 15-6-26.

Lieut. A. G. Warren, "Hermes" to "Eagle," for deck flying training in 441 Flight. Date of transfer of Flight.

Lieut. O. C. T. Dykes to "Pembroke" (permanent supy. for R.N. Barracks and general duties in connection with efficiency and training of Royal Marines in Harbour Ships and Establishments in the Port.). Dated 30-6-26.

Lieut. R. A. Edmondson to "Frobisher," vice Richardson. Date of joining.

R.M. Gunner G. Wardell to "Repulse" on recommissioning.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. A. Upton (Depot R.M.).
To be Sergt.—Corpls. L. B. Clinch (H.Q.), F. H. Friar (Depot R.M.).
To be Corpl.—Mne. A. O. Barrow (H.Q.).

APPOINTMENTS.

Boats crew.—Mne. J. Tandridge.
Pioneer Corpl.—Corpl W. Sergeant.
Clerk Pay's dept.—Mne. L. L. Wells (nominated).
Asst. Gardener.—Mne. H. F. Willats.
Pioneer.—Mne. J. Brown.
Cooks.—Mnes. A. Gammon, W. G. Patey.
C.Q.M.S. "C"—Clr.-Sgt. A. Baker (nominated).
Clerk-Comdts. Office.—Corpl. A. R. C. Berry.
C.Q.M.S. "G"—Clr.-Sgt. A. T. Blackgrove (confirmed).
School Orderly.—Mne. E. S. Whebley.
Coxswain Boats Crew.—Clr.-Sgt. E. H. Lee (confirmed).

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mnes. G. J. S. Rickwood, W. Cobbett, H. Wright, H. Hetherington; "**Benbow,**" Mnes. H. Purkins, G. H. Bratley; "**Canterbury,**" Mne. W. Dabell; "**Egmont,**" Mne. W. H. Westbrook; "**Emperor of India,**" Mne. R. W. Stibbing; "**Enterprise,**" Mne. H. T. Willsea, Corpl. W. S. Braybrook; "**Ganges,**" Mne. E. W. Clark; "**Marlborough,**" Bglr. S. N. Sargeant; "**Repulse,**" Mne. J. T. Hook, Corpls. G. Shaw, C. Graham, Mnes. G. A. Williams, W. A. Sullons, H. J. Parsley, H. B. Parks, J. Luman, H. Springett, P. C. Huett, C. J. Holder, R. Gibson, S. J. Coombs, R. C. Shrubsole, C. N. Smith, G. W. Way, I. Shingleton, B. G. Miller, W. Hales, A. L. Chapman, A. R. Philpott, W. C. Moss, E. W. Bilcliffe, R. W. T. Barker; "**Tiger**" Mne. R. W. G. Dredge; "**Victory,**" Corpls. W. T. Ings, W. W. Brockwell, E. C. White.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

"**Ajax,**" Mnes. W. E. Bristow, W. Child, W. M. Hailstone, C. F. J. Skeats; "**Barham,**" Clr.-Sgt. W. P. Dawson; "**Benbow,**" Mne. H. Wright, Sergt. L. J. Pond, Corpl. W. F. Brown, Mne. S. Rutland; "**Calcutta,**" Mne. A. Marsh; "**Canterbury,**" Mne. F. E. Harris; "**Concord,**" Sergt. J. R. Shrive, Mne. D. Crisp; "**Coventry,**" Corpl. A. W. F. Putman; "**Dragon,**" Corpl. A. G. Williams, Bglr. A. J. Hutchings; "**Egmont,**" Clr.-Sgt. E. S. Flaherty; "**Emperor of India,**" Mne. A. Wood; "**Marlborough,**" Mne. F. A. Thompson, Corpl. D. B. Duncan, Mne. W. S. Crowson, Corpl. F. Shackleton; "**Ganges,**" Mne. T. J. Hewitt; "**Repulse,**" Corpl. J. H. Reid; "**Revenge,**" Mne. T. Bell.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of 2nd period of engagement.—Mnes. W. E. Pickham, H. Callaby, F. Cooper, C. R. Burrows.
Termination of 1st period of engagement.—Mnes. E. Chapman, W. Fuller.
Invalided.—Mnes. G. J. West, J. C. Ramsey, A. Ellis, S. Hobbins, G. Smith, C. E. Jeeves, J. D. Fones, G. C. B. Jackman, J. P. Morris F. A Webber.
"S.N.L.R."—Mne. J. Simpson.
Purchase.—Bglr. R. Saunders, Mnes. W. Hull, R. G. Butler.
"On compassionate grounds."—Mne. S. Goodwin.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergeants.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, E. J. H. Precious, F. W. Ogborne, T. H. Convery.
Corporals.—N. V. Bishop, Geo. Oliver, H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. J. Hooper, F. J. Pritchard.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. A. A. Pack.
To Sergeant.—Corpl. W. J. Edwards.
To Corpl.—Mnes. E. A. Winzer, R. C. Lamprell.

APPOINTMENTS.

Div. blacksmith (confirmed in appt.).—Mne. G. W. Challis.
Gun Battery Armourer.—Corpl. H. Ewings.
Attdt. to Lieut. N. Lennox (on prob.).—Mne. P. G. E. Back.
Coxswain Boats Crew (extension of appt.).—Clr.-Sgt. T. C. Soden.
Nominated for C.S.M.—Clr.-Sgt. O. W. Sumner.
Storeman Bk. Dept. (extension of appt.).—Mne. L. C. Lake.
N.C.O. i/c of Markers.—Corpl. C. Gregg.
Boatman, Boats Crew.—Mne. S. McIlroy.
Armourer Small Arms (on prob.).—Sergt. H. Cort.
Div. Cook (on prob.).—Corpl H. Horn.
Secretary i/c of Recreation Rooms (extension of appt.).—Sergt. F. J. Oakes.

MEDALS.

L.S. and G.C.—Sergt. T. H. Radcliffe, Mne. F. Soulsby, S. R. Perriam, Musns. J. R. Welsman, H. J. V. Pooley.

TRANSFER TO RANKS.

Bugler R. G. Crocker.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Mne. W. R. Cook.

EMBARKATIONS.

"**Comus,**" Sergt. W. Walker; "**Concord,**" Corpl. F. Lloyd, Mnes. H. S. G. Noakes, F. H. J. Fairhall, S. C. Moody, T. J. Simpson, S. Beech, W. H. Gray, J. Williams, W. J. Penny, T. L. McCree.; "**Colossus,**" Sergt. L. J. Pugh, Mnes. A. L. Adams, S. Duddridge; "**Dartmouth,**" Corpl. J. H. Lapham, Mnes. E. W. Newnham, W. Price, H. C. Latrielle, H. H. St. J. Palmer, T. Kennedy, E. Willis, E. J. Bowsher, C. Prescott; "**Eagle,**" Mne. E. Hutchinson; "**Emperor of India,**" Sergt. F. Phillips, Mne. A. G. Brimblecombe; "**Hood,**" Corpls. W. H. Cook, J. H. Huggins, Mne. P. J. Merritt; "**Impregnable,**" Corpls. R. W. McFarlane, J. H. Pyne, Mnes A. E. Gulliver, G. Bennett, J. W. Penwarne, E. Matthew, E. J. Hubert; "**King George V.**" Mne. J. Miles; "**Ramillies,**" Mne. J. B. Rendell; "**Thunderer,**" Sergt. F. Fuller; "**Victory,**" Sergt. B. Tavener, Corpls. A. W. Nash, T. C. Gardiner; **Aldershot,** Sergt. S. L. Norris; **Chatham,** Corpls. C. Hitchman, C. Swain, Mnes. E. Brown, A. H Domican, E. T. Jeremy, W. T. Springett, A. E. Warden, D. C. Menhenick, W. Harrison, P. J. Padwick; **H.Q.E. Portsmouth,** Mnes. F. W. Branson, A. E. Beddlington, G. E. Tomblin, W. H. Stone, J. W. Marriott; **Command Deal,** Sergts. A. Jenkinson, J. Fitch, Mnes. R. W. Thorne, S. Davenport, H. Jones, L. Edwards, J. H. Reeday, W. L. Pizer, Sergt. S. J. Baylis, Mne. T. E. Ransom

DISEMBARKATIONS.

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Rejoining.—Mnes. T. N. Norris, F. C. Williams, Corpl. A. G. Crowther.

To PLYMOUTH.——
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DISPOSAL.

Band-Corporal C. W. Fitch has been loaned to the New Zealand Division, R.N., for a period of 3 years. This Band-Corporal will be borne supernumary to the Establishment.

DISCHARGE.

Termination of first period of engagement.—Musns. A. C. Loader, William Perratt, E. D. Smith.

PROMOTIONS.

To Bandmaster 1st Class—B.M. H. J. E. Burnett.
To Bandmaster 2nd Class—Band-Corpl. A. G. Foskett.
To Band-Corporal—Musician J. F. Mills.
To C.S.M.—B.M.I. C. J. L. Hamilton.
To Band-Corpl.—Musns W. B. Smith, A. E. Crosby.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musician.—Band Boys G. F. Duff, F. C. Roe, P. W. Goldsmith, H. G. T. Dowling, E. C. Tilbury, A. T. Cooper, J. E. C. Cox, William Fitzgerald, E. J. Hinks, H. O. W. Huthy, R. W. James.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of his second period of engagement.—Bandmaster 1st Class Ferderick Skidmore.
Termination of his first period of engagement.—Musn. W. G. Wade.

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Musician (for promotion to Band Corporal)—G. W. Potter, Robert Morton, W. E. Kohlar, R. H. Stoner, F. J. H. Sharp, M. C. Orrin.

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ROYAL MARINES' DINNER CLUB.

The Annual Dinner of the Royal Marines' Dinner Club took place at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, on 28th May. The following attended:—

General Sir W. T. Adair (presiding), Lieut.-General St. G. B. Armstrong, Major H. C. Benett, Major J. J. Bramble, Major A. G. B. Bourne, Colonel J. A. M. A. Clark, Colonel C. Clarke, Lieut.-Colonel G. Carpenter, Major A. R. Chater, Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Darwall, Colonel H. C. Evans, Major A. K. Evans, Lieut.-Colonel R. V. T. Ford, Capt. E. T. N. Farmer, Colonel A. P. Grattan, Lieut.-Colonel F. H. Griffiths, Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Godfrey, Major R. S. Gibson, Major A. G. W. Grierson, Lieut.-General A. R. H. Hutchison, Colonel C. D. Harmar, Lieut.-Colonel G. R. S. Hickson, Lieut.-Colonel H. N. H. Houghton, Major J. G. Horne, Major T. L. Hunton, Major C. E. Hill, Major E. J. Hobson, Major H. L. Jones, Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Little, Major G. H. Littleton, Major-General G. J. H. Mullins, Colonel Commandant R. H. Morgan, Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Mayhew, Major C. B. Mullins, Major F.W. Mattison, Major J. McF. Mitchell, Major-General J. R. H. Oldfield, Lieut.-Colonel G. P. Orde, Rev. O. E. Owen, Major-General Sir A. Paris, Colonel R. O. Paterson, Major H. C. Pope, Colonel G. V. Robinson, Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Ridings, Lieut.-Colonel G. L. Raikes, Lieut.-Colonel W. S. Poe, Lieut. H. S. Rider, Lieut.-General E. J. Stroud, Colonel W. G. Simpson, Major H. F. Stockley, Major H. K. Stephens, Major A. E. Syson, Major P. Sandilands, General Sir C. Trotman, Major-General H. S. Neville White, Colonel E. Wray, Colonel C. H. Willis, Colonel R. ff. Willis, Capt. H. A. C. Webber.

The following telegram was sent to H.M. The King: "The Officers, Royal Marines, at their Annual Dinner at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue, General Sir W. T. Adair presiding, submit their loyal duty to His Majesty, who had now been their Colonel-in-Chief for twenty-five years."

His Majesty graciously replied:—"Please convey to the Officers of the Royal Marines, whose Colonel-in-Chief I am proud to have been for twenty-five years, my sincere thanks for their loyal message.

GEORGE R.I., Colonel-in-Chief"

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Admiral Lord St. Vincent.



Colonel-in-Chief, The King

EDITORIAL NOTES.

During the past month a large number of Royal Marines have been taking part in various inter-service competitions at the Royal Tournament, Bisley, and elsewhere. The result is a splendid series of successes, of which the whole Corps, past, present and future, may well be proud. Look on pages 165 et seq. and see for yourselves, and then raise your hats to the officers, N.C.Os. and men who have so ably kept the end of the Corps up.

On behalf of its readers the *Globe and Laurel* offers its warmest congratulations to all winners, and especially to the Portsmouth Division, on its magnificent triple win at the Tournament.

Owing to the postponement of the Tournament, on account of the General Strike, the training period this year has been especially exacting, because of its enforced prolongation, and the trainers deserve special praise for apparently successfully avoiding that bugbear of long training—"staleness."

At Bisley the Corps teams achieved a very marked success in winning two out of the three Service events. The Whitehead revolver competition was won for the first time, and the Corps team were the first winners of the new Inter-Service S.R. "b" competition for teams of twenty.

The Portsmouth Division carried off the Roberts Cup in style, and not to be outdone, the Chatham Cadet Corps won the Watts Bowl—a very fine achievement.

In individual events, from the prize lists, it would appear that a fair number of R.M. marksmen have now inflated bank balances.

In the Field Gun Competition for the Brickwood Trophy, and the Sub-Lieutenants' Cup at Whale Island, a good galloping crew of Royal Marines brought back both cups to Eastney. At Olympia our Field Gun star was not in the ascendant, but the Royal Marines "A" crew made a sturdy bid for the two individual cups.

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An exceptionally fine performance was the victory of H.M.S. Hood's Royal Marines' cutter in the Rodman Cup, during the Atlantic Fleet Regatta, the crew being composed, with two exceptions, of young Marines serving in their first ship.

We would like to see in all forms of sport more attention paid to bringing on young talent, with an eye to future requirements. There appears to be a tendency at present to rely too much on the "old hands," who in many cases are past their prime.

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Prince George, who is serving on the China Station, was recently visiting Kiuling, a well-known health resort on the Yangtse. He was travelling under the name of Lieut. Windsor, but news of his arrival leaked out, and two smart Chinese photographers walked down the mountain to bring off a photographic coup. The

Prince was walking up the mountain with the doctor of H.M.S. Bee, when he was met by the camera men, who asked him whether he had seen the King of England coming up. Prince George told them that the "rather heavy-set man in a sedan chair," following up behind, was the person they sought. The photographers fell into the trap and took some really charming pictures of the ship's doctor.

Ed.—The doctor of H.M.S. Bee is Surgeon Lieut.-Comdr. T. Madill, late of Eastney Barracks.



ATLANTIC FLEET.

"Revenge."

We fear that the arrival of this article at the editorial office will be rather belated, but in our capacity as Fleet Flagship, we presume we are allowed to "play on it" just a little. Also, being personally acquainted with the Editor, we expect that he will give a prompt decision regarding our presumption.

As regards our recent doings, there is not much that will make very interesting reading. We spent about three weeks of Guns at Rosyth, in company with the Atlantic Fleet, for the purpose of carrying out several series of special firings against the W/T controlled target-ship *Agamemnon*.

Most of you have an idea of the kind of weather one gets in the Firth of Forth about November, plenty of fog and drizzle, etc.; anyhow, this year they got the seasons mixed up, and served us up November weather in June. After several repetitions of "raise steam for 10 knots," and "Practice so-and-so postponed," and "keep steam for 8 knots," we managed to complete all the practices.

But they were not the only practices we completed—Oh, no! We had old General Drill aboard very often, because in the spring a young sailor's fancies oft turn to Admiral's Inspection, and in the case of the young marines (and the old ones) they developed Admiral's Inspectionitis, with that terrible complication F.R.M.O.'s Inspectionitis, which this year was more critical, because we have a new F.R.M.O., and people were saying "What is he strict on,"—"What does he look at chiefly"—"Does he shake your waterbottle"—"Does he look in your butt-trap"? And so it came to pass that at dawn we were swinging off the jolly old 5½in. and 6½in. wires, and main derrick guys; at noon we were brandishing guns of various calibres, and at eventide we had some lovely fun with the Blue-bell and Blanco pots and brushes, after that the rest of the time was our own. But you cannot possibly get Portsmouth Marines down; our boys did sing, you should have heard them, and finally when all these inspections took place, they came through with flying colours.

And now it is Regatta time. We left Rosyth and went to Portree in the Isle of Skye where a large amount of boat-pulling was carried out. From there we have just arrived at Torbay, where the regatta was being held on the 12th, 13th and 14th of July, and I enclose a return of results for the *G. and L.*

Just before leaving Rosyth, someone in authority purloined one platoon, plus one section, of Royal Marines from us, to be employed on U.C. schemes in that vicinity, safeguarding Admiralty property. Naturally that considerably weakened our "strong and hearty party," and in connection therewith, although our Sergt.-Major and Sergeant of the working party are named respectively Wright and Hacker, many of our naval friends fancy their names are Maskeleyne and Devant, and that they can produce a few marines from their helmet covers with a quick move of the right hand. We have heard that the Chief Buffer has got a permanent strain of both optics looking for the boat that will bring them back again; he said that "the main derrick and quarter-deck awning have got proper down-hearted since thay had left the ship."

This will conclude our article, in order to allow a little space under "Per Mare" to *Hood, Furious, Ramillies* and *Royal Sovereign*, so they can tell *G. and L.* readers how they are going to "cane" us in the 1st Group Regatta.

FIRST GROUP PULLING REGATTA.

Ships in the Group: *Revenge, Hood, Ramillies, Furious* and *Royal Sovereign.*

This Regatta was to have taken place on the 12th and 13th July, with certain races on the 14th, but when we turned out on the morning of the 12th, we heard a loud clanging of bells, which, not being accompanied by the "fire bugle," could only mean one other thing, and sure enough when we got on deck, Torbay was enveloped by a beautiful blanket of west country fog, it being just clear enough to work main derrick. However, preparations were made, and although thousands of officers and men gazed at, and prayed to the fog all day, it simply remained.

On the 13th our luck was in—a lovely day—and they got things going in true naval style, and pushed the regatta through in one day, except the Rodman, Battenburg and Cutters' Obstacles.

After a few races things seemed to be fairly even

between the *Revenge*, *Ramillies* and *Hood*, but as the regatta developed the *Ramillies* started to " fall out of the boat " a little, and the *Hood* took the lead, with the *Revenge* very close up in points, as a matter of fact, just two points in arrears on the completion of two-thirds of the regatta. Then the *Revenge* crashed 18 points in the Stokers' Whalers, a blow from which she never finally recovered, so we eventually saw the famous west country battle cruiser on the first occasion of her joining in with the battleships, walk off with the silver chanticleer (" The Cock.")

Hood's correspondent will no doubt describe the rejoicings on board.

The All-comers was a splendid race, in which we saw several R.M. coxswains, so we imagine that the Royals were helping to drive some of the mighty host of boats along, a very inspiring sight to see them all struggling in a mass on the last lap.

The Regatta generally is just as great an " annual favourite " as ever, even though the early part of this season's training was hindered by the great strike, and we can safely assure those old gentlemen that sit by the fireside and waggle their whiskers dubiously, saying in a pessimistic tone " The Navy is going back," that we can produce crews of seamen, stokers and marines, 1926 model-de-luxe, that can "hump" the same old standard pattern naval boats over the measured mile quicker (quicker, we said) than ever they were humped before, perhaps because we introduce science into our training these days.

STOP PRESS.

" Rodman " Cup (one cutter from each ship)—The Blue Riband of the Sea.—Royal Marines of " Hood."

GENERAL RESULTS.

Points for Chanticleer.—

	Points
" Hood "	576
" Revenge "	562
" Ramilies "	423
" Royal Sovereign "	396
" Furious "	245

Results of Royal Marines' Races.—12-oared Cutters, Two Miles, 10 boats :—

	Points		Points
" Hood "	30	" Ramillies "	15
" Hood "	27	" Furious "	12
" Revenge "	24	" Royal Sovereign "	9
" Revenge "	21	" Ramillies "	6
" Royal Sovereign "	18	" Furious "	3

Marines' Whalers, One Mile, 10 boats :—

	Points		Points
" Ramillies "	20	" Royal Sovereign "	10
" Ramillies "	18	" Hood "	8
" Revenge "	16	" Furious "	6
" Revenge "	14	" Royal Sovereign "	4
" Hood "	12	" Furious "	2

Band Whalers, One Mile, 5 boats :—

	Points		Points
" Revenge "	10	" Royal Sovereign "	4
" Furious "	8	" Hood "	2
" Ramillies "	6		

Summary of Points for R.M. Races :—

	Revenge	Ramillies	R. Sov.	Hood	Furious
Marines' Cutters	45	21	27	57	15
Marines' Whalers	30	38	14	20	8
Band Whalers	10	6	4	2	8
	85	65	45	79	31

Royal Marines' Cutters Cup :—

Winners.—" Hood."

" Hood."

As it was not possible to write of the movements of *Hood's* detachment for the June edition, a short account of our " backing and filling " will not be out of place. Of course the Strike has been the cause of it all, especially the cancellation of our summer cruise. We left Devonport on a Monday morning early in June for an unknown destination, which place on Tuesday evening proved to be Greenock. During the trip up arrangements for general landing of the ship's company took place; these were completed by the end of the journey. However, no landing took place during the following two days, during which the detachment did its share in the unloading, loading and despatching of certain provisions to various parts of the British Isles. However, the notice board on Thursday night showed that we would be leaving the ship the following morning at 0600 hours for a destination about eleven miles up the Clyde. This place proved to be a large Admiralty oil depot, no doubt well known to other ships' detachments by previous experience. We found on arrival that there was plenty of work to be done other than watch-keeping: our billets had to be made watertight and habitable, wash places had to be constructed, incinerators built, and refuse pits had to be dug. However, everyone worked hard and long, and soon the billets assumed well-known names, such as " Crowborough," " The Crow's Nest," etc. The new life was a novelty to most of us, but we soon settled down, and on the following Monday a swinging routine was in vogue. We made splendid friends with the local civilians, with whom we played several games of football. We were also given the use of tables and stools for our billets, and also recreation grounds for football, cricket and the like. Judging, too, by the number of the fair sex who came every evening to see us, we were very popular with them too. Jealousy must have been rife, as it was a different girl each night. We stayed there a fortnight, when we were relieved by a company of sailors from H.M.S. *Vivid*. After rejoining the ship we proceeded to Arran for gunnery, but ten days saw us back at the oil tanks once more. The second stay was not so good as the first, owing to incessant rain ; still the billets were improved and even flower gardens instituted. Another fortnight saw the majority of the detachment back in the ship again, only a skeleton few remaining ; these were eventually relieved by Royal Marines from other ships. Out of the last party a small number of eleven were detailed to land again to look after a small oil depot just below Greenock, so after one night in *Hood*, we bade her farewell and set off in *Comus* Drifter for our new quarters. As will be seen the writer is one of them, and I must say the job in hand is quite a good one. With physical training, recreational training and swimming we are as fit as fiddles. Again we are receiving splendid treatment from the local residents, we live in the railway station, and most of us are efficient porters, shunters, and even engine drivers. One cannot pass without alluding to the greatest blessing the strike has given us, namely, the opportunity of giving " Jago " the go-by for a time. It really does one good to see the big dinners put away, never known in *Hood*. However, roll on leave, especially the extra seven days. At the time of writing *Hood* is at Torbay, and we who are

H.M.S. HOOD.

ROYAL MARINES "A" CUTTERS CREW.

Atlantic Fleet Regatta 1926.



Winners of the "Rodman Cup" and the Marines Cup.

Back Row left to right—Cpl. Archard. Mnes. Davy, Webb, Fox, Lamb.
Centre Row—Mnes. Drouet, Bowyer, Sheppard, Lanceley, Carter, Worthington, Hannaford, Hands.
Seated—Sgt. Dyer, Captain Reinold, C.V.O., R.N., Major Sinclair, Cd. R.M. Gunr. Seyd.

detached wish the boats' crews the very best of good luck in the fleet regatta.

The Atlantic Fleet Regatta was held at Torquay, and after a great fight with the *Revenge*, the *Hood* won the Cock for the highest points. The Marines had their share in this victory. In the Marines' Cutters race, our cutters came in first and second, our first boat winning easily, and our second boat was well ahead of the *Revenge's* first cutter, which came in third. In the Whalers' race our boats came in fifth and seventh.

On the next day our first cutter had the honour of representing the *Hood* in the race for the "Rodman" Cup, and fully justified its selection by winning by about six lengths. All who have served in the Atlantic Fleet since the war know what the Rodman cup is, but for the benefit of those who have not served in this Fleet it should be explained that the Cup was presented by Admiral Rodman, of the United States Navy, and that it is competed for by the best cutter's crew from each ship. It has never before been won by a cutter entirely manned by Royal Marines.

Our crew, most ably coached by Sergt. Dyer, was composed, with two exceptions, of young soldiers in their first ship, and they are all much to be congratulated on the results achieved.

Fond Mother (to gentleman who has slipped on pavement): "You brute! Look what you've done to my child's banana!"—*Gaiety* (*London*).

The Clyde.

We feel sure that your readers will be interested to hear that a role has at last been found for the Royal Marines—a "Tank Corps." By this we do not mean a "Royal Tank Corps," but an "Oil Tank Corps," formed at Dalnottar Oil Tanks, Old Kilpatrick, near Glasgow.

On 15th June, 1926, the Atlantic Fleet, lying at peaceful anchor in the Forth, were ordered at two hours' notice to land a force of Royal Marines to guard a pipe line. This was greeted in the "barracks" by cheers, and cries of "What's in the pipe?" Disappointment was caused when it was reported to contain oil and not whiskey.

In spite of the more important commitment of racing boat's crews, the Commanding Officer and three sections were landed from the 2nd Cruiser Squadron, and established a base on the pier at Port Edgar.

During the course of the next week the force was augmented by Royal Marines from the "big ships" to a strength of a portion of battalion headquarters and two companies. On the 23rd June, guards were marched out to relieve the existing naval guards from H.M.S. *Hood*, from the mouth of the Clyde to the mouth of the Forth.

Headquarters and a reserve were then established at the V.A.D. Quarters, Port Edgar. The force is attached to the *Columbine* for administration, and is under the command of C.O.C.O.S.

On the 5th July Headquarters and the Reserve were moved to Dalnottar and settled down to protect the tanks. This much vexed question of protecting the tanks took us three days and three nights to decide.

The chief conundrum which arose was, against what are we protecting them ?—the only enemy sighted having a very fair ankle. This was finally settled by having five posts by day and seven by night, which, after all, is more posts than most people have in twenty four hours.

There are seven posts along the pipe-line, and it is therefore impossible to forward a letter from each, but the following may be taken as typical :—

" Having taken leave for a while of our good ship, we answer the call of ' Per Terram.' After a few days of cleaning and preparing the way for more of our kind at Port Edgar base, a sergeant and ten marines entrain and form up on what may be termed the ' Hungryside Front.' This is a place on the pipe-line near the small village of Torrance, at the foot of the Campians. After a hazardous ride in a lorry, that had lately seen a deal of service carrying coal, the place was a kind of oasis. It seemed alluring, for a jolly lot of Jack Tars scampered here and there in an effort to catch the aforesaid lorry for transport on relief, and incidentally, to wipe up any coal dust that had not clung to our baggage or persons.

The procedure of turning over the post having been accomplished, out went Jack and in went Joe.

So we find ourselves nestling in the lap of nature, policing those acres which are Admiralty property."



SOME OF THE OIL TANK CORPS.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Cardiff."

We left Malta on the 22nd June with the remainder of the Fleet for the first part of the summer cruise, and after a nice trip arrived at Argostoli on the 24th June. Our stay at this Greek island was noted for two things : firstly, the amount of energy expended by the numerous racing boats' crews ; secondly, the number of picnics that took place on the delightful sandy beach. During our stay the Sailing Regatta was held, and I am pleased to say that the " 'Diff " kept up her reputation by winning two cups—these were the " Trieste " and " Mountbatten." We left Argostoli on Monday, 5th July, for Venice, everyone looking forward to a gay time at that fashionable resort.

" Dragon."

On the 7th June, the detachment proceeded to Ghain Tuffieha to undergo their annual course of weapon training. Here they were accompanied by the *Barham's* detachment.

Owing to the time now allowed at Ghain Tuffieha it was found that there was quite a lot to do in a very short time. The course was carried out under ideal weather conditions and with quite good results. Sergt. Geater tied with Mne. Girling for top score of the detachment with 163 points each, the former obtaining 44 out of a possible 45 in the 15 rounds rapid.

During our stay at the range a football match was arranged between the two detachments. This was played under rather trying conditions owing to the heat, and resulted in a draw 1 all. On the 12th, we invited our messmates the Torpedoemen to an afternoon at the range; this was very much appreciated by them. A cricket match was played between them and a team from our detachment, and resulted in a win for us by 8 wickets.

In the evening everyone adjourned to the canteen, where a sing-song was soon got going, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. On our last Saturday at the range we played the range staff at cricket, but we lost to a much better team, by the small margin of 5 runs. This we think was a good show, as the staff claim to have a good team.

Our period at the range ended on the 19th, and we returned to the ship on the 21st. We found the ship in the process of being painted, and a good reception we received, in the form of " Mind the wet paint, Royal." needless to say the " Royals " answer to this was " We are back in the Navy again." The following morning we slipped from the dockyard wall, and proceeded out through the breakwater, where we joined up with the remainder of the Fleet to commence our summer cruise, much to the regret of the " natives," whose numbers are quite large now.

Our first port of call for the cruise being Argostoli, the less we say about this place the better. We are remaining here with the Fleet until July 5th, when we part company for different ports.

Much of our time here is being spent in getting the ship in trim for Admiral's and S.O. R.M.'s inspections. All one can see is Blanko and Bluebell. One remark heard on the messdeck was " Roll on Armistice Day, let's get two minute's rest."

Water polo is now in full swing, our first match being against the Torpedomen, whom we were most unfortunate to lose to 3--2, after being 2 up at the change over. If our goalkeeper had not been so interested in admiring his new costume, we might have retired winners. We hope to do better in our future matches.

Ghain Tuffeiha.

Results of Cricket Matches played :—

The Camp, 118 (Capt. Bishop 48) ; " Egmont " 60 (Tucker, 13 for 3 and 51 for 6 ; Jaggard, 5 for 1).—Draw.

Accountant Branch, " Egmont," 114 (Jaggard, 5 for 21) and 79 (Tucker, 4 for 19) ; The Camp, 21 and 225 for 7 (Trigwell 53, Lieut. Cawley-Way 51).—Win.

Sergeants' Mess, Senglea.

BILLIARDS.

The following match was played against the Royal Engineers on 11th June, and resulted in a win for us by 64 points, the scores being :—

Royal Marines, 688 ; Royal Engineers, 624.

A return match was played on 15th June, the Royal Marines being defeated this time by 60 points, the scores being :—

Royal Engineers, 666 ; Royal Marines, 606.

GENERAL.

A pre-cruise Smoking Concert was held on Thursday, 17th June, in the Mess Room, and although about 90 were present, there was still room for many more. An enjoyable evening was spent, Sergt. Seale arranging a fine programme.

AUSTRALIA.

" Delhi."

We sailed from Sydney on 13th April for Jervis Bay for exercises. After a few days' stay, on a Sunday dinner-time *Delhi* received the signal to raise steam for 18 knots and proceed to answer a S.O.S. call for the *Ellerman* liner " Walton Hall," who was lying in the midst of a raging typhoon to the North of Jervis Bay suffering from engine trouble. With the usual amount of precision we hoisted all boats, secured for sea and prepared wires in case we had to take the stranded vessel in tow. *Anzac*, a destroyer, went out just prior to our heaving in cable, and reported that the weather was too rough for her to withstand. Just under three-quarters of an hour after receiving orders to proceed, *Delhi* glided through the Heads at 18 knots and our Captain, observing how the seas were battering the *Anzac*, ordered her to return which she did, no doubt very glad to get back to harbour. Heavy seas and high winds raged, causing us to roll 37° and our seaboats to fill with water. No one was allowed on the foc'scle or in the battery, and *Delhi* settled down to her task of succouring the hapless liner. To see our mess decks one would fancy that a mad bull had been loosed in a china-shop, as broken crockery abounded everywhere. At 4 p.m. that day, the liner was sighted on the horizon and at 5.30 p.m. we were close enough to exchange signals and they told us they were able to do three knots, as they had been able to repair some of the damage to the engines. The very rough weather made it doubtful if we could get a line on board the liner if their engines had ceased to function. All night we crawled along at three knots, being ceaselessly battered by the cyclone. We arrived at Sydney at 7 a.m. on the following day and preceded by the liner, *Delhi* steamed in glad to get into harbour safe and sound once more. The local papers made a mistake in their reports as they mistook us for the *Anzac*, but this they rectified the following day. Instead of returning to Jervis Bay as we anticipated we remained at Sydney to enable some of the sailors to do a Musketry Course.

One paper printed a rather humourous reason why we remained, stating that the real reason why *Delhi* did not return to Jervis Bay was because four Royal Marines refused to allow the ship to return until the liner rode safely at anchor in Sydney Roads, as they wanted to see their friends ashore. Of course, this was repudiated the following day. Whilst at Sydney, a Rifle Match was shot off between Officers and C.P.O.'s versus Seamen and Marines. Among the Lower Deck team, who won the match by 8 points, were the following Royal Marines :—Mnes. Pearce, Newton, Allen and Beasor. With the return of the Squadron, usual routine again came into force and nothing of account occurred until we sailed for Vila, a small village in the Millenesian Islands, New Hebrides, on Wednesday, 5th May, arriving on 10th inst. Here, only Recreational leave was given, but the detachment made good use of this to procure a supply of fruit to last the cruise, which could be had for the trouble of picking, and grew profusely on shore. In every nook and corner white bags full of oranges, lemons, limes and sugar melons could be found and all day we could hear the mess deck dodgers cry of " Don t leave fruit sculling or it will go in the Scran Bag, King Fruit reigned supreme. After a few days' stay at Vila, we once more weighed and proceeded to Segond Channel farther up the coast, arriving there on the 15th. Here also fruit was very plentiful. As we were now in the tropics the troops began to feel the heat and many mess-deck birds flew to the upper-deck to roost, there to be eaten by our old friends the " Squits.' Negative Jumpers came into force and tropical routine adopted. As a Fleet Regatta is being held on the 10th June at Hervey Bay, crews are in strict training for the various events, bent on annexing a few of the cups before we return to the Mediterranean Fleet.

The detachment, owing to the fact that there are no other marines to compete against, have the honour of pulling in the Open Gig, being coxswained by Corpl. Tugwell and stroked by Mne. Towner. They feel confident in making a name for themselves as they did in the whaler's races in New Zealand. Another laurel which has fallen into the hands of the detachment is the winning the Day Loader Cup by two practically flawless runs of eleven rounds in 54 and 53 seconds. The other Marines' Gun came third with a total of 2 mins. 9 2/5 seconds for 22 rounds, so the " Royals " upheld their name. En route for Brisbane, high angle day and night firing was carried out successfully and the " lads " then made themselves busy getting ready to enjoy themselves in that town.

NEW ZEALAND.

" Philomel."

The soccer season is now at its height here, but mainly owing to injuries and the continual drafting of players we have not been quite as successful as was hoped in the " shore " league. However, in an inter-detachment game we defeated *Diomede* by two goals to one.

All ships are now absent from port, *Dunedin* and *Diomede* being up in the islands. The former is expected back early in July, but the latter will not return until the end of August. Before the *Dunedin* departed, the annual Commodore's and S.R.M.O.'s inspection took place. On both occasions the detachment put up a good show and were well recommended.

H.M.S. CAPETOWN.

BERMUDA RIFLE MEETING, 1926.



Back Row left to right—Mnes. Burge, Watkins, Packer, Renny, Baker, Kent, Young, Sgt. Pughe.
Front Row—Cpl. Clowes, Lt. Fearn, R.N., Capt. Knowles, D.S.O., R.N. Lt. O. Jones, R.M., Mne. Pengelley.

N.A. & W.I.

" Capetown."

On May 30th, the newly commissioned *Calcutta* arrived at Bermuda under the command of Capt. Cunningham, R.N.

On 7th June, *Curlew* left on an independent cruise in Pacific Waters.

Leaving *Calcutta* and *Constance* alongside we left Bermuda on 11th June for our summer cruise north. Favoured by fine weather we arrived Halifax, N.S. on the 14th ; here we were fortunate enough to procure a billet alongside the Canadian Naval Dockyard within easy reach of the town. During our stay we landed for a route march in Fighting Order.

On the 19th we left for St. John's, Newfoundland. En route several icebergs were passed, which resulted in good trade for photography merchants while the ice cream firm went broke. Several steamers were at anchor in the harbour awaiting repairs resulting from collision with icebergs. The fall in temperature was felt considerably, the thermometer dropping from over 80 to the vicinity of 40, hence there was a run on winter clothing.

Newfoundland (which incidently is our oldest Crown Colony) affords excellent facilities for deep sea and inland fishing, hunting, boating, etc., while the natural beauty of the country must be admitted by the most critical. The authorities seem to have lately more fully realised this and are now conducting an intensive advertising campaign, so that in the near future it may almost become fashionable to holiday in Newfoundland.

We leave on the 29th for White Bear River, N.F.

" Has your son sown his wild oats yet ? "
" Oh, no, only a little bird seed ! "

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Students of the Classics will appreciate the following Latin equivalent to the well-worn saying—" The same to you, with nobs on." Latin—" *Tuquoque cum nobis.*"

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Wife : " Do you know, dearest, that you haven't kissed me for a week ? '

Absent-Minded Professor : " Then whom have I been kissing ? "—*Leatherneck.*

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Manager : " How did you get into this theatre ? "
Marine : " On my friend's ticket ! "
Manager : " Where's your friend ? "
Marine : " He's up at the barracks looking for his ticket ! "—*Leatherneck.*

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

The Adjutant General inspected the Division on the 16th, 17th and 18th June, making the usual tour of the barracks and offices.

On the evening of the 17th he inspected the Cadet Corps, who turned out very smartly, the field-gun section being particularly good. In the evening the Adjutant General dined with the Officers.

On the morning of the 18th he witnessed a tactical scheme, a feature of which was the reconnaissance of the ground by company commanders from horseback. There were no casualties.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., has retired from the active list, though we are glad to say he still retains his Honorary Colonelship of the Division. Our best wishes go out to him in his retirement. We are all looking forward to the publishing of his Vol. III. of "Britain's Sea Soldiers."

Consequent on the retirement of General Blumberg, Colonel 2nd Commandant R. O. Paterson, O.B.E., has been appointed to command the Plymouth Division. We offer him our hearty congratulations on his attaining command.

We have the pleasure of welcoming Colonel Mayhew, an old Chatham officer, as our new 2nd Commandant. Those who were at Headquarters during the Coal Strike of 1921 will remember that he commanded the 11th Royal Marine Reserve Battalion.

Further changes in the staff of the Division are caused by the retirement of Sergeant-Major Swain, who is replaced by Sergeant-Major Stratton, transferred from the Royal Naval Barracks.

The Royal Marine Wives' Sewing Club held their annual sale of work on the 29th June, in the Commandant's garden, under delightful weather conditions. A most satisfactory sum of money was raised through the efforts of these ladies in aid of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and other charities. The "wives" had their annual outing this year at Hastings, proceeding there by char-a-banc, and from all accounts had a most enjoyable time.

We are pleased to see amongst the Birthday Honours the names of two Chatham Officers, Major A. C. Barnby, Fleet Royal Marine Officer in the Mediterranean, who receives the O.B.E., and Captain J. C. J. Hoby, our Director of Music, who becomes a member of the same Order. Our congratulations to them both.

The 17th June was the anniversary of the hard fought battle of Bunkers Hill, in which the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Corps greatly distinguished themselves by the manner in which they stormed the enemy's position. The Memorial Silver Bugles were used at parade in celebration of the anniversary.

The Cadet Corps are to be congratulated on winning the Watts Challenge Bowl and the First Reserve Challenge Trophy at the N.R.A. meeting at Bisley. From particulars of these shoots given elsewhere it will be seen what a pitch of efficiency has been reached by the Cadet Corps, which is attributable very largely to the coach and trainer, Corpl. H. G. Akhurst, R.M.

JUNIOR N.C.O.'s MESS.

CRICKET.

On Saturday, June 5th, the J.N.C.O.'s *v.* R.M. Police, Lodge Hill. The Police batted first and made a disastrous start, losing four wickets for 19 runs. Capt. Bucknell, however, put a different aspect on affairs with a splendid 29, until bowled by Corpl. Stratton. Corpls. Langley and Stratton were responsible for the bowling, Corpl. Stratton taking six wickets for 43 and Langley four for 34. The J.N.C.O.'s opened well, but some splendid bowling by Sergt. Flowers, R.M.P., kept the score down, and unfortunately Corpl. Hayman retired with a broken finger. The J.N.C.O.'s put up a good fight, but the R.M.P. emerged winners by one run. R.M.P. 77, J.N.C.O's 76.

ANNUAL OUTING.

On Saturday, July 3rd, the J.N.C.O.'s held their Annual Outing to Margate. Journeying by char-a-banc, the party left barracks at 7.45 a.m. and returned at 11.30 p.m. Breakfast was served at Faversham and luncheon at Sarre. After luncheon the J.N.C.O.'s famous Jazz Band enlivened the proceedings with their syncopated music, and many chars-a-banc stopped and joined the company. On arrival at Margate various members of the party found their own amusements, especially in Dreamland. The return journey was made through Canterbury and Faversham, where the evening was concluded with a splendid concert, and a most enjoyable day was spent by the whole party. The entire arrangements were organised by the Sports Committee, who are to be congratulated on their efforts.

PORTSMOUTH.

REHEARSAL FOR THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

In order that all who were unable to go to London should have an opportunity of seeing the representative teams of the Division, a rehearsal of all teams represening the Portsmouth Division at Olympia and local tournaments was held at Fort Cumberland on Wednesday, 25th June. In perfect weather about 2,000 spectators witnessed a most interesting afternoon's entertainment.

The following teams competed :—

R.M. Field Gun Crews.
Brickwood Trophy Crew (Field Gun).
110 and 130 stone Tug-of-war Teams.
Cadet Corps Gun's Crew.

In addition the following excellent displays were given :—

Quarter-staff and Sword Swinging Display by the P.T. Staff.
P.T. Display by the R.N. School of Music.

A tea interval between the performances was greatly

enjoyed, separate marquees being set aside for the officers, commissioned and warrant officers, sergeants' mess, junior N.C.Os. and men.

The display, which was attended by Colonel Comdt. J. B. Finlaison and Officers of the Division, was carried out under Lieut.-Col. Raikes, as chief umpire; Capt. R. W. Bagot, Lieuts. J. H. G. Wills, H. W. Hawkins, Judges; Sergt.-Major Jarvis, M.C. and Q.M.S.I. Attwood, Q.M.S. Chalk and Peasnell, Committee.

An admirable musical programme was provided during the afternoon by the Band of the Portsmouth Division, under Band Sergt. H. Brimms.

PLYMOUTH.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

Honours, which make the face of Virtue fair,
'Tis great to merit, and 'tis wise to wear;
'Tis holding up the prize to public view,
Confirms grown virtue, and inflames the new;
Heightens the lustre of our age and time,
And sheds rich seeds of worth for future time."

An addition of more than usual interest has recently been made to the collection. When the Murray Collection, the property of the late Colonel John Murray and Major A. B. Murray, of Polmaise, was disposed of by Messrs. Sotheby & Co., among the many rare and valuable medals sold, was a silver medal awarded by the Spanish Government to certain officers and men of H.M. ships *Ajax, Kent* and *Cambrian*, for services rendered in forcing the French to evacuate Catalonia in 1810.

Eight medals were given in gold to the senior officers, of which one was awarded to Major Lawrie, who cammanded the Marines of the *Cambrian*, for his services at Bagur and Palamos. The remainder were struck in silver, and as only a limited number were given, they are extremely rare. It is one of the latter which has now come into our possession, and was originally awarded to W. Daniels, R.M. of the *Cambrian*. This particular medal is reproduced in Tancred's Historical Record of Medals and is thus described:—

OBVERSE: The arms and quarterings of Spain and Great Britain, with a crown above each, surrounded by their respective flags, "*Alianza Eterna.*" The whole encircled with a wreath.

REVERSE: In the centre, "*Bagur* 10 *de Setiembre, Palamos* 14 *de Setiembre,* 1810."

LEGEND, "*Gratitud de Espana a la Intrepidez Britanica*"

The medal is suspended by a ribbon of the Spanish colours, red with yellow edges.

From the same collection was purchased the Africa General Service Medal, 1902, with the clasp "*Jubaland.*" This was originally awarded to Ply. No. 8242, Private J. S. Miller. The clasp is a rare one and is new to the collection. Mr. W. G. Perrin, O.B.E., has very kindly supplied the following details of the services for which this clasp was granted:—

"In November, 1900, the Ogaden Somalis rebelled and killed the Sub-Commissioner, named Jenner. The despatch of the Ogaden Punitive Force left Kishmayu, the principal port of Jubaland (since ceded to Italian Somaliland) unprotected, and H.M.S. *Magicienne* lying there landed a force on the 6th December, 1900, and later days, to garrison the town. This force was withdrawn on 12th March, 1901.

Apparently in all 172 officers, men and native ratings were landed, including 17 Marines (1 sergeant, 2 corporals and 14 privates).

ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

LODGE HILL.

A very interesting cricket match (12-a-side) took place here on Thursday, 17th June, between the R.M. Police and the Kent County Constabulary, which was won by the former by 46 runs. By a very pleasant coincidence, the fixture happened on the same day as the Annual Inspection by the Adjutant General R.M.

After the inspection we were honoured at the match by the presence of the Adjutant-General and his Staff, which included Colonel-Commandant R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., Chatham Division; Lieut.-Col. H. A. H. Jones, (Supervising Police Officer); Major Pope (D.A.A.G.); Captain and Mrs. Bucknall (Chief Inspector R.M.P., Chatham Area); Mr. Mackenzie (S.A.S.O.) H.M. Gunwharf and Mr. and Mrs. Boutwood (Establishment Officer, Lodge Hill). Before leaving, the Adjutant-General partook of tea and expressed his pleasure at the good feeling shown between the R.M.P. and the County Police and congratulated Sergt. Bacon (Captain of team) on the appearance of the pitch.

Our win must be "blamed" for two things—the excellent bowling of P.C. Arthur (6 for 12) and Sergt. Flowers (5 for 31) and the general efficiency of the whole team in the field, some remarkably difficult catches being held. The result tends to show that although "Old Crocks" they are still a "force" to be reckoned with and can still "play cricket" Credit must be given to Sergt. Thorburn and his committee for the tea arrangements, not forgetting the lady helpers (Mrs. Thorburn and Mrs. H. Hall) who did the navvy's work, there being no fewer than 100 partaking tea. Scores:

R.M. POLICE.		K.C.C.	
Sgt. Bacon	14	P.C. Fullager	2
P.C. Nixon	11	,, Coombes	1
,, Higgons	4	,, Mannering	4
,, Hall, H.	14	,, Wheatley	10
,, Trivett	13	,, Uden	6
Sgt. Flowers	0	Insp. Sands	1
P.C. Arthur	5	Sgt. Cannon	0
Capt. Bucknall	11	P.C. Conway	2
P.C. Westwood	2	,, Goodgame	1
,, Roe, not out	4	,, Linke	6
,, Rowen	4	Sgt. Moore	7
,, Cull	2	Det. Gilham	1
Extras	5	Extras	2
	89		43

Lady: "But don't you find that riding in a Ford gives you a headache?"

Salesman: "Absolutely, no, madam. Just the reverse." —*The Leatherneck.*



THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT.

BAYONET TEAM COMBAT.

ROYAL MARINE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Portsmouth Division *v.* Depot R.M., Deal.

Winners—Portsmouth Division, 14—4.

INTER-SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Semi-Final:

Portsmouth Division *v* . Royal Navy, Portsmouth.

Winners—Portsmouth Division, 12—6.

Final:

Portsmouth Division *v.* Lincoln Regiment.

Winners—**Portsmouth Division,** 12—6.

The following represented the Portsmouth Division :—

Lieut.-Col. G. L. Raikes, C.B., D.S.C. (Leader).
Capt. R. W. Bagot.
Lieut. J. M. Phillips.
Q.M.S.I. F. A. Peasnell (Trainer).

N/212574	Clr.-Sgt. A. G. Miller	E/213113	Mne. W. E. Hamilton
E/213611	Sgt. F. C. Richardson	E/216963	Mne. W. E. H. Yates
A/214741	Cpl. E. G. Smith	E/22322	Mne. Thomas Green
I/216395	Cpl. W. J. Trinder	N/22232	Mne. W. A. Sefton
A/212214	Mne. C. G. Duncan	E/22214	Mne. A. C. Osborne
A/216915	Mne. C. E. Hurley	E/22334	Mne. S. F. Browne
N/21757	Mne. A. F. D. Austin	E/22238	Mne. Christopher Kelly
A/211847	Mne. Jack Penfold	A/22213	Mne. J. W. Tims
E/216081	Mne. Frank Greenwood	E/22338	Mne. H. H. Skelton

INDIVIDUAL BAYONETS.

R.M. Champion : A/212214, Mne. C. G. Duncan (Po.).

Inter-Services Championship : 2nd, A/212214, Mne. C. G. Duncan (Po.).

TUG-OF-WAR (110 Stone).

R.M. CHAMPIONSHIP.

Final :

Portsmouth Division *v.* Chatham Division.

Winners—Portsmouth Division, 2—0.

INTER-SERVICES.

Semi-Final:

Portsmouth Division *v.* Royal Air Force.

Winners—Portsmouth Division, 2—0.

First Pull—1 min. 56 secs. ; 2nd Pull—1 min. 27 secs.

Final:

Portsmouth Division *v.* Royal Navy, Portsmouth.

Winners—**Portsmouth Division**, 2—0.

First Pull—4 mins. 20 secs. ; 2nd Pull—1 min. 5 secs.

TUG-OF-WAR (130 Stone).

R.M. CHAMPIONSHIP.

Final :

Portsmouth Division *v.* Chatham Division.

Winners—Portsmouth Division, 2—0.

First Pull—4 mins. 5 secs. ; 2nd Pull—4 mins.

INTER-SERVICES.

Semi-Final:

Portsmouth Division *v.* Royal Navy, Chatham.

Winners—Portsmouth Division, 2—0.

First Pull—4 min. 53 secs. ; 2nd Pull—3 mins. 13 secs.

Final:

Portsmouth Division *v.* Army (Pack Artillery).

Winners—**Portsmouth Division**, 2—0.

First Pull—1 min. 46secs. ; 2nd Pull—2 mins. 23 secs.

The following represented the Portsmouth Division in the Tug-of-war teams :—

A/212714 Clr.-Sgt. W. H. J. Darters (Coach)

E/215935	Cpl. W. S. Clowes	A/211923	Mne. W. H. Cousins
E/216531	Cpl. Thomas Anglin	I/21301	Mne. J. H. Buckle
E/216044	Cpl. Geo. Gordon	E/213934	Mne. W. J. Venables
I/212906	Cpl. G. W. Pritlore	A/215038	Mne. W. H. Payne
A/214967	Cpl. A. T. Hopkins	E/216266	Mne. C. W. Norris
A/213553	Mne. Edward Rogers	E/213471	Mne. Percy Lovering
N/216982	Mne. M. N. Chisham	E/215985	Mne. W. J. Penny
I/215408	Mne. W. A. L. Day	N/217058	J. W. Mogford
A/214653	Mne. W. H. Newman	E/18172	Mne. W. Lawley
I/215104	Mne. R. G. Docherty	Ply/22610	Mne. W. E. Meadows

The Division was very unfortunate in losing Mne. Elsey through illness.

INTER-PORT FIELD GUN COMPETITION.

The old competition of taking a 12-pdr. 8-cwt. Naval pattern gun and limber over a 28ft. chasm was tried again this year, with most interesting results, for not until the final run of the competition was the destination of the Port Challenge Cup decided on, when Devonport beat R.N. Portsmouth on time aggregate only, both Ports tieing with an equal number of points.

The fight for the Individual Challenge Cup was equally interesting, three crews tieing—" Excellent," Vivid "B" and R.M. "A"with an equal number of points, H.M.S. Excellent winning on aggregate time by the close margin of four seconds.

The Royal Marines entered as a Port again this year, running two crews, which were recruited from all R.M. Divisions. The " A " crew were unbeaten up to their last run on 22nd July, when Vivid " B " beat them in the record run of the Tournament.

The system of scoring in the competition was by points, 2 for a win, 1 for the loser, provided crews were not disqualified. In the case of a tie, after considering disqualifications (if any) aggregate time is the deciding factor.

RESULTS.

Port Challenge Cup .. Devonport.

	Total Points (Max. 12)	Total Points for Port (Max. 24)	Aggregate Times	Aggregate Times (Port)
DEVONPORT				
Vivid "A"	8	19	29m. 45 4/5s.	57m. 30 2/5s.
Vivid "B"	11		27m 44 3/5s.	
PORTSMOUTH				
Excellent	11	19	27m. 40 3/5s.	58m. 1 4/5s.
Victory	8		30m. 21 1/5s.	
ROYAL MARINES				
R.M. "A"	11	17	28m. 40 1/5s.	63m. 23 4/5s.
R.M. "B"	6		34m. 43 3/5s.	
CHATHAM				
Pembroke "A"	8	17	30m. 14 1/5s.	62m. 53 4/5s.
Pembroke "B"	9		32m. 39 3/5s.	

INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE CUP.—H.M.S. Excellent.

	Aggregate Times	
Excellent	27m. 40 3/5s.	(Silver Medals)
Vivid "B"	27m. 44 3/5s.	(Silver Medals)
R.M. "A"	28m. 40 1/5s.	

BEST TIME CUP.

H.M.S. Vivid "B" .. 4m. 26 4/5s.

N.R.A. MEETING, BISLEY, 1926.

WHITEHEAD CUP (INTER-SERVICES REVOLVER).

1st—**Royal Marines** .. 676
2nd—Royal Navy .. 664

TEAM:

Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., Portsmouth. Captain of R.M. VIII.

Lieut. Smith-Hill, Portsmouth.
S.M. Bach, Depot.
Clr.-Sergt. Ridding, Portsmouth.
Col.-Sergt. D. M. Gouge, Depot.
Sergt. Rutland, Depot.
Sergt. Stapleton, Plymouth.
Sergt. Abbott, Plymouth.
Mne. Purdy, Plymouth.

INTER-SERVICES XX. CUP.

1st—**Royal Marines** .. 2696
2nd—Royal Navy .. 2693

TEAM:

Capt. Jones, Depot (Captain of R.M. XX.)

Lieut.-Colonel Bennett, Plymouth (wind coach).

Lieut. Gumm, Depot.
S.M. Jarvis, Portsmouth.
S.M. Bach, Depot.
Q.M.S.I. Cross, Plymouth.
Q.M.S.I. Bonnett, Chatham.
Q.M.S.I. Harding, Depot.
C.S.M. Carleton, Chatham.
Clr.-Sergt. Collins, Chatham.
Clr.-Sergt. McColl, Chatham.
Clr.-Sergt. Barrett, Depot.
Sergt. Walker, Chatham.
Sergt. Emery, Portsmouth.
Sergt. Crosby, Portsmouth.
Sergt. Macaulay, Portsmouth.
Sergt. Morgan, Portsmouth.
Sergt. Abbott, Plymouth.
Sergt. Burnett, Plymouth.
Sergt. Stapleton, Plymouth.
Sergt. Bowie, Depot.
Sergt. McCalpin, Depot.

ROBERTS CUP (INTER-UNIT).

1st—**Portsmouth Div. Royal Marines** 80 hits
2nd—Small Arms School .. 79hits

TEAM:

Capt. Dawson (Captain of Team).

S.M. Jarvis.
Q.M.S.I. Foster.
Sergt. Emery.
Sergt. Macaulay.
Sergt. Morgan.
Corpl. Borrett.
Mne. Stone.
Mne. Macaulay.
Mne. Cornelious.

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

NON-CENTRAL MEETINGS, 1926.

MCCARTHY CUP.

1st, Depot (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals).
2nd, Chatham Division (Winners of the Bronze Medals).

Depot	940
Chatham Division	860
Plymouth Division	850
Portsmouth Division	842
Plymouth Afloat	672

DUKE OF EDINBURGH CUP.

1st Portsmouth Divsion (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals).

2nd, Plymouth Division (Winners of the Bronze Medals).

	Points.
Portsmouth Division	997
Plymouth Division	991
Chatham	973
Depot	968
Plymouth Afloat	966
Portsmouth Afloat	892

OFFICERS' CUP.

1st, Depot (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals).
2nd, Chatham Division (Winners of the Bronze Medals).

	Hits.
Depot	80
Chatham Division	73
Plymouth Division	60
Plymouth Afloat	58
Portsmouth Division	56
Portsmouth Afloat	29

REVOLVER BOWL.

1st, Depot (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals)
2nd, Portsmouth Division (Winners of Bronze Medals).

	Points.
Depot	643
Portsmouth Division	561
Plymouth Division	534
Chatham Division	441
Plymouth Afloat	405

GATLIFF CUP.

1st, Depot (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals).
2nd, Portsmouth Division (Winners of Bronze Medals).

	Points.
Depot	278
Portsmouth Division	246
Plymouth Division	242
Chatham Division	230
Plymouth Afloat	219

RAPID CUP.

1st, Plymouth Division (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals).
2nd, Depot (Winners of the Bronze Medals).

	Points.
Plymouth Division	629
Depot	599
Portsmouth Division	562
Plymouth Afloat	542
Chatham Division	539

OFFICERS' INTER-DIVISIONAL SHIELD.

1st, Depot (Winners of the Challenge Shield and Silver Medals).
2nd, Plymouth Division and Portsmouth Division tied for 2nd place.

	Points.
Depot	401
Plymouth Division	389
Portsmouth Division	389
Chatham Division	378
Plymouth Afloat	299

YOUNG OFFICERS' RIFLE MATCH.

1st, Plymouth Division (Lieut. F. A. Milliken, winner of the Silver Medal).

2nd, Chatham Division (Lieut. G. B. O. Farrington, winner of the Bronze Medal).

Lieut. F. A. Milliken	107
Lieut. G. B. O. Farrington	101
2nd/Lieut. G. K. Martyn	93

YOUNG OFFICERS' REVOLVER MATCH.

1st, Portsmouth Division (2nd/Lieut. C. R. Hardy, winner of the Silver Medal).

2nd, Plymouth Division (Lieut. F. A. Milliken, winner of the Bronze Medal).

2nd/Lieut. C. R. Hardy	40
Lieut. F. A. Milliken	34
Lieut. G. P. Carless	31

AEGEAN CUP.

1st, Plymouth Division "E" Coy. 1st team (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals).
2nd, Plymouth Division "G" Coy. 1st team (Winners of the Bronze Medals).
3rd, Portsmouth Afloat "Victory".

		Secs.
"E" Company ..	All Tiles down	38½
"G" Company ..	,,	43
"Victory"	,,	45

MERCER CUP.

1st, Plymouth Division "G" Coy. 2nd team (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals).
2nd, Plymouth Division "G" Coy. 1st team (Winners of the Bronze Medals).
3rd, Plymouth Division 1st team "C" Coy.

		Secs.
"G" Company	Butts cleared in	28
"G" Coy. 1st team	,,	34
"C" Coy. 1st team	,,	39

SHANGHAI VOLUNTEER CUP.

1st, Plymouth Division "C" Coy. 1st team (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals).
2nd, Plymouth Division "A" Coy. 1st team (Winners of the Bronze Medals).
3rd, Plymouth Division "E" Coy. 1st team.

		Secs.
"C" Coy. 1st team	Butts cleared	34½
"A" Company 1st team	,,	45
"E" Coy. 1st team	11 Tiles down	45

VICTORY CUP.

1st, Chatham Division "C" Coy. (Winners of the Challenge Cup and Silver Medals).
2nd, Depot "B" Coy. (Winners of Bronze Medals).
3rd, Plymouth Division "E" Coy. 1st team.

"C" Company	170
"B" Company	169
"E" Company	168

CENTRAL MEETINGS, 1926.

THE "TILE" CUP.

1st, Portsmouth Division (Winners of the "Tile" Cup and Silver Medals.)
2nd, Plymouth Division (not enough entrants for Bronze Medals)
3rd, Depot.

GRAHAM CUP.

	Score
1st, Plymouth Division, Sergt. Ed. Abbott	91
2nd, Plymouth Division, Capt. F. W. Dewhurst ..	87
3rd, Depot, Sergt. T. W. Paddon	58

R.M.R.A. CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st, Plymouth Division, Sergt. Ed. Abbott (Winner of the R.M.R.A. Gold Medal)	651
2nd, Depot, Sergt. T. W. Paddon	647
3rd, Portsmouth Division, Sergt. F. T. Crosby ..	625

Young Soldiers' Prizes in the "DUKE OF EDINBURGH" Competition.

1st, Plymouth Division, Corpl. C. Butler	91
2nd, Portsmouth Division, Mne. R. J. Macaulay ..	88
3rd, Chatham Division, Mne. R. J. Ashby	88

1st Prize, £1 ; 2nd, 15/- ; 3rd, 7/6.

PAST MEMBERS MATCH.

1st, Portsmouth Division, Ex-Clr.-Sgt. J. T. Cooper (Winner of a Silver R.N.R.A. Medal).
2nd, Chatham Division, Ex-Clr.-Sgt. Knight (Winner of the R.M.R.A. Bronze Medal).
3rd, Chatham Division, Ex-Clr.-Sgt. Fallace.
The scores were 92, 86 and 79 respectively.

THE FIRST R.M. MEMORIAL TROPHY.

	Ch. Div.	Ports. Div.	Ply. Div.	Depot	Ports. Afloat
McCarthy Cup	6		3	10	
Revolver Bowl		6	3	10	
D. of E. Cup	3	10	6		
Officers' Cup	4		2	8	
Rapid Cup		2	8	4	
Tile Cup		6	3	1	
Victory Cup	6		1	3	
Aegean Cup			9		1
Mercer Cup ..			10		
Officers' Inter-Div. Shield		2	2	6	
Gatliff Cup		3	1	6	
Totals	19	29	48	48	1

Plymouth Division and the Depot will hold the Trophy for equal portions of the year.

PRINCE OF WALES' CUP.

1st, The Challenge Cup and Replica and the N.R.A. Silver Medal, Plymouth Division, Sergt. Ed. Abbott.
2nd, Depot, Sergt. G. Caverley £2
3rd, Portsmouth Division, Sergt.-Major E. C. Jarvis £1
4th, Plymouth Division, Capt. F. W. Dewhurst 10/-
5th, Plymouth Division, Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross 10/-
6th, Plymouth Division, Mne. J. B. Paxford 5/-
7th, Depot, Sergt. T. W. Paddon 5/-
8th, Portsmouth Division, Sergt. F. T. Crosby 5/-

YOUNG SOLDIERS' PRIZES.

Chatham Division, Mne. R. J. Ashby 10/-
Portsmouth Division, Mne. R. J. Macaulay 7/6
Portsmouth Division, Mne. G. V. Cornelious 5/-

COMPETITION FOR THE R.M. JEWELS.

1st, Depot, Sergt. T. W. Paddon (The R.M.R.A. Gold Jewel and £3).
2nd, Depot, Sergt. A. C. Rutland, D.S.M. (R.M.R.A. Silver Jewel & £2)
3rd, Plymouth Div. Sergt. Ed. Abbott (The R.M.R.A. Bronze Jewel and £1).
4th, Depot, Sergt.-Major J. Bach, 10/-.
5th, Plymouth Division, Q.M.S.I. C. H. Cross, 10/-.
6th, Plymouth Division, Corpl. A. Long, 7/6.
7th, Plymouth Afloat, Capt. S. A. Field, 7/6.
8th, Sergt. T. J. Walker, 5/-.
9th, Depot, D. Major W. A. Gouge, 5/-.
10th, Depot, Sergt. G. Caverley, 5/-.
Winner of the N.R.A. Bronze Medal, Plymouth Division, Sergt. Ed. Abbott.
Winner of the "Potter's" Jewel, Portsmouth, Sergt. F. T. Crosby.

COLLARD CUP, 1926.

1st, Plymouth Division, Mne. W. Purdy (Winner of the Collard Cup and Replica and N.R.A. Bronze Revolver Medal).
2nd, Depot, Sergt. A. C. Rutland, D.S.M., £2.
3rd, Depot, Sergt.-Major J. Bach, £1.
4th, Plymouth Division, Sergt. R. L. Stapleton, 10/-.
5th, Plymouth Division, Sergt. Ed. Abbott, 10/-.
6th, Portsmouth Division, Lieut. Smith-Hill, P. R., 5/-.
7th, Depot, Sergt. H. Henwood, 5/-.
8th, Portsmouth Division, Corpl. F. V. Borrett, 5/-.

THE "COLQUHOUN" CUP COMPETITION.

The following are the results of the above competition :—
1st, Depot, Clr.-Sergt. Barrett, W. H., (The Challenge Cup and Replica, after tie shoot with—
2nd, Portsmouth Division, Corpl. Borrett, F. V., £2.
3rd, Depot, Lieut. Gumm, R. J., £1.
4th, Depot, Q.M.S.I. Harding, J., 10/-.
5th, Portsmouth Division, Sergt. Crosby, F. T., 10/-.
6th, Depot, Sergt. Henwood, H., 5/-.
7th, Depot, Sergt.-Major Bach, J., 5/-.
8th, Depot, Sergt. Calverley, G., 5/-.

CRICKET.

Mead Cup—played at Deal.

Depot *v.* Plymouth Div., 28th and 29th June.

Depot : 1st innings, 287 (Major Brooks 112, Capt. Reading 84, Capt. Simpson 54) ; 2nd innings, 143 for 5 wkts. (Capt. Reading 69 not out).

Plymouth : 1st innings, 119 (Major Brooks 8 for 28) ; 2nd innings, 317 (2nd/Lt. Burnett 85, Lieut. Cornwall 74, Major Lough 48, Capt. Farmer 48, Lieut. Smith 39).

Depot won on 1st innings.

Portsmouth *v.* Chatham—30th June and 1st July.

Portsmouth : 1st innings 214 (Mne. Yates 84, Corpl. Maughan 67) ; 2nd innings 267 (Capt. Brooke-Short 128).

Chatham : 1st innings 127 (Major Hickson 34, Capt. Eastman 6 for 43); 2nd innings 152 (Lieut. Simmonds 65, Mne. Haines 4 for 41).

Portsmouth won by 202 runs.

Depot *v.* Portsmouth Div. (Final)—2nd and 3rd July.

Depot : 1st innings 357 (Mne. Escott 98, Capt. Simpson 81, Mne. Haverford 50, Capt. Reading 45, Col. Shine 31) ; 2nd innings 32 for 1 wicket.

Portsmouth : 1st innings 123 (Surgn.-Lieut. Williams 5 for 44) ; 2nd innings 264 (Capt. Brook-Short 73).

Depot won by 9 wickets.

CHATHAM.

SHOOTING.

CADET CORPS.

The " First Reserve Challenge Trophy " was won by the following team on the 26th June, 1926 :—

	Score
C.S.M. R. V. Akhurst	72
Corpl. A. Burgess	69
Cadet C. W. Alldridge	67
Sergt. R. Craft	67
Corpl. A. Ripley	67
C.Q.M.S. A. Parfitt	66
Sergt. H. Baker	65
Cadet R. H. Akhurst	64

Captain of Team, Sergt. H. Tucker, R.M., and Coach, Sergt. T. Walker, R.M.

H.P.S., 75, fired with Service Rifle .303in., at 200, 300 and 500 yards. This is the fifth consecutive win by the Chatham Company R.M. Cadets.

Individual Cup for Champion Shot won by C.S.M. R. V. Akhurst, with a score of 72 out of a possible of 75.

The " Watts Bowl Competition " open to all Cadet Units in the British Isles, under eighteen years of age. Won at Bisley by the following team :—

C.S.M. R. V. Akhurst
C.Q.M.S. A. Parfitt
Sergt. R. Craft
Corpl. A. Burgess
Cadet R. V. Akhurst (Reserve)
Coach and Trainer—Corpl. H. G. Akhurst, R.M.
Score 198 ; H.P.S. 280.

This trophy was won on one previous occasion by this Cadet Corps in 1923, coached by Q.M.S.I. G. French.

Our Cadets fired a Miniature Post Shoot against Dover College during June and won.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MINIATURE SHOOTING COMPETITION.

Won by Adjutant's Department Team :—

C.S.M. Carlton	Sergt Lynham
C.S.M. Penney	Sergt. Tucker
C.S.M. Silver	Corpl. Akhurst

ATHLETIC SHIELD, 1926.

A further step has been taken in this interesting competition by the holding of the Inter-Company Swimming Relay Race. The following points were awarded : A Coy. 1, C Coy. 3, E Coy. 5, and G Coy. 0. The present totals are : A Coy. 5, C Coy. 7½, E Coy. 5, and G Coy. 2½.

PORTSMOUTH.

CRICKET.

R.M. *v.* R.A.F., Lee-on-Solent. Played at Eastney on 12th May, in very cold weather.

Scores—R.A.F. 73 ; R.M. 65.

R.M. *v.* R.A. Played at Eastney on 15th May.

Scores :—R.A. 62 (Mne. Haines 5 for 33, Mne. Hillier 3 for 21) ; R.M. 89 (Corpl. Maughan 32).

R.M. *v.* Hampshire Rovers. Played at Eastney on 24th May.

Scores :—Hants Rovers 236 ; R.M. 89.

R.M. *v.* Taxes C.C. Played at Eastney on 29th May.

Scores :—Taxes C.C. 277 for 6 (declared) ; R.M. 117.

R.M. *v.* R.A.O.C. Played at Eastney on 4th June.

Scores :—R.A.O.C. 45 (Mne. Hillier 5 for 16, Mne. Haines 4 for 16) ; R.M. 108 (Capt. Bagot 31, Major Tuke 30).

R.M. *v.* Ordnance Survey. Played at Eastney on 6th June.

Scores :—Ordnance Survey 80 ; R.M. 110 (Mne. Yates 45 not out).

R.M. *v.* Warren C.C. Played at Eastney on 9th June, and spoilt by rain.

Score :—Warren C.C. 159 for 4 wkts.

R.M. *v.* Portsmouth Grammar School. Played at Eastney on 14th June.

Scores :—R.M. 117 ; Grammar School 106.

In the " Mead Cup " Competition we were drawn to play Chatham Division for the right to meet the Depot in the Final. In lovely weather we managed to defeat Chatham, but the Depot were too good for us, and we were defeated by 9 wickets. The fact that we had to play on four consecutive days accounts for the eleven not showing its true form in the second match, when several showed signs of leg weariness. Scores are given elsewhere.

MEN'S TEAM.

This month our men's team showed a marked improvement. Although we have not played many matches, out of the four played, two were won and two lost.

Results of matches played :—

R.M. 138 (Mne. Arnold 30, Corpl. Wood 21, Corpl. Maughan 22) ; R.N. School of Music 85 (Mne. Hillier 5 for 14).

R.M. 125 (Sergt. Arnold 30, Sergt. Lawrence 31, Sergt. Tilley 17) ; Royal Sussex Regt. 108. (Mne. Elsey 3 for 15).

R.M. 89 (Corpl. Woods 48) ; Royal Sussex Regt. 122 (Mne. Yates 6 for 14).

R.M. 55 ; H.M.S. Vernon 110 (Sergt. Arnold 6 for 10).

COMPANY CRICKET.

This is going to prove very interesting later on, as E Coy. beat A Coy. during the month ; these two companies have now lost one each. Results :—

Results : "I" Co. 87 ; "N" Co. 38
"A" Co. 97 ; "E" Co. 63
"N" Co. 64 ; "I" Co. 81
"A" Co. 145 ; "E" Co. 175

SHOOTING.

Since our last report we have completed our principal shoots, which include the R.M.R.A. and N.R.A. Meetings at Bisley. As regards the former, the " Duke of Edinburgh's " Cup again found a resting place at Portsmouth. (It is interesting to note that it has not left here since the Great War). We also won the " Tile " Cup, a new cup having been presented to the R.M.R.A. by the Small Arms Staffs of the Corps. The Division was " placed " in most of the other competitions.

With reference to the N.R.A. Meeting, we were first in the " Roberts " Cup, making a record score of 80 hits, with the Small Arms School 2nd, with 79 hits. Nhis competition is open to all units of H.M. Forces, and about thirty teams competed. In other competitions in which the Division entered the teams finished in a good position, being only a few points behind the winners.

As regards the Corps shooting, we had three representatives in the Rifle VIII., three in the Revolver VIII., and five in the Corps XX., the last two competitions being won by the Corps.

In the Individual Competitions, Corpl. Borrett shot off a tie for the " Colquhoun " Cup, but being up against a more experienced shot, finished second. Sergt. Crosby shot in the final stage of the King's Prize, S.M. Jarvis in the final of the St. George's, whilst Sergt. Macaulay shot for Ireland on two occasions. We had 25 competitors who took part in individual competitions at the N.R.A., and the majority figured in the Prize List.



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FIELD GUN COMPETITION.

Result of Field Gun Competition held at Whale Island on the 25th June, 1926.

BRICKWOOD CUP (fastest run). Winners—**Royal Marines**; time 1.25. 2nd—" Excellent " Sub-Lieuts; time 1.26 1/5.

SUB-LIEUTS.' CUP. (aggregate of three runs). Winners—**Royal Marines**. 2nd—" Excellent " Sub-Lieuts.

	TIMES.			
	1st Run	2nd Run	3rd Run	Total
Royal Marines ..	1.31 1/5	1.32	**1.25**	**4.28 3/5**
" Excellent " Sub-Lts.	1.26 1/5	1.42	1.34 3/5	4.42 4/5
" Dryad " Sub-Lts.	1.32 4/5	1.33 1/5	1.38 2/5	4.44 2/5
" Vernon " ..	1.35 3/5	1.36	1.42 2/5	4.54
" Excellent " Seamen	1.52	1.50 2/5	1.43 1/5	5.25 3/5
Royal Naval Barracks	2.27 2/5	1.50 2/5	1.48 4/5	6.6 3/5

" How do you like that new mare of yours ? "

" Oh, fairly well. But I wish I had bought a horse. She's always stopping to look at herself in the water puddles."—*Hurty-Peck.*

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Nerve Specialist: " You must give up your cocktails and night-clubs, and you must stop smoking ! "

Lady: " But I don't do any of those things."

" And I will give you a letter to my friend, Sir Julius Bronson. He will prescribe for your loss of memory."

—*Punch.*

PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET.

To date the League Team have not lost a match, the results of the matches are as follows:—

Royal Marines	99	*v.* H.M. Gunnery School	82
,,	56	*v.* St. Budeaux Barracks	36
,,	66	*v.* H.M.S. Pegasus	38
,,	70 for 2	*v.* H.M.S. Thunderer	63
,,	118	*v.* Officers' Stewards	31

The Divisional Team have played the following matches:—

Royal Marines, 217 for 7; Somerset L.I., 71 (Lieut. O'Donnell 91, Capt. Farmer 61, Capt. Cornish took 7 wkts. for 20).

Royal Marines, 78; Staffs & Depts., 185 (Lt.-Col. Lampen took 5 wkts. for 30).

Royal Marines, 162 for 9; Dartmouth II., 156 (Major Lough 40, Lieut. O'Donnell, 6 wkts. for 56).

SAILING RACES.

June 16th—Officers' Race, R.S.W.: 30ft. Cutter, Lieut. Bearcroft, 1st.

June 27th—Whaler: Lieut. Edmondson, unplaced (14 boats started).

R.M. Cutter qualified for the Coburg Cup Race.

June 17th—Ratings Race, R.S.W.

June 27th—Whaler (Cr.-Sergt. Wm. Norris,) 2nd. Cutter did not start. (10 boats started).

PLYMOUTH.

ARBUTHNOT SAILING TROPHY, 1926.



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Mnes. F. Bailey, K. Sargent, F. Stronge.

(NOTE.—Congratulations. This Cup has been won for three years in succession by the above crew.—ED.

DEPOT.

CRICKET.

Depot R.M. *v.* Lloyds Bank.

Lloyds Bank, 236 (Major Brooks, 4 for 63) ; Depot, 158 (Capt. Reading, 42). Depot lost by 78 runs.

Depot R.M. *v.* Shorncliffe Garrison.

Shorncliffe Garrison, 260 ; Depot, 212 (Major Brooks, 70). Depot lost by 39 runs.

Depot R.M. *v.* R.A.F., Manxton.

R.A.F., 171 ; Depot, 255 for 9 (Major Brooks 139, Lieut. Cutler 42). Depot won by 5 wickets.

Depot R.M. *v.* Dover College.

Dover College, 189 ; Depot, 144 (Major Brooks 70). Depot lost by 3 wickets.

Depot R.M. *v.* St. Lawrence C.C.

St. Lawrence, 300 ; Depot 201 (Capt. Reading 56, Lieut. Bramall 42 not out).—Match drawn.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CRICKET.

The School have played several matches during the month, having won 3 and lost 2. The annual match between the Officers and Staff *v.* Boys was a very interesting and keen contest, the Officers and Staff just managing to secure a victory by the narrow margin of two runs.

In the Boys' Inter-room Competition, 56 Room and 60 Room have managed to fight their way to the final, which will be played shortly. The winners are to play the winners of "A" Company for the Franklin Memorial Shield.

TENNIS.

Two competitions have been played by the N.C.O.'s and Musicians. In each case a Doubles tournament was played. Bandmaster J. E. Burnett and Bandmaster W. E. Perkins, who were odds on favourites, easily won the first tournament ; in the second tournament a slight alteration was made, partners being drawn for each round. This made the competition more even. Bandmasters Burnett and Kenward managed to secure a very narrow victory over Musicians Heathcote and Newman.

In the Boys' Tournament, Sec. Ldr. L. R. Brown and Band Boy P. G. Renn *v.* Band Boys H. S. Mason and F. H. Owen are the finalists. The winners are to receive a tennis racket each for a prize. This form of sport is very much in evidence now at the School and as we now have four courts, there is plenty of room for all to enjoy the sport.

WATER POLO.

The School's team in the U.S. League Div. III. are having a very successful season, having won 3 and drawn 2, and are filling the place at the top of the League table with Northsea Athletic. A very keen contest was played at the R.M. Baths, Eastney, between these two teams, the result being a draw of four goals each.

The Boys' Inter-room Competition is still in progress.

N.C.O.'s CLUB.

The outing of the N.C.O.'s Social Club to the Torchlight Tattoo, Aldershot, was greatly enjoyed by all the members and their friends.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.

The Annual Outing took place on Saturday last, July 10th, when the Comrades, with their wives and families to the number of a hundred, left the Veterans' Club in four char-a-bancs for a circular tour through the County of Hertfordshire. Favoured by fine weather, an enjoyable run of some thirty-five miles was made before a halt was called at the famous old inn "The Rye House Hotel," where a substantial tea, served in the ancient Retainers Hall, awaited us, to which full justice was done.

The various places of interest in the neighbourhood were visited, notably the "Great Bed of Ware," and swings and roundabouts were well patronised by the younger members of the party.

Leaving at 8 p.m. the return journey was accomplished in safety, a call being made on the way at Comrade "Cock" Carter's hostelry, where much liquid refreshment ('Ops) was consumed; the Club being reached at 10.30 p.m., where the party joined the dance in progress to finish up a perfect day.

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The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 23rd, at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, W.C.1, when we shall be honoured by the presence of H.R.H. The Duke of York. The Association hopes that everyone who can do so will attend on this auspicious occasion.

HUMOURS OF THE RECRUITING OFFICE.

Among the many candidates who have presumed to offer themselves for service in the Royal Marines, there can be few so audacious as the gentleman referred to in the following extract taken from a journal dated 10th December, 1831:—"A Corporal and Drummer of the Royal Marines, on the recruiting service at Henley, applied to the Magistrates last week to punish a man they had the day before enlisted, but who, upon inspection, turned out to have a wooden leg! It appeared the Corporal slipped the enlisting shilling into his hand, upon the usual expression of 'free, able and willing,' and which was soon converted into three pots of fourpenny, and as soon consumed by the recruit and his officers, and upon the word of command being given to 'March,' the want of a limb so necessary to perform this part of the duty became obvious. The Magistrates recommended them in future to drill the recruits before parting with His Majesty's money. But the Drummer insisted that this man ought to be punished to deter others, and to prevent not only His Majesty's officers, but even His Majesty himself, as represented by them, from being laughed at. The Magistrates, not apprehending the latter, dismissed the case."

Recruiting posters reach far and wide, embracing countries which have not yet apparently heard of birth control. The following letter was received not long ago from the Gold Coast:—

Dear Sir,—"Reading a newspaper this morning I came across a column reading as thus: Wanted, boys for the Royal Navy. So I take the liberty of seeking boys which have presently got 72 boys who are anxious to come up for the job, 29 for the seamen class and the rest for stokers and officers, with myself."

From the same part of the Empire comes an application which states: "I am half a native of Jefle on my paternal side, and half Aggravey on my maternal side." No doubt the recruiting staff had little difficulty in determining whether the applicant were a British-born subject.

For pure exuberance of spirits the following letter received from Kumasi is hard to beat: "I am with much wonder writing to you. Once my chums and I were reading a certain magazine, and we came across your name and address and noted well the contents. We come to some point it says—Good Pay, Good Promotion. You cannot imagine the surprise it was to us. Even we are already 'on board' the ship, ha! ha! Oh, sir, try your best. Oh, mercy us, I know that what you have said you have said, and God bless those who help others. I know you will let us come. Post, please, your good further reply soon. We thank God if we receive it. Best wishes to all the sailors.—Yours-on-board."

This would-be recruit from Accra is of a tactful and modest disposition: "I have the honour most respectfully as to take this opportunity to indite you for an acquisition if there is any vacancy in your office. Your name has been highly recommended to me . . . Hope your keen observance of your humble servants extraordinary capacities."

As we know, the standard of height for recruits is occasionally lowered when large numbers are required. Service in the R.M., however, is so popular that it is feared the following candidate, who writes from Brighton, has a thin chance. He says: "My height is 3ft. 34ins. about. My age is 18 years 40 months. The recruiting sergeant is still working this out.

"What do you make a week?" asked a judge of an Italian organ-grinder.

"£3 a week, sare!"

"What! £3 for grinding an organ?"

"No, sare; not for da grind, but for da shut up and go away!"—*Leatherneck.*

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A Bishop noticed a little urchin playing in the gutter: "What are you doing, my little man?" he asked.

"Makin' a kerfeedral," replied the boy.

"A cathedral!" exclaimed his lordship. "But where's the Bishop?"

"Oh," was the answer, "I ain't got enough dirt to make a Bishop!"—*The Royal.*

Captain (at inspection) : " Where's the balance of your rifle ? "

Recruit : " That's all they gave me, sir ! "

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Sergeant : " Got that floor scrubbed yet ? "

Recruit : " No ! "

Sergeant : " No what ? "

Recruit : " No soap ! "

—*The Leatherneck.*

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It was the second day the shipwrecked crew had been adrift in the open boat, and the hearts of some of the men were beginning to sink. There was one, however, who was full of hope.

" What's that ? " he cried excitedly, pointing into the distance. " Isn't that land over there ? "

The second mate's gaze followed the pointed finger. " No," he said, " That's not land. It's only the horizon."

" Well, damn it," said the optimist, bending to his oar, " that's better than nothing, let's pull."

—*Colorado Lookout.*

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A Scotsman stepped into a barber's shop, and while he was being shaved the barber was wondering if this were a new customer.

" Have you ever been here for a shave before ? " he asked.

" Yes, once, was the reply.

" But I do not remember your face, sir."

" Weel, I dare say ye don't," said the customer ; " ye see, it's healed up the noo."

—*The Royal.*

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A small negro boy went to a doctor to be treated for a painful sensation in one of his ears. The doctor found, on examining the ear, that it was full of water.

" How did this happen ? " he asked. " Have you been bathing ? "

" Naw, suh," replied his patient. " Been eatin' water-melon."

—*The Royal.*

ROYAL MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Royal Marine Corps Association, held at the Royal Marine Office on the 28th May, 1926.

Chairman

Lieut.-General A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Adjt. General, Royal Marines.

Present

Colonel H. C. Evans (Hon. Secretary)
Lieut.-Colonel H. N. H. Houghton (Ports. Div.)
Major H. C. Pope (D.A.A.G., R.M.)
Captain E. T. N. Farmer (Plymouth Div.)
Staff Clerk W. G. Preston (R.M. Office)
Q.M. Sergt. F. A. Freeman (Chatham Div.)
Sergt. W. F. Jeavons (Deal)

1. The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read by the Hon. Secretary, and unanimously confirmed.

2. The Accounts were presented by the Hon. Treasurer, who suggested that—

(*a*) £50 of the balance in hand be placed on Deposit, making a total sum of £250 on Deposit.

(*b*) Officers' Subscriptions be reduced by 50 per cent.

(*c*) Subscriptions from R.M. Establishments be reduced to the following amounts :—

Chatham and Portsmouth Divisions	£12 10 0	per ann.
Plymouth Division	£7 10 0	,,
Depot, R.M., Deal	£5 0 0	,,

On the proposition of Q.M. Sergt. F. A. Freeman, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, the recommendations of the Hon. Treasurer were approved, with power to increase the amount to be transferred to Deposit Account to £100 if he found sufficient balance remained in hand for working expenses after all subscriptions had been received.

On the proposition of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, seconded by Capt. Farmer, the Accounts were regarded as very satisfactory and unanimously passed.

3. A statement was read by the Hon. Secretary regarding the Zeebrugge (1918) Association affording facilities for its members to obtain civil employment. On the recommendation of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, seconded by Q.M.S. Freeman, the Executive Committee were authorised to make a subscription, not exceeding £10, to the Zeebrugge (1918) Association, if the management and results of the Association were regarded in all respects as satisfactory.

4. Proposed by Q.M. Sergt. Freeman, seconded by Staff Clerk Preston, that the Executive Committee as at present constituted be re-elected *en bloc* for the ensuing year. (Carried unanimously)

5. The position of the R.M.C.A. in relationship to the National Association was raised by Major Pope, but it was unanimously decided that the RM.C.A. fully justified its existence and the meeting was in full agreement that the R.M.C.A should continue to function.

HON. SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.

WORKING AND RESULTS.

There are 338 men's names on the books at this present date, of which only 34 are without employment. Since the date of the last meeting, June 5th, 1925, 73 men have been placed in positions. This number is made up as follows : Chatham 30 ; Portsmouth 36 ; Plymouth 7. Owing to the small number of men available many applications had to be refused. As these were almost entirely for domestic service, where either single men, or married couples without children, were required ; and as in the majority of cases the women refuse to go out, the numbers available were still further reduced. Whenever possible applications that could not be filled from this office were circulated to the Divisions. They were also sent to the Zeebrugge (1918) Association, but no information has been received as to whether they have been able to fill them.

H. C. EVANS, Lt.-Colonel, Hon. Secretary, R.M.C.A.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY, 1926.

Receipts.	£ s. d.	*Expenditure.*	£ s. d.
Balance B/fd. :		Hon. Secretary ..	50 0 0
Bank £110 15 6		Petty Cash A/c	14 5 8
Petty Ch. 4 1 4		Cheque Books ..	0 16 8
	114 16 10	To Deposit A/c ..	50 0 0
Chatham Div. ..	12 10 0		
Portsmouth Div. ..	25 0 0	Balance :	
Plymouth Div. ..	12 10 0	Bank £157 14 1	
Officers' Subs. ..	107 11 0	Petty Ch 4 15 8	
Interest on Deposit	5 4 3		162 9 9
	£277 12 1		£277 12 1

VALUE OF FUND :

On Deposit ..	..	£200 0 0
Balance as above ..	..	162 9 9
		£362 9 9

Audited and found correct—
A. R. H. HUTCHISSON,
Hon. Treasurer, R.M.C.A.

ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced between Charles Neville Strode Smith, Lieutenant, Royal Marines, only son of Mrs. E. M. Smith, of The Manor House, Wedmore, Somerset, and Kathleen Lilian Margaret Edmonds, niece of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Edmonds, Cleeve Villa, Mutley, Plymouth.

DEATH.

MARCHANT.—On the 8th July, Edith Mary Marchant, widow of Major-General A. E. Marchant, C.B., R.M.L.I.



CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS, AWARDS, &c.

H.M. the King has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday, to give orders for the following appointments :—

To be Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.—Lieut.-Col. G. L. Raikes, D.S.C., R.M.

To be Officers of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.—Major A. C. Barnby, R.M. ; Capt. J. C. J. Hoby, Mus. Doc. (Oxon.), L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., R.M.

PROMOTIONS.

Capt. H. W. Wilby (Supy.) Portsmouth, absd. vice Brown, d. 23-6-26.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) H. G. Morgan, Plymouth, asbd., vice Swain, d. 30-6-26.

APPOINTMENTS.

Capt. R. V. S. Johnstone, from Seconded List. Chatham. Borne supy. to Establishment, d. 20-5-26.

Lieut. R. F. Cornwall, to Seconded List, for duty as Asst. Instructor at the Machine Gun School, Netheravon, d. 1-10-26.

R.M. Gnr. H. Pearcy, Portsmouth, S.S. Gun Battery (Staff), vice Waters, d. 19-7-26.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) H. G. Swain, Plymouth, to Retired List, at own request, under Special Reductions Scheme, d. 30-6-26.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) J. Bach, Deal, to Retired List, at own request, under Special Reductions Scheme, date of ceasing duty.

Sergt.-Major C. Ellis, Deal, to Office Sergt.-Major, vice Bach, d. 15-8-26.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. J. G. Johnstone, to Seconded List, on appt. to Staff of C.-in-C. China Station (*Hawkins*), as S.O. (1) Shanghai, vice Glunicke.

Capt. G. W. M. Grover to *President*, addl. for duty in the N.I. Dept. Admiralty, vice Griffiths, dated 12-7-26.

Capt. A. N. Williams to *Renown*, for trials and on recommissioning.

Capt. D. A. C. Shephard to *Colombo* on recommissioning, vice Burgess.

Capt. J. E. Cornish to *Hermes*, vice Boultree.

Lieut. A. B. Woodhall to *Furious*, and for full flying duties with 461 Flight, dated 5-5-26.

Lieut. H. M. A. Day, A.M., *Hermes*, for 403 Flight, to *Vindictive*, and for full flying duties in 401 Flight, dated 3-4-26.

Lieut. J. L. L. Rees to *Victory*, for R.A.F. Base, Gosport, for full flying duties in "D" Base Training Flight, dated 14-5-26.

Lieut. A. G. Warren to *Eagle*, for deck flying training in 441 Flight, dated 15-6-26.

Lieut. D. J. Grey to *Vivid* (permanent supy. for R.N. Barracks, and general duties in connection with efficiency and training of Royal Marines in harbour ships and establishments in the port), dated 15-7-26.

Lieut. J. G. Godwin to *Revenge*, vice Priestley, dated 28-7-26.

Lieut. M. Marchant to *Eagle*, vice Masters.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

Capt. A. H. E. Reading, Lieut. F. R. Richardson have been selected to attend Long Qualifying Course No. 10 at Small Arms School, Hythe, 19th July to 24th Sept., 1926.

Capts. H. W. Wilby, E. J. B. Noyes, K. A. B. Puckle and A. L. S. Harris have been selected to attend course for Officers before promotion to Major, Small Arms School, Browndown, 20th July to 20th August.

Lieuts. H. McSlater, G. B. O. Farrington, J. O. G. Hayter, R. Garrett, Cd. R.M. Gnr. J. W. Clifton commenced No. 10 Qualifying Course at the School of Land Artillery on 12th July, 1926.

PORTSMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Colour Sergeants.—L. J. T. Dollery, L. A. Scott, H. J. Kinch, J. H. Perkins, F. Hill, A. P. Saunders.

Sergeants.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, G. Vaughan, H. Smith, T. Ryans, E. J. Lamacraft.

Corporals qualified for the rank of Sergeant.—A. E. Race, Bertie Lush, Walker Ashworth, H. Bird, L. F. Lock, A. G. G. Laker.

Marines qualified for the rank of Corporal.—J. Reynolds, H. Arnold, T. Baker, H. Phipp, J. H. Cripps, H. Turner.

EMBARKATIONS.

Iron Duke—Mne. J. Hoar, Clr.-Sgt. Tritton, Sgt. J. Figg, Cpls. C. Underwood, N. Houlding, G. M. Mitchard, A. G. Crowther, Mne. Habberjam, Bgr. Mayne. **Coventry**—Mne. H. E. Farley. **Cormorant**—Cpls. A. Hague, R. G. Upson, Bgr. H. W. Gould, Mnes. R. E. Norton, R. Carter, F. E. Eatwell, T. G. Rolls, P. B. P. Wimpey. **Egmont**—Mnes. A. Mills, H. G. Boggeln. **Adamant**—Mne. W. G. Brett. **Assistance**—Cpl. B. R. Millard. **Fisgard**—Clr.-Sergt. Mills, Cpls. Perkins, A. J. Webb. **Barham**—Mne. P. D. F. Torrington. **Warspite**—Mne. P. G. Smith. **Lucia**—Cpls. W. J. W. Hughes, L. T. L. Tunnicliff,

Mne. G. C. Lovell. **Dolphin**—Cpl. G. E. Pullen, C. R. Dyer, Mne. H. A. Peckham. **Dryad**—Cpl. F. H. Studwell, Mne. A. G. Garrett. **Greenwich**—Mne. H. Gould, F. J. King, F. A. Jordan. **Tiger**—Cpls. F. H. Mathews, L. G. Upson, Mne. B. V. P. Kendall.

APPOINTMENTS.

Clr.-Sgt. W. H. Budd to C.Q.M.S., dated 4-3-26.
Mne. R. Watmore as M.O.A. to Lt.-Col.'s Carpenter.
Mne. J. R. Owens, M/T Driver.
Mne. H. S. Buerdsell as M.O.A. to Lt. Lordon.
Mne. C. March as M.O.A. to Lieut. Saville.
Sgt. Tickner to Steward W.O.'s Mess.
Mne. A. F. Bate as M.O.A. to Lt.-Col. Griffiths.
Mne. E. E. Selvey as M.O.A. to Major Huntingford.
Mne. Moffatt as Cook, Divisional Cookhouse.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. C. W. Jackson.
To Sergt.—Corpl. F. G. Wallace, Cpl. A. McTurk, Cpl. J. Lee.
To Corpl.—Mne. W. H. Edwards, A. E. Kearns, L. Dymond, H. E. Wright, A. F. Harrison.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

Coventry to *Egmont*—Mnes. W. S. Batty, W. C. Moore. *Dunedin* to *Diomede*—Cpl. J. S. Heaton. *Diomede* to *Dunedin*.—Mne. H. W. L. Goode. *Diomede* to *Philomel*—Mne. L. W. J. Tuutle. *Malaya* to *Egmont*—Sgt. A. Monnery, Mne. L. J. Backler. *Malaya* to *Cardiff*—Mne. T. W. H. French. *Malaya* to *Royal Oak*—Mne. R. J. Chatfield. *Egmont* to *Malaya*—Mne. J. Patey. *Centaur* to *Columbine*—Mne. J. Atkinson. *Iron Duke* to *Marlborough*—Mnes. H. Hailey, J. Bates, A. Quigley, A. Rawlins, A. N. Rawlings, E. E. Dowse.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Iron Duke—Clr.-Sgt. R. Ridding, Sgt. W. A. Clements, Sgt. J. W. Hansler, Sgt. Joseph Brooksbank, Sgt. F. W. Fuller, Sgt. W. Oakley, Cpls. B. P. Flynn, George Flowers, Hubert Peplow, L. Blow, Mnes. H. I. Viney, F. J. Phillips, L. F. Seldon, H. F. Paice, T. E. J. Townsend, L. I. Waters, W. H. Frost, J. S. Duncan, C. Muggeridge, J. H. Windeler, H. Norris, E. G. Cooper, N. Ross, F. G. Chandler, D. J. Thompson, G. W. C. Pearce, C. Longman, R. J. Paor, A. C. K. Leftley, F. Ham, W. T. Cornwell, A. W. Kenyon, S. H. Garland, F. G. Mills, A. C. Withers, A. L. Ainger, T. H. Day, R. H. Merritt, C. A. Fisher, L. W. Chalk, L. A. H. Willy, A. W. J. Walker, A. R. Dummer, P. V. January, W. J. Hayward, E. P. G. Silsbury, G. E. Thrower, W. J. Smith, E. S. Snow, David Chesterman, H. A. Knight, J. W. Self, Fredk. Wheeler, J. R. Thompson, F. W. J. Dacher, C. E. Bloomfield, J. G. Charters, Tom Stubbington, H. J. Fraser, E. G. Gough, W. F. B. Rowlatt, F. A. Emmert, G. H. Godwin, H. T. Hulme, C. J. Bartlett, V. G. Smeethe, Bugler Kenny, G. W., Bugler L. C. Norris, Cpl. Stenning, Mne. F. G. Richards.

Tiger—Cpl. E. Parsons, A. C. Miller, A. W. J. Terry, Mne. A. Aindow. **Caledon**—Mne. H. P. Futcher. **Dryad**—Mnes. F. R. Baker, C. Pithers, Cpl. E. H. Aylward. **Eagle**—Mne. W. McIvor. **Tamar**—Mne. A. S. Green, S. N. Trayes. **Dolphin**—Mne. W. E. Ballard, Cpl. W. Avey. **Yarmouth**—Sgt. H. R. Stevens, Cpls. A. E. Ayling, W. A. Herage, Mnes. S. Kirby, J. Hobbs, H. C. Sparrow, J. Ingram, Bugler A. E. Prince-Cox. **Lucia**—Sgt. G. Patchett, Mnes. J. Doughty, R. H. D. Biles, A. C. Drake. **Egmont**—Sgt. G. H. Odey. **Barham**—Mne. F. Whimhurst. **Cardiff**—Mne. S. Woodward. **Fisgard**—Sgt. H. G. Pook, Cpl. P. G. Berry, Clr.-Sgt. H. J. Kinch. **Malaya**—Mne. G. W. Cross. **President**—Cpl. E. Wright, Bugler Marchant.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period—Mne. C. Devey, A. Smith.
2nd Period—Clr.-Sgt. G. S. Wood, Mne. J. Hawkins, Mne. A. Gubbins, Mne. J. Morrow, Mne. W. Cooper, Mne. A. J. Hobbs, Sgt. W. W. House, Sgt. W. E. Buckley, Musn. H. P. Stevens, Cpl. J. Johns, Musn. W. W. H. James.
Purchase—Mne. R. Russell, Mne. A. E. Jenkinson.
Invalided—Mne. C. G. Newman, Mnes. Whimhurst, H. Booth, G. Alexander.
Discharged D—Mne. J. Edwards.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C. Medal.—Sgts. F. C. Fowler and M. W. Mizen ; Cpl. C. T. Boniface, Mne. B. J. Walsh.

TRANSFERS.

To Royal Navy.—Cpls. F. V. Blakely, W. Bannister, E. J. Baldwin.
To Portsmouth Div. from Chatham Div.—Mne. W. J. C. James.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergeants.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pushe, E. J. H. Presious, F. W. Ogborne, T. H. Convery.
Corporals.—N. V. Bishop, Geo. Oliver, H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. J. Hooper, F. J. Pritchard.

PROMOTIONS.

To Sergeant.—Corpl. H. L. Saunders (serving in *Hood*).
To Corporal.—Mne. Geo. Edmonds (serving at Hd. Qrs.).

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Sergt. L. W. Ford, Mnes. T. H. Grinham, A. L. Harvey, A. E. Richards, Richard Underhill.
1st Period of Engagement.—Mnes. Gilbert Smith.
Invalided.—Mnes. John O'Mara, F. F. Harrington.
S.N.L.R.—Mne. P. P. Fowler.

APPOINTMENTS.

Divisional Cook.—Mne. J. Ash.
Butcher, 2nd Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. J. F. Lambert.
Storeman, 2nd Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. F. J. Sams.
Instructor of Signals.—Sergt. B. Tavener.
Boatman, Boat's Crew.—Mne. P. Robinson.
Attdt. to Lieut. N. Lennox.—Mne. P. Back.
Attdt. to Lieut. W. S. North.—Mne. W. H. Shimmings.

EMBARKATIONS.

Alecto—Mne. T. R. Packer. **Barham** — Cpl. J. Featherstone. **Benbow**—Sgt. L. Carn, Cpl. F. C. Ellerby. **Concord**—Sergts. Wiggington, T. H. Moreton, Cpls. H. McD. Smith, B. H. Lampkin, Mnes. S. Thurtle, A. H. Stanton, A. G. Shearing, J. Lewis, H. J. Fry, E. Butterworth, S. J. Windibank, A. B. Wilde, L. A. Charles, H. Plowright, J. T. Hinds, S. R. Millford, S. C. Watson, H. Osmond, G. Smith, J. C. Bissett, T. Dunne, E. Robinson, N. W. Tratt, S. R. F. Jeffery, A. Bruce, T. E. Adams, E. J. Basley. **Colossus**—Cpl. R. Carruthers, Mnes. E. Morey, N. Carrington. **Emperor of India**—Cpls. R. Shepherd, A. W. Wells, Mne. R. O. Strutt. **Frobisher**—Mnes. J. D. Cook, G. A. K. Warmington, A. Plimmer, Buglers E. C. Coles, H. E. Coles. **Iron Duke**—Mne. J. H. Chandler. **Impregnable**—Cpls. J. E. Barber, W. Haycox, Mnes. A. E. Siddell, F. Lord, H. M. Crowl, W. J. Needs, J. Tohill, E. S. Woodward, W. T. Naylor. **King George V.**—Sergt. C. J. Standlick, Cpl. R. E. Gilmour. **Osprey**—Cpl. W. H. Sallis. **Pembroke**—Mne. J. Cooke. **Thunderer**—Clr.Sgt. J. R. Slocombe, Bugler G. P. Bremner, Mnes. H. Wood, H. Williams, F. Johnson. **Vivid**—Sergt. T. W. Margerrison. **H.Q.E. Portsmouth**—Cpl. G. Oliver, Mnes. W. J. Hunt, S. Row, J. Fenton. **Command, Portsmouth**—Mnes. O. F. Marsh, W. Findlay, E. French, L. S. Hall, A. McK. Thomas, H. W. Oldfield, C. R. Edwards, A. R. D. Salkeld, A. J. King, C. H. Maxwell, J. H. Brown, W. Thompson, R. H. Harding, C. F. Footitt, A. Moverly, N. F. Gale, J. Aincough, H. Farrand, A. Wilson, H. V. Callaway, W. J. Clissold, T. G. Pembroke, B. Smith, A. H. White. **Command, Chatham**—Mnes. C. Kiddle, F. E. Troughton, S. C. Divers, S. C. Brown, L. G. Snelling, J. Brown, W. G. Smith, A. Moore, E. A. Burke, C. Penfold, W. C. Wright, C. F. Warner, G. R. Waters, G. R. Redshaw, W. J. Ebdale. **Command, Deal**—Mnes. S. L. G. Bates, W. E. Blackman T. J. Rorke. **Command, R.S.O., London**—Clr.-Sergt. F. R. Amlot.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Queen Elizabeth—Clr.-Sergts. W. D. Kimber, W. E. Eveleigh, Sergts. W. R. Harris, H. Smith, H. G. Coombes, J. H. Jenkins, J. Illingworth, Cpls. E. C. Ware, W. Parsons, W. T. Hinton, C. B. Martin, P. F. Light, G. H. Mitcham, W. D. Bryant, G. Bryant, Mnes. C. Rain, F. Johnson, C. French, W. J. Dempsey, S. Burbage, W. E. Hill, A. V. Lee, L. Bollett, F. E. Smith, C. S. Nelme, J. J. Hopkins, E. J. Brooks, A. E. Collier, J. Johns, J. C. Rixon, A. W. Tett, F. R. Thomas, M. Hewlett, T. Hunt, W. C. Tuggey, J. Williams, F. F. Portlock, J. Wild, J. Baugh, L. B. Collins, H. C. Head, S. Whiteside, F. F. Newman, P. Urch, G. R. Stephen, A. H. Hansford, R. W. Meaden, E. F. Glover, W. A. Atkins, H. Brimble, A. E. Smith, D. Riordan, J. R. Bell, W. G. Purdy, T. J. McFarlane, G. W. Stoole, A. Wrigg, A. V. Palmer, W. E. Ellis, G. Cater, S. Welsh, A. E. Elliott, F. C. Hill, D. Sewell, E. Rogers, C. A. Weeks, J. W. Heath, W. Sweet, P. J. Parsons, R. W. Rixon, E. Bertie, G. T. Deville, D. Knowles, T. J. Bardon, F. Bennett, F. G. Ball, F. W. Blay, G. H. Wells, J. W. Henbest, R. Vallance, R. J. Easter, D. Robertson, J. R. Walker, S. J. Bonning, L. J. Powlesland, C. E. McIlgrew, G. W. Lowe, R. W. Ball, B. J. Fitzowen, J. P. Jarvis, B. J. Bailey, W. A. Tyler, M. Harkness, F. H. Busby, J. Naylor, W. M. Burgess, F. T. Porter, W. Black, J. Howe, H. Borman, T. H. Putt, T. Weir, S. A. Vosper, C. L. Martin, W. Whiteside, J. Kears, W. W. Woodgates, R. C. Wilcox, W. H. Sidwell, A. E. Crawford, W. Howard, W. J. Hanscombe, H. H. Miles, R. Burnett, G. W. Penman, T. F. Beer,

F. W. Wilsher, R. Stephenson, T. S. Lowe, A. Hanson, P. G. Day W. J. Day, J. McCollam, V. E. Heath, G. G. Hampton, J. Ruse. C. Mallett, S. Clayton, Cpl. E. A. Winzer, Bugler W. V. Wathen, Clr.-Sergt. G. F. Nash, Cpls. H. Johns, J. W. Kimber, H. H. Giles, Mne. W. J. Lang, S. C. Kirby. **Tamar**—Mne. W. G. Tallin. **Ambrose**—Mnes. G. Kirkman, A. Nicholson, T. Millard. **Concord**—Sergts. R. A. Montgomery, G. Reed, Cpls. H. Bishop, G. H. Hyne, Mnes. P. Murphy, W. J. Thompson, R. Myers, E. E. Pearce, W. J. Biggs, D. Eagleson, S. Pickston, F. H. Page, A. E. Smith, P. Cotter, J. Clarke, M. Reddington, G. T. Reed, G. F. White, T. B. Ash, H. J. Harris, W. J. Kelley, J. H. Richards, E. Large, J. Keevill. **Impregnable**—Mnes. J. E. Smith, A. Edwards, J. Barber, L. A. White, G. Smith. **Thunderer**—Clr.-Sergt. F. R. Amlot, Mnes. J. Hadley, S. Lyness. **Egmont**—Mnes. G. Gale, E. Cook. **Victory**—Sergt. B. Tavener, Cpl. A. W. Nash. **Maidstone**—Mne. J. F. Lambert. **Osprey**—Cpl. J. H. Sare. **Iron Duke**—Cpl. A. P. Grubb, Mnes. H. P. Kingsford, J. Harris, J. P. McDowell. **Ramillies**—Mne. F. Fulwell. **Alecto**—Mne. F. Williams. **Colossus**—Mne. F. S. Hale. **King George V.**—Clr.-Sgt. W. Connelly, Mnes. F. F. Huntley, A. G. Britton, A. E. Streams, H. E. Shewbrook, **R.A.F. Base, Leuchars**—Mnes.W. F. Bowyer, J. H. Cave. **Cairo**—Mne. W. Singleton.

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Ch/17031	Clr.-Sergt. H. Collins	..	M.T.I. 1/- per diem
Ch/13961	Clr.-Sergt. F. R. Reeland	..	,, ,,
Ch/16630	Clr.-Sergt. W. J. Day	..	,, ,,
Ch/15742	Sergt. S. Harold	..	,, ,,
Po/15663	Sergt. F. C. Walker	..	,, ,,
Ch/17761	Sergt. W. J. Pike	..	,, ,,
Po/14118	Sergt. F. T. Aylward	..	,, ,,
Po/212855	Sergt. A. B. Butcher	..	M.T.I. 6d. per diem
Ch/23434	Sergt. G. F. O'Leary	..	,, ,,
Po/17625	Cpl. W. G. Peters	..	,, ,,
Ply/15951	Cpl. M. O. Hill	..	,, ,,
Ply/18260	Cpl. R. J. Chivers	..	,, ,,
Ply/15399	Sergt. A. T. C. Bunker	..	,, ,,
Ply/21877	Cpl. A. F. Booth	..	,, ,,
Ply/14979	Mne. A. McNamara		Attd. South Recreation Room
Po/15535	Mne. H. J. Oram		Appointmt. extended to 10-8-27
Ch/17745	Mne. E. W. Hood		Senior Mess Attd.
Ch/11300	Mne. C. Jenkins		Mess Attd.
Po/19730	Mne. E. C. Williams		Attd. to Major Macnair-Smith
Ch/15735	Mne. E. V. Adams		To duty from Attd. Surg.-Com. W. R. Harrison
Po/214518	Cpl. J. R. Walker		Dispenser

TRANSFERS.

To Chatham.—Ch/18463, Mne. A. E. Butler (rejoining) ; Ch/20664, Sergt. E. B. Gerald (rejoining).

To Portsmouth.—Po/15696, Cpl. F. C. Eames, Promotion Course ; Po/18749, Cpl. H. E. Gibbs, Promotion Course ; Ch/14932, Mne. T. A. Fletcher, Motor Course.

To Plymouth.—Ply/13978, Mne. A. E. Dunn, Promotion Course ; Ply/21275, Cpl. R. Francis, rejoining.

DISCHARGES.

Ch/24747	Mne. S. H. Robbins	..	Invalided
Ch/X. 70	Mne. F. Putman	..	,,
Po/210897	Mne. A. Gubbins	..	To Pension
Ch/X. 81	Mne. E. Bolton	..	By Purchase
Po/X. 148	Mne. R. Russell	..	,,
Ply/22685	Mne. S. J. Densham	..	S.N.L.R.
Ch/15039	Mne. C. Stroud	..	To Pension
D/159	C.S.M. D. J. J. Garrett	..	,,
Ply/X. 85	Mne. L. C. Wilson	..	N.I.T.B.E.
Ply/X. 74	Mne. J. Hodgson	..	,,
Ch/X. 229	Mne. M. C. Hall	..	Invalided

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

EMBARKATIONS.

Iron Duke—Bandmaster 1st Class H. E. Hardy, Band Corpl. A. J. Jones, Musicians Harry Gallagher, W. W. L. White, M. L. Richards, A. F. Howard, R. M. Pullen, A. T. Neale, G. F. Duff, George Jepp, Albert Charlesworth, R. G. Perratt, J. H. Millington, W. P. Neville, F. C. Roe, Band Boy J. B. Gilbert. **Hood**—Band Corpl. William Walsham, Musician H. H. Bush. **Repulse**—Bandmaster 2nd Class W. E. Parkins, Musicians C. A. Hastings, V. T. Richards, Ernest Kersey, Johnathan Debbage, George Jeary, L. C. Sparks, Frederick Hatton, J. E. C. Cox, Charles Humphrey, Alfred Toms, William Bourne, G. F. Squires, E. A. Wright, C. D. Broughton. **Victory (R.N.B.)**—Band Corpl. P. D. Evans, Musician C. F. Brand. **Frobisher**—Musicn. R. C. Webb.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Ramillies—Musicians W. A. Carter, Joseph Brown. **Hood**—Bandmaster 2nd Class A. G. Foskett. **Revenge**—Musicians E. F. Jordan, F. H. Sartain. **Royal Sovereign**—Musician G. T. Hard. **Calcutta**—Bandmaster 1st Class P. J. Whelan, Band Corpl. W. W. Turner, Musicians C. L. Partridge, Patrick Costello, Jack Downer, W. E. C. Podger, C. W. A. Noel, P. H. Jamieson, J. H. Dickerson, L. H. Sell, H. D.Handley, Charles Jackson, F.W.Grainger, A. G. Mann, E.V. Mann, **Victory (R.N.B.)**—Bandmaster F. C. Frost, Musician Joseph Livesey.

PROMOTIONS.

To Quartermaster-Sergt. Bandmaster 1st Class—T. Mansfield.
To Company Sergt.-Major Bandmaster 1st Class—G. C. Keen, L.R.A.M.
To Bandmaster 1st Class—Herbert Kenward.
To Bandmaster 2nd Class—Band Corpl. F. C. Frost.
To Band Corpl.—Musician V. T. Richards.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musician—Band Boys R. F. Peters, E. A. Wright, G. F. Squires, J. B. Gilbert.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of their second period of engagement—C.S.M. Thomas Baines, Band Corpl. William Plumridge.

Termination of his first period of engagement—Musician A. J. Edney.

Invalided—Band Boy V. E. C. Morris.

Purchase—Musician W. E. Nixon. "Not finally approved"—Musician Glyn Wagstaff.

OBITUARY.

The Superintendent regrets to notify all R.M.B. and ranks of the death of Musician A. J. Elsdon, who was serving in H.M.S. "Effingham."

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates on the respective promotion rosters :—

Bandmaster 2nd Cl. (For promotion to Bandmaster 1st Cl.)	Band Corporal (For promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Cl.	Musician (For promotion to Band Corporal)
R. P. Rosewell	J. G. Prior	A. D. Scott
William Marytr	A. C. Black	G. W. Potter
Harry Holwill	W. A. Attrill	Robert Morton
G. L. Read	Joseph Hatcher	W. E. Kohlar
J. W. Relph	F. G. D. Kerslake	R. H. Stoner
Sidney Dennis	W. J. Thompson	F. J. H. Sharpe

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED

during the period 1st to 30th June, 1926.

Name	*Pension No.*	*Rank*	*Div.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death*
BLACKBURN, F. W.	17789	Mne.	Chat.	1907	25-6-26
BULLEY, G. ..	18545	Mne.	Ply.	2848	6-6-26
CORNFORTH, J. ..	12834	Mne.	R.M.A.	1400	6-6-26
DUGGAN, J. ..	7582	Mne.	R.M.A.	740	20-6-26
FISHER, E. ..	9232	Mne.	Chat.	12048	5-6-26
FRY, S.	6244	Mne.	R.M.A.	338	19-6-26
GARRATT, J. ..	7299	Mne.	Ports.	570	9-6-26
JENKINS, R. A. ..	6481	Mne.	R.M.A.	4365	21-6-26
NOBLE, E. J. ..	4143	Mne.	Ply.	19440	28-6-26
QUICK, J. C. ..	319	Cr.-Sgt.	Chat.	1335	23-6-26
ROWE, W. ..	6398	Mne.	Ports.	4th Coy.	15-6-26
STAPLETON, J. ..	11433	Mne.	Chat.	21846	14-6-26

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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

EDITORIAL NOTES

Those of us who were at Eastney on the morning of Sunday, the 1st August, had the privilege of seeing a magnificent parade of the "Old Brigade," which we think they will always remember. It was a stirring sight to see that bemedalled company of veterans under Captain W. H. Jones, marching with a fine swing to church. Full details of the "Re-union" at the Sergts. Mess of the Portsmouth Division will be found under Portsmouth News.

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On behalf of the *Globe and Laurel* and its readers we offer our deepest sympathy to the relatives of the late Lieutenant J. L. L. Rees, Royal Marines (Flying Officer R.A.F.), who was killed as a result of a flying accident on the 17th August.

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A splendid sporting performance has been accomplished by Mr. J. Chalk, late Royal Marines, who finished fourth in the walk from London to Brighton and back, a distance of nearly 104 miles. His time was 19 hours 45½ minutes—a remarkable performance for a man of his age, 47.

Mr. Chalk served 22 years in the Royal Marines at Portsmouth and Chatham, and in a letter he has written he ascribes his success to the wonderful training he had in the Corps. He offers to help any members of the corps who wish to take up this form of sport in which prizes are given for the first service man, etc. Any intending competitors should therefore communicate with Mr. Chalk, at 76 Este Road, Battersea, London.

We notice that during the past month we have not received very much news, no doubt owing to the leave season.

Our correspondents are asked to try and send their news in in good time for inclusion in the current month, as if it arrives too late for inclusion it has a stale appearance in the following month's issue.

No news at all has been received from the Depot this month.

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The Editor would be very grateful for the loan of any documents or diaries containing matter of interest to the Corps for the Record Section of the Journal.

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The Annual Dinner of the R.M.O.C.A. will take place on Saturday, October 23rd, at the Hotel Russell, Russell Square, W.C.1, when we shall be honoured by the presence of H.R.H. The Duke of York. The Association hopes that everyone who can do so will attend on this auspicious occasion.

1st Marine: I hear there was a big fire at the post office last night.

2nd Marine: Yeh? My sweetie from Gosport must have written me another letter.—*Leatherneck.*

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He: "I always kiss the stamps on your letters, because I know that your lips have touched them."

She: "Oh, dear! and to think that I dampen them on Fido's nose."—*Fort William, Ontario, Times Journal.*

PER MARE

ATLANTIC FLEET.

"Revenge"

After our various activities of last cruise there is little of interest to record with Summer leave in full swing in the Fleet till 1st September. The R.M. Guards on the Clyde were withdrawn and returned to their ships on 3rd August looking none the worse for their spell of "*per terram.*"

There appeared to be a certain eagerness to attend the first pay parade which may be accounted for by the rumours of broken hearts left behind in the far north, but, after all, a Royal Marine must maintain the reputation of his Corps for gallantry even if he is only a "poor ship marine."

We have one sporting success to record since last writing. At an athletic meeting held at Torquay after the regatta, our catch-weight tug-of-war team pulled over the redoubtable *Ramillies* seamen in the final by two pulls to nil, thus avenging the defeat of the Royal Marines at Gibraltar in the Spring Cruise.

We are losing some of our "old and bold" this leave and hope that the new blood will step into the breech and keep our reputation up to its present standard.

The programme for the Autumn Cruise (what a misnomer !) is published and should bear out what the recruiting sergeant said about a marine's life being "half soldierin', half yachtin'." Our "yachtin'" will take us to those little known beauty spots—Invergordon, Rosyth and Portland, and one feels that Christmas leave will come all too soon !

"Cleopatra"

The General Strike caused several alterations in our Summer Cruise programme. Instead of commencing the usual gunnery "hate" immediately after the Easter leave, we were ordered to Cardiff. Elaborate schemes were prepared for the protection of the Docks, but these proved to be entirely unnecessary, and we all had a thoroughly good time.

On the conclusion of the Strike we went to Portland, and afterwards Rosyth for the usual Gunnery practices. The cruise in the Baltic had unfortunately to be cancelled on account of the Strike, and in its place we visited various health resorts on the East and South coasts — Margate, Folkestone, Eastbourne and Jersey. Athletic Sports were held at Margate and Eastbourne. At Margate Mne. Tombleson did well, winning the 220 yards. He also contributed largely to the success of the ship's team in the Relay Race.

At Eastbourne we easily won the Aggregate Cup presented by the Mayor. Mnes. Hambridge and Tombleson both ran in the Relay Team, which won easily. Hambridge also won the 440 yards and was 3rd in the 220 yards. Tombleson was 2nd in the 220 and 440 yards.

Several cricket matches were played during the cruise, and Sergeant Gill proved himself invaluable as a bowler in the Squadron XI.

The Pulling Regatta took place at Torquay on July 9th in very fine weather. We succeeded in winning the R.M. Cutters Cup for the second year in succession. The Ship won the Regatta Cup, the points being as follows:-

Cleopatra 211. *Caledon* 186. *Comus* 168. *Curacoa* 167.

Athletic Sports were also held at Torquay for the whole Atlantic Fleet. Mnes. Hambridge and Tombleson again ran in the Relay Team which came in second to a very good team from *Ramillies*. Mne. Hambridge also won the 440 yards—a very good performance.

EAST INDIES.

"Effingham"

I am afraid that we are very much behindhand with our news and as an excuse is necessary we must put it down to the East African Cruise, an account of which I will now give you.

Owing to the short stay of the *Emerald* our programme was slightly modified. We left Colombo on the 15th April for Mauritius, crossing the Line on the 17th. Father Neptune was received on Board with due Ceremony and held His Court on board the following day. The Court occupied the whole of the forenoon and the majority of the Dog Watches, as the larger percentage of the Ship's Company had never crossed the Line before.

We arrived at Mauritius on the 23rd having luckily just escaped a Cyclone that had just passed over the Island. Games were plentiful and we started our Rugby Team in preparation for Kenya.

Leaving Mauritius on the 7th May we paid a visit to the French Island of Reunion. We remained there for five days and were the first Ship of the East Indies Squadron to visit it for many years. We left on the 12th and arrived at Mombasa on the 17th, the *Cairo* having arrived there some days previously. From Mombasa the Ship's Company Concert party, Band and Rugby team went up to Nairobi. The time at Nairobi was fully occupied with games etc. and altogether we had a very good time there. On the 28th all the party with the exception of the Rugby Team returned to the ship ; the Rugby team going on to Eldoret for two days before returning to the Ship. Before leaving, the Ship's "Soccer" Team

went up to Nairobi and played a couple of games, in both of which they were successful. On the 3rd of June, His Majesty's Birthday, a ceremonial parade was held at Mombasa in which we took part.

We left Mombasa for Zanzibar on the 7th arriving the next day. H.H. the Sultan inspected the Guard of Honour and went round the ship after lunching with the Commander-in-Chief. After a stay of nine days we left for Seychelles.

Unfortunately we had succeeded in picking up influenza and we had a large number of cases on board. Musician Elsdon died at sea on the 19th from a heart attack following influenza and was buried at sea the same day. The result of this epidemic was that on arrival at Seychelles we were placed in Quarantine and not allowed ashore. In view of this, we left for Colombo three days earlier than programme, arriving on the 29th, thus ending the East African Cruise.

On the 2nd July the Ship's " Soccer " team left for Calcutta to take part in the Competition for the All India Shield, the Royals being represented by Cpls. Warwick, Green and Docherty, and Mnes. Metcalf and Goodchild.

At present we are busy preparing for our annual visit to Diyatalawa Camp.

" Emerald "

We beg to tender an apology for not having communicated before, but hope that the adage " better late than never " will suffice.

Leaving England on 9th February, we arrived at Malta on 16th. Our stay was 5 days, during which time nothing of special interest happened, although we left absolutely broke. We left Malta on 21st Feb. and arrived at Port Said 24th Feb. On entering, our volunteer band gave a few bars of its best ; on hearing the echo, it played all the more and refused to stop until the ship was tied up. Mnes. Carter and Dominy form a part of our band, which does justice to itself whenever possible.

The Royal Scots. who are stationed at the entrance to the Suez Canal, challenged us at football and after a hard game (up to our knees in sand) we lost 1 goal to 0.

The same evening our concert party came into prominence, the star artists being Corpl. Whiddon (songs), Mne. Forder (monologues) and Mne. Nicoll (magician).

We left Port Said 26th Feb. and after dropping the pilot at Port Suez, we set off for our ports of call in the Red Sea, visiting Jeddah, the port of Mecca. Here the King of the Hedjah and his retinue paid an official visit of which the guard of honour did justice to the motto of " Courage and Loyalty." He was then conducted around the ship to the various items of interest set for his inspection, one of which was the crack loaders crew (The Royals), who showed him the way to make a loader tremble. The other ports were, Kamaran, Loheida, Hodeida and Moka, finally arriving at Aden on the 12th of March. Here we exchanged Captains and relieved the *Colombo*, who wished us a happy commission and the usual farewell. We left Aden 15th March and arrived at Colombo 22nd March. Something irritated our ship's bottom, so she went in dock for a rub down.

Whilst here our inter-part sports started with a vengeance and we more than held our own. We excelled in football, winning every match.

The ship did not care for the Graving Dock, preferring different surroundings, so it was decided to send her to Malta. Having been to Malta before, she refused to go into the Grand Harbour and remained outside. Speculation on naming the next port ran high—when Gibraltar was mentioned she couldn't be held back and left the same day arriving 4th May, and went in dock the next day and settled down for a long sleep until August 7th.

Whilst here the Buffs bayonet team (champions of the Rock) challenged us and much to their surprise we beat them 4—2. The return match again resulted 4—2 in our favour. At present the Royals of the *Cormorant* are our opponents at games and being near the canteen practically all games were played near the *Cormorant*. We won the polo and billiard matches but lost the cricket.

At the Garrison Rifle Meeting held on 1st to 3rd July, 17 of the detachment took part and performed fairly well, some of them winning money prizes.

The Inter-part Marathon race of 4½ miles was won by the Royals, Mne. Hannan being the first man home.

Gunnery fever is now at its height and our crack 6-in. crew have set the pace at the loader, each time beating their previous records. Another crew have been formed to try and catch them up and are going great guns.

" Cairo "

Whilst those of you who had the misfortune to be at home were enduring the horrors (or in some cases the delights, I believe) of the Strike we were in the middle of our annual East African cruise, enjoying the usual round of gaiety, games and sometimes a little work.

We sailed from Colombo on the 15th of April and had a very pleasant eight days at sea in ideal weather. Two days out from Kisimayu, whither we were bound, we crossed the line and were, as usual, honoured by a visit from King Neptune and his Court. After distributing several high Orders of His Kingdom (including that of the " Dead Marine " to the O.C. Detachment, the Order being in the form of a very old and alas, very empty whisky bottle, covered with barnacles) the ceremony of initiating the nincompoops as loyal subjects of His Majesty was carried out. Mne.Arthey was the only real nincompoop among the Royals, but several others were " put through it " for contempt of Court; and the Bugler was well nigh drowned (serve him right) for most disloyal conduct, in that he hurled with great force and considerable accuracy, two canteen eggs at H.M.

The Detachment provided two bears — Mnes.. Luxton and Parsons ; one policeman — Sgt. Ledger ; a Lady of the Court — Cpl. Howard, and the Court Barber — Cpl. King.

Kisimayu, in Italian Somaliland, is a small town and not very interesting; and as we had to lie in the outer anchorage in a heavy swell, there was not much shore-going. The only game played was a soccer match between the Ship's 1st and 2nd teams ; Mnes.

Pow and Capes playing for the 1st XI., and Bugler Maidment for the 2nd.

At Mombasa, our next port of call, there were plenty of facilities for games, etc. Pow, Capes, Wilkinson and Maidment frequently represented the Detachment in the numerous 1st and 2nd XI. games ; whilst Davidson and Ainsworth appeared on three occasions in the Rugger scrum v. Mombasa. Aquatic Sports were held at Kilindini, the R.M.'s being 3rd in the Relay Race and Mne. Parsons did well in 100 yds. open, diving and water-polo, the latter being a match against Mombasa which the Ship won by 7 goals to nil. Davidson 'naturally' took a prize in the Greasy Pole competition.

Towards the end of our stay in Mombasa Rugby, Soccer and Boxing teams were sent up to Nairobi to represent the Navy against Kenya Colony. Davidson and Ainsworth played in the Rugby team, Pow and Capes in the Soccer, and Cpl. King and Mne. Wilkinson were in the Boxing team. Cpl. King beat his opponent in the fourth round, the fight being stopped by the referee.

At Zanzibar, where we called next, we took part in the King's Birthday parade of the Zanzibar Native Police Force. They provided two companies and "*Cairo*" one composite company of seamen and Marines. We again got plenty of games here and our usual representatives in the Ship's Soccer and Rugger teams acquitted themselves as well as ever.

We next moved on to Dar-es-Salaam where we met our old friends the King's African Rifles once more. Here we had one or two Detachment games in addition to the Ship's games:-

FOOTBALL.

R.M. v. 1st. Division Seamen, Won 3—1.
R.M. v. 2nd. Division Seamen, Won 2—1.
R.M. v. Stokers, R.M. Won 6—0.

CRICKET.

R.M. v. Daymen. Lost on 1st innings.

In this match the "Wiley" Daymen knew a thing or two and suggested that the "timed" second innings should not count. We won the second innings.

Mne. McDonald has suddenly blossomed out as a cricketer, making 27 runs in the above match, and 35 for the Ship's team a few days later.

R.M. v. Stokers, R.M. won by 74 runs.

HOCKEY.

The Detachment beat the 1st Seamen Division by 3 goals to 1, Cpl. King scoring all three goals for us.

The Engine-room Department defeated us 2—1.

In a Bezique tournament held on the Mess Deck Mne. Lawford beat Wilkinson in the final.

We were lucky to be able to get some Shooting matches whilst at Dar-es-Salaam, and in a practice shoot to select a Ship's team five of the Detachment were in the first eight and shot in the two Ship's matches. These were Lieut. Deane (79), Sgt. Plowman (76), Mne. Luxton (72), Cpl. King (70), and Mne. Clark (70). Our first effort was against the K.A.R. 11 R.M. volunteers v. a similar number of K.A.R.'S. Our team included one 2nd class shot and two first class, whilst they produced 11 marksmen, so we really did quite well.

Scores were :—

Kings's African Rifles 980 ; Royal Marines 976.

This competition was, Grouping at 100 yards, Snap and Application at 200 yards, Rapid at 300 and Application at 500 yards.

In a shoot on a 100 yards range, the Ship beat the Tanganyika Territory Rifle Association by 54 points.

Scores :—*Cairo*, 796 ; Tanganyika T.R.A. 742.

Conditions—Grouping, Application and Rapid.

A few days later the T.T.R.A. had their revenge by beating us on the Long Range by 8 points.

Scores :—T.T.R.A. 821 ; *Cairo* 813.

Conditions—Application and Snap at 200 yards and Application at 300 and 500 yards.

This was followed by a Tile Competition which ended in a draw. Our next contribution to these columns will, we trust, be addressed from somewhere nearer home, as the belated arrival of our relief *Enterprise*, is expected to materialise in the course of the next month or so.

CHINA.

"**Vindictive**"

We have now been at Wei Hai Wei since 29th April, and all of us are feeling very fit with plenty of games, etc., quite a different life to that at Shanghai. The *Hawkins* and *Carlisle* have joined us at last and *Durban* and *Despatch* arrive this week, so with the whole fleet here we expect to have the Fleet Regatta, etc.

With regard to sports, the Detachment have done fairly well, losing to the Stokers in the semi-final of the Inter-part Soccer competition by 2 goals to 1, and losing to the Officers in the semi-final of the Inter-part Cricket by 13 runs. Corporal French batted very well with 64 not out.

The Detachment took on a Detachment of the East Yorks at football and cricket, winning the former by 3—2 and 6—0, and the latter by an innings and 41 runs, Clr.-Sergt. Clarke, Corpls. Rix and French being top scorers. We also took them on at Shooting, conditions 1st Stage of Kings and beat them by 27 points.

The Band are going great guns, winning football matches and have a very fine whalers crew.

Sergt Wooley won the Spoon for the best miniature shoot the number shooting being somewhere near two hundred.

On the King's Birthday we took part in a Review here and received many compliments on our smart appearance. A Detachment of East Yorks also took part.

We have just finished our Annual Weapon Training Course and all are of the same opinion that the new course is much harder, a number of us dipping from Marksmen to First Class Shots. We had two surprises though, two members rising from second class to Marksmen.

Native son of Washington trying to be smart, came to California, and picked up a pumpkin from a vegetable stand. "Is this as large as you grow apples around here, he asked ?"

The stall owner replied, "Hey, you drop that Grape."

N.A. & W.I.

" Capetown "

On the 29th June we left St. Johns for White Bear River, arriving same day. With the exception of a couple of fishermen the only inhabitants were the " Black Fly," who were delighted to meet the few who did go ashore.

Between the 3rd and 17th July we visited St.George's Bay N.F.,Hawke Bay, and Hare Bay.

Whilst on passage we passed numerous iceburgs and saw the remains of the *Raleigh* which, from a distance, appeared to be in a remarkably fine state of preservation.

Having oiled and provisioned, we left St. George's Bay on the 21st July, and on the 23rd arived at St. Johns, New Brunswick and berthed alongside.

St. Johns being on the Bay of Fundy we experienced part of the tidal bore for which that Bay is noted: the rise and fall of the tide being between 30 and 40 feet. Another interesting feature are the " Reversible Falls " on the St. John River.

St. John is the winter Port for the East side of Canada and is well equipped for dealing with the export of grain.

30th July we left for Bar Harbor, Maine,U.S.A., arriving same day. The U.S.S. " *Milwaukee* " and " *Richmond* " two of America's latest type cruisers, were already at anchor here.

" Curlew "

We sailed from Bermuda on 7th June for our much talked of Pacific Cruise, the first port of call being Jamaica. Owing to the heat it was impossible to do very much by day, but the Bournemouth baths were well patronised and gave a very pleasant water carnival. We then proceeded to Colon and passed through the Canal the same day and anchored at Balboa. The U.S.S. *Rochester* was in harbour and their Marine detachment have arranged to " shoot a party " for us on our return, when we hope to have a little spare time from guards.

We then visited Port Utria in Columbia, which was not an exciting spot, seining and shooting parties being the only form of amusement.

Punta Arenas in Costa Rica was next visited, several officers going up to the capital, San Jose, and here we lost Sergt. Bowden, who had developed very bad ear trouble and was sent to Bermuda via Port Simon.

We went on to Amapala in Honduras, which was typical of all the Central American ports, very hot and dirty.

After twelve days at sea we arrived at Esquimalt, Vancouver Island, and almost feel at home again. People ashore simply cannot do enough for us and we were entertained the whole time ; everyone is looking forward to our return there for a fortnight's stay. There are many ex-Marines out in this part of the world, and all seem to enjoy the country, which is only natural after one has visited it.

After calling at Vancouver for oil we sailed for Princ Rupert, where again every effort is being made to entertain us.



CHATHAM.

With the end of the Royal Tournament, delayed this year due to the general strike, comes the more peaceful season when Cricket and Lawn Tennis hold sway.

The Divisional Tug of War teams are to be congratulated on their performance at Olympia this year. Portsmouth, the ultimate winners,—and we take this opportunity of congratulating them most heartily,—will, I think, be the first to agree that Chatham, if not the next best, were very nearly the next best teams up there. We shall make a renewed effort next year.

CRICKET.

The inter-company cricket has unfortunately been abandoned. This is due to the old trouble, " no ground." Efforts were made to secure a pitch, and we were so far successful as to obtain the use of a portion of the " Great Lines," but on inspection it was decided that the ground was rather dangerous and the possibility of a large number of lost balls rather too prominent.

ROWING.

At the recent regatta held by the Royal Engineers the officers open Double Sculling race, with lady coxswains, was won by Lieut. Col. Arbuthnot, R.M., and Major Martin, V.C.R.E.,, steered by Miss P. Arbuthnot, a very creditable performance, as they only entered as a scratch crew at the last moment.

Our Cutter, manned by the Tug of War teams, has entered for several local events, but though they have done well, they have missed actual wins by small margins. The Drafting Office, which has been so good in sparing our teams from their clutches, is now taking its own and the teams are dwindling.

RECREATION ROOM.

After recovering from effects of the General Strike, our Whist Drives and Indoor Games were once more resumed with their usual great success.

LIST OF (LUCKY) WINNERS.

21st Whist Drive.—1st, Mne. C. Hemmett ; 2nd, Mne. V. Ellis ; 3rd, G. Turner. 22nd Whist Drive.—1st, Mne. T. Keay ; 2nd, H. Vine ; 3rd, Mne. R. Ashley.

Billiards.—Winner, Mne. C. Botting; Runner-up, Mne. L. Wells. Snooker.—Winner, Mne. W. Bannister; Runner-up, Mne. E. Fremantle.

An exhibition game of Billiards was played between the following:-

Sergt. Small, Champion of the Cape Station, and

Mne. Botting, Champion of the Army and Navy, China Station.

Sergt. Small won after a close game.

The Committee regret the transfer of Sergt. Major D.A. Board to Deal as he has shown such great interest as President of the Committee.

The past month has been an uneventful one and there is little of interest to record.

The Division has recently been photographed and it is proposed to submit a copy to your Editor for publication. As "there are practically no men at these Head Quarters" it was surprising how many are included in the photograph.

That the enterprising photographer caught them on a Friday at noon in the vicinity of the Pay Office may have had something to do with it.

The Bisley Working Party under Lieut. L.D.C. Caffyn has returned. They appear to have maintained the traditions of the Division as Major Etches, the Secretary of the N.R.A., says in his report, "Their work was always performed with efficiency and willingness, and my Council desire to place on record their indebtedness to the Detachment for the valuable help they have given"

An interesting social event during the month was the wedding of Captain C. W. Adair, R.M., elder son of the late Admiral C. Adair and Mrs. Adair, and nephew of General Sir W. Adair, late A.G.R.M., to Miss Joan Arbuthnot, elder daughter of Lieut. Col. P. Arbuthnot and Mrs. Arbuthnot.

The wedding, an unusually smart and pretty affair, was conspicuous for the appearance of full dress uniform, worn by the Marine Officers who attended the church. Over two hundred guests and officers thronged the building, and the beautiful dresses and smart uniforms made an impressionable picture.

Capt. Harry Weir, Adjutant of the Royal Marines, Chatham Division, acted as best man.

The guard of honour was formed by Lt. Col. G. R. Hickson, Major P. Sandilands, Major H. E. Gillespie, Major C. E. W. Hill, Major G. H. Kendle, Capt. C. P. Sparrow, Capt. L. S. Wilkinson, Capt. H. D. Weir, Capt. A. M. Craig, Lts. C. A. Power, B. G. B. Mitchell, H. Moxham, C. E. C. Ransome and C. F. L. Holford and twelve staff-sergeants, beneath whose archway of swords the bride and bridegroom walked from the church to their car.

An interesting feature of the ceremony was the bodyguard of fifty Royal Marine sergeants, who pulled the happy couple 's car from the church to the Officers' Mess, where the reception was held.

"I'm the Prince of Wales."

"Prove it."

"Get me a horse."—*Leatherneck*.

THE BAND

The following notes on the activities of the Band are supplied by Captain Hoy. We have had no experience of Wigan, but Sheerness seems to have improved since we spent a winter in its harbour in an aged cruiser with a nucleus crew.

The Divisional Band has had its share of engagements in various parts of the country of late, the places covered including such health resorts as Bath and Wigan. The latter place turned out in very large numbers to the two Concerts given there in July. The Park there is a picturesque spot affording some charming views on the Lake.

The music-loving public of Derby is particularly well disposed to this Band—this year the engagement given was for a day extra; it is most inspiring to play to such audiences as attended there. Contrary to the popular idea, this Band does not visit seaside resorts very largely, the question of fees entering very considerably into the reasons against. But Brighton, Broadstairs and some other coastal beauty spots are on the list of this year's summer fixtures of the Band.

The Corps Cricket week saw the Band in action, though its efforts were rather curtailed by rain.

Another visit was paid to what is often called "Sheernasty", this name is now quite undeserved as far as its summer attractions go, for the Music Pavilion there is a beautiful place, quite one of the best in the country, standing in well-kept Gardens, the whole scheme dating from last year.

PORTSMOUTH.

SERGEANTS' MESS RE-UNION DINNER.

In the work of blending together two famous corps, the Royal Marine Artillery and the Royal Marine Light Infantry and of dispelling jealousies that naturally arose out of pride in the achievements of the past, the new composite corps, the Royal Marines, may never fully appreciate all that is owed to Q.M.S. (W.O. II.) A. A. Attwood, the President of the Sergeants' Mess, and Q.M.S.I. B. Hatcher, D.S.M., the President of the Re-union Dinner Committee. Last year they gathered round them the veteran ex-members of the Sergeants' Messes of both of the old Corps, who were entertained right royally by the serving members of the present Sergeants' Mess; and the tactful speeches made by the two Quarter-Master Sergt.-Instructors—who, by the way, are both due for pension in a few months, and will themselves be guests next year—materially assisted in cementing friendships that will last and in bringing together old chums of the Portsmouth Division whose goodwill towards one another was increased by the renewal of intimate acquaintance. The success that attended last year's dinner encouraged the promoters to make the re-union gathering an annual affair; and this week-end history was created, for the celebrations lasted over the Sunday, when the veterans joined serving members of the Corps at church parade, thus providing thousands of ordinary citizens with an opportunity of judging for themselves the joyous pride of the "boys

of the old brigade " in the associations of the past and in the efficiency and smartness of the present Marines.

Among the thousands of visitors who arrived in the City on Saturday were hundreds of smart old gentlemen with rows of medals. These made their way to Eastney Barracks, There they were welcomed by uniformed warrant officers and senior N.C.O.'s of the Royal Marines, and a group of about 700, including Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, the senior officers, and senior members of the sergeants' mess, were photographed. Tables were arranged in the drill shed, and about 600 guests were entertained to dinner, catered for by the local Co-operative Society, and excellently served under the personal supervision of Mr. A. Rostance. After the meal, time was allowed for the veterans to look round the barracks and to have their " chin-wags " with old shipmates ; and later on the party assembled again, under the chairmanship of Q.M.S.I. Attwood, for a smoking concert, and were joined by Colonel-Commandant J. B. Finlaison, Colonel Second Commandant J. A. M. A. Clark, Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Trotman, Lieut.-Colonel G. L. Raikes, Lieut.-Colonel H. N. E. Houghton, and other officers.

The Mess President (Q.M.S.I. Attwood) said that once again he had the privilege of giving them the toast of " The Commandant and Officers," and of voicing the sentiments of that great gathering in saying how much they appreciated the presence that night of the officers, which added the touch of dignity that was necessary and created a good atmosphere. (Applause). Last year it was thought that they attempted the impossible in bringing together the past members, but it proved such a great success that they were making it an annual event. (Applause). This great gathering of N.C.O.'s—the greatest that had ever met locally—proved that their efforts had been successful, and it was gratifying to the Committee who had worked so hard to that end. Among the past members were many who had done much towards building up the Corps and placing it in the proud position it occupied. He could assure them that the serving members were doing their best to maintain the very high standard the ex-members had set up. A Royal Marine was always expected to do a lot, and usually attained the object before him. He was always looked upon as something out of the ordinary. Looking round that night on the past members, it seemed that they were doing as well outside as they did inside the Service. That was probably the last time of his being in the chair, and he would take that opportunity of stating that in his 21 years of service he had found one of the secrets of success of that Corps to be the close co-operation between the officers and members of the Sergeants' Mess. (Applause). The officers had confidence in the sergeants, and knew that the sergeants would not let them down ; and the sergeants always loyally did their best for the officers. While that lasted there was nothing wrong with the old Corps, and loyalty, co-operation, and discipline would be maintained. (Cheers). He coupled with the toast the name of the Commandant, remarking that that was the last time Colonel Finlaison would be with them in that capacity.

The vast assembly rose and drank the toast with musical honours, loudly cheering Col. Finlaison when he stood up to respond. The Commandant suitably acknowledged the toast, and said he had some difficulty in speaking to them, because he knew so few of them. He had been lucky to come there to command that Division, and he was very proud to be there that evening and to think that they had some 600 ex-members of the Sergeants' Mess to keep up the traditions and memories of the Corps and urge upon the youngsters to follow up those traditions. It was a very fine thought that prompted the keeping up of the re-union at that time of the year, when one's thoughts turned to holidays. He wanted the older members to realise that the younger members were doing a great deal towards keeping up the traditions of the Corps. After the war, when they got tired of doing things, the youngsters had come along and had done big things again. One thing they had done in keeping up traditions was to assist in protecting the Empire against evil influences. (Loud cheers).

Let him speak now about what had been done in the way of sport. At boxing, the Portsmouth Division had won the Royal Marines' Team Championhsip, and certain individuals had done well in the individual championships. In football they had won the Charity Cup and the Portsmouth Senior Cup, and were a jolly good second in the United Services' League and the Gosport League. That was not bad for a small Corps that had had some of their players knocked about and others playing for outside teams. They had also to win the Gosport Hospital Cup early next season, for they had not had time to play off the final at the end of last season. They had been up to the Royal Tournament, and it was not a bad achievement to have won the 130st. and 110st. tugs-of-war against all branches of the Services, as well as the bayonet combat. (Applause). The field-guns' crews did not bring a cup away, but they did extremely well, and he had a letter from H.M.S. " Excellent " congratulating them on their fine sporting spirit and stating how much they had helped to make the whole thing a success. At rifle shooting, in the R.M.R.A. contests they won two very good cups—the Tile Cup and the Duke of Edinburgh Cup, the competition for which had been going on for many years, and the Portsmouth Division had not lost the cup since the war. (Applause). At Bisley the Portsmouth team of eight won the Roberts' Cup, they lost the United Services' Cup through someone not " coming off," they won the United Services' 20-a-side shoot against all branches of the Service, and another thing he was proud of was the Whitehead Revolver Cup. They were therefore keeping their end up ; and in his own name, and the names of all the officers, he could tell them that he was sure they could not do those things without the members of the Sergeants' Mess. (Applause). He thanked them all for drinking to the health of the officers, and he called on the officers to be upstanding and drink to the health of the Sergeants. This they did with heartiness.

Q.M.S.I. B. Hatcher said that as Chairman of the Re-union Dinner Committee, it fell to him to propose the toast of " Past Members." During the past year several of the serving members had gone on pension, and next year he would be in the same position as the President, and would probably be attending as a guest. Even so, nothing had ever given him greater pleasure than to see such a large muster of past members

that night. He was very pleased to see all the old members looking so prosperous. Q.M.S.I. Attwood and he hoped they, too, would prosper so when they went outside. (Laughter and applause).

The toast was heartily drunk, and the " March-past of the Old Brigade " was chanted as follows by the serving members :—

Old soldiers never die,
They only fade away.

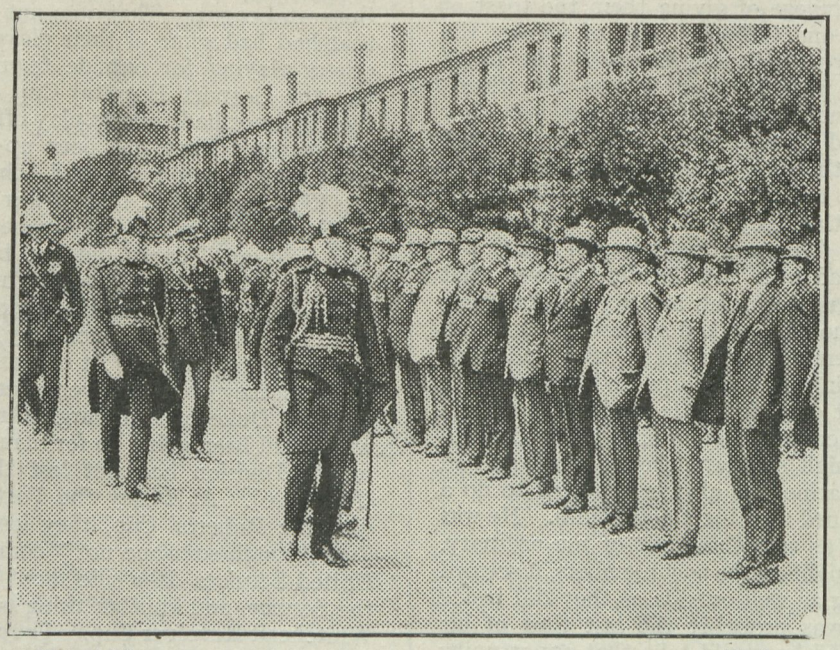
The " old soldiers " lustily sang in response :—

Young soldeirs wish they would
Fade away and die !

Captain W. H. Jones, who as Sergt.-Major and Mess President of the Royal Marine Artillery in 1914, presided at the historic re-union dinner at Eastney just after the general mobilisation and prior to the declaration of war, responded and thanked the present members of the mess for the spirit of goodwill that had prompted the invitation to the past members to accept their hospitality. He emphasised the importance of unity between the officers and sergeants, and said without that unity the sergeants would go to the devil. (Laughter, and hear, hear). The old members had taken the present members by the hand when they were recruited, given them their elementary training, and taught them that their ultimate goal was the Sergeants' Mess. The old members also made a home for the present members, which the latter would never miss until they went outside to earn a living. They would, however, come hovering around, and it would be nice for them to receive the same welcome that the old members were now receiving. He thanked the serving members for their great hospitality, and he proposed the toast of the Chairman, who had always been most courteous to past members. The toast was honoured with enthusiasm.

Excellent selections of music were rendered by a band, under the conductorship of Sergt. Gracio Graziani, R.M. The programme also included a fine exhibition of sword-swinging by Colour-Sergt. Jones, violin solos by Mr. Ayres, a Dickens sketch by Mr. Richard Sefton, and songs by Miss Peggy Hartley, Lieut. F. Chivers, Colour-Sergt. Ridding, Sergt. Ring, Sergt. Wallace, Sergt. Woods, Mr. Dick Woods and others.

SUNDAY'S CHURCH PARADE.



Photo, Cribb) *(Southsea.*

THE COLONEL-COMMANDANT INSPECTING THE ROYAL MARINE VETERANS.

On Sunday crowds of citizens watched the church parade. Some of the older veterans walked down to the church, but a large number fell in on the parade ground, and marched down, under Capt. W. H. Jones (retired), behind the serving Royal Marines. Others joined the parade on the barrack square after church. Marching from the church to the parade ground, the band played a composite march, which included such appropriate refrains as " Old Soldiers Never Die " and " The Lads of the Old Brigade." It was a brilliant spectacle when the parade was inspected by the Colonel-Commandant, Col. J. B. Finlaison, accompanied by his staff.

The Commandant was introduced to the oldest Royal Marine Crimean veteran, Mr. Thomas Pitt, of Southsea. Mr. Pitt is 95 years of age, and has been a pensioner for 54 years, His son, ex-Colr.-Sergt. C. Pitt, who has been a pensioner for 22 years, and who with two other sons also served in the old Royal Marine Artillery, was present with his father, and accompanying them was Mr. C. F. Pitt, a grandson of the veteran, who put in war service in the R.M.A.

Mr. Thomas Pitt joined at Woolwich in 1851, and was discharged to pension in 1872. He served in the Crimea in 1853-4-5, was in H.M.S. " Dauntless " and landed for work in the trenches during the siege of Sebastopol.



Photo, Cribb) (*Southsea*

COLONEL-COMMANDANT J. B. FINLASON, C.M.G., A.D.C., AND TWO ROYAL MARINE CRIMEA VETERANS MR. T. PITT, AGE 95, ON THE RIGHT, AND MR. JOS. HETHERIDGE, AGE 88, ON THE LEFT.)

The wonderful old gentleman had himself polished up the medals that he wore. These included awards for the Crimea, the Baltic, the Turkish War, and for long service and good conduct, and also two special Coronation medals.

The only other Marine Crimean Veteran, Mr. Joseph Hetheridge, stood smartly to attention on parade. He is a comparative youngster of 88, and he served in the Crimea as a bugler.

The Commandant, who was photographed with these two veterans, addressed a few kind words to both, and before the parade was dismissed he made a brief speech. He was very pleased to see all the ex-members there that day, he said, and speaking for all ranks of serving Marines of the Division, he most heartily welcomed them. He hoped they would all be there next year and renew that meeting, to talk about old times and to see what the youngsters were doing. The youngsters saw in the old members what they would be themselves in the future. He hoped that the parade would become larger and larger—they had room for all of them.

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ROYAL MARINE COMPANY LEAVING PLYMOUTH FOR COLLECTIVE TRAINING AT WILLSWORTHY.

PLYMOUTH.

ROYAL MARINE CAMP, WILLSWORTHY

This year a number of details from all Divisions are being trained together at Willsworthy Camp. As it is believed to be a novel experiment in the Corps in recent years, it is thought that some account of our doings may be of general interest.

The camp is situated high up on the slopes of Dartmoor about midway between Okehampton and Tavistock. The situation is healthy and bracing, if a trifle damp.

The force under training consists of :—1 company of infantry, 1 M.G. platoon, 1 Signal Detachment (Inf. Bn.) Hd.-Qrs. Details.

Of the above 2 infantry platoons, 1 section M.G.'s, and the Signal Detachment are supplied by the Plymouth Division ; while Portsmouth and Chatham supply each 1 infantry platoon and 1 sub section of M.G.'s. The transport and other Hd. Qr. details are supplied from all three divisions.

The advance party left by train and M.T. for camp on 5th August, and spent a strenuous few days getting tents up, cookhouses &c., ready for occupation, rigging the telephone, &c.

At 8.30 a.m. on 9th August the main party left Stonehouse Barracks — where they had been assembled a few days in advance for preliminary training — for the march of 22½ miles to camp. After lunching, near Moorshop, this party reached Camp at 5.0 p.m. All ranks stood this long march remarkably well, only one man falling out, and that only a mile or so from camp.

A full account of the doings at Willsworthy will, it is hoped, be available for next month's "Globe & Laurel."

Mr. Rock was reading statistics in the newspaper.

"In New York a child is born every two minutes," he announced.

"Good Heavens!" exclaimed his wife in horror. "And we're planning to stay there two weeks."

—Hurty-Peck.

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An American was visiting in Australia, and the "Aussie" was showing him around the ranch. He said "These are our sheep." The American said, "Why we have sheep twice that big in America." The Aussie then pointed out some cattle that were grazing and said, "These are our cattle." The American replied, "Why, we have cows twice that big in America." They strolled on a little further when the American saw a kangaroo. He asked "What the H— is that?" The Aussie replied, "That's a grasshopper, beat that?"

—Leatherneck.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

An outing was arranged for the Musicians of the School by C.S.M., C. J. Hamilton, L.R.A.M. The party proceeded to Stonehenge, via Salisbury where a halt was made to enable us to view the various places of interest in the city, after which we journeyed on to Amesbury where Lunch and tea was provided at House, the catering arrangements being in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, late C.S.M. of the School, who is now resident at Amesbury. During the afternoon tennis, bowls, etc., were indulged in, and a visit was made to Stonehenge, which is within easy distance of the village. During Lunch speeches were made and the chairmanship was in the capable hands of Musician Tom Dawson, who performed his duties in an excellent manner. The party voted the day a huge success, and it is hoped to make this outing an annual affair.

R.M. POLICE.

BULLPOINT.

At Bull Point on 7th August, the Plymouth District Armament Supply Department held their first annual fete. The event proved a marked success, towards which R.M. Police contributed handsomely, as may be seen from the following list of results.

Captain Burton, M.C., R.M.P., acted as starter, and Messrs. Clarke and Edwards as Clerks of the Course.

The following are the successful members of the police and their families.

Tug-of-War (inter-section teams of 8).—1, R.M. Police ; Flat Race, 440 yards.—1, F. Billington ; Veteran's (40-50) 100 yards.—3, F. Billington ; Boys' (10-14) 100 yards.—3, A. Baugh ; Girls' High Jump (16 and under).—1, K. Burton ; Carnival Race, Boys' (7-9) 50 yards.—1, A. Pollard, 3, C. Baugh ; Bells Race.—3, G. Pollard ; Slow Cycle Race, 100 yards.—2, G. Pollard ; Juvenile Fancy Dress Carnival (Girls).—1, M. Pollard and P. Knott , (Boys).—1, R. Haywood 2, G. Cantillion, 3, G. Pollard.

Mrs. Burton very ably performed the difficult duties of a judge for the Fancy Dress Carnival.



PLYMOUTH.

CRICKET

The Royal Marines, Plymouth, are now at the top of the Navy Cricket League, having played 16 matches, drawn one, lost one, won 14. On July 12th they suffered their only defeat, being defeated by H.M.S. Maidstone by 34 runs to 28.

July 15th, versus the Gunnery School, won 100 for 9 wks. to 49.

July 19th versus R.N. Accountants, won 145 for 9 wks. to 94.

Aug. 4th, versus H.M.S. Pegasus, won 127 to 31.

DIVISIONAL MATCHES

13th July, R.M. versus Staffs and Departments. Won. 153 to 164 for 5 wkts. (Captain Farmer 74. Mus. Trask 65.)

14th July, R.M. versus Plymouth C.C., Lost. After disposing of the Plymouth side for the moderate total of 120 runs, our own side suffered a complete collapse, being all out for 48, the only person to obtain double figures being Lieut. O'Donnell. Lieut. O'Donnell took 4 wickets for 22.

16th July, R.M. versus R.A., Won. Royal Artillery, Captain Cornish took 3 for 22. R.M. 189 for 6 wkts. Major Lough 65, Lieut O'Donnell 34 not out. This match provided a most exciting finish, being won in the last two minutes.

17th July, R.M. versus Plymouth College, Lost. R.M. 165 (Lieut. Smith 85), Plymouth College 177 for 4 wkts.

26th July, R.M. versus O.P.M.'s. Won. O.P.M.'s 88 (Lieut. O'Donnell 6 for 25) R.M. 157 for 7 wkts (Mus. Trask 55, Captain Cornish 34.)

11th August, R.M. versus Bodmin C.C., Lost. The R.M. were only able to take a weak team down to Bodmin. R.M.'s 49, Bodmin 138. (2nd Lieut. Burnett 5 for 32)

Several Company matches and inter departmental matches have been played, " C " Company winning the Company Cup.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

ANNUAL SPORTS

The annual athletic meeting was held in fine weather at Eastney on the 22nd July, before a large attendance.

Some fine performances were seen, particularly in the mile race, in which Aircraftsman Johnson held the lead until near the finish, when Ldg. Seaman Bloomfield challenged, and the race resulted in a dead heat.

A number of novel events were introduced, and the Inter-Room Challenge Cup (presented by the Supt. and officers) was carried off by Room 56. The trophy for the individual championship was eventually awarded to Band Boy O'Neill after he had tied with Langrishe and Woodcock. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Finlaison, wife of Col.-Commandant J. B. Finlaison,C.B., C.M.G.

Principal officers for the day were : President, Major W. A. Jolly, R.M.; referee, Lieut. W. E. Faithfull,R.M.; judges, Capt. A. E. Whiting, R.M., Lieut. J. G. Welsh, M.B.E., R.M., Lieut. C. E. Maton, R.M., and Lieut. Samuel Fairfield, M.V.O., L.R.A.M., R.M.; Judges for special events, Comd. Bdmr. Richard Walker, R.M.B. Bdmr. (W.O.) Arthur Pragnell, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., R.M.B., starter ; Sgt. Maj. H. L. Smith ; chief recorder, Suptg. Clerk L. P. Donne, R.M.B.

100 yards flat race (boys under 15 years).—1, Langridge ; 2, Bartley; 3, F. W. Bone.

100 yards flat race (boys between 15 and 17 years).—1, Woodcock ; 2, R. E. Cooper ; 3, B. W. Davis.

100 yards flat race (musicians and boys between 15 and 17 years).—1, O'Neill ; 2, Pitthard ; 3, Newman.

100 yards flat race (N.C.O.'s and musicians).—1, Musn. Simpson ; 2, Musn. Antiss ; 3, Musn. Dear.

Putting the weight, 12 lbs. (boys).—1, L. R. Brown, 32ft. 9 ins. ; 2, Brain ; 3, Burnett.

Putting the weight, 16lbs. (N.C.O.'s and Musicians).—1, Corpl. Robinson, 26ft. 8½ins. ; 2, Musn. J. Downer ; 3, Corpl. Allen.

Long Jump (boys).—1, Dear, 17 ft. 2 ins. ; 2, Woodcock ; 3, Boorah.

Long Jump (N.C.O.'s and Musicians).—1, Corpl. Robinson, 17ft. 5ins. ; 2, Musn. Antiss ; Corpl. 3, Prior.

220 yards flat race (boys under 15 years).—1, Langridge ; 2, Reynolds ; 3, Bartley.

220 yards flat race (boys between 15 and 17 years).—1, Woodcock ; 2, Davis ; 3, Dear.

220 yards flat race (musicians and boys between 17 and 19 years).—1, Boy O'Neil ; Boy Pitthard ; 3, Boorah.

220 yards flat race (N.C.O.'s and Musicians).—1, Musn. Simpson ; 2, Musn, Antiss ; 3, Musn. Heathcote.

High Jump (boys).—1, Boy Mason, 4ft. 8ins. ; 2, Davis ; 3, Woodcock.

High Jump (N.C.O.'s and Musicians).—1, Corpl. Prior, 4ft. 8ins. ; 2, Corpl. Robinson.

120 yards Veterans' handicap.—1, Corpl. Cooper ; 2, Corpl. Prior ; 3, Corpl. Lawrence.

440 yards Relay race (boys inter-room).—1, Room 56 ; 2, Room 55.

440 yards relay race (N.C.O.'s and Musicians, inter-room).—1, Room 51 ; 2, Room 54.

Two miles cycle race (all ranks).—1, Boy Hobbins ; 2, Boy Tilling ; 3, Corpl. Lawrence.

Sack race (all ranks).—1, Corpl. Overbury ; 2, Boy Julnes ; 3, Boy Goater.

Throwing the cricket ball (all ranks).—1, Musn. Dear, 154ft. 6ins. ; 2, Musn. Heathcote ; 3, Musn. Walker.

Throwing the cricket ball (boys under 16 years).—1, Band-boy Mamell ; 2, Band-boy Palmer ; 3, Band-boy Grubb.

440 yards flat race (boys under 15 years).—1, Langridge ; 2, Bartley; 3, Deane.

440 yards flat race (boys between 15 and 17 years).—1, Sweatman ; 2, Plain ; 3, Tribe.

440 yards flat race (musicians and boys between 17 and 19 years).—1, O'Neil ; 2, Boorah ; 3, Pitthard.

440 yards flat race (N.C.O.'s and musicians).—1, Musn. Dear ; 2, Corpl. Overbury ; 3, Musn. Steele.

Ear test race (band only).—1, Corpl. Grace and Musn. Perkins ; 2, Corpls. Davis and Cook ; 3, Boys Patterson and James.

" Aunt Sally " Competition (inter-room).—1, Room 56 ; 2, Room 53.

Potato race (all ranks).--1, Boy Woodcock; 2 Musn. Day; 3 Boy Dear.

All-ways race with obstacles (all ranks).—1, Corpl. Prior ; 2, Musn. Moran ; 3, Boy Sargent.

Tilting the bucket.—1, Boys Sweatman and Clucas ; 2, Wallace and Surg ; 3, Pod and Crundle.

Climbing the Greasy Pole.—Band Boy Cole.

Pillow fight.—1, Musns. Freeman and Bushell ; 2, Corpls. Prior and Walkiden ; 3, Boys Paine and Tredewell.

One mile flat race (open to local R.N. and Garrison).—1, Ldg. Seaman Bloomfield, H.M.S. " Vernon " and Aircraftsman Johnson (dead heat), 5mins. 44 secs.) ; 3, Bdsm. Lane (Duke of Wellington's Regt.).

Marathon race, three miles, N.C.O.'s and Musicians).—1, Musn. Whiteman, 17 mins. 45 secs. ; 2, Musn. Gorridge ; 3, Corpl. Lawrence.

Marathon race (boys).—1, Band Boy Christmas ; 2, Band Boy Sweatman ; 3, Band Boy Hobbins.

Human obstacle race (inter-room).—1, Room 59 ; 2, Room 46.

Hat-trimming competition.—1, Miss Palmer and Band Boy Palmer ; 2, Mr. and Mrs. Bedingham.

Half-mile flat race (boys).—1, Boorah ; 2, Section-Leader Rogers ; 3, Newman.

Half-mile flat race (N.C.O.'s and Musicians).—1, Musn. Whiteman ; 2, Corpl. Overbury ; 3, Corpl. Lawrence.

Potato sticking on bicycle (all ranks).—1, Boy Newman ; 2, Corpl. Robinson ; 3, Boy Joyce.

Blindfold " horse race."—1, Miss G. R. Evans and Boy Goater ; 2, Mrs. Blewdon and Musn. Anstiss.

Bumping competition (inter-room).—1, Room 46 ; 2, Room 45.

120 yards handicap (R.M. Cadets).—1, Boy J. A. Belgrave ; 2, C. Russell ; 3, R. G. Seale ; 4, J. Marshall.

Girls, 75 yards handicap.—1, M. Clayton ; 2, A. Joines ; 3, V. Brett.

Boys, 75 yards handicap.—1, W. Talling,; 2, L. Ralph ; 3, G. Allen'

Half-mile relay race (boys' inter-room).—1, Room 56 ; 2, Room 55.

Half-mile relay race, N.C.O.'s and Musicians inter-room.—1, Room 51 ; 2, Room 46.

Boot race (all ranks).—1, Boy Hobbins ; 2, Boy Rowson ; 3, Boy Pratt.

Six-a-side football match in sacks (inter-room).—Room 46 beat Room 51 by four goals to three.

During the afternoon musical selections were rendered by the R.N. School of Music Band under Bandmaster G. Papworth.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF BANDS IN THE ROYAL NAVY.

VIII.—THE NEW SYSTEM—R.M. BAND FOR SERVICE AFLOAT.

The Royal Marines Band Service for the provision of bands for the ships of H.M. Fleet only came into existence in 1903. Prior to its formation, bands for ships were obtained when required by entering civilians musicians as naval ratings, to serve usually for the period of the ship's commission. This collecting of men without previous service training proved unsatisfactory in many ways; their musical capabilities differed greatly, and to complete a band it was often necessary to enter men of more or less foreign extraction, owing to the shortage of British candidates.. The bands were generally therefore lacking in the standard of efficiency, discipline and pride of service essential for a British man of war. It was decided therefore to set up a training Establishment where men and boys could be trained for these bands. Accordingly by an Order in Council dated 20th May, 1903, the Royal Marine Band for Service Afloat was inaugurated. This was brought about by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to ensure that the principal Ships and Harbour Establishments should have a highly trained, efficient, and useful Military and Orchestral Band combined. An Admiralty letter dated 8th June, 1905, was circulated to all H.M.Ships and Establishments promulgating the entire syllabi of training, Uniform, Pay. etc. A central school called the Royal Naval School of Music was established at Eastney, and branch schools were shortly afterwards instituted at the Royal Marine Barracks at Chatham, Gosport, Plymouth and Deal, each with its own staff of instructors for training the Band Boys, the whole being under the supervision of the Superintendent and Musical Director at Eastney, these branches were eventually closed on the following dates :— Deal, 31st Oct.,07. Chatham and Plymouth, 30th Sept., 08. Gosport, 30th Nov., 08. and all became centralised at the Royal Naval School of Music at Eastney. The boys were trained to become efficient musicians under civilian instructors ; these instructors were abolished in March, 1920, and Bandmasters and Band Corporals now undergo a special course of instruction and are examined for the qualification of Musical Instructor. At the age of 18 years boys are advanced to Musician, and are placed as required in a band ready for service in one of H.M. Ships. Boys showing marked ability on their instruments were, and still are given the privilege of advancement to Musician

before reaching the age of 18 years. Gradually the training of boys and drafting of musicians went on, and in a few years practically every capital Ship and Harbour Establishment was provided with a Royal Marine Band. Examinations for promotion to the rank of Bandmaster and Band-Corporal were laid down, and opportunities were given to Band-Corporals and Musicians to pass for the higher grades. It was also decided to form a selected class of Band-Corporals to be given a thorough course of training extending over one year, which has since been reduced to 8 months, before being finally examined for the rank of Bandmaster. Successful candidates at these examinations are awarded a certificate for Bandmastership from the Royal Academy of Music, London. An examiner from the Academy is a member of the board at these examinations, and a silver medal is presented to the most successful student of the year by the Worshipful Company of Musicians, which is greatly prized among R.M. Band ranks. Several of our members have been awarded the diploma of Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music, which has to be obtained before promotion to Warrant rank. Classes for Musicians, candidates for Band-Corporal, are also formed and extend over a period of 3 months. This small unit, part of the Royal Marine Forces, and one of the smallest in H.M. Service, has gone through many trials during its existence but, from the day of its formation, has never looked back. On various occasions Bands from the School have accompanied the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family on their various tours of the Empire. In addition to their musical education the men receive training in the use of Fire Control Instruments which play a very important part in the fighlng efficiency of the modern Battleship. During the Great War the School took its share in the operations both ashore and afloat in all parts of the world in common with the R.M.A. and R.M.L.I., which have since been amalgamated, in so doing 143 of its members paid the great sacrifice. Sport of all description has always been greatly encouraged at the School, the results of which are shown in the fact that Boxing, Racing and Swimming Championships have been, and still are in the possession of some of its members, and in H.M. Ships of to-day there is no lack of enthusiasm in the Band, who usually comprise 15 performers, to raise a team to compete in the various sporting events of the ship. The boys of the School are given every facility and encouraged in all forms of sports during their leisure hours, and in the various local competitions have won great distinction. There is a large recreation field adjacent to the School where all kinds of sport are indulged in, such as Football, Cricket, Tennis, etc. besides which the boys have an up-to-date Billiard Room and Library, entirely for their own use, where during the winter months Billiards, Chess, and Draughts, tournaments are usually in full swing. The School at the present day is in a very high state of efficiency both Musically and Disciplinary, and there is no force of His Majesty's Service that can boast of better comradeship between its members than that which reigns at the School at the present day.

(*Concluded*)

A maker and vendor of a patent " Fertilizer " recently wrote to a friend for a strong recommendation of his (the maker's) " fertilizer." In a few days he received the following, which is considered very strong :—

Dear Sir,—The land composing this farm has hitherto been so poor that a Scotch man could not get a living off it, and so stony that we had to slice our potatoes and plant them edgeways ; but, hearing of your " Fertilizer," I put some on the corner of a ten-acre field surrounded by a rail fence, and in the morning I found that the rock had entirely disappeared, a neat stone wall encircled the field, and the rails were split into firewood, and piled up symmetrically in my back yard. I put half-an-ounce in the middle of a useless swamp, and in two days the swamp was cleared away, planted with corn and rye and a row of apple trees in full bloom appeared through the middle. As an evidence of its tremendous strength, I would say that it drew a blister all over my stomach, drew a load of potatoes four miles to market, which eventually drew first prize in the local agricultural show.

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A pompous Clr.-Sergt. recently returned from a three years commission in the far east, and was greeted at the front door by his young daughter, who exclaimed : " Mummy, there's a man at the door." Mummy : 'Don't be silly, child, that's not a man, it's your Daddy.'

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Surgeon (to attendant) : " Go and get the name of the accident victim so that we can inform his mother."

Attendant (three minutes later) : " He says his mother knows his name."—*Honolulu Times.*

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Bird-fancier : " Did I understand you to say that the parrot I sold you uses improper language ?"

Cultured Customer : " Unbearable. Why, yesterday I heard him split an infinitive !"—*Boston Advertiser.*

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

" Afloat "—Your letter has been received and is receiving attention.

G.—The correct position for miniature medals is indicated in the dress regulations. They should not be worn under the left ear on public occasions.

BRITAIN'S SEA SOLDIER'S FUND.

The undermentioned amounts have been received for Colonel C. Fields " History of the Royal Marines " :—

£2,529 4s. 4d. previously acknowledged ; £4, Messrs. Sotheran & Co. ; £2 4s. 6d., R.M. Police, Lodge Hill. Total £2,535 8s. 10d.

VOLUME III.

For General Sir H. E. Blumberg's History of the War :—

£724 12s. 8d., previously acknowledged ; £2 5s. 0d., Mr. C. W. Pantry ; £2, Capt. L. F. Nurse ; £1 7s. 6d., Capt. Webb-Bowen, Lieut. R. P. Deane, Mr. R. H. Symons, Mrs. Faithfull ; £1 4s. 9d., R.M. Police, Loden Hill, Rev. J. Trelawney-Ross ; £1 1s., Garrison Library, Gibraltar ; £1, Lieut. W. I. Nonweiler, Mr. A. Burton, Lieuts. L. O. Jones, W. E. Petley ; 17s. 6d., Capt. C. T. Brown ; 15s., Majors. H. H. F. Stockley, R. Sinclair, Capts. E. M. Parker, G. Whitworth ; 10s. Lieut.-Col. F. D. Bridges, Major S. G. Leslie.

No. of Subscribers—547. Total—£746 15s. 8d.

The latest report says " it is hoped to be ready for Binding Volume III. in October," so would subscribers, who have not already said what binding they want, communicate with me, C/o. Depot R.M., Deal.

J. A. TUPMAN, Col. (ret.),
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary.

14-8-26.



CORPS GAZETTE

HONOURS.

Col. Comdt. J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., to be A.D.C. to his Majesty the King vice Edwards, D. 16-6-26.

PROMOTIONS, &c.

Major H. L. Jones, O.B.E., absd. vice Washington and posted to Chatham, d. 4-8-26.

Major George Rutledge absd. vice Forster and posted to Chatham, d. 19-7-16.

The order of Senierority of the undermentioned Proby. 2nd Lieuts. is as shown:— B. G. Ralfs, C. E. Phillips, H. R. D. Woods, H. S. Baker, M. F. N. Rogers, J. S. Martin.

Supts. Clerk, E. J. Wood, Ply. absd. vice Townsend., d. 28-7-26.

Sergt. Major A. J. Bryant, Ch. absd. vice Wills, d. 28-7-26.

Capt. D 'Arcy, A. Runyan, (ret.) Ply. is appointed chief inspector, d. 16-9-26.

Capt. George Allan (ret.) Ch. is appointed chief inspector,d.16-9-26.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major St. G. F. G. Caulfield is appointed to the Depot R.M. Deal for duty, d. 5-9-26.

Capt. E. C. Weston from Seconded List, posted to Chatham and borne Supy. to Establishment, d. 19-7-26.

Approval has been granted for the following Officers to exchange their positions on the sea service Roster:— Capt. H. W. Wilby, Capt. C. P. Sparrow.

Sergt. Major. J. H. Wilson, Deal, to Parade Sergt. Major, d.15-8-26.

Surg. Cdr. R. H. McGiffin, O.B.E., M.B., R.N., to Pembroke addl. for R.M. Infirmary, Deal, vice Harrison, d. 1-7-26.

Surg. Cdr. W. R. Harrison, O.B.E., R.N., Pembroke, addl. for R.M. Infirmary, Deal, to Thunderer, vice Denny.

Surg. Lt. Cdr. A. G. Bee, R.N. to *Vivid* addl. for R.M. Infirmary Plymouth vice Crosbie, d. 14-7-26.

Surg. Lt. J. H. B. Crosbie, M.B., B.A., R.N., Vivid, for R.M. Infirmary, Plymouth, to *Agammemnon*, vice Wool and Centurion, on becoming Fleet Target Ship, d. 14-7-26.

Surg. Lt. (D) A. T. Brevetor to *Victory*, addl. for R.M. Infirmary, Portsmouth, during sickness of McHaffie, d. 19.-7-26.

COURSES.

The undermentioned Officers have completed the Naval Staff Course at the R.N. College, Greenwich:— Capt. A. L. S. Harris, G. W. M. Grover, W. M. Haworth-Booth, J. G. Johnstone, d. 9-7-26.

Capt. C. R. W. Lamplough passed for adjutant at Plymouth, d. 24-6-26.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS.

The following Officers have passed in the subjects stated:—

Capt. F. C. Willes, ; Capt. E. J. B. Noyes ; H. W. Simpson ; W. G. Quintan, *d* (1), Pts. I, II, III, IV and V ; Capt Howeir *d* (1) Pt. I and II, III, and V. ; Capt. A. Rendell, *d* (1), Pts. I and II, II, III, and IV ; Ltl C. L. Barcroft, b (1) Pt. II ; Lt. E. P. Bickford, Lt. T. A. Smythe, (*b*) ; Lt. R. N. S. Teak, *b* (IV).

Lt. F. M. Bramall passed the preliminary examination in Russian held by the civil service commissioners, d. 1-6-26.

Proby. 2nd Lt. B. G. Ralfs obtained a distinguished certificate in his probationary courses.

RETIREMENTS.

Lt. W. A. Young at his own request, d. 7-8-26.

Supts. Clerk, Wilfred Townsend, at own request, under special Reduction Scheme, d. 28-7-26.

Sergt. Major G. E. Wills, at own request, under special reduction scheme, d. 1-8-26.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS

To Clr. Sergts.—Sgt. G. A. Cox (Depot), Sgt. G. Rushworth (Royal Sovereign), Sgt. F. Drummomd (Hd. Qrs.), Sgt. J. R. King (Hd. Qrs.), Sgt. A. E. Hampton (Ceres), Sgt. G. W. Weaving (Hd. Qrs.), Sgt. A. E. Field (Dunedin), Sgt. W. A. Owens (Cleopatra).

To Sergt.—Cpl. G. E. Collis (Cleopatra).

To Corpl.—Mne. R. J. Ashby, Mne. W. S. Callighan, Mne. F. N. Hall, Mne. E. F. Tracey, Mne. H. Bailey—Headquarters.

APPOINTMENTS

Boatman Boats Crew.—Mne. J. Tandridge (appointment confirmed.)
Allotment Office Clerk.—Cpl. H.T. Barlow.
Cooks.—Mnes. H. Bailey, G.Blakeman.
Dining Hall Attendant—Mne. G.H. Betts.
Drafting Office Clerk.—Cpl. F.Knill (attached)
Billiard Marker, Recreation Room—Mne A. H. Bailey.

Allotment Office Clerk.—Mne. L. L. Wells (appointment confirmed)
Attendt. Sergts'. Mess—Mne. H. Varney (on probation)
C.Q.M.S. of " C " Coy.—Clr. Sergt. A. Baker. (appointment confirmed).
2nd. Qr. Mr. Clerk.—Cpl. F. Baker (on probation).
Groom to Col. 2nd Comdt.—Mne. F. A. T. Baker.
Infirmary Cook.—Mne. G. White.
Works Dept.—Mnes. A. Gooch, A. H. Howard, A. G. Miller.
Motor Mechanic.—Mne. C. P. Wickinden. (resumes appointment)
Clerk, School of Signalling.—Mne. C. F. Poulter.
Steward, W.O.'s Mess.—Sgt. T. H. Hayward. (on probation)
Electrician.—Mne. G. T. Weld (temporarily).
M. T. I. 1st Class, Borstal.—Clr. Sgt. McCall.
Storeman, Bk.Mtr. Dept.—Mne. A. H. Bailey.
Billiard Marker, rec. Room.—Mne. W. Hailstone.
2nd Qr. Mr. Dept. Clerk.—Cpl. F. Baker. (appointment confirmed)

DISCHARGES.

2nd Period of Engagement.—Clr.-Sergt. W. G. Young. Mnes C. Stroud, J. A. Willerton, Tomlin and Sullivan.

1st Period of Engagement.—Mnes. T. W. Sparkes, H. W. Mitchell E. G. Cleaveley, E. J. Crouchman, T. A. Newman F. M. Galliers, C. C. Saberton, C. R. Hammond, F. Farrell.

Invalided.—Clr.-Sgt. S. Roberts. Mnes. F. Putman, S. H. Robbins G. C. Cander, F. J. Clark, W. J. Smith, B. H. Sandells, J. Allison, M. C. Hall., F. A. Thompson, M. A. Townsend, S. Ward, J. G. F. Hardwick, A. Downs, C. Burley.

Purchase.—Cpl. W. M. Harris, Mnes. F. W. Allen, E. Bolton, J. R. Carter, J. W. C. Ing.

TRANSFERS.

S.N.L.R.—Mne. J. H. Turnville
To R.N. (Stoker 2nd Class)—Mnes. A. S. Atherfold, H. J. Ashmore.
To Portsmouth Div.—Mne. W. J. C. James.
From Plymouth Div.—Mne. W. C. Prescott, E. F. Gunn.
To Plymouth Div.—Mne. H. R. S. Tubby.

EMBARKATIONS.

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Commisssioned & Warrant Officers	11	
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Bandmaster 1st Class ..	26	Total 1178 (an increase of 297)
Bandmaster 2nd Class ..	41	
Band Corporals	918	
Musicians	918	
Band Roys	120	

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APPLEBY, J. ..	4053	Mne.	Ply.	583	6-7-26
BROWN, G' E. ..	18961	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	2244	17-7-26
FRANKLIN, W.	6198	Hos. Sgt.	Ports.		2-7-26
GOODMAN, J. ..	6122	Sergt.	Ply.	13417	25-7-26
HUNT, E. ..	19972	Mne.	Ply.	9971	21-7-26
JACKSON, J. ..	5479	Sergt.	R.M.A.	879	12-7-26
LEVER, J. ..	6403	Mne.	Ply.	966	25-7-26
RANN, W. A. ..	10816	Mne.	R.M.A.	6981	11-7-26
ROBERTS, J. ..	8285	Mne.	R.M.A.	1951	4-7-26
ROGERS, H. ..	7783	Sergt.	Ply.	1279	18-7-26
WARE, T. ..	12431	Mne.	Ply.	1226	28-7-26

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EDITORIAL NOTES

On behalf of the *Globe and Laurel* and its readers we offer our heartiest congratulations to the Clerk of the Weather on his most successful efforts during the summer of 1926. If he can only manage to keep the temperature up for a bit longer, he may be able to mitigate the great hardships that will, as the weather gets colder, be imposed on the bulk of Britishers owing to the high price and scarcity of coal for which the folly of Mr. Cook and his friends are responsible.

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The sports information received for publication this month clearly marks the change of seasons, comprising as it does the last cricket and the first football news. Here's good luck for the 1926-27 season to all Royal Marine football teams and footballers of both codes, ashore and afloat.

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We publish an interesting account of the recent combined training at Willsworthy, and through the courtesy of the *Western Morning News* we are able to reproduce two photographs taken on the spot. From this account it would appear that the training was brighter and more interesting than usual, owing to the presence of some horses. Having just lived on the fringe of Dartmoor for two years ourselves we know all about the local fogs, but they must have been worse than usual to make gas-masks necessary.

The photographs are of considerable interest. The first apparently represents three Royal Marines off for a day's golf in unseasonable weather, and shows the neat fit of the government burberry, and gives one a good idea of exactly what parts of the wearer get wet under certain conditions. We are going to buy one of those golf bags, with the wet weather lid, for use in the West Country.

The second photograph appears to represent some uniformed saxophone players off for a day's pony shooting on the moors, after a dose of Kruschens.

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It is reported that unexpected electrical disturbances round the Tors reduced map-reading, on at least one occasion, to a question of guess work.

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We are all so accustomed to Divisional Orders, that we are liable to miss the unconscious humour latent in some of them. A clever cartoonist, who has served with the Commonwealth forces, passed this way recently, and the impression conveyed to him by one order is shown on page 205.

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Gene Tunney's victory is of special interest to the Royal Marines, for he served with the U.S. Corps during the war. On behalf of the *Globe and Laurel* and its readers, we offer our warmest congratulations on his great achievement to him and the U.S. Marine Corps.

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To facilitate the running of the Journal—by no means an easy task—we ask our readers to help us by settling their accounts as promptly and regularly as possible, thereby saving the Secretary and Hon. Treasurer a lot of extra work and the Editor considerable anxiety.

PER MARE

ATLANTIC FLEET.

" Hood "

The ship was successfully undocked late in the afternoon of the 30th August, after which we proceeded to Spithead ; the interval between our arrival there and sailing for Scarborough, on 2nd September, was quite a strenuous one. One watch was still on leave, which left half the ship's company to compete with ammunitioning, etc. We arrived off Scarborough at about 7.30 a.m. on 4th September, and during the morning, the Mayor and other prominent local representatives called on the Admiral in order to welcome us all and offer us the hospitality of the Town. This took the form of numerous invitations to entertainments ashore specially arranged in our honour. These included dances, teas and suppers, etc. Everyone was most hospitable and considerate (including the local police). On Sunday, 5th September, over 14,000 people visited the ship, many thousands more being unable to get on board. Numerous special trains and charabancs were run into Scarborough, and the influx of people was locally said to constitute a record. The Yorkshire and M.C.C. cricket teams came on board during the morning, and after having been shown round the ship, were entertained to lunch by the Wardroom Officers.

After a most enjoyable time, which was only too short, we sailed for Invergordon on the evening of 7th September. We expect to do a little gunnery each week until the Magazine and Shellrooms are empty, and having shot everything away and successfully defeated the enemy at every turn, it will then be time to return to our home port and fill up again. However, we shall let you have further news of this and other things in our next instalment.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" Cardiff "

Everyone was very pleased to arrive back at Malta on August 11th, after the first part of the summer cruise. The weather during our cruise was very good and our stay at Venice will be long remembered. After taking in oil and provisions, etc., we left Malta again on the 23rd August for our 2nd part of the summer cruise, and visited Sciathos, Errisos and Karystos, where picnics and swimming parties have been the rage. We are due to arrive at Volo next week, where we join up with the Fleet ready for the Regatta.

In a miniature rifle competition recently, the following Royal Marines were successful in winning prizes in classes stated :—

Class A.—2nd, Mne. Rice ; 4th, Sergt. Edwards. Class B.—1st, Mne. Barrett. Class C.—1st, Mne. Gibbons.

" Caradoc "

Since our last report, which seems ages ago, we have had a fairly busy time. One attempt was made by our correspondent, but having to close up for cruising stations it was put on one side for other attractions. However, we will try and crowd in as much as possible of the Detachment's doings of the last three months. Time was filled in from the Fleet Sports, with billiards, polo and cricket, and we obtained a fair amount of success. Against the *Hermes* at billiards we are one each at present, the same for the *Frobisher*. In cricket, we beat the *Calypso* and *Frobisher*. Water Polo has taken precedence over other games during the cruises. Our successes have been against the Ship's Co. and Boys, 1—0 ; Seamen 2—0 ; *Calypso* (Marines) 3—0 and 3—1. Our reverses are Stokers 6—1 and 2—1 ; *Hermes* (Marines) 3—1 ; whilst we have had one draw with Seamen 3—3.

The first part of the cruise was very enjoyable to everyone. Venice was fully appreciated, its canals, buildings and its historical associations appealing to all. The Lido, the fashionable resort of society, was a great attraction. At Cattaro (Yugo-Slavia) we had a great reception, and credit must be given for the manner in which the authorities concerned did their utmost to give us a right royal time. At Cattaro, open-air band concerts were given and a series of football matches, and all will count themselves most fortunate who were amongst the selected few that took part in the trip to Cettinje, the old capital of Montenegro ; 30 were allowed from each ship and twelve lorries placed at our disposal (the writer was one of the fortunate ones). The trip was wonderful, both for the mountain scenery and the number of thrills, this will be readily understood when the lorries had to climb up to 3,200 feet, and on one side of the pass alone there are 37 hair-pin bends. However, it would be too long to go into full details.

On Sunday, 26th July, we had a race with the Yugo-Slavian ships, 6 cutters from each Navy. Our hosts romped home first, our first boat coming in seventh. After that we were given a display of physical exercises and tug-of-war. We won two games out of three in the tug-of-war and easily first in relay races. Marines were well represented in each event. After the sports, refreshments were served and dancing on the green till 9 p.m. A most enjoyable stay was crowned by giving three hearty cheers for the Yugo-Slavian Navy, which was returned with full gusto.

Our short stay in Malta was occupied in taking in stores, oil, etc., and also several races were arranged as a preliminary to the Regatta, which is being held shortly, when we hope to have a favourable report to send you.

N.A. & W.I.

"Calcutta"

Having been in commission now for approximately three months, we have more or less settled down to our new surroundings.

As is the usual case with a ship that is in its early stages of commission, we have been having our full share of evolutions and "G.Q.'s." Soon after arrival at Bermuda we had a Gunnery and Torpedo programme to carry out, and in our "spare time" we were preparing the ship for the new Admiral appointed to this Station. However, we survived it all, and have now settled down to a normal routine.

We are at present on our Northern Cruise. We left Bermuda on 6th July, and do not return until the end of October. We have visited Halifax, N.S.; St. Johns, N.F.; and other smaller places round the coast of Newfoundland. Apropos "A Naval occasion" in the issue for June, 1926, of the "G. & L.," being the Flagship we have quite a number of guards to furnish when visiting places of any importance.

We visited a place called Botwood, on the East side of Newfoundland, and a party of 80 of the Ship's Company which included 9 of the Detachment, were guests of the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co., Ltd. We were taken inland by a special train to Grand Falls, where this Company have a paper mill. We were shown over the mills and had the unique experience of seeing how paper was made from the early stages of the wood being lumbered down stream until finally turned out as paper in rolls ready for its journey to the "Daily Mail," England. After our visit to the mills we were entertained to tea, to which we did full justice. In the evening the ship's football team played the team of Grand Falls, and after a good fast game we proved the winners by 5—1. Musn. A. J. Bennett played outside-left for the ship's team. We returned on board about 11.30 p.m., having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the hospitality extended to us.

During our cruise we are visiting Quebec, Montreal and Philadelphia, which we hope will prove interesting.

Before we left Bermuda for our cruise, the inter-part cricket competition took place, but the Detachment were knocked out first round by the F'x'lemen, who eventually proved the winners of the competition.

We had two friendly games of cricket with the R.M. Band, and the honours were even, the Band having won a game and in the return match the Detachment won.

It is hoped that we shall be able to produce a good shooting team. A practice shoot with a team from the Detachment of *Malabar* proved that we shall be able to hold our own, especially when we get accustomed to the range on Moresby Plain.

We have not yet been able to test our capabilities at football, but on our return to Bermuda, we anticipate being able to give a good account of ourselves.

An inter-part relay race was organised at Bermuda, which consisted of five stages, three running and two swimming. The R.M. Band proved the winners, whose team consisted of Musns. Bennett, McNab, Brand, Warrington and Martin.

"Capetown"

In company with the two Amercian Cruisers *Richmond* and *Milwaukee*, our stay at Bar Harbour was very enjoyable. Great hospitality was shown by the U.S. Ship's Companies. Concerts and other social functions were arranged by them in our favour. This included what they termed a "Clam Bake." Great controversy was caused as to what this term implied; suggestions that it was another name for a "Bun Fight," etc., were numerous.

We were soon relieved as to its nature, however, when one afternoon the U.S. speed boats called for some 300 of our ship's Company and conveyed them to a small island. On our arrival we found some 500 U.S. seamen already assembled. It proved to be a sort of picnic, the "eats" consisting of Clams, which were baked amongst smouldering seaweed, hot dogs and coffee. Our Brass Band rendering valuable assistance throughout the afternoon.

Each evening after supper their boats waited on us to convey anyone to their "movie" shows (change of programme nightly).

Bar Harbour ranks as the most fashionable holiday resort on the east coast of America, and is the meeting-place of wealthy Americans during the summer.

On the 11th, we left for and arrived at Sydney, Cape Breton Island.

Sydney we found was in the midst of carnival week, and the town was gaily bedecked with flags for the occasion.

Vast iron smelting works were to be seen, but only one was working, two others we were informed were closed for modernizing, evidently Sydney has large prospects in the future.

In company with the *Calcutta* we arrived at St. George's Bay, N.F. on the 15th.

Our stay of 8 days was devoted to gunnery, day and night torpedo running, etc., *Calcutta* registering several direct hits.

Our "B" Rifle Team met *Calcutta's* Team in a miniature rifle shoot, and defeated them by 11.

25th August we anchored under the heights of Abraham, Quebec, for the night and proceeded to Montreal next day.

Sailor: "They've just dropped the anchor."

Dear Old Lady: "Gracious, I was afraid they would. It's been dangling outside for some time."

Answers.

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Heard at Aberdeen Railway Station. Sandy, about to leave by train, to his wife: "And Jean, mind and no let wee Angus wear his spectacles unless he's something verra interesting to look at!"

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It was at a charity ball, and a couple of young fems were holding an indignation meeting over a third one.

"Here we are," remarked one of the girls, "selling kisses to raise money and she's bootlegging 'em free back of the booth.——*Tra. Sta. News.*

AUSTRALIA.

" Delhi "

The current issue of our paper for May arrived to-day and put to rest many of the fears of the detachment who had begun to think that *Delhi* had been forgotten ; there should be at least four insertions for G. & L. en route for England dealing with our movements and successes during our stay with the Australian Fleet.

At Brisbane we were accorded a wonderful reception, dances, teas, train and motor rides being given in our honour. The motor ride was the best of the lot owing to the wonderful panoramic view to be seen on Mount Goot-sha, of Brisbane itself. Four thousand visitors came on board on our last day there, absolutely crowding the ship. On the 30th May we sailed for Hervey Bay, and here the Fleet Regatta was held, *Delhi* easily topping the list of scores. Out of nine cups *Delhi* won seven. The Marines, owing to the fact that there were no races for them, pulled in the Open Gig, which they won very easily by a quarter of the course. The crew are as follows :—Corpl. Tugwell (Cox) ; Mnes. Towner, (Stroke) ; Warden, Pearce, Baker and Hunter, and they should be complimented on the way they stuck to their training despite many reverses.

During our stay at Hervey Bay, the Night Loader Cup was competed for, and here again the Marines had very hard luck, No. 4 gun being beaten for first place by one-fifth of a second ; still, they hope to annex it next time. The same night we did a full calibre shoot, the first night shoot this commission, which gave very gratifying results.

On arrival at Sydney, Mne. Desmond was the first to fall to the arrow of the New Zealand Cupid, and was married on shore, Corpl. Connell, our dashing G.I. being best man. July 1st was a red letter day to us, as it marked the day for sailing for England.

At 10.30 that day we sailed past *Adelaide, Platypus* and *Sydney* to the tunes of " Auld Lang Syne," " Rolling Home " and " He's a jolly good fellow." All the ships in the harbour gave us three hearty cheers, and even the ferries blasted a farewell on their sirens. Small boats crowded our ship's side, packed with members of the fair sex who dabbed frantically at their eyes, showing the spell some of the " Pompey Boys " had cast over the Australian damsels. After two days at sea we tied up alongside the pier at Gladstone, a small town in Queensland. Judging by the numbers discovered *hors de combat,* the beer must have been very strong on shore. Prior to leaving Sydney, a Farewell Dance was given, which was a success, the ship's band supplied the music, and Allen the jazz effects on a jazz-set of H.M.A.S. *Adelaide's.* The officers' Farewell Dance had to be cancelled owing to the inclement weather.

PER TERRAM

WILLSWORTHY CAMP, 1926.

A Royal Marine Force consisting of one Company and a Machine Gun Platoon, and a party of Royal Marine Signallers, took part in collective training on Dartmoor, from the 9th to 29th August.

The units of this Force were collected from the three Royal Marine Divisions, the Chatham Division furnishing one Platoon, and a sub-section of Machine Guns, the Portsmouth Division one Platoon and a sub-section of Machine Guns, while the Plymouth Division furnished two platoons ; a section of Machine Guns ; a Royal Marine Signallers Party and sufficient Camp Staff to enable the training units to be relieved of administrative duties within the Camp.

The Company and Machine Gun Platoon were up to War Establishment in all respects, except transport personnel, the other ranks required for the Company Headquarters, and such transport personnel as were allowed being sent from all three Divisions.

The presence of a portion of the First Line Transport made the training especially interesting. Portsmouth supplied the Force with two L.G.S. Wagons, one Travelling Kitchen, one Water Tank and a Maltese Cart, while 14 L.D. animals or mules were kindly lent to us by regiments of the 8th Infantry Brigade.

Though these animals were accompanied by Army Transport drivers, most of the training and all in the last 14 days was in the hands of the Royal Marine Transport personnel.

The collective training with 1st Line Transport was not without its excitement, a statement which would doubtless be corroborated by such of the transport personnel, who had had no personal experience in such matters or by the members of the M.G. Platoon, who were called upon to work not only in draught, but also in pack, and who had to ford the River Tavy and to climb Tors on the sides of which bogs were known to exist, and one of which they definitely located.

Willsworthy Camp is on Dartmoor about 5 miles from Tavistock on the Tavistock-Okehampton road. It is very high up and from it a perfect view over Devon and Cornwall can be obtained. From Hare Tor or any other of the Tors within the training area, a wider view can be obtained, and there may be members of the Camp who wished that the Tors were even higher so that more could be seen of that part of England or the weather on which so much has been written, and of which so much that has been written is true. Every type of weather



WILLSWORTHY—LEAVING CAMP. *Photo by Western Morning News.*

was experienced including six fine days. Space forbids description, but individuals would no doubt be willing to furnish further details. The Standon Hill look-outs would perhaps lecture on how to cross the Tavy in flood under conditions of fog and rain, while the subject of how to keep warm and dry under canvas on Dartmoor could be dealt with by all.

It is an ill wind which blows nobody any good, as for example, a thick fog enabled the Machine Gunners to carry out a practice in night firing.

Willsworthy Camp is 22½ miles from Stonehouse, if the Tavistock route is followed and about 21 miles if this route is left near Horrabridge and the road over Plaster Down followed. The Force used the latter route in the march out, but the gradients are steep and the surface of the road bad and so the longer route was selected for the march home. Only one man fell out on the outward journey and none on the return journey, in spite of rain for the last few miles, nor were the ranks in the latter case too tired to thoroughly enjoy an excellent singsong held in the R.M. Divisional Canteen. This record speaks well for the marching powers of the Royal Marines.

The Hampshire Regiment very kindly sent their Band to meet our force at Roborough and played us in as far as Peverall, where the South Wales Borderers Band took over and played us into Headquarters. This action on the part of these Regiments was very much appreciated by all concerned.

Platoon Training commenced on 26th July, at the respective Divisions with preliminary instruction of N.C.O.'s. This instruction being followed by 7 days Platoon Training. In the meantime the Machine Gun Platoon had assembled at Browndown for its own preliminary training. All units assembled at Plymouth by the 4th August, the period 4th to 8th August being devoted to further preliminary work for the Company and M.G. Platoon prior to the move to Willsworthy.

The training at Willsworthy took the form of work on a single narrative covering the five operations of war, Attack, Defence, Outposts, Advanced Guards and Rear Guards. During the first two weeks, all ranks were practised in the part they had to play in each section of the exercise, and then during the last week the battle was fought throughout by all units assembled for Collective Training. In addition, night training was carried out and as much time as weather conditions would allow was devoted to Field Firing.

The Adjutant-General inspected the Camp on Friday and Saturday, 27th and 28th August, witnessing in company with a number of Officers, a Rear Guard Exercise on the 27th, and Field Firing on the 28th.

The Adjutant-General and Colonel Paterson stayed the night in comp on the 27th, and that evening a very



Photo by Western Morning News.

WILLSWORTHY—R.M. LEWIS GUNNERS ADVANCING.

successful Camp Concert, organised by Lieut. Clanchy, was held in the Y.M.C.A. tent.

Thanks to the Y.M.C.A., who maintained their organisation, and to the Divisional Canteen, who established a branch in the Camp, the recreation of the troops was well provided for.

Rumour has it that a Dartmoor pony met its end at the hands of Royal Marines, but " De Mortuis." Let the pony rest where she was laid by her sorrowing and gas-masked mourners.

PLYMOUTH.

TORCHLIGHT TATTOO.

The following account of the first performance of the Plymouth Division Tattoo is from the *Western Morning News* of 13th September :—

" Last night the first performance at the Royal Marine Barracks, Stonehouse, of the searchlight and torchlight tattoo, in aid of the funds of the Royal Marine Cadet Corps and Girls' Ambulance Company, took place. A programme of great variety and interest was arranged, and will be presented each evening this week.

The parade ground offered a scene of brilliancy and beauty. Illuminated by searchlights placed on the roofs of surrounding buildings, and by powerful arc lights overhead, the arena showed up with wonderful clearness when the tattoo was opened with stirring march music by the Marine band and buglers, and the fifes and drums.

Next athletes clad in white formed tableaux, and carried out wonderful feats on a vaulting-horse in the lighted centre of the square. Running and leaping to music, the men made vaulting into a complicated business of somersaults, twists, and mid-air turns. Only a trained athlete can leap over a horse of his own height and include a somersault without the stimulus of fear ; these marines did it one after the other with perfect precision, and varied their achievement many times.

In extended formation the R.M. Volunteer Cadet Corps next appeared, and after the execution of some clever rifle-swinging the arc lamps were extinguished, and three tiny coloured lights glowed instead on every rifle. The swinging and twirling of the rifles were renewed in rhythm with the music, and the novelty and charm of the effect may be well imagined.

An ingenious and amusing item was provided by the enactment of a dream of a small boy who went to sleep on a little white bed in the centre of the square. From a Noah's Ark, revealed by a searchlight, poured the

animal occupants, grotesque and frolicsome, who gavotted and scuffled amusingly all over the asphalt.

Half-a-dozen toy soldiers stalked woodenly about, and presently collapsed in a row with a tinny crash. Then Noah assembled his mixed flock, and there was some difficulty about getting the giraffe back into the Ark.

Dance tunes and military marches mingled during the lantern march, the most beautiful of all the events in the tattoo. In darkness there entered long files of twin lanterns—red, green, and yellow, winding and crossing, and recrossing, swaying slightly as their almost unseen bearers walked along. Not a flaw marred the display. The files swayed purposefully to the centre, and circled one within the other, like a living mass of bright balloons.

" Scotch " marines marched from end to end of the square with skirling of the pipes. Their piping would not have disgraced the finest Scottish regiment.

Arabs under a realistic Sheik next invaded the arena, and four on " horseback " had as much humorous difficulty with their own legs as a cowboy with an unbroken broncho. An " American tourist " and his wife were captured, and rescued by a British company after a terrific outburst of rifle and machine-gun fire, followed by a bayonet charge.

Hornpipes, Irish jigs, and Scottish reels were prettily danced by members of the Girls' Ambulance Company, and the programme was brought to a conclusion with a historical pageant. Marines and Marine Bands of the 18th century and later, true to type in every detail, carried out marching movements and rifle drill of their respective periods.

The masterpiece was the perfect drill of the 1926 platoon, who had, moreover, little time to rehearse. Their absolutely perfect marching and rifle drill brought thunderous cheers from the spectators.

In the finale the hymn ' Abide with Me ' was played by all the bands."

If the high standard of the first performance is maintained throughout the week, there should be little doubt as to the financial success of the Tattoo."

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Generally speaking, the performance is well up to the high standard attained during the last two years, and reflects the greatest credit on all concerned in its organisation.

Captain N. K. Jolley and his Staff deserve the highest praise.

Congratulations are due to Major Norcock for having produced a Lantern March, with figures and movements yet more intricate and elaborate.

No notice would be complete without a special mention of Drum-Major G. W. Dyer. His appearance was literally magnificent, and his " Staff Work " superb.

The Pipes on parade created a distinct novelty and may prove a permanent addition to our march music, their value having been fully appreciated during the recent training at Willsworthy.

The drill of the squad, at present undergoing Field Training under Lieut. C. M. G. Luxmoore, was perfect, as rightly recorded by the reporter. While considering every credit to the officer in question for his handling of the men, and their splendid response, let us not forget " Sergeant What's his Name "—the Depot Instructor, to whom these men owed their initial training.

There can be little amiss with the N.C.O.'s " the backbone of the service " when one views the type of trained man produced by their efforts.

Mr. W. Higgins and his staff of the Superintendent of the Electrical Department have once again given of their best. The lighting arrangements were admirably executed and contributed in no small degree to the success of the evening.

The thanks of all are due to these modest workers behind the scenes.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Sixty years ago the following announcement appeared in the *West London Observer* (September, 1866) :—

MARRIAGE NOTICE.

GRITTON : AINSWORTH.—On the 29th August, 1866, at St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith, by the Rev. W. G. Cookesley, Lieutenant Henry Gritton, R.M.L.I., to Elizabeth, daughter of William Francis Ainsworth, F.R.G.S., F.S.A., etc., of Ravenscourt Villa, Hammersmith.

On this occasion the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, sent the following telegram to Lieut.-Colonel Gritton.

" On behalf of Royal Marines I wish to congratulate you and Mrs. Gritton on the occasion of your Diamond Wedding."

The following reply was received :—

" Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Gritton present their compliments to the Adjutant-General, Royal Marines, and thank him sincerely for his telegram conveying the kind wishes and congratulations of the Royal Marines on the occasion of the Diamond celebration of their wedding.

They both greatly appreciate this and will never forget it."

Colonel Gritton served for 37 years in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, and had a distinguished career. During the war he acted as one of the military representatives at the White City and Hammersmith Tribunal, and is held in the highest esteem by all.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Archibald Primrose, eldest son of the late Sir Thomas Anderson Stuart and Lady Anderson Stuart of Sydney, Australia, to Margaret Hamlin, widow of Lieut.-Comdr. Denys P. O'Callaghan, R.N., of Beach Court, Upper Deal.

Surg.-Lieut. Anderson Stuart is now serving at the Depot, Royal Marines, Deal.

BIRTH.

SAUNDERS.—On the 29th July, at Johannesburg, the wife of P. K. Saunders (Tommy Bridges) of a son.

MARRIAGE.

DESMOND : LANGDON.—On the 16th June, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, N.S.W., by the Rev. Father Donnell, Jeremiah Desmond, Royal Marines, H.M.S. " Delhi," to Patricia Mary Langdon of Hobart, Tasmania

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" So you are lost, little man ? Why didn't you hold on to your mother's skirt ? "

" I couldn't reach it," sobbed the child.—*Smart Set.*



CORPS CRICKET.

June 11th-12th, R.M. *v.* Greenjackets, at Winchester. No play on account of rain.

July 12th-13th, R. M. *v.* Harlequins at Deal. Lost by an innings and 87 runs.

HARLEQUINS.

F. H. Hollins, b Brooks	73
G. W. F. Lyon, b Hunton	1
E. R. Holmes, c Brooks, b Hunton	30
C. L. Taylor, run out	65
G. E. W. Crutchley, b Yates	21
J. W. Crawford, c Yates, b Reading	50
C. S. Crawley, b Brooks	114
J. F. Newman, lbw, b Brooks	17
R. L. Robinson, c and b Brooks	2
Lord Dunglass, c Reading, b Yates	0
J. C. Masterman, not out	49
C. D. McIver, did not bat	
Extras	22
Innings declared closed Total	444

1st Innings. R.M.		2nd Innings.	
Capt. Weir, c Crawford, b Robinson	15	c McIver, b Dunglass	24
Capt. Simpson, lbw, b Crutchley	8	b Masterman	11
Lieut. Hunt, st. McIver, b Taylor	54	ct. Crutchley, b Taylor	19
Major Brooks, lbw, b Robinson	10	run out	8
Capt. Reading, ct. McIver, b Holmes	25	lbw, b Crutchley	11
Capt. Brooke-Short, b Masterman	1	b Crutchley	42
Major Tuke, c Crawley, b Dunglass	30	b Newman	15
Lieut. Burnett, c Crawford, b Holmes	0	c Masterman, b Newman	4
Lieut. Simonds, b Masterman	4	c Hollins, b Newman	1
Mne. Yates, not out	16	b Crutchley	0
Lieut. Cornwall, b Holmes	5	b Crutchley	1
Major Hunton, b Holmes	4		
Extras	23	Extras	26
	195		162

July 21st-22nd, R.M. *v.* Major Bonham-Carter's XI. at Chatham. Won by 2 wickets.

MAJOR BONHAM-CARTER'S XI.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Lt.-Comdr. Bartley, b O'Donnell	45		
Lt.-Comdr. Brooke, lbw, b O'Donnell	43	b Hunton	9
Lt.-Comdr. Garnier, c Weir, b O'Don'll	4	c Brooks, b Hunton	1
Major Rait Keir, retired	35	c Simpson, b Weir	29
Capt. Tylden, c Brooke-Short b Hunton	12	c Smith, b Hunton	33
Lieut. Boucher, b O'Donnell	1	not out	12
Comdr. S S. Bonham-Carter, c Hunton	61		
Lt.-Comdr. Casswell, lbw, b Brooks	2		
Major Bonham-Carter, did not bat			
Capt. Wilbraham, c O'Donnell, b Hunton	24	c Brooks, b Burnett	7
Capt. Minnis, not out	1		
Extras	12	Extras	5
Innings declared	240	Innings declared	96

1st Innings. R.M.		2nd Innings.	
Lt. Smith, c Minnis, b Casswell	0	c Casswell, b Brooks	55
Capt. Weir, b Boucher	8	not out	8
Lt. Hunt, b Boucher	13	c Bartley, b Boucher	30
Major Brooks, c Brooke, b Boucher	54	c Minnis, b Boucher	29
Lt. O'Donnell, b Brooke	2	run out	5
Capt. Simpson, lbw, b Minnis	12	c and b Boucher	1
Capt. Brooke-Short, c Bartley, b Boucher	4	b Boucher	16
Major Tuke, b Boucher	0	b Casswell	35
Lt. Cornwall, c Minnis, b Casswell	29	b Casswell	7
Lt. Burnett, b Brook	9	not out	1
Major Hunton, not out	10	did not bat	
Extras	7	Extras	3
	148		190

July 23rd-24th, R.M. *v.* Harrow Wanderers, at Chatham. Lost by 6 wickets.

HARROW WANDERERS.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
E. O. Bleackley, c O'Donnell, b Hunton	9	b Brooks	21
M. F. Kemp, b O'Donnell	3	c Smith, b Hunton	5
R. E. de Uplaugh, c Cornwall, b Brooks	28		
E. W. E. Mann, c Brooks, b Yates	30	lbw, b Brooks	0
C. V. Baker, lbw, b Brooks	18	not out	39
Hon. R. Anson, b Brooks	106	not out	33
A. C. L. Wills, lbw, b Brooks	16	b Yates	19
R. Blewitt, b Brooks	0		
E. W. Wrigley, b Yates	42		
A. C. Raphael, not out	31		
D. Wormald, lbw, b Brooks	8		
Extras	18	Extras	1
	309		118

R.M.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt. Weir, b Wrigley	19	lbw, b Raphael	7
Lieut. Smith, lbw, b Wrigley	36	ht. wkt., b Wills	28
Lieut. Hunt, b Wrigley	41	st. Wormald, b Anson	100
Major Brooks, b Wills	37	c Anson, b Wills	25
Lieut. O'Donnell, c Anson, b Wrigley	12	b Wrigley	7
Capt. Simpson, c Wormald, b Wills	15	lbw, b Wrigley	14
Capt. Brooke-Short, lbw, b Wills	13	b Wrigley	8
Major Tuke, b Wills	6	not out	17
Mne. Yates, not out	3	run out	7
Lieut. Cornwall, c Blewitt, b Wrigley	1	retired	
Major Hunton, b Wrigley	0	lbw, b Wrigley	0
Extras	18	Extras	10
	201		223

July 26th-27th, R.M. *v.* Royal Engineers, at Chatham. Game stopped owing to rain.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.		R.M.	
Capt. Rait Keir, run out	17	Lieut Smith, b Thompson	3
Lieut. Grose, lbw, b Brooks	128	Mus. Mallard, c Gibson, b Minnis	7
Lieut. Paterson, b Henwood	21	Lieut. Hunt, not out	40
Lieut. Roberts, lbw, b Tuke	67	Major Brooks, not out	65
Lieut. Jacob, lbw, b Brooks	28	Lieut. O'Donnell	
Lieut. Temry, c Smith, b Brooks	13	Capt. Simpson	
Lieut. Boyd, b O'Donnell	7	Capt. Brook-Short	
Corpl. Gibson, not out	15	Major Tuke	
Lieut. Hards, not out	23	Mne. Yates	
Lieut. Thompson, did not bat		Lt.-Col. Hickson	
Lieut. Minnis, did not bat		Sergt. Henwood	
Extras	24	Game abandoned owing to rain.	
Innings declared	343		

CHATHAM.

RIFLE MEETING.

Although marred to a certain extent by inclement weather, the annual rifle meeting of the Chatham Division of the Royal Marines, held at the Borstal Range on Monday and Tuesday, was highly successful, no fewer than 156 competitors taking part. The standard of shooting was excellent, and competition throughout was keen. During the two days several trophies were shot for, and one of the most interesting of the competitions on the second day was that for ladies, in which no fewer than thirty of the fair sex took part. The first prize-winner, Mrs. Beasley, wife of one of the officers, made a possible with 28 points, and two other ladies were only one point behind.

The work of organisation lay largely in the hands of Capt. H. R. Haines, Q.M.S.I. R. Bonnett, a committee of N.C.O.'s and the S.A. Staff. Range officers were Major C. B. Mullins and Major Attwood, who had as their assistants, Lieuts. C. A. Power and P. J. Burgess. The duties of butt officers were carried out by Capt. P. R. Smith-Hill, Lieut. F. H. Coucher and 2nd-Lieut. P. Phillips.

The prizes awarded were presented to the winners on Tuesday evening by Mrs. Morgan, wife of Col.-Comdt. R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., who presided at the function. Mrs. Morgan and the Col.-Comdt. were afterwards thanked on the motion of Capt. H. R. Haines, O.B.E., who offered general congratulations on the success of the meeting.

RESULTS.

Company fire with movement practice ; teams of seven, moving forward and firing from distances varying from 500 yards.—1, "C" Co., comprising Cpl. R. G. Hill, Mnes. J. Sutton, H. Jenion, O. Griffiths, A. Rutledge, W. J. Yates and W. C. Thorne ; 2, "A" Co. ; 3, "G" Co. ; 4, "E" Co.

Company competition with light automatic (Lewis) guns, at 500 yards, guns on the firing point, teams at the rear. On appearance of target, teams to get into action and fire two magazines.—1, "A" Co. (Mnes. F. A. Church and A. T. Tilney) ; 2, "C" Co.

Slow individual competition, 200 yards, one sighter and seven rounds ; possible 28 points ; Class A, marksmen and first-class shots.—1, Cpl. W. P. Bishop 28 ; Lt. P. J. Burgess 27 ; 3, Sgt. E. W. Sheerman 27. Class B, 2nd and 3rd class shots.—1, Mne. W. J. Hazell 26 ; 2, Mne. A. T. Lathom 25,; 3, Mne. J. Hanna 24.

Individual snap shooting at 200 yards ; classes as above ; one sighter and five rounds ; poss. 20 points.—Class A, tie for first place with 17 points each, Sergt. G. H. Chennery, Sergt. P. Curtis and Sergt. W. Shaw. Class B.—1, Mne. C. B. Lansdowne 18 ; 2, Mne. R. F. Richards 16 ; 3, Mne. J. Duckworth 16.

Slow individual competition, 300 yards ; one sighter and seven rds. ; classes as above ; poss. 28 points.—Class A.—1, Corpl. H. Akhurst 27 ; 2, Sgt. T. J. Walker 26 ; 3, Sgts. F. Mercer and W. Elliott (tie) 26. Class B.—Cpl. Redfern 25 ; 2, Lt. R. W Simmonds 25 ; 3, Mne. H. Middleton 24.

Rapid individual competition, 300 yards ; one sighter and ten rounds; 45secs. allowed ; poss. 40 points. Class A.—1, Corpl. A. W. White 35 ; 2, Mne. J. Sutton 34 ; 3, Corpl. F. L. Hale 32. Class B.—1, Mne. E. T. Smith 27 ; Corpl. H. Redfern 25 ; 3, Mne. W. J. Hook 25.

Slow individual competition, 500 yards ; one sighter and seven rds. ; poss. 28 points. Class A.—1, Clr.-Sgt. F. W. M. Smith 27 ; 2, C.S.M. M. Carlton 27 ; 3, Cpl. A. V. Clarke 26. Class B.—Mne. T. L. Dixon 24; 2, Mne. A. R. Green 24 ; 3, Mne. G. T. Youdle 21.

Rapid individual competition, 500 yards ; one sighter, ten rounds ; rifle unloaded at start ; 45 secs. allowed ; poss. 40 points. Class 3.—1, Clr.-Sgt. J. B. McColl 34 ; 2, Mne. A. Rutledge 33 ; 3, Mne. L. V. Dunn, 33. Class B.—1, Mne, E. T. Smith 28 ; 2, Mne. G. T. Youdle 27 ; 3, Mne. H. J. Trigg 25.

For the best aggregates in the slow shooting there was a tie of 77 points out of a possible 84 between Sergt. Shaw and Corpl. Akhurst. Each fired off tor the first prize at 500 yards, being allowed one sighter and three rounds. Sergt. Shaw scored 11 points, Corpl. Akhurst being one point behind. Sergt. Shaw therefore carried off the cup. Third place was secured by Corpl. W. P. Bishop wiht 76 points. In Class B, the aggregate cup was won by Lieut. Simmonds with a total of 69 points; Mne. Hazle was second with 66, and Mne. Rogers third with 65.

The cup for the best aggregate in snap and rapid shooting, Class A, was won by Corp,. A. W. White, with a total of 75 points ; 2, Mne. L. V. Dunn 73 ; 3, Clr.-Sgt. J. D. McColl 72. In Class B, the aggregate cup was secured by Mne. C. B. Lansdowne with a total of 61 ; 2, Mne. E. T. Smith 59 ; 3, Mne. G. T. Youdle 54.

The cup offered for the best grand aggregate in the first six matches went to Corpl. A. W. White, with a total of 147 out of a possible 184 points ; 2, Clr.-Sgt. McColl 146 ; 3, Corpl. Akhurst 145 ; Lieut. W. G. Beasley 143.

All ranks team competition ; teams of 8 ; fire with movement from 600 to 100 yards.—1, Sergts. Mess (Clr.-Sergts. J. D. McColl and T. H. Lee, Sergts. G. A. Chennery, T. J. Walker, S. Shaw, F. W. Sheerman, W. Small and C. B. M. Carlton) ; 2, Junior N.C.O.'s ; 3, Officers ; 4, Marines.

Tile shooting competition ; teams of six and leader ; start at 300 yards, run to 200 yards and fire ten rounds at twelve tile targets ; 45 secs. allowed.—1, "E" Co. (C.S.M. Carlton (leader), Q.M.S. R. Bonnett, Sgts. Small, Sheerman and Shaw, Cpl. Akhurst and Mne. Dunn) ; 2, "A" Co.

Onslow Cup competition ; eight competitors from each company nominated at commencement of meeting ; scores made in first six matches to count ; poss. 1,472 points.—1, "E" Co. (Q.M.S. R. Bonnett, C.S.M. Carlton, Clr.-Sgts. J. Johnson and F. W. M. Smith, Sgts. Shaw, Sheerman and Jones and Corpl. Akhurst), 1,037 ; 2, "C" Co. 972 ; 3, "A" Co. 968 ; 4, "G" Co. 755.

McCausland Cup competition ; trophy and silver medal offered to officer making highest score in first six matches.—1, Lieut. Beasley, 143 out of poss. 184 ; 2, Lieut. Burgess ; 3, Sgt.-Major Stratton.

Officers' revolver competition for the Malden Cup ; poss. 120 points ; under Whitehead conditions ; six shots slow in two minutes at 50 yards ; six slow in one minute at 20 yards ; six in twelve secs. at 20 yards ; six in twelve secs. at 10 yards.—1, Major H. E. Gillespie, O.B.E., 85 ; 2, Capt. P. R. Smith-Hill 66. Bronze medal for 2nd.

Revolver competition for all ranks ; six rounds in twelve secs. at 10 yards ; poss. 30 points. Class A.—1, Clr.-Sgt. McColl 22 ; 2, Sgt. F. Mercer 22 ; 3, Major Gillespie 20 ; 4, C.S.M. Carlton 20. Class B.—1, Mne. C. Vernon ; 2, Mne. W. H. Austin ; 3, Mne. W. Hook.

Individual competition for wives and ladies of all ranks ; miniature rifles ; two sighters and seven rounds at 25 yards ; poss. points 28.—1, Mrs Beasley, poss. ; 2, Miss Temple 27 ; 3, Miss Hickson 27 ; Mrs. Walker 26 ; 5, Mrs. Temple 26 ; 6, Mrs. Mullins 26.

The Sergeants' Mess held their annual meeting concurrently with the divisional shoot, with the following results :—Carter Cup, presented by Owen J. Carter, Ltd., for best aggregate in matches 1, 3 and 5, Sergt. Shaw, 77 out of a possible 84. Barnet Cup and special prize presented by Messrs. Budden and Biggs for best aggregate in matches 2, 4 and 6, Clr.-Sgt. McColl, 72 out of a possible 95. Grand aggregate prize, Clr.-Sergt. McColl, 146 out of a possible 184.

RECREATION ROOM.

The Monthly games were carried on with the usual success, results are as follows :—

23rd Whist Drive.—1st, Mne. H. Sampson ; 2nd, Mne. A. Tricker ; 3rd, Mne. H. Everett. 24th Whist Drive.—Mne. T. Russell ; 2nd, Mne. W. Percy ; 3rd, Mne. W. Briggs. Winner of Billiards.—Mne. W. Bannister ; Runner-up, Mne. A. A. Tricker. Winner of Snooker.—Mne. A. Tricker ; Runner-up, Mne. C. Botting. Winner of Cribb.—Mne. E. Freemantle ; Runner-up, Mne. G. Williams.

R.M. CADETS SPORTS.

Any movement which encourages sport deserves to be well supported, for sports make boys and girls strong and healthy in body and in mind.

The afternoon was well attended by the cadets' parents and local villagers, and also by a large number of officers and their wives, including the Col.-Comdt. and Mrs. Morgan.

The boys ran their races with the greatest possible

keenness and team spirit and the winners were rewarded by suitable prizes.

After tea, Mrs. Morgan kindly presented the prizes.

RESULTS:

Cadets' 80 yards (11 to 13).—1, Cadet Oram; 2, Cadet Butler; 3, Cadet Moody.

Cadets, 60 yards (8 to 10).—1, Cadet Buckley; 2, Cadet Cocking; 3, Cadet F. Rogers.

Inter-Section Football Match.—Won by 4th Section.

Four-legged Race.—1, Cadets C. W. Aldridge, A. Whitley, R. Whitley; 2, Cadets J. White, J. Le Breton, B. Skinner; 3, Cadets K. Compton, R. Coote, W. Crozer.

Cadets, 100 yards (14 and over).—1, Sergt. H. L. Baker; 2, Cadet C. W. Aldridge.

Sack Race, 50 yards (12 and over).—1, Cadet R. Franks; 2, Cadet B. Skinner; 3, Cadet E. Monk.

Sack Race, 50 yards (11 and under).—1, Cadet G. Hicks; 2, Cadet E. Butler; 3, Cadet L. F. Le Breton.

Galleys Racing Crew.—Won by 4th Section.

Girls, 80 yards (12 and over).—1, Miss Dene Screeton; 2, Miss Beryl Monk.

Girls, 50 yards (11 and under).—1, Daphne Chalkley; 2, Dorothy Moody.

Boot Race.—1, Cadet R. Franks; 2, Cadet B. Skinner; 3, Cadet Stokes; 4, Cadet A. White.

Reveille Race.—Won by 1st Section.

Ladies' Race, 80 yards.—1, Mrs. Seal; 2, Mrs. Screeton.

Gents' Race (100 yards).—1, Mr. Allen; 2, Mr. Tompkins.

Inter-Section Cricket.—Won by No. 1 Section.

PORTSMOUTH.

RUGBY.

Portsmouth Division Rugby Football Club opened their season on the 18th September, by winning against Fareham, by 1 goal and 6 tries (23 points) to 1 try (3 points).

Although the weather was more suited to cricket and the ground very hard, and it was our first match of the season, a good game was seen. The forwards took a little time to settle down in the scrum, but gradually improved and got together, and in the second half were playing well and commanding the game. The outsides combined well and handled well, and the tackling was sincere. Place-kicking was poor, but we have every reason to be pleased with the form shown so early in the season.

Fareham were a weaker side, but put up a good game. Their try was scored by Heath. For the Royal Marines, 2nd Lt. Hardy and Mne. A. H. Merckel scored 3 tries each, and Lieut. Wills 1 try. Mne Green converted A. H. Merckel's third try.

A good fixture list has been arranged including plenty of 2nd XV. fixtures.

Lieut. Wills has been elected captain and Mne. Green vice-captain for the season.

Suddenly the farmer started up in bed. He had heard a noise in the poultry sheds. Hastily pulling on an old coat, he scrambled down the stairs, and armed with an old blunderbuss, made his way to the scene of the trouble. He could still hear the flurried chickens.

"Who's there," he called.

There was no answer.

"Who's there?" he cried again.

No answer.

"Right!" said the farmer. "Then one more chance! Who's there—before I shoot?"

Then came a shaky voice: "Nobody—only just us ens!"—*Answers.*

SHOOTING.

We have completed our programme for the season with the exception of the P.U.S. Rifle Meeting, which is being held at Tipnor from 21st to 25th September.

As regards matches, our last one for the season was the return match with the North London R.C. at Eastney Owing to our team winning the match at Bisley in the early part of the season, a strong team was expected. The team included Mr. Fulton (King's Prize Winner, 1926), Mr. Burr (Gold Medalist), the remaining members being well known Bisley shots. The Divisional team was somewhat weakened by "Drafts" and "Collective Training" and although we suffered defeat, the shooting was of a high standard. It is interesting to note that six of the visitors made scores of 100 or over. Results of match, North London R.C., 798 pts; Royal Marines, 761 pts.

The annual shoot for the Company Cup took place on the ranges on Thursday, Sept. 9th, in ideal weather. The composition of teams were 2 any rank and 6 marines from a company, and the conditions were Rapid and Snap at 200 yards slow, at 500 yards. After a well contested shoot "N" Coy. won the Cup and Silver Medals with 462 pts., with "E" Coy. 2nd (Bronze Medals), 435 pts.

WATER POLO.

Since last issue we have not made much headway with our fixtures, owing to *Olympia*, where two of our "mainstays," Q.M.S.I. Attwood and Sergt. Ring, were leading the Field Gun's Crews. Corpl. Borrett, our accomplished goalie also being away at Bisley. At present we are working hard to bring our fixtures up to date.

We have suffered a great loss by the embarkation of Capt. Shephard, whose place as a player and adviser it will be very hard indeed to fill. His aquatic abilities need no comment, being too well known throughout the Corps generally.

Our Hon. Sec., Sergt. Ring, having "embarked" in the Royal Naval Detention Quarters, has been relieved by Sergt. Cawthraw, under whose hands we are making up our back fixtures, and it is also a great help to have Sergt. Ring with us a player still.

PORTSMOUTH AND DISTRICT LEAGUE, DIV. I.

At Eastney, R.M. *v.* H.M.S. "Vernon." After a fast game we managed to win 3—2 (Wood 2, Davidson 1).

At Eastney, R.M. *v.* H.M.S. "Dolphin." Won 10—0. The Marines being too fast for the seamen and goals were soon the order of the match. (Wood 2, Davidson 4, Seldon 3, Tallent 1).

At Eastney, R.M. *v.* H.M.S. "Vernon." Won 8—0. (Wood 1, Davidson 4, Tallent 2, Seldon 1).

At City Baths, City Police *v.* R.M. Result 1—1. This was a ding-dong struggle, the Marines being the first team to hold their own with the Police, and the existing rivalry between the two is a great attraction at any baths.

We started the game with six men owing to a car mishap, and actually scored our goal with our depleted side. Tallent "netted" the ball a few seconds after start, however, we could not repeat it, and had to be satisfied with a draw.

Up to the present, we have not lost a match, having played 6, won 5, and drawn 1.



STEPHEN CRIBB. SOUTHSEA.

ROYAL MARINES "OLYMPIA" FIELD GUN CREWS. 1926.

R. J. Milcoy (Ch.) ; P. Drewitt (Ply.) ; W. Hurdle (Ch.) ; H. Pook (Po.) ; A. Browning (Po.) ; J. H. Seals (Ply.) ; Corpl. H. M. S. Dunster (Po.) ; J. G. Brown (Ch.) ; J. R. Price (Ply.) ; S. J. Trimble (Po.) ; T. Meakin (Po.) ; A. R. Skinner (Ch.) ; T. Colishaw (Po.) ; Corpl. R. H. B. Leonard (Po.) ; J. Steel (Ply.) ; Sergt. A. W. Hatfield (Po.) ; E. A. Lamb (Po.) ; A. E. Saunders (Po.)

Sgt. S. H. Blake (Ply.) ; F. W. Stratford (Po.) ; V. J. Williams (Po.) ; W. Harris (Po.) ; D. A. Drage (Ply.) ; W. A. Crocker (Ply.) ; J. J. Howe (Ply.) ; A. J. Kitchener (Po.) ; Corpl. F. Hunt (Po.) ; J. Sloan (Po.) ; J. Rumary (Ch.) ; A. S. Curtis (Po.) ; H. E. Hocking (Ch.) ; S. J. Newcome (Po.) ; A. J. Ripsher (Po.) ; C. Wallbridge (Ply.)

S. L. Kenney (Ch.) ; Corpl. E. H. Bircham (Ch.) ; A. Sandall (Ply.) ; Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II.) A. A. Attwood (Po.) (Trainer "A" Crew) ; Lt.-Col. G. L. Raikes, C.B., D.S.C. ; Col. Comdt. J. B. Finlaison, C.M.G., A.D.C. ; Lieut. J. H. G. Wills ; Sergt. W. L. Ring (Po.) (Trainer "B" Crew) ; J. Howard (Ply.) ; P. W. Pannell (Po.) ; G. G. Price (Ply.)

L. G. Gomer (Ply.) ; T. M. McManus (Ch.) ; J. R. Collins (Po.) ; F. A. Lowman (Ply.) ; A. F. Parr (Ply.) ; H. Richards (Ch.).

DIVISION II.

In this division we have not enjoyed the success of the first, mainly through frequent changes in the team caused by embarkations. At City Baths, R.M. *v.* H.M.S. "Excellent." Won 2—0. At Eastney, R.M. *v.* Gosport Athletic, lost 4—2. City Baths, City Police *v.* R.M., lost 7—0.

Corpls. Woods, Borrett and Mne Davidson have been selected to represent the Navy at Polo, in their match with the Army on the 20th Sept.

On the 16th Sept. we are holding our Annual Gala, and judging by the number of entries, it has every indication of being a great success.

PLYMOUTH.

SAILING.

Our boats did not race during August as no Officer Coxswains were available.

PLYMOUTH REGATTA RESULTS.

August 31st, *R.P.C.Y.C.*—R.M. 30ft. Cutter, 1st (Lieut. Phibbs) ; 27th Whaler, unplaced (Lieut. Edds).

Sept. 1st, *Port of Plymouth*—Cutter, 2nd (Lieut. Phibbs) ; Whaler, unplaced (Lieut. Edds).

Sept. 3rd, *R.S.W.* (*Coburg Cup*)—Cutter,(holder), 2nd (Lieut. Phibbs).

Sept. 4th, *Minima Y.C.*—Cutter, 3rd (Lieut. Phibbs) ; Whaler, unplaced (Lieut. Edds).

The Ratings "Arbuthnot Cup" was won by Ldg. Seaman Clutterbuck, R.N. (K.H.M. Whaler) ; R.M. Whaler (Clr.-Sgt. Norris), was runner-up.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

We have opened our playing season in brilliant style, our opening match being versus Looe, last seasons League Champions, in which we emerged victors by the only goal scored. Looe was at full strength, including Bowden, the Plymouth Argyle amateur centre-forward, who was soon prominent with a left-foot drive which Davidson our keeper cleverly tipped over the bar. Exciting end-to-end play was the feature of the first half, the interval arriving with no score. On resumption, the Marines pressed, and Horn neatly evading Cook, ran through to score a delightful goal from 20 yards range. Looe put on pressure, and Whitnell and Stratton repeatedly saved the home goal. Potts cleverly held Bowden, and towards the end the Marines went very close to adding to their score, both Wheeldon and Shewbrook shooting, which Woolway cleared with difficulty. Result : Royal Marines, 1 ; Looe, 0.

Played on the Longroom, on 4th Sept., after a very hard and vigorous game, the Marines succeeded by three goals to two against the Dockyard Utd. The opening half provided the best movements. The homesters opened in convincing style, both Horn and Wheeldon making creditable attempts. Bonstow saved twice before Wheeldon scored from close range. Dockyard equalised from a "penalty." After the interval, Nichols put Dockyard ahead with a cross shot. The Marines rallied, Bryant and Shewbrook proving dangerous raiders, and ultimately the latter equalised the scores from close in, and just before time, the same player scored the winning goal. The victory for the Marines was particularly creditable as Stratton retired early in the game with a strained ankle.

Our first "away" match versus Woodland Villas at Honicknowle on Saturday, 11th Sept., was patronised by a large crowd of supporters from the Barracks, and the game opened briskly, the homesters testing Price in the visiting goal in the first minute or so, but finding him safe. Wheeldon opened the scoring, Skipper adding a second. Woodland scored from a free kick, but Wheeldon put on a brilliant third goal before the end, the game ending, R.M. 3 goals, Woodland 1 goal.

Price, our reserve goalkeeper, played a splendid game, and Easter, a new half, proved a valuable acquisition to the team in his first match in senior company.

The Reserves have only played one match to date in the Devon Wednesday League versus the Devon Motor Transport Co., and ran out easy winners by 5 goals to 2. The successful marksmen being Tulip (2), Slocombe, Burton and Bryant.

DEPOT

CRICKET.

Played 26, Won 10, Lost 9, Drawn 7.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name	*Inns.*	*Not Out*	*Highest Score*	*Runs*	*Avge.*
Major Brooks	27	1	170	1375	52.9
Musn. Mallard	14	2	166*	546	45.5
Captain Reading	20	2	84	668	37.1
Captain Simpson	27	0	115	892	33.1
Lieut. O'Donnell	13	0	79	428	32.9
Lieut. Cutler	25	0	61	601	24.1
Colonel Shine	28	4	129*	537	22.4
Mne. Escott	25	4	98	411	19.6
Lieut. Bramall	10	2	42*	139	17.4
Mne. Hansford	16	1	50	188	12.5
Sergt. Henwood	16	2	22	106	7.6
Surg.-Lieut. Williams ..	20	4	20*	116	7.2

*Not out

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name	*Overs*	*Mdns.*	*Wkts.*	*Runs*	*Avge.*
Lieut. O'Donnell	155	25	28	460	16.4
Major Brooks	389	50	77	1321	17.2
Capt. Reading	169	11	32	682	21.3
Rect. Tigar	104	8	20	434	21.7
Sergt. Henwood	309	36	50	1089	21.8
Surg.-Lieut. Williams ..	242	21	37	959	25.9
Mne. Escott	91	6	16	448	28.0

The inter-Squad cricket cup was won by the 129th Squad.

Scores—129th Squad : 21 runs and 110 runs ; 132nd Squad : 77 runs and 34 runs.

FOOTBALL.

Up to the present the Depot 1st Eleven have only had one match in the Folkestone and District League. This was played on the Depot ground on September 11th. We had the misfortune to lose to the Bedford and Hertfordshire Regiment by three goals to two after an evenly contested game.

We are hoping to beat the R.N.T.E. Shotley, in the Navy Cup on October 13th.

Having drawn a bye in the First Round, the Depot team goes direct into the Port Semi-Final.

Two friendly matches have been played with the following results :—P.T. Staff *v.* The Offices, 3—2 ; P.T. Staff *v.* Parade Staff, 3—2.

GOLF.

Lieut. S. G. Cutler, R.M., won the Royal Cinque Ports scratch Gold Medal, after a tie with the Hon. Michael Scott.

BOXING.

The 100% Squad Boxing Competition will take place on the 23rd September. The finals will be on the 14th October.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

CRICKET.

The following are the results of the School's teams during the season which has now concluded :—

Men's Team—Played 22, won 9, lost 12, drawn 1.

Boys' Team—Played 14, won, 7, lost 7.

On the whole, the season has been fairly successful considering the difficulty that had to be overcome owing to the shortage of players in the School's team, on account of the great demand of men for embarkation. In the final for the Franklin Memorial Shield, 51 Room (Musicians) defeated 60 Room (Boys).

FOOTBALL.

The School have opened their fixtures in U.S. League, Div. I., and the results up to date are :—*v.* H.M.S. "Dolphin" draw 5—5 ; *v.* H.M.S. "Vernon" draw 3—3. We are looking forward to a successful season, and hope to secure at least one trophy from the various competitions which we have entered.

The Boys commenced their season in U.S. League. Div. IV., by defeating the Artificer Apprentices by 6—2, The Boys have also entered in the Portsmouth Wednesday League, and the Junior Boys for the Portsmouth Junior Lad's League.

WATER POLO AND SWIMMING.

The School are still upholding their reputation in the Portsmouth and District Water Polo League, Div. III., and gained a victory over the Electrical Engineers by 7—2 ; we are running the leaders, Portsea Athletic, very close they having established a lead with a slightly better goal average. The following is the School's record up to date :—

				Goals		
P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
10	8	0	2	42	17	18

In the final of the 50 yards Championship of Hampshire for boys, Band Boys Wallace and Bell, finished 3rd and 4th respectively.

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Major ..... will proceed by road to join ..... a.m. on the 1st April, 1927.

REPOSITORY.

A GLOSSARY OF TERMS.

In case any readers of this Journal are thinking of taking up a course of this energetic and stimulating hobby, I think a few definitions, and words of wisdom might assist them along the stony path to knowledge.

As every other glossary of terms I have ever met has been laid before the seeker after truth in alphabetical order, I propose to strike out an original line for myself, by taking the words in any order I can remember them. If you don't like it, I can only say "Save up your pennies and patronise one of my ancient rivals, such as H.M. Stationary Office, or Mr. C-----nt--r, of Pompey Town, where, I am told, those atrractive little dark green volumes dealing with a variety of scientific methods of slaughtering ones enemies may be purchased.

1. SCOTCHES—A word which sends a thrill coursing down the spines of all good marines, and a few of our American cousins. Alas for your fond hopes, Oh my faithful follower. At Fort Cumberland, you will see and even touch many large, medium and small Scotches, but woe betide you if you attempt to blow the froth off one, or try to wrap yourself round one in the good old accepted style. You will learn why. Don't worry.

2, SKIDS—These are not, as you might suppose, the result of too many of 1, above, (generally accepted meaning). As a matter of fact they are elongated pieces of wood, very heavy, really constituting a six-man load, which are carried in practice at high speed by four. You will learn that oak is heavier than fir.

3. FOUR-FOOT CHUNKS—These are pieces of heavy material, roughly circular in section, used to place on the shoulders of Royal Marines and Recruit Officers (the N.C.O's are too clever), to prevent their ascending spontaneously into their proper sphere of activity. These pieces of heavy material are composed of a secret alloy of lead and cast-iron, and, by a clever invention of a well-known Dockyard official, who has since been suitably rewarded with the O.B.E. (recent vintage), have been fitted with a collar of splinters, tastefully arranged all over the outside. This will save you the trouble of collecting souvenirs at the end of your course, and provide you with an occupation to fill up the monotony of the dull winter evenings.

4. ROLLERS—These are of various sizes to suit all tastes. Contrary to the usually accepted theory, they are not always of circular midship section, but may be found with square, oval, or even triangular waists. There is no need to tell a Royal Marine what a waist is, and anyway, I have already mentioned midship section above, so use your C.S. if you don't know.

5. 14-FEET LEVERS—These useful stores will be much appreciated by the poor tired soldier, especially on a hot Monday morning. When the other members of your section have successfully "borne down" on the little end, you will find you can rest your poor tired body very nicely on the lever on the side farthest from the instructor, and there ruminate on the general hardness of life, the shortage of pay, and the cruelty of the before-mentioned instructor.

6. FIR PLANKS—These are heavy and knobbly, and for that reason should be avoided as far as possible at the order "Provide Stores." They are the special pidgin of the "Road-makers and Breech-scotchers Union."

7. OAK PLANKS—These are roughly the same shape as the fir ones, but oh, what a difference. The same remarks apply, only more so. You will learn that oak is heavier than fir.

8. ROPAGE—See 6 and 7 above. I feel I ought to warn you again here. Never be misled when a honey-tongued instructor tells you to go and fetch a Gyn tackle. He does not propose that you should go and tackle "two trebles" of Mother's Ruin or Sisters Downfall (Cumberland Brand) with him. Oh no! You'll learn. Don't worry. I hope to deal with the painful subject of Gyns later. I do not refer to the subject of GINS, which cannot be obtained in that arid waste. I know, I've tried.

9. SHEERS—I feel that it would be a sheer waste of time if I tried to tell you all I know about this subject in this short treatise. As that is largely what I have been doing for the last five minutes, I think I'll stop now, and make my getaway while the going is good.

I sincerely hope I have assisted to make a few knotty points a bit clearer to those of my faithful followers who have been straggling behind me along the difficult path to this pinnacle of learning.

If you have any questions to ask, send them along to the editor, he *may* answer them, *I* certainly won't.

By the way, the correct age to start Mecanno, is any age between 7 and 70.

R.M. ARINE.

Screwie Truie, in the dentist chair, began to count his money, when out chirps the Doc: "You don't have to pay for dental work in the Navy; just forget about the money!"

Screwie: "I know. I don't figger to pay, Doc; I just wanta count my dough before I take gas."—*Mississippi Bulletin.*

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She: "Is my face really dirty, or is it my imagination?"

He: "Well, your face is clean, but I can't say as to your imagination!"—*Leatherneck.*

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A bashful young couple, evidently much in love, entered a crowded tram.

"Do you think we can squeeze in here?" he asked, looking doubtfully at her blushing face.

"Don't you think, dear, we had better wait until we get home?" was the low embarrassed reply.—*Boston Transcript.*

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"Yes, I can give you a job. You can gather the eggs for me if you are sure you won't steal any."

"Youse can trust me wid anything, lady. I was manager of a bath house for fifteen years an' never took a bath."—*Judge.*

BATTLE HONOURS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARTILLERY.

The battle honours which have been awarded to the various South African Heavy Artillery batteries have recently been published, and are reproduced below.

It will be remembered that a nucleus of 4 Officers and 50 Other Ranks of the Royal Marine Artiilery left England in October, 1914, and formed the nucleus of two Heavy Artillery Brigades for the campaign in German South-West Africa, being joined a few months later by 2 officers and 25 other ranks, also from the R.M.A. After the campaign in S.W. Africa, the batteries were reorganised and came over to Europe in September, 1915, for service in France, where they remained till April, 1919, their strength at the end of the war being about 100 officers and 2000 men, formed into two brigades.

The memorial to the South Africans who fell in the Great War, which of course includes the R.M.A. who served with them, is to be unveiled in Delville Wood during the second week of October 1926.

EXTRACT FROM UNION DEFENCE ORDERS.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of Battle Honours to the following units of the Union of South Africa Defence Force :—

71st (Transvaal) Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery
The Great War.—" **Somme, 1916,**" " Bazentin," " **Pozieres,**" " **Flers-Courcelette,**" " **Thiepval,**" " Ancre Heights," " Bapaume, 1917," " **Bullecourt,**" " **Ypres, 1917,**" " Menin Road," " Polygon Wood," " Broodseinde," " **Passchendale,**" " **Cambrai, 1917,**" " **Lys,**" " Estaires," " Bethune," " **Pursuit to Mons,**" " France and Flanders, 1916-18."

72nd (Griqualand West) Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery—
The Great War.—" **Somme, 1916-18,**" " Albert, **1916,**" " Bazentin," " **Pozieres,**" " Flers-Courcelette," " **Thiepval,**" " Ancre Heights," " **Ancre, 1916,**" " **Arras, 1917-18,** " Vimy, 1917," " Arleux," " Oppy',' " Hill 70," " **Ypres,** 1917," " **Passchendaele,**" "**Scarpe, 1918,**" " **Drocourt-Queant,**" " Hindenburg Line," " Canal du Nord," " Cambrai, 1918," " **Pursuit to Mons,**" " France and Flanders, 1916-18."

73rd (Cape) Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery—
The Great War.—" **Somme,** 1916," " Bazentin," " **Pozieres,**" " Flers-Courcelette," " **Thiepval,**" " Ancre Heights," " **Ancre, 1916,**" " **Arras, 1917**" " Vimy, 1917," " Arleux," " Oppy," " **Ypres, 1917,**" " **Menin Road,**" " Polygon Wood," " Broodseinde," " Passchendaele," " **Lys,**" " Estaires," " **Bethune,**" " **Pursuit to Mons,**" " France and Flanders, 1916-18."

74th (Eastern Province) Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery—
The Great War.—" **Somme, 1916-18,**" " Albert, 1916," " **Pozieres,**" " Flers-Courcelette," " Thiepval," " Ancre Heights," " **Ancre, 1916,**" " **Arras, 1917-18,**" " Vimy, 1917," " Scarpe, 1917," " **Oppy,**" " **Messines, 1917,**" " **Ypres, 1917,**" " **Menin Road,**" " Polygon Wood," " Broodseinde," " **Passchendaele,**" " Scarpe, 1918," " Drocourt-Queant," " Hindenburg Line," " Canal du Nord," " Cambrai, 1918," " **Pursuit of Mons,**" " France and Flanders, 1916-18."

75th (Natal) Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery—
The Great War.—" **Somme, 1916-18,**" " Albert, 1916," " **Bazentin,**" " **Pozieres,**" " **Flers-Courcelette,**" " Ancre Heights," " Ancre, 1916," " Bapaume, 1917," " **Ypres, 1917,**" " **Pilckem,**" " Langemarck, 1917," " **Poelcapdelle,**" " Passchendaele," " Arras, 1918," " **Scarpe, 1918,**" " **Drocourt-Queant,**" " Hindenburg Line," " Canal du Nord," " Cambrai, 1918," " **Pursuit to Mons,**" " France and Flanders, 1916-18."

125th (Transvaal) Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery—
The Great War.—" **Somme, 1916,**" " **Flers-Courcelette,**" " Morval," " **Thiepval,**" " Le Transloy," " Ancre Heights," " **Ancre, 1916,**" " **Arras, 1917,**" " **Scarpe, 1917,**" " Oppy," " Hill 70," " Ypres, 1917," " **Cambrai, 1917,**" " **Lys,**" " Estaires," "**Bethune,**" " **Pursuit to Mons,**" " France and Flanders, 1916-18."

A sad looking woman of mature years appeared in the street pushing a baby carriage, in which a fine healthy looking infant was howling lustily. A friend approached. " Why, Mrs. Lufkins ! " she ejaculated, " what a darling baby ! But you have no children. Whose is it ? "

" You're wrong, my dear," replied the sad faced one, " This is my husband ; he went too far with the gland cure."—*Hurty-Peck.*

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On Sunday two lovers went to church. When the collection was being taken up, the young man explored his pockets, and finding nothing, whispered to his sweetheart : " I haven't a cent ; I changed my pants."

Meanwhile the girl had been searching in her bag, and finding nothing, she blushed a rosy red and said : " I am in the same predicament."—*Leatherneck.*

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Air Force Pilot : " Do you know where Felixstowe is?"
Mechanic : " Yes, on the end of his foot ! "

" Why did you strike the telegraph operator ? " the judge asked the darkey.

" Well, yo' honah," said the culprit, " it was jest like this : I hands him a telegram for mah girl, an' he starts in readin' it. So I jest nachurally ups and hands him one."—*Leatherneck.*

Butler : "A lady wishes to speak to you on the 'phone, sir ! "

Young Lordling : " How do you know she is a lady ? "

" She said, ' Is that you, old pickled onion ? ' when I answered, sir ! "—*London Opinion.*

Guide : " Those ruins are 2,000 years old."
American Tourist : " Rubbish ! It's only 1926 now."

NOTICE.

The price of the *Globe and Laurel* is 3d. per copy. The Annual Subscription, including postage, is 4/6, as announced in previous issues.

OBITUARY.

LIEUTENANT JOHN LLEWELYN REES.

Lieut. J. L. Rees, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Llewelyn Rees of Pontardawe, Swansea Valley, entered the Royal Marines on September 1st, 1917, and after training at the Depot, R.M., and Portsmouth Division, R.M.L.I., was posted to Plymouth in 1918. Throughout the Bolshevik rising in South Russia in 1919 and 1920, he served in H.M.S. " Emperor of India " in the Black Sea. In 1921, he was serving on the books of H.M.S. " Crescent " (for Bandeath Guard). In 1924, he was serving in H.M.S. " Cleopatra " (Mediterranean Fleet) when he was one of the first to volunteer for service with the Fleet Air Arm, and after training at Netheravon, was posted to Leuchars. Subsequently, he became a Torpedo Pilot, and transferred to Gosport, in January of this year, where he met with his fatal accident. He was a keen all-round sportsman, representing his Division at Boxing, and also playing for both the Devonport and Portsmouth U.S. Rugby XV's. In boxing, he was light-weight champion of the Corps for two years in succession. In 1921 and 1922 he represented the Corps in the R.N. and R.M. Boxing Championshpis, running-up in the first year, and winning in the second.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED

during the period 1st to 31st August, 1926.

Name	*Pension No.*	*Rank*	*Div.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death*
ALLPRESS, H. ..	6863	Mne.	Ports.	4861	19-8-26
AKERS, M. ..	4195	Mne.	Ports.	349	5-8-25
BENNETT, J. H.	23196	Sergt.	Ports.	9289	11-8-26
BROWN, T. H. ..	17484	Mne.	R.M.A.	1324	7-8-26
CARTER, W. B.	13890	Clr.-Sgt.	Ports.	268	20-8-26
FINCH, L. J. ..	9073	Clr.-Sgt.	Chat.	10574	9-8-26
GARDNER, A. ..	7236	Mne.	R.M.A.	783	27-8-26
LAYTON, E. T.	7926	Corpl.	Chat.	9210	5-8-26
MANNING, W. ..	13833	Clr.-Sgt.	R.M.A.	119	16-8-26
PRING, H. ..	7872	Mne.	Ply.	466	27-8-26
SHADDICK, J. ..	14643	Mne.	Ply.	1372	29-8-26
STAMMERS, W.	12960	Mne.	Chat.	C. Co.	24-8-26
TILLETT, S. A.	9399	Mne.	Ply.	14706	2-8-26
WILLIS, E.	12011	Mne.	R.M.A.	551	5.8.26
WOOD, C. A. ..	19420	Mne.	Ply.	14949	4-8-26

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

LONDON BRANCH.

At the close of our last monthly meeting, a very excellent concert was provided by the Exceptionals Concert Party, led by Miss Valerie Nolan, whose wonderful singing and playing contributed largely to the success of the show. A crowded audience of Comrades and their friends filled the Veteran's Club to overflowing, and each item in the appended programme was loudly applauded. The arrangements were carried out by the Hon. Secretary and his Committee.

PROGRAMME.

1. Opening Chorus ..... The Exceptionals
2. " Everything is Hotsy-Totsy " ..... Jack Stubbings
3. " Say that you love me " ..... Ernest Quirk
4. " I never see Maggie alone " ..... Rosie Arnold
5. Violin Solo ..... Florry Quirk
6. " Interruption " ..... Harry Woodley
7. " We're all jolly good fellows " ..... The Boys
8. " When you're Away " ..... Valerie Nolan
9. " Speak ! " ..... The Exceptionals
10. " Knee Deep in Daisies " ..... The Exceptionals

—— Interval ——

1. Re-opening Chorus ..... The Exceptionals
2. " Heading for Louisville " ..... Jack Stubbings
3. " Close Props " ..... Ernest Quirk
4. " Wait 'till to-morrow night " ..... Rosie Arnold
5. " Thais " ..... Florry Quirk
6. " Old John Braddleham " ..... The Exceptionals
7. " Good English Ale " ..... The Exceptionals
8. " Carmena " ..... Valerie Nolan
9. " Toad in the Hole " ..... Harry Woodley
10. " Good-night " ..... The Exceptionals

At the Piano ..... Valerie Nolan
At the Drums ..... Frank Tarrant

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

Tickets for the forthcoming annual dinner can now be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. E. Marshall, 132 Rosebery Square, Rosebery Avenue, E.C. 1, price 10/- each. H.R.H. the Duke of York has graciously accepted an invitation to be present, and the Committee trust that as many as possible of those still serving will endeavour to attend.

GREENWICH BRANCH.

The Annual Church Parade took place on Sunday, September 12th, 1926, to commemorate the 167th anniversary of the Battle of Quebec, and the death of General Wolfe, at St. Alfege Church, Greenwich.

About 50 members paraded at the Drill Hall of the 257th Battery (T.) R.F.A., South Street, Greenwich (by kind permission of the Officer Commanding), where under the command of Comrade Golding, they were inspected by the Adjutant-General R.M., Lieut.-Gen. A. R. H. Hutchison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., others on parade being Major G. H. Seath, D.S.O., R.M. A. D. Wolfe Aylward, Esq., the nearest descendant of General Wolfe ; the Chairman, Comrade A. H. Presland and the Secretary, Comrade J. Mallard. Other units being represented from the Royal Navy, The King's Own Loyal Lancaster Regt., The Suffolk Regt. and the R.A.M.C. At the conclusion of the inspection, the Comrades preceded by the Band of the R.H. School (by kind permission of Rear-Admiral L. R. Oliphant), marched to the Church, and by a strange conicidence met a party of the boys from that School en route, who were given a salute by the Old Comrades which was suitably returned, the band playing at the time the Regimental March Past (Life on the Ocean Wave).

The Church service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Tackley, who paid a high tribute to Wolfe, and during the service a wreath inscribed " From the Royal Marines Old Comrades Association, Greenwich, to the memory of a Gallant Soldier, General James Wolfe, Quebec Day, 1926." General SirW. C. Nicholls, K.C.B., was also present at the Church.



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Major (Qr.-Mr.) G. H. Littleton to Lieut.-Col. (Qr. Mr.). Dated 22-8-26.

Lieuts. P. R. Smith-Hill (Ch.), F. M. Bramall (Ch.), H. T. Tollemache (Po.), to Capt. Dated 7-9-26.

Lieuts. (Qr.-Mr.) H. A. Morris and G. H. S. Ilton to Capt. (Qr.-Mr.). Dated 17-7-26 and 1-8-26, respectively.

Proby. 2nd Lieuts. B. G. Ralfs (Po.), C. F. Phillips (Po.), H. R. D. Woods (Ch.), H. S. Baker (Ply.), M. F. H. Rogers (Ch.), J. S. Martin (Ply), to be Proby. Lieuts. Dated 1-9-26.

Sergt.-Major (W.O.) D. A. Board, Deal, absbd. vice Bach. Dated 15-8-26.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major E. H. Ward (Supy. List R.M. W/T.) to Retired List at own request. Dated 18-9-26.

Capt. E. C. Weston (Ch.), absbd. vice Johnstone. Dated 13-8-26.

Capt. A. N. Williams (Ports.), Adjutant, vice Brooke-Short. Date of taking over duties.

Lieut. J. M. Fuller *Furious*, to *Columbine*, for "B" Base Training Flight, on relief. Date of joining.

Lieut. L. Priestley (Ports.), Asst. Instr, of S.A., vice Tollemache. Date of taking over duties.

Lieut. P. W. O'H. Phibbs, attend S.A. School, Browndown, for a period of 3 months, vice Cornwall. Dated 7-9-26.

To be Proby.2nd Lieuts. :—A. G. C. Langford (Ports.), R. W. Madee (Ch.), F. A. Eustace (Ply.), P. G. Solbe, B. J. D. Lumsden (from Cadet, R.N.). Dated 1-9-26.

Surg.-Lieut. R. W. Higgins, B.Sc., M.B., R.N., to *Pembroke*, addl for R.M. Infirmary, Chatham, vice McCoach. Dated 11-9-26.

Major G. H. Kendle to *Flora* for duty as O.C.Troops, St. Helena, vice Iremonger. Date of embarkation.

Major T. L. Hunton, O.B.E., to *Renown*, vice Williams. Date of joining.

Capt. and Bt.-Major E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O., to *Tamar*, as Instr. of S.A., Hong Kong, vice Sturges. Date of joining.

Capt. C. W. Adair to *Tiger*, vice MacDonnell. Date of joining.

Capt. W. G. Quinlan *Ajax* to *Canterbury* (and for duty on Staff of Senior Officer, Reserve Fleet). Date of joining.

Capt. E. E. Johnson, Lieut. C. F. L. Holford, Proby. Lieut. B. G. Ralfs, Cd. R.M. Gunr. M. Clarke to *Malaya*, on recommissioning.

Capt. C. M. Sergeant, D.S.C., Lieut. H. E. Balls to *Furious* on recommissioning.

Lieut .R. W. Gordon, R.A.F. Base, Leuchars, to *Furious*, for deck landing training in 420 Flight, vice Fuller. Dated 1-9-26.

Lieut. N. Lennox to *Renown*. Date of recommissioning.

Proby. Lieut. C. F. Phillips to *Royal Sovereign*, vice Lieut. P. Phillips.

Proby. Lieut. H. R. D. Woods to *Resolution*, vice Lieut. J. F. M. Moulton.

Proby. Lieut. H. S. Baker to *Hood*, vice Buckley.

Proby. Lieut. M. F. H. Rogers to *Warspite* vice Lieut. K. L. M. Cooper.

Proby. Lieut. J. S. Martin to *Valiant*, vice Lieut. R. D. Sims.

Capt. C. Brooke-Short, Lieut. H.A. Bass to *Eagle*, on recommissioning

Cd. Bdr. R. Walker to *Impregnable*, vice Bdr. (W.O.) Lodge.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to attend the Qualifying Course for Instructor of Gunnery, commencing in *Excellent* on 27th September, and terminating 25th February, 1927 :—Capt. E. C. Weston, Lieuts. E. B. Dunn, J. H. Moxham, K. L. M. Cooper and G. W. Ross.

Capt. W. F. S. Fawckner has been selected to attend Course No. 17a Anti-Aircraft Artillery, cmg. School of Land Artillery, 27th Sept.

The undermentioned officers qualified for promotion to rank of Major under provisions of Art. 10, Instrs. for R.M. Divisions :—Capts. H. W. Wilby, E. J. B. Noyes (Distinguished), K. A. B. Puckle, A. L. S. Harris. The Adjutant-General notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by Capt. Noyes.

Lieut. P. W. O'H. Phibbs obtained "Distinguished" certificate at 19th Qualifying Course, M.G. School, Netheravon. The Adjutant-General notes with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

The undermentioned officers have been selected to attend Senior Officers' Course, No. 25 (Coast and Mobile), commencing at School of Land Artillery, 7th October :—Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) B. C. Gardiner, C.B., Majors C. E. S. Wrigth, O.B.E., and P. W. Malcolm, O.B.E.

Capt. P. R. Smith-Hill has been selected to attend Hygiene Course at Army School of Hygiene, from 9th to 30th October.

Lieut. L. D. Caffyn has been selected to undergo Qualifying Course at M.G. School, Netheravon, commencing 12th October and terminating 10th December.

CHATHAM.

APPOINTMENTS.

Sergt. Stares app. P. & R.T. instructor at this division, vice Corpl. W. J. H. Haines, to duty.

Mne. W. Herbert confirmed in his appt. as attendant to Lt. Phillips.

Ledger Clerk, Paymasters Office, Sergt. F. N. Lovelock, vice Clr.-Sgt. Weaving, to duty.

Mne. L. J. Griffin confirmed in his appointment as Attdt. to Major Jones, O.B.E.

Corpl. C. E. Marlow appointed Gun Armourer at 1/- per diem, vice Mne. A. V. Bones, to duty.

Mne. H. T. Everitt ends pay 6d. per diem as Cook, Divisional Cook-house, on discharge to Hospital.

Barrack Master's Dept.—Mne. A. H. Bailey, appointed Storeman.

A. and M.A. Office, Mne. F. T. Lavender, appointed Clerk. One month on probation.

Recreation Room, Mne. W. Hailstone, confirmed in his appointment as Billiard Marker.

Mne. M. Morris is confirmed in his appointment to Proby. Lieut. Rodgers.

1st Q.M.'s Dept., Mne. A. W. Waters appointed Storeman.

Barrack Masters Dept., Mne. S. L. Davies attached as Electrician.

Recreation Room, Mne. P. S. Tickett, attached with a view to appointment 1st Q.M.'s Dept. Mne. E. H. Fittall attached for temporary duty.

Mne. H. Brinkworth appointed Motor Mechanic.

DISCHARGES.

Completed 1st Period.—Mne. L. G. Everitt, B. A. Furston, A. E. Marriott, Corpl. C. T. Evans.

Completed 2nd Period.—Clr.-Sgt. S. Powell.

Invalided.—Bglr. D. A. J. Wesley, Mnes. S. G. Clare, J. S. Batchilder, L. Faulkner.

By Purchase.—Mnes. J. C. O'Brien, W. H. Phillips.

EMBARKATIONS.

Benbow—Sergt. A. Surgey, Mnes. J. Bedford, T. E. Ford, T. Boyle, G. Spree, A. E. Fillery, F. W. Adams, Sergt. H. Firth, Corpl. T. A. Sellwood. **Cambrian**—Sergts. T. C. Franks, S. G. Beurner, Corpls. G. A. Duffie, H. Hughes, Bglr. E. Huntley, Mnes. T. W. Manning, D. Yorath, H. E. Bailey, J. W. Hilling, S. Chappell, F. Harris, H. Fry, T. Jefferies, H. W. Coulson, J. E. Darwent, W. S. Crowsen, A. J. Powley, A. Watson, B. J. Cook, H. King, T. E. Land, S. Hickett, E. V. Goodman, F. R. Fraser, G. C. Nunns, J. Weston. **Ceres**—Mne. Wright. **Cleopatra**—Mnes. E. Stark, W. Z. Percy, Bglr. I. Cain. **Royal Sovereign**—Sergt. A. Monk, Bglr. L. Wasford, Mnes. C. White, F. H. Carter, N. Saiger, F. Chambers, P. Willis, F. E. Harris, H. Guy, H. H. Edwards, J. Fawcett, W. C. Fuller, J. Wheeler, R. Mumford, S. J. Hicks, C. Penfold, W. Bannister, T. A. Cushney, J. W. Carter, J. Coulman, W. T. Newbrook, T. H. Tuff, W. S. Hillier, A. Stretton, H. Davies, J. L. Murphy, S. C. Brown, J. E. Feltham, E. J. High, T. J. Jordan, H. Weston, G. Attridge, A. F. Taylor, F. A. Burke, J. W. Grace, F. Tyles, F. E. Wilson, C. Clayton, W. L. Prince, J. Vallis.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Ajax—Sergt. E. Goodwin, Corpl. A. Kirkham, Mnes. F. G. Lewis, T. Newbrook, A. Stretton, H. Weston, S. Smith, T. H. Tuff, A. E. Frost, C. R Pye, H. Gray, W. Cuthbertson, P. S. Nicholls, T. Astor, W. Askew, T. F. Robotham, T. Scott. **Caledon**—Corpl. L. Cracknell. **Cyclops**—Sergt. H. H. R. Stares. **Enterprise**—Mne. J. C. Wheeler. **Marlborough**—Corpl. J. I. Devereux. **Royal Sovereign**—Sergts. R. Cottam, H. W. Beal, Corpls. F. Ferrell, N. Foster, Mnes. G. Osbourne, R. J. Slator, J. Smith, A. Borton, F. W. Smail, J. Gibbs, F. Ferrell, J. Bright, L. J. Few, A. J. Keywood, T. W. Hands, H. H. James, E. H. Fettall, A. A. Brown, R. G. Cook, A. T. Tilney, E. G. Peacock, J. W. Franklin, J. Coulman, L. S. Davies, A. E. Batson, T. O. Gibbey, T. A. Handcock, F. Rambelow, W. E. Martin, J. Wright, N. Rees, P. E. Stearne. **Repulse**—Corpl. L. V. Sargeant.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergts. C. P. F. Budd.

To Sergt.—Corpls. H. E. Facer, F. W. Taylor.

To Corpl.—Mnes. J. H. Crtpps, Bett Coggins.

SENIORITY LISTS.

Clr.-Sergts.—H. J. Kinch, J. H. Perkins, Frank Hill, A. P. Saunders, G. E. Stokes, C. E. Budd.

Sergts.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, Harry Smith, F. A. Albury, G. D. Snook, A. J. Dawkins.

Corpls. qualified for the rank of Sergt.—L. E. Lock, F. H. Studwell, E. S. Weeks, W. A. Fowler, A. L. Hockin, F. W. G. Brimer, A. W. Brinkman.

Mnes. qualified for the rank of Corpl.—J. Reynolds, C. F. Cope, H. Phipp, H. Turner, F. J. S. Gibson, C. E. Rappe.

APPOINTMENTS.

Rangemen S.A. School.—Mnes. H. Gibson and C. A. Fisher.

Marker S.A. Dept.—Mne. H. A. Knight.

M.O.A. to Major. Geo. Rutledge, R.M.—Mne. Robt. McCurrach.

Mess Sergt. Officers' Mess—Sergt. S. L. Jones.

Groom to Capt. A. P. Dawson, R.M.—Mne. A. E. Jacobs.

Tailor—Mne. S. Trayes.

Typecutter.—Mne. F. G. Thompson.

Clerk Staff Office —Corpl. B. C. Gibbard.

M.O.A. to Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O., R.M.—Mne. F. E. Purkiss.

Batman to Comsd. R.M.G.'s F. O. Botterill, M.B.E. and J. W. Clifton.—Mne. C. Dunning.

Pioneer.—Mne. D. A. Ford.

Cook, Divisonal Cookhouse.—Mne. W. F. Mears.

Waiter, Sergeants' Mess.—Mne. R. H. Merritt.

TRANSFERS.

To Royal Navy.—Mne. R. Garlick.

EMBARKATIONS.

Renown—Clr.-Sgt. Barratt, Sgt. A. Watts, Corpl. P. G. Berry, Mnes. J. C. Noncur, H. G. Pope, H. J. Hackman, T. Stubbington, G. C. Calcott, S. McCullough, G. L. Eastway, R. B. Burns, E. Hankinson, O. F. Marsh, D. T. Marshall. **Tiger**—Corpl. H. Blakely, Mne. F. Garland, Corpl. Grindey. **Weymouth**—Sergt. H. W. Mizen. **Victory**—Corpl. Hedges, Mnes. A. E. Passall, F. Farr, W. Hyde, F. Wheeler, W. Gee, R. D. Barnes, W. Skates. **Barham**—Mne. A. R. Simpson. **Dryad**—Mne. W. H. Payne. **Cambrian**—Mne. W. R. Pegg. **Cardiff**—Mne. E. Wright. **Iron Duke**—Mne. J. F. Morgan. **Yarmouth**—Corpl. W. N. Blundell, Mnes. H. Hill, A. G. Wilson, Bglr. F. H. Parsonage. **Centaur**—Sergt. Clements, Mnes. P. G. H. Bailey, H. Farrand. **Fisgard**—Mne. W. Williams. **Curacoa**—Mne. T. G. Pembroke. **Egmont**—Sergts. Crosby, W. G. Lawrence, Mnes. W. Cornwell, L. Kingston, N. Ross, F. Ham. **Agamemnon**—Mne. R. R. Cox. **Furious**—Corpls. F. Wood, J. Green, Mnes. J. Atkinson, L. Hall, C. Cardy, T. Hayes, P. Wiggington, S. Norris, W. Thompson, A. White, C. Coleman, A. Reynolds, Sergt. Mundy, Mne. E. G. Gough. **Revenge**—Bglr. Cripps, Mnes. J. Tims, A. Osbourne, W. Sefton, C. Kelly, T. Green, S. Brown, E. Bond, H. Skelton, V. Hamilton, C. Macwell, T. Craig, W. Beckett, J. Lawrence, W. Wolloughby, H. Ball, S. Bacon, R. Stockton, E. Brant, W. Dennis, F. Ankers, J. Cole, W. Hamilton, C. Pilgrim, T. Tomes, R. Williams. **Conquest**—Mnes. W. Dacher, W. Hill, A. Seftley, F. Gates, J. Fisher, B. Jones, W. Gamble.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Victory—Corpl. A. G. Harrison, Mne. C. Herring. **Weymouth**—Clr.-Sgt. T. F. Barrett. **Furious**—Sergt. A. Chapman, Corpl. H. A. Moss, Mne. D. Hatch, F. Purkiss, C. Jory, H. V. A. Cook, J. Weave, T. Varndell, L. Brown, C. Patston, J. Wilson, E. Dellar. **Tiger**—Sergt. A. McTurk, Cpl. W. Lewington, Mne. C. H. J. Williams. **Malaya**—Mnes. L. H. Butler, W. Lomas. **Centaur**—Sergt. A. Race, Mnes. Jarman, F. C. Thompson. **Revenge**—Mne. E. Pepper. **Fisgard**—Corpls. A. J. Webb, J. D. Press. **Cardiff**—Mne. R. S. Pape. **Egmont**—Sergt. G. T. Norman, Corpl. S. E. Jaggard, Mnes. G.W. Richardson, E. E. Ireland. **Hermes**—Mne. H. A. G. Dement ; **Assistance**—Mne. A. Kemp. **Conquest**—Mne. F. J. S. Gibson. **Ramillies**—Sergt. F. G. Wallace, Corpls. F. Hunt, A. F. Kearns, Bglrs. R. W. Norris, G. R. Parker, F. G. T. Stagg, G. W. Kenny, Mnes. R. B. Burns, E. F. French, G. W. Wright, F. L. Garrard, C. H. Swinbourne, S. McCullough, G. L. Eastway, E. Hankinson, W. Findlay, J. R. Pinkney, H. W. Oldfield, L. S. Hall, L. R. Beasley, H. D. Minchew, W. Priestland, O. F. Marsh, E. R. Rudderham, J. Jerom, A. Thomas, S. Muncaster, E. Bond, D. Dazell, G. Calcutt, C. Cardy, W. E. Driver, J. Dowds, T. E. Rees, G. W. Hunter, J. F. Morgan. **Malaya**—Sergts. J. A. Edwards, A. Combes, Corpls. W. J. Desmond, F. Horsfall, S. Kay, Mnes. H. Saggers, T. Oughton, A. Knowlton, R. Brunsden, T. Wright, A. Gregory, H. Miles, F. Goodwin, S. Kirk, T. G. White, E. F. Lang, N. Davies, F. G. Bury, W. J. Looney, W. H. Ackerman, G. C. Winter, G. K. Richards, A. Lavender, W. Gee, H. Torrens, H. C. Lush, F. Pavey, P. J. Moore, R. Barnes, A. C. Milne, H. Thornton, H. Thurston, C. R. Magnus, R. A. Perrett, F. Drage, T. J. Hammond, R. D. May, H. Stevens, W. J. Taylor, J. H. Cunnah, F. Pointer, S. B. Box, E. G. Cook, C. Loveridge, F. G. Garner, L. J. Haidon, H. North, T. A. Culley, T. Budd, H. H. Pittard. **Revenge**—Clr.-Sgt. F. C. Jackson, Mnes. C. E. Davis, T. D. Harvey, T. Botting, R G. Brand, H. W. Spratt, R. Bethell, R. C. Jones, A. C. Carter, C. H. Carter, F. Chalmers, L. Cassey, H. Ellis, W. Tinkler, W. J. Davis, D. Ford, G. McCormick,

B. G. Cook, G. Walder, W. N. Cox, E. G. Bunce, E. G. North, C. S. Wood, E. Osbourne, T. Godley. **Conquest**—Mnes. J. H. Weller, A. Burns, H. Davis, T. E. Rees, T. J. Gale, T. Botting. **Agamemnon**—Mne. Frank Cook.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period of Limited Engagement.—Mnes. C. Herring, J. C. Sabey, H. F. Silk, J. C. Ingram, R. H. D. Biles, G. Flanagan.

2nd Period of Limited Engagement.—Clr.-Sgt. L. A. Scott, Mnes. S. Stretton, F. Hughes, H. Knight, H. S. Smith, C. Johnson, A. J. Simmonds, Musn. W. J. Worrall.

Purchase.—Mne. V. J. Blake.

Invalided.—Mne. L. H. Butler.

D.D.—Sergt. W. F. Blanchard, Mne. N. W. L. Randall.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LISTS.

Sergts.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, E. J. H. Precious, F. J. Knill, W. J. Ralph.

Corpls.—N. V. Bishop, Geo. Oliver, H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. J. Pritchard, A. J. Hooper.

APPOINTMENTS.

1st Waiter Sergts. Mess (on probation).—Mne. T. J. McFarlane.

Gunnery Instructor.—Sergt. C. J. Peach.

Company Cook.—Mne. A. V. Lee.

Steward, W.O.'s Mess (on probation).—Corpl. T. W. Willis.

Armourer, Small Arms.—Corpl. T. Crawford.

Attdt. to Lieut. H. S. Baker.—Mne. F. Keenor.

2nd Waiter, Sergts. Mess (on probation).—Mne. A. G. Piper.

MEDALS.

L.S. & G.C.—Sergt. A. G. South, Musn. E. F. Thompson.

DISCHARGES.

2nd Period of Engagement.—C.S.M. J. W. Taylor, Clr.-Sgt. W. A. Reeves, Mne. W. Holmes, C.S.M. J. P. Radford.

By Purchase.—Mne. W. A. Atkins.

Invalided.—Mne. J. G. Cattrell, C. A. Smart, R. Rampton, C.E Chubbock, J. C. Westcott.

EMBARKATIONS.

Alecto—Cpl. A. H. Tull, Mne. C. A. Bellamy. **Carysfort**—Sergt. A. J. Quaintance, Mnes. T. Jenkins, J. E. P. Long, T. Clarke, F. Collins, J. Mulgrew, C. E. Coules, J. Keevil and T. W. Smith. **Defiance**—Mne. E. Cook. **Flora (St. Helena)**—Mne. F. P. Sutton. **Furious**—Mne. F. Whiddon. **Hood**—Corpl. W. E. Prodger, Mnes. John Cox, W. F. Bevis, R. MacLachlan, Corpl. R.A. Sutton, Corpl. J. R. Murphy, Mnes. F. W. Blay, J. Shillabeer, J. C. V. Parker, J. R. Walker. **Hermes**—Mne. J. Smale. **Impregnable**—Corpl. C. H. Hyne, Corpl. T. W. Willis. **Osprey**—Mne. W. A. Gove, A. Blore, W. Jeffery, W. E. Smith, T. B. Ash, J. J. Fielding. **Ramillies**—Mnes. A. E. Fudge, W. J. Evans, Corpl. R. Francis, Sergt. P. O'Brien, Mnes. J. M. Walker, A. H. Tierney, J. W. R. T. Blackman, F. G. Aldridge. **Repulse**—Mne. J. Graham. **Victory**—Mne. G. H. Kellaway. **Vivid**—Mnes. C. V. Rainey, A. E. Dougal, B. J. Fitzowen. **Victory**—Mns A. Frazer, A. C. Sillence, R. Ashcroft, R. A. Guppy. **Command, Deal**—Mne. E. J. L. Williamson, Mne. G. F. Hight. **H.Q.E. Deal**—Corpl. A. G. Chambers. **H.Q.E.—Portsmouth**—Mnes. G. E. Gale, H. L. V. Parker, T. A. Cornock, T. T. M. Beer, H. Fullalove, Sergt. C. Dickens, Corpls. C. B. Martin, Wm. Ross, H. G. Johns, W. W. Giles, W. T. Hinton, Mnes. A. Nicholson, T. Millard, Wm. Grice, J. E. Smith, F. E. Johnson, T. R. Thomas, Sergt. A. W. Facey, Corpls. Hartnell, E. R. Godwin, Mnes. Geo. Meeks, M. Reddington, S. Pickston, W. J. Biss, W. J. Thompson, J. Ruse, C. Mallett, J. W. Wilsher.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Vivid—Clr.-Sgt. G. D. Race, Mne. W. E. Smith. **Colossus**—Mne. E. Morey. **Alecto**—Mne. M. Byaford. **Hood**—Sergt. A. Palfrey. **Osprey**—Mne. C. M. Feeney. **Repulse**—Mne. W. H. Shimmings. M**Dartmouth**—Mnes. F. E. Holmes, B. Pearson, W. W. Kent, R. H. G. Cook, A. Blore. **Ramillies**—Sergt. W. P. Thompson, Corpl. T. Crawford. **Impregnable**—Corpl. J. Fletcher. **Alecto**—Corpl. P. R. Gard, Mne. H. F. Bainton. **Defiance**—Mne. E. J. L. Williamson. **Hood**—Mne. H. J. Delabertauche, W. Homer, Corpl. W. Parnham. **Ramillies**—Mne. W. J. Watkins. **Carysfort**—Sergt. A. J. Quaintance, Mnes. E. Long, C. Collins, T. W. Smith, J. Mulgrew, T. Jenkins, G. E. Coules, J. Keevil, T. Clarke. **Ramillies**—Mne. W. R. Kimber. **Osprey**—Mnes. E. G. Hodges, W. Roberts, H. Ransom, T. H. Mallett. **Impregnable**—Corpl. T. W. Willis. **Assistance**—Bglrs. W. F. Lord, B. F. Ranford, H. J. Kelly, Mne. S. Pitchford. **Champion**—Sergt. A. W. Stokes.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates on the respective Promotion Rosters :—

Bandmaster Second Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class)—William Martyr, G. I. Read, J. W. Ralph, Sidney Dennis, S. A. Howse, E. W. Donne.

Band Corporal (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class)—W. N. Davis, R. E. Compton, J. W. H. Ferry, A. E. McCormick, W. W. Turner, T, A. Webb.

Musician (for promotion to Band Corporal)—A. J. Stedman, R. L. Moncur, H. G. Rule, E. N. Williams, Henry Jones, J. H. Williams.

PROMOTIONS.

To Bandmaster 1st Class.—B.M. II. R. P. Rosewell.

To Bandmaster 2nd Class.—Band Corporal H. W Ford (conditionally on passing the prescribed examination).

To Band Corporal.—Musn . A. H. Howard, J. G. Carter.

ADVANCEMENTS.

To Musicians.—Band Boys A. C. Smith, W. H. Walker, J. S. Jenner, J. E. Talling, H. R. S. Mason, L. E. Hunting, A. E. Ridout, L. W. East.

EMBARKATIONS.

Hood—Musn. J. H. Dickerson. **Iron Duke**—Musn. E. H. T. Anstiss. **Malaya**—Bandmaster 2nd Class A. G. Foskett, Band-Corpl. W. H. Saunders, Musns. Harold Wilkins, A. H. Greenlees, R. H. Walker, Alfred Simpson, W. G. C. Rich, A. E. Burtt, Walter Spriggs, L. C. Hill, L. P. Flewer, Fredk. Humble, H. G. T. Dowling, E. C. Tilbury. Band Boy A. C. Smith. **Revenge**—Band-Corpl. R. A. Cannon, Musns, W. T. Muston, A. J. Frost, Band Boys W. H. Walker, J. S. Jenner. **Benbow**—Band Corpl. M. L. Richards, Musn. Frank Kirkby, Band Boys J. E. Talling, H. R. S. Mason. **Marlborough**—Musn. W. G. Walker. **Pembroke (R.N.B.)**—Band Corpl. A. H. Howard, Musn. C. H. Wright. **Tiger**—Musn. F. H. Sartain. **Excellent**—Musns. W. E. C. Podger, P. H. Jamieson, **Furious**—Band Corpl. M. C. Orrin, Musn. D. Z. Colls, Band Boy L. E. Hunting. **Renown**—Bandmasters 2nd Class Walter Pryce, Band Corpl. B. A. Stevens, Musns. W. S. Walters, W. J. Branchflower, Derrick Collier, J. L. Freeman, Robert Moncur, A. H. George, Charles Smith,, James Williams, S. A. Bushell, W. A. J. Perry, H. H. Smith, R. M. Law, Band Boy A. E. Ridout, **Victory (C.-in-C.)** Band Corpl. G. L. Steele, Musn. Jack Downer. **Royal Sovereign**—Band Corpl. Arthur Winepress, Musn. H. D. Handley. **Excellent**—Band Corpl. E. G. Upstell, **Royal Oak**—Band Corpl. F. J. H. Sharp. **Frobisher**—Band Boy R. F. Clunas.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Benbow—Bandmaster 2nd Class E. J. Hills, Musns. A. W. Smith. J. H. Parsons, Band Corpl. M. C. Orrin. **Ramillies**—Band Corpls, R. H. Mortimer, R. A. Cannon. **Iron Duke**—Band Corpl. M. L. Richards. **Hood**—Musn. John Flynn. **Malaya**—Bandmaster 2nd Class E. W. Donne, Band Corpl. D. W. Green, E. W. Thomas, Musns. A. E. Spuffard, G. A. Proctor, W. F. Owen, James Kemp, F. S. Harding, W. H. Baker, Leonard Venning, Wm. Howard, John Ladyman, Reginald Smith, H. W. Powell, Wm. Sturtivant. **Revenge**—Bandmaster 2nd Class A. C. Black, Band Corpls. F. J. H. Sharp, Arthur Winepress, Musns. Jack Woodcock, M. H. E. Herod. **Excellent**—Band Corpl. E. T. Evered, Musns. I. F Marcussohn, J. H. Bell. **Pembroke**—Bandmaster 2nd Class W. A. Atrill, Musn. Jack Stimpson. **Tiger**—Musn. Frank Penrose. **Royal Sovereign**—Band Corpl. T. A. Webb, Musn. R. H. W. Hales. **Victory (C.-in-C.)**—Band Corpls. E. G. Upstell, Bertie Barnes. **Repulse**—Musn. C. A. Hastings. **Marlborough**—Band Corpl. L. B. Cater. **Furious**—Bandmaster 2nd Class J. G. Prior, Musns. Thomas Martin, C. H. Collar.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of their second period of engagement.—Bandmaster 1st Class Harold Beedon, Band Corpl. H. J. Hickey.

Termination of his first period of engagement.—Musn. John Flynn.

Services no longer required.—Band Boy A. J. Parker.

EXAMINATIONS.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s qualified as stated for the rank of Bandmaster 2nd Class at the examination recently held at this Establishment. Their seniority is as follows :—

	No.	*Rank*	*Name*	*Mks.*	*Certificate awarded*
	RMB/1904	B.M. II.	H. G. D. Kerslake	739	Distinguished and Royal Academy
	,, 1764	,,	P. F. Grace	777	do.
	,, 880	,,	W. J. Thompson	718	Pass and R.A.
	,, 945	,,	Joseph Hatcher	660	Pass
*	,, 1575	,,	E. R. Long		
	,, 978:	,,	J. F. Stanning	672	Pass
	,, 1126	,,	Job Allen	673	,,
	,, 1724	,,	F. P. Harrison	686	,,

* *Subject to qualifying in Sub-subject "C" (i),*

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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

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We welcome this month a recrudescence of news for the Per Mare section.

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Though late in the day we are at last able to publish an excellent photograph of the Corps Team which won the Whitehead Cup at Bisley this year. This was the first time that the Royal Marines have won this trophy and we hope that it will now become a habit.

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A correspondent has been kind enough to send us a brief account of the opening of the South African War Memorial at Delville Wood. This is of especial interest to the Corps owing to its connection with the South African Heavy Artillery. (*see page* 227).

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Our thanks are due to H. Muller, Esq., who has so kindly sent us news as to the condition of certain Royal Marines' graves in Gallipoli (*see page* 227).

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We offer our hearty congratulations to Sergt. Tugwell on his great achievement in clearing the board of championships at Wei-hei-Wei—a unique performance; also to Captain Sturges on his successes with his pony "Reynolds" (*see page* 226).

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This is the second month running that we have had news about horses, and if it continues we will start a "Per Caballum" Section of the paper. Too little is heard and seen of the performances of the Admiralty bloodstock attached to the R.M. Establishments.

We are able to publish interesting accounts of the recent *Combined* Operations at Shandwick Bay. These would appear to be the Per Mare retort to the Per Terram *Collective* Training at Willsworthy. Having read various accounts of both, we have the impression that the operations at Shandwick, though briefer, were brighter than those at Willsworthy as they were more cosmospolitan. At Willsworthy there was a dearth of enemy and umpires, but at Shandwick Bay for enemy there were real jack tars, lots of umpires, the sea, the weather, gas clouds, aeroplanes, armoured cars and Saltash Luck; whilst as allies there were genuine highlanders, who were probably the only people suitably clad for the inshore amphibious part of the programme. Perhaps the kilt might be added to the kit of the Royal Marine for use in future Combined Operations.

Special attention is drawn to the admirable map of the operations from the pen of the assistant editor who was not present.

It is a pity that Sergt. Ring who has evidently been training for Combined Operations (see page 229) was not present at Shandwick Bay.

The ship was sinking. The skipper called all hands aft.

"Who among you can pray?" he asked.

"I can," wailed a quartermaster.

"Then pray, shipmate," ordered the captain, "the rest of you put on life-jackets. We are one short."—*Bulletin.*

PER MARE

ATLANTIC FLEET.

Our autumn session is now in full blast, never a dull moment, and summer leave and the Clyde are but fond memories. (We hope so !—Ed.).

The Corps had a good " outing " on the 27th Sept., in the combined operations at Nigg, which have received due, and more or less accurate, notice in our daily contemporaries. Martial ardour is not at its highest at 0500 hours, and with a nasty surf running on the beach, most of the troops in the first tows struck a bit of " Saltash Luck."

The best thanks of all ranks are due to *Hood* and *Repulse* for their excellent arrangements to make all hands comfortable during the preceding night.

The Brigade Commander in his report says :—" I have nothing but good to say of the work of all officers, N.C.O.'s and men during the course of the operations." The O.C. Black Watch, Lieut.-Col. L. Evans, V.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., P.S.C., who watched the operations, in a letter to the F.R.M.O., says :—" I think your fellows, suddenly landed from so many ships, do right well."

Capt. Alcock, D.S.C., was very prominent in the air and dropped many valuable and accurate messages.

These operations were considered to be most instructive and we hope they may be repeated next year.

Next month we hope to tell you something about our " stunt " for the Dominion Premiers ; they are going to get good value.

" **Revenge** "

The second week of October finds our autumn 1926 visit to Invergordon drawing to a close, and very shortly we hope to be closer to the Forth Bridge. Unless you should have a passionate fondness for either (*a*) Football, (*b*) Country walks, or (*c*) Consuming hops, take our advice and keep away from Invergordon, because it is no place for you.

Having overheard " shute-top topics " of sundry Royal Marines, the above advice may be considered confirmed.

Nevertheless, thanks to the profusion of guns, etc. aboard, we have found it possible to while away the moments, and have spent a considerable amount of time at gunnery in the Moray Firth, in connection with which we naturally had our little " ups and downs " also our little " ins and outs," " outs " when the shell-carrier refused to " out " a 15-in. reptile from the main lift, and ins " when a Number 2 piece-man didn't " ins "-ert the tube, anyhow, we have successfully kept our end up in general.

On Monday, Sept. 27th, our efforts were concentrated on a " Combined Operation " Exercise, in case that leaves you just as wise, a " Combined Operation " exercise is a stunt where warships, aeroplanes, sailors, soldiers and Royal Marines, and the sea and the earth all " muck-in " together, and have a sort of dicky war. We had no artillery (that was stowed in the sheds at Fort Cumberland) except the 12pdr. we own, which was stowed under the tail of our turret aboard. It is only used for displays or funerals. Our Detachment formed " C " Co. of " B " Battalion under Major Coode, R.M., our Company Comdr. being Captain Hollis, R.M. We, in company with others, embarked in *Hood* overnight others embarking in *Repulse*. That night the troops slept rough, having to " kip " on the deck, and not having seen anyone resting in that fashion by night since, we presume the hammock method out-favours the deck method. We can now understand why the *Hood's* are always blowing, we found it rather draughty that night, at 0330 they piped " Landing parties lash up and stow " (? ! !—!), at 0400 they fed us on sausages (we have to mention those, because they come up again), and at 0500 we fell in by platoons on the upper in fighting order. In the darkness we could see that we were riding at anchor, apparently in mid-ocean, with a heavy swell on, the ship darkened, and bobbing up and down about the ship numbers of picket boats and cutters in which we were about to have a joy-ride.

The original plan was one platoon per cutter, but owing to the swollen condition of the swell, the authorities decided to land one half-platoon per cutter. If you should suffer from jaded nerves we can thoroughly recommend the practice of leaping from an accommodation ladder into a cutter that is doing the Charleston alongside, especially in the dark, clad in fighting order and carrying a L.A., it produces quite an ex-Kruschenating feeling. Eventually after much bobbing up and down and passing of tow ropes, and a lot of vile language, the picket boat got six cutters in tow, and off we went to a pretty little sandy beach at a spot called Shandwick Bay. I mentioned before that the sea took part as well, we got a fair amount down the backs of our necks, and nearly the remainder of the Moray Firth in the boats (oh, and by the way, those sausages, this is where they came up).

After towing us within a couple of hundred yards off shore, they slipped us and we pulled the remainder. As soon as the boats grounded huge " surfers " smashed over them, broached them over at an angle of 45 degrees and capsized all the troops (more marines venacular). After a few moments hesitation the lads decided it was wet, so they said what they usually say, jumped overboard and waded ashore. Our enemies, the wily matloes had planted gas clouds, mines, armoured cars and other delicacies of war for us—you know what Jack is like ashore,—and swarms of umpires immediately pounced on us and put about 50% of ours out of action, anyhow, when we sorted out, we discovered that the survivors from the 1st flight of " B " Battalion were mainly *Revenge* of " C " Co., so you readers that were of " B " Battalion must thank us for our masterful vanguard movement from Shandwick Bay to Wester

Rariche (Battalion H.Q.'s) where we established posts by 7 a.m. But our forces were not all landed until 10 a.m. owing to damage to boats and landing difficulties, etc. Mne. Tallent distinguished himself considerably. He boarded an enemy armoured car steaming at full speed and captured it, but at a cost alas, for the umpires adjudged him " dead " (he learnt the trick catching the 6.30 a.m. Eastney-Dockyard car).

Finally we engaged the sailors. We don't know who won, but enough of war, let's turn to sport, with a word of thanks to the R.M.'s of *Hood*—they did so much to make us comfortable during our night on board their ship.

After our arrival at Invergordon, our tug-of-war men made their way nightly to the Canteen Ground, but not to drink beer.

We entered two teams for the local derby, namely the Invergordon Gathering, our " A " team winning the final pull against Kilbuckie. Other teams entered were *Iron Duke's* marines and *Royal Sovereign* stokers. Our next effort was at the Northern Meeting at Inverness, the biggest gathering of " caber-tossers," " bagpipe stranglers " and " burgoo twisters " in the north. Teams were entered from Dornoch, Nigg, The Black Watch, The Cameron Highlanders, The Seaforth Highlanders, Inverness Police Force, *Cambrian's* marines and *Revenge's* marines. We were drawn against Nigg in the first round, but when they saw our Sergt.-Major bare his teeth, they became " windy," melted in the crowd, and did not turn out ; but things weren't so jammy in the semi-final against the Black Watch, they made our team cough, but we beat them 2—0. In the final we had to pull the famous Inverness Police Force team, they are big " heaps " and no doubt with a style of their own. The crowd were surprised when we held them, and mad with delight when we pulled them over, again 2—0, also hence the sayings :—" Brains baffles Beef " and " Brains baffles Bull," and we have stowed the rope now until we reach Gib. in the spring with a feeling of satisfaction.

Lastly, and very sadly, we turn to football. We played a friendly with the " Tiddley Quids " Marines, lost 3—1 ; in the Ship's Inter-part our Red team played the Topmen, lost 4—0 ; our Blue team played the " Gobbies," lost 6—2, but we advise supporters of teams that enter for the Royal Marines' Battle Squadron Cup in the spring, that the above is not reliable betting information.

Our two dance bands, practically entirely R.M. Bandsmen, have been busy with charity engagements ashore and ship's dances on board.

" **Hood** "

I will start with a platitude—" Roll on Christmas." Invergordon—beloved of the Navy—still holds us. I do not think there will be many sad hearts when we leave for Portland on 25th October.

The Battle Cruiser Squadron, for the first time since 1919, is at full strength, *Renown* having joined the Squadron on 19th September.

Gunnery is taking its full share of our time, the usual routine being to go to sea on Tuesday of each week and return to harbour for the week-end. The most interesting shoot took place on the 6th October. *Hood* steaming at full power whilst exercising with the remainder of the fleet, did a throw-off shoot at *Royal Sovereign*, who was also at full power. All guns had their share of firing. The 4in. A.A. guns have had rather a busy time this cruise, so the Marines are having plenty of loading practice.

On Monday, 27th September, the Detachment, with the Royal Marines of the whole fleet, carried out a landing from boats at Shandwick Bay. The weather from 5 ack emma was distinctly hostile to the landing, and from the many and varied remarks passed by some of the men, awaiting their turn to land, I am afraid they did not appreciate the efforts of those who were trying to get them ashore. When permitted to expand, a Marine can be very descriptive.

However, once landed things brightened considerably, and everything appeared to go smoothly. Thanks to our Marathon training we were able to come into action at the final assault after a hectic " forced march." Doubtless someone, who understood the inner workings of the scheme will explain it in detail in the magazine.

We have entered two teams in the Inter-Part League, and although both opened rather shakily they have now struck a winning vein. " A " team have played four matches, winning two and losing two. " B " team has a similar record.

Several of the Detachment have turned out for the ship's side. A Rugby team has also been formed and we are looking forward to our first match.

Our evenings have been brightened by the weekly movie programmes, operated by Mne. Drouet, while frequent dances and whist drives have been run, and prove extremely popular. The ship's Choral Society instructed by Mr. Green R.M.B., is making good progress, and we are to have a concert within the next few days.

Our next contribution will, we hope, be from Portland after the shoot to be witnessed by the Dominion Premiers.

" **Renown** "

Since the day of commissioning we have lived in a state of hectic hustle.

Our first job was the cleaning of our part of the ship, and anyone who is at all familiar with the filth accumulating capabilities of three years in dockyard hands will sympathise with us. Having but partially accomplished this we commenced an orgy of gunnery, with the customary prelude of ammunitioning.

At last all the preliminaries ended and having said good-bye to our wives and sweethearts, we sailed—with appropriate music—for Invergordon. Day and night the calm of the northern mists was rent with " control " followed by innumerable " G's "—General Quarters—marking parties—small things like divisions being quite a relief. We went to action stations one night at midnight and fired our 15-in. and other armaments at the very realistic hour of 0015. As an interlude to the gunnery programme, a Royal Marine Brigade was landed at dawn on an open beach, but accounts of this will probably be sent from our Flagship which did nearly all the work.

At present the Marines' Turret is gay with a " Flycatcher " plane which is to be flown off this afternoon—which reminds us that it was a really fine show to have Marine Officers of the Fleet Air Arm co-operating with the Marine Brigade Commander when we landed at Nigg.

Sport is going as well as can be expected. The tug-of-war team is in training—unfortunately the first time they went away in a cutter to get some pulling ashore, the Scotch mist became a bit west countryfied and some got rather bad colds. In the interpart football, we have won our only two games, and an inter-platoon bayonet competition in full blast. Our forecastle on fine nights is quite a sight with a tug-of-war team in training in one part, bayonet fighting in another and boxing and sabre going on in between.

This morning being general drill day we were saved by the rain, which reminds one of an old ditty heard during the war :—

" Imagin' Monday morning, evolutions in the rain,
Imagin' Q.D. Awnings and enamel paint again,
Imagin' all the little joys you had in peace before
And I imagin' you'll imagin' you'll prefer the war."

To return to the point, however, we must mention our Band, which can play either serious or jazz music really well—so well in fact that a recruit when he was late in falling in for both watches said that he had forgotten everything. when he was listening to the jazz band, and as the Lieutenant, R.M., who saw him was the pianist of the band you can imagine he wasn't severely dealt with.

We are now looking forward to the big shoot at Portland which will be watched by the Dominion Premiers, after which we return to Pompey to get the ship " up " before T.R.H. embark for their Royal Cruise.

It's no good anyone trying to exchange with anyone in this ship—it simply won't work.

" **Curacoa** "

The ships of the 2nd C.S. met at sea after the summer leave period, and proceeded to Antwerp. The Squadron was berthed alongside the commercial jetty in pairs. Just ahead of us was the Baron's castle, but the " Lord Antwerp " was not in residence, so we did not lose our hands. (This gentleman used to levy an exorbitant toll on all who approached up the Schelde, and cut off the hands of any who failed to pay, and threw them into the river. Hence the name Antwerp). (Hand—Hand Werpen—To throw).

Official calls were made, and returned by Admiral Kelly. All-night leave was given and the Ship's Companies spent a very enjoyable week. Many splendid arrangements were made by the British Colony, including visits to the Cathedral containing famous Reubens pictures, zoo, theatres and cinemas, and the celebrated museum. A very interesting and instructive visit to the scene of operations of General Paris's Brigade, was organised by the Squadron R.M.O. A party of R.M. from each ship were taken by motor about ten miles from Antwerp, and incidents of the 1914 operations were given by Major Coode. The Bridge of Barges, familiar to many, is no longer to be seen. At the cemetery we found the graves of various British soldiers, including four R.M.L.I., some unnamed graves were marked by the Corps Crest, Major Price-Brown's grave was not found.

A return visit was made to the flagship by a party of Belgian N.C.O.'s of the Artillery Corps. They seemed very interested, especially in the 6in. guns.

Amsterdam was our next port of call. The approach to the Venice of Holland through the Locks and past the swinging bridges was interesting. Here also the British residents did us well. Visits to the diamond factory and the Island of cheeses were included in the programme. 12 Guilders to the £1 proved a somewhat different proposition to the 175 francs at Antwerp, but all the same we managed to get in a good week " on the beach."

After this week of " playtime," work commenced with a pretty rough trip across the North Sea to Invergordon, whence we went out for exercises, gunnery, cruising stations, running torpedoes, anti-aircraft and star shell firing. The R.M.'s of the 2nd C.S. took part in the landing from two Battle Cruisers, and attack on Naval Forces guarding Nigg W/T. station, of which an account appeared in the press. The landing, in most unsuitable weather, was carried out in a manner which should do no harm to the reputation of the sea-soldier. Detachments are now concentrating on loader prizes, and football inter-part cups. The Arbuthnot Trophy teams are in strict training.

MEDITERRANEAN.

" **Delhi.**"

We deeply regret that incidents occurring during our trip home from Australia were not sufficiently interesting for insertion in the Corps paper, but in case any of our readers would like to know the route, I have enclosed it in this month's correspondence, namely : Gladstone, through the Barrier Reef, where navigation was extremely difficult, but nevertheless an exceptionally pretty trip from the scenery point of view, to Singapore, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, and then to the home of " goats and bells " (Malta), where, if rumours can be believed, we created a great impression for the tidy and clean look of the ship while steaming up the Grand Harbour to our berth at 4 and 4a buoys. Everyone believed that on our departure from Sydney we were on our homeward trip to Devonport, but two days from Singapore we received a cable from the Admiralty, stating that our return had been cancelled, and we were diverted to Malta. This caused quite a panic and also upset many carefully laid plans of many of our detachment, who had been contemplating matrimony on our return to England and the Eastern Telegraph Company's offices at Singapore had an exceptionally busy time recording messages from our disappointed Romeos. Another regrettable occurrence on our homeward journey was the death of our Captain's wife, and we all—silently, 'tis true—offered our condolences for his sad bereavement. Two or three days after our arrival at Malta the Fleet sailed for Volo, but *Delhi* remained behind for docking.

Monday, 30th August, found us settled in No. 4 dock at Malta Dockyard, instead of Devonport, as we had fondly hoped. A few days after the departure of the Fleet a Royal Marine died at Bighi and *Delhi's* detachment buried him with full military honours at the graveyard at Ricasoli ; a wreath, bought by subscriptions from the detachment, was among the many floral tributes which accompanied him to his last resting place.

The next item of interest was the first round of the Inter-Part Football Cup, in which the Marines had the E.L.P.'s as opponents. After two hotly contested games —resulting in a draw of 1—1 and 2—2 respectively—the E.L.P. beat us by 3—0, which they deserved, because they played a splendid game, but in the two former matches our defence proved a stumbling block to many skilfully combined movements on the part of our

opponents. The R.M. team was as follows :—Goal, Newton ; backs, Dorman and Weaver ; halves, Norris, Lathom (Capt.), Corpl. Tugwell ; forwards, McKendrick, Hartnell, Guy, Towner, Winterbottom. In the last game an alteration was made in the team owing to injuries received, and the forward line was then Allen, Towner, Hartwell, Cleworth, Winterbottom.

Interest was roused by the ordering of *Hermes* to China, and the day we came out of dock orders were received that we had to ammunition provision and to be ready for sea as early as possible ; this resulted in the watches working during the night. The same day we received the news that our Lieut.-Comdr. (G)—Lieut.-Commander G. A. Brembridge, R.N.—had died at Bighi Hospital from the effects of sunstroke. He was taken ill on Saturday and died early Tuesday morning. A wreath was purchased by the detachment for the funeral, which took place under naval supervision on Thursday, September 24th, at Ricasoli. We wish to express through the Corps paper our condolences to the relatives of the deceased in this their sad bereavement. Two wreaths were sent from the detachment, one by subscription between the men, the second from W.R.As. The cortege and guard was composed of seamen.

On Monday the 27th *Delhi* sailed to carry out gunnery exercises, accompanied by the dismal howls and groans of the " never-be-happy's."

I sincerely hope you will find this uninteresting narrative worthy of a small corner of the G. & L., but after the glorious times we have had in Australia in comparison to this place, finding some interesting topics is rather a hard task.

" **Caradoc** "

Since our last contribution, we have a fair amount to comment on during the last four weeks. The second part of the summer cruise commenced August 23rd, our first place of call was the island of Skiathos, here we had a little gunnery, and after a stay of a few days left for Marathon Bay. The ship anchored over the same place as the Persian Fleet, 2,500 years ago, when the Battle of Marathon was fought. We could see the plains of Marathon whilst a few miles inland lay the village of the same name.

On Saturday, September 4th the Aquatic Sports were held, and the detachment held its own against great odds. Just a brief summary of the races held :—

50 yards free style.—1st, Mne. S. Smythe ; 100 yards free style.—1st, Mne. Haslam, 2nd, Mne. Edwards ; 440 yards free style.—2nd, Mne. Haslam, 3rd, Mne. Edwards.; 100 yards Breast.—2nd, Mne. E. G. Smith, 3rd, Mne. Radford ; 50 yards Overarm.—1st, Mne. E. G. Smith ; 50 yards Backstroke.—1st Mne. S. Smythe ; 50 yards Obstacle —2nd, Mne. Smythe, 3rd, Mne. Bray ; 25 yards Weak Swimmers.—1st, Bglr. Taylor ; 200 yards Relay 4 style.—1st, Marines (Mnes. Smythe, Radford, Haslam, Edwards).; Fancy Diving.—2nd, Corlp. Dallen.

The Detachment secured the aggregate cup given to the ship by Lord Plumer, with a total of 106 points. The winning of the cup was a capital performance in view of the fact that the 1st and 2nd division seamen and the stokers average 80, whereas we could only muster 36. The Boy's Division secured second place with 90 points, and their performance was very good as they could only muster 24.

Now the polo season is over a word of praise is due to the following who played for the Detachment :—Lieut. Reiss-Smith, Corpl. Mittens, Mnes. Smythe, Smith, Edwards, Bray, Radford and Haslam.

From Marathon we went to Karystos Bay, the Squadron Aquatic Sports were held here, Mnes. Haslam, Smythe and Edwards helped to represent the ship ; during our stay plenty of time was put in practising for the Regatta. Leaving Karystos on the 14th, we arrived in company with the Fleet at Volo on the 15th, and on the 20th September, the Regatta started. *Caradoc* did very well. The Young Seamen won the Cruiser Cup, and we were second with seamen's gigs and whalers. In the Marines' cutters we were third. The second day of the regatta was equally good, the feature being the neck and neck race for the Aggregate Cup between *Caradoc* and *Frobisher*, secured by the latter ship 402 points, *Caradoc* 380. During the day we secured 2nd place racing gigs, 1st, W.O.'s Skiffs, 1st Seamen's Whalers, also 1st Young Seamen, 2nd, E.R.A.'s Gigs, 2nd, Racing Skiffs, Marines' Whalers 3rd, All Comers' 4th and 9th.

In the Fleet Regatta, 6th, R.M. Cutters, 1st, W.O.'s Gigs (Benbow Cup), 1st, Open Gig (Cambrian Cup). A word of praise to Mne. Smith who pulled in the open gig, going into the boat at the last minute. The detachment helped in no small way for the fine performance put up by the ship, 1st in the Squadron, 2nd in the Cruisers. The detachment also take this opportunity of congratulating *Coventry* and *Ceres* Marines for their fine wins in the R.M. Cutters and Whalers races, and we hope next year to give them a closer run than this.

We left Volo the 26th for Fleet Exercises, and after 24 hours with the fleet the squadron left for Malta.

On Friday, 8th October, a billiard match took place with *Frobisher's* marines. *Caradoc* won by 5 games to two.

We are now in the throes of paint pots and brushes, and we thought we had seen the last oars for some time, but they have a new duty now, keeping us off the paintwork. We have Admiral's and Major's inspection due shortly, also a course of musketry at Ghain Tuffieha.

EAST INDIES.

" **Effingham** "

The majority of the Detachment went up to Diyatalawa Camp with the first camp party at the beginning of July to do their annual musketry course, and such other training as could be fitted in. To the majority of the detachment this was their first experience in travelling up country in Ceylon, and the changing scenery was very interesting and the change in temperature very gratifying.

The weather was very favourable to us and the course went off quite well, in spite of the fact that all the firing was done in the early morning before breakfast.

At the end of the first camp we had a rifle meeting in which the Royals did quite well. Mne. Knight winning the aggregate cup in Class A, besides several other prizes. Several other Royals also won prizes.

As regards the sports during the first camp and the meeting at the end of it, we were not so successful, only managing to get away with the tug-of-war. We also had a friendly pull with the R.A. at Diyatalawa whom we defeated by two pulls to nil.

The first camp party returned on board on the fifth

and the second camp party arrived in camp on the seventh of August. The programme was much the same as with the first camp. Although a much smaller party we were much more successful in the sports line. We won the eleven-a-side and six-a-side football and the tug-of-war. In the sports Mne. Goodchild won several events.

In the rifle meeting held at the end of the second camp we were once again successful, several Marines winning prizes and Corpl. Green winning the aggregate cup in Class A.

We returned to the ship on the 2nd of September, and were very sorry to leave Diyatalawa camp behind, and look forward to our visit there next year.

Cairo left Colombo for Bombay on the 17th August and has now been relieved on the station by *Enterprise*, *Emerald* returned to Colombo from Gibraltar on the 13th September. We leave here for Trincomali on the 29th, where the Squadron remain for a month doing G and T exercises.

CHINA.

"**Carlisle.**"

The *Carlisle's* stay at Shanghai lasted five weeks. We arrived 30th April, and to the regret of many, left again on the 3rd June for Wei-Hai. Forty-eight hours general leave was given to each watch at a rather convenient time, a day or so after pay-day. Undoubtedly everyone who took their leave had a thoroughly enjoyable time. One can hardly fail to have otherwise in such a place. The Union Jack Club, which, as everyone who is out here or has been on the station, knows, is almost as good, if not on a par with that of London ; it was the temporary home during the leave. The charge for four excellent meals and a bed for both days being 4 dollars, which is approximately 9/-. The outstanding aims throughout the building appear to be cleanliness and politeness. A similar building would be highly appreciated at Hong-Kong, in place of the old R.N. Canteen.

Nothing of importance took place at Shanghai. Two soccer matches were played with scratch teams of the ship's company, one on the 4th May, the other on 24th May against the S.S. *Assaye* and the S.S.'s *Keenrun* and *Trolius* respectively ; we were winners of both. The Inter-part cricket matches were played on the U.S.C. pitch between May 16th and 27th. The Marines met the Officers in the first match to be played, and we were sadly beaten, being all out for 121, whilst the officers retired after making 313. The final was played at Wei-Hai on June 16th, 3rd Division beating the Officers by 4 runs.

Some trouble was expected in Shanghai about the 31st May, that day being the anniversary of the riots of 1925, when several students were shot in Nankin Road. Demonstrations were held in several places about Shanghai, the worst taking place near the scene of last year's disturbance. Owing to the splendid organisation and handling of the situation by the Shanghai Police and Volunteers, assisted by the Fire Brigade and their hoses, serious trouble was averted, and by about 8 p.m. the situation was practically normal. It was unofficially stated that if the trouble became more serious, the *Carlisle's* Band would advance along Nankin Road playing one of their latest soothing melodies ; positive success would have been assured. Probably the trouble-mongers ashore had heard of such a rumour—hence the sudden end to what appeared to be the commencement of a series of serious riots. The Band has improved immensely lately ; they are to be congratulated on the splendid performance given on the *Carlisle* in conjunction with the *Despatch's* Band during the latter part of June. We also congratulate the *Despatch's* bandmaster on producing such a splendid band. Well done *Despatch* ! We haven't lost heart yet ; we might play " Rolling home to Merrie England " yet before the end of the commission.

Before we left Shanghai we had one shooting competition with the R.F.A. Branch of the Shanghai Volunteers ; we were allowed ten rounds, eight best to count. *Carlisle*, as usual, lost by 18 points ; the highest scorer and winner of the Battery Spoon was A.B. Baker, with 55. Ranges were 200 and 500 yards.

On 3rd June we left Shanghai, being relieved by the *Hawkins*, and arrived at Wei-Hai-Wei on 5th June. Since then our time has been occupied in gunnery and torpedo exercises and training for the regatta, which takes place about the 29th and 30th July. The Marines are still just as confident of winning as they were when they left Chinwangtao, barring accidents, of course, and most are optimistic enough to say we shall win the Yokohama Bowl (Aggregate Cup)—in fact there are several cups on the *Hawkins* which the *Carlisle* are looking forward to keeping clean for several months, cups which will not be on the *Hawkins* after the regatta—but more will be said when we get them.

This is the first opportunity we have had since commissioning of being with all the squadron.

The ship's first team (football) have put up a splendid record so far ; they have not lost a match since commissioning, having played 16, won 12 and drawn 4, so to beat the *Carlisle* is the ambition of all ships present. At the time of writing (7th July) we have still to play the *Despatch*, *Durban* and *Hawkins*.

"**Despatch.**"

We completed our refit at Hong-Kong on April 12th and sailed for Bias Bay on April 19th to do the usual working-up exercises. We next sailed for Swatow on April 29th to relieve *Hollyhock* for a spell, and found that the boycott there is still a practical reality. When the canteen manager and his Chinese assistants were landing beer for the sailors and troops, a thirsty and voluntary guard escorted it all the way from the landing place to the temporary canteen, and strange to say the pickets found something much more interesting to do at that moment. Several football matches were played, the one against the local inhabitants being a particularly good one. We returned to Hong-Kong on the 10th May, and on May 17th sailed for Sandakan in North Borneo, where we arrived on May 22nd. Here a number of soccer, rugger, cricket, water-polo and tennis matches were played against the Europeans and different native colleges, in all of which the detachment was well represented. Numerous parties went to visit the jungle and rubber plantations, and some of us were lucky enough to be shown the actual process of a tree being tapped, the rubber collected, put to set, and then passed through the rollers, all ready for the market. Sailing parties also went away to the different islands, and returned to

the ship laden up with cocoanuts, pineapples, watermelons and bananas.

A party of officers, hearing that there were white elephants and crocodiles to be found in the jungle and the local rivers respectively, organised a shooting expedition to verify this. I regret to say that the party returned in the evening without even "a white pin or a hairy elephant," but the Engineer-Commander certainly shot an iguana, which was brought back and now adorns his cabin.

On 26th May three platoons of seamen and the detachment were inspected by and marched past H.E. the Governor of North Borneo.

We left Sandakan on May 28th and arrived at Singapore on June 1st.

On the 3rd June the usual review took place on the Padang, and the Royal Navy was represented by *Despatch's* contingent of three seamen platoons and the R.M. detachment. The detachment presented a very smart appearance, and the whole of the R.N. company elicited much applause from the spectators.

Numerous parties went over to Johore to see the Sultan's palace, rubber plantations, etc.

Just before leaving Singapore we said goodbye to our old captain—Captain R. C. Davenport—he being succeeded by Captain D. B. Le Mottee.

We arrived back at Hong-Kong on June 12th, and after our usual "whistling-through" visit, sailed for Bias Bay on the 16th June, taking with us H.E. the Governor, G.O.C. troops and other high officials, on a pirate raiding reconnaissance. The detachment stood by to land, but were not required,and next day we sailed for Swatow, and after 24 hours there, sailed for Amoy, which we reached on June 19th. Once more, on June 22nd, we "whistled off," and after meeting *Durban* the same day, arrived at Wei-Hai-Wei on June 25th, where all being well we shall probably remain for some time. This is the first occasion that we have really been with the rest of the China Squadron since June 3rd, 1925.

Hong Kong.

The Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Rifle League was held on the 24th and 25th April, at Stonecutters, with the Championship of the Colony a week earlier at Kowloon Old City. On the whole, considering the absence of the majority of the China Squadron, the remaining Royal Marines acquitted themselves very creditably. The results were as under :—

MUSKETRY COMPETITION.—15 rounds Rapid, 2nd class Bisley Target ; 10 rounds Snap ; 10 mins. Irregular Appearances.
1st, Range Staff : Capt. Sturges, Sergt. Tugwell, Sergt. Whittingham, Mne. Blair.
The Individual for the above was won by Mne. Heather, of *Durban*.

ATTACK COMPETITION.
This was won by the Punjabis, after a tie with a team from the *Tamar's* detachment, who put up an excellent show, but it is very difficult for the average white man to compete in gallops with the lithe and wiry Indian from the Punjab. On arriving at their various fire positions in the minimum of time, the Indian troops appeared calm, cool and collected, whilst most of the white troops suffered from "Bellows to Mend."

TILE COMPETITION.—Won by Punjabis, with *Tamar's* 2nd, the latter team consisting entirely of Marines ; R.Ms. *Durban* were 3rd.

THE UNITED SERVICE COMPETITION.—Teams of 8 : 200, 500 and 600 Yards, U.S. Conditions—
1st, Range Staff ; 2nd, Punjabis ; 3rd, *Tamar's* R.Ms. ; 4th, *Durban*.

THE REVOLVER CHAMPIONSHIP was won by Sergt. Tugwell, who repeated his success at the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Rifle Meeting a few days previously. At the latter Meeting he put up a "possible." This was the only "open" event.

THE REVOLVER TEAM.—Range Staff, the team again being headed by Sergt. Tugwell.
After the Meeting some units "thought" they might have done better in the U.S. Competition ; so after considerable challenging, a private match between the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Team was arranged, the scores being : Range Staff 665, *Tamar* R.Ms. 648, *Durban* 639, Punjabis 634.

The R.M. detachment from *Tamar* deserve very great credit for their success (more especially considering their small numbers) in being able to defeat a ship's team and a battalion of Indian Infantry.

"**Tamar.**"

In a recent competition held at Stonecutters, under King's Prize 1st Stage conditions, the cup presented by Captain R. H. P. West, M.C., R.M., to the Rifle Club of H.M.S. *Tamar* was won by Mne. McCracken, with the very creditable score of 91. Corporal Smith was runner-up with a total of 86.

Wei-Hai-Wei. JULY.

Once again, for the first time for over twelve months, the China Squadron complete (less *Ambrose* and a few sloops) are all assembled together at this delightful summer resort, competing, as presumably do other squadrons all the world over, with gunnery and torpedo exercises, both by day and night. The small personnel ashore watches the ships depart to sea with considerable equanimity, and awaits their safe return to harbour, almost invariably heralded by an advanced guard, consisting of *Vindictive's* aircraft ; then in state arrives the fleet—the main body with much whistling of sirens and blowing of fanfares. Finally the rear-guard—R.F.A. *Francol* with battle practice target in tow (tell it not in Gath !) sometimes unsullied and unashamed.

The majority of *Vindictive's* R.Ms. have completed weapon training, finishing up with a nice walk from Observation Island via the Outer Circle, prior to a somewhat energetic field practice, the only possible outward tactical error apparently being that "somebody" called "somebody else" a monkey's orphan ! These small errors are bound to occur occasionally, even in the quiet and sleepy times of perfect peace training.

The R.M.R.A. Silver Medal for the Range Staff, Hidden Handicap, was won by Mne. Wheatley with a score of 90 (handicap plus 8) with Mne. Badcock runner-up, 74 (handicap plus 16).

Some Royal Marines take their "tot," some don't ! Some take their own "tot" and anyone else's that they can conveniently annex, either by good fortune or sleight of hand ! To those in the last category this piece of poetry, extracted from "The Literary Lounger" in *The Sketch* must surely be of interest :—

"Here's to the Devil in flaming Rum !
Drink to the Devil till your tongue's burnt dumb !
Drink till your toes begin to hum !—
Drink, man, drink, till the Grey Rats come !
Warm your guts with a soak of rum !—
Drink till the new Jerusalem !"

RICHARD HUGHES in "Confessio Juvenis."

AUGUST.

Most of the China Squadron is still at Wei-Hai, passing through a period of inspectionitis. *Vindictive* pushed off to Tsingtao and *Durban* to Ching Wangtao, both on pleasure bent, the *Durban's* having been given the opportunity of having a look at Peking before leaving us, presumably in the time-honoured fashion—a blaze of horses' necks and amateur orchestral efforts at "Rolling Home." Good luck to 'em, but of course they haven't gone yet.

The Island of Liu Kung Tao, more generally known as Wee 'Ai, was threatened with a famine. It occurred somehow like this: A coasting steamer came to anchor off Port Edward, and after having disposed of the Port Medical Officer, under cover of darkness, landed one Chinaman in a sampan at Marto Pier, who in the most tactless manner, expired of cholera under the very nose of a perfectly good Shantung constable. "The balloon" ascended vertically in the most rapid manner possible, and a vigorous blockade was established, the local inhabitants being treated to a generous searchlight display nightly (five or six times). Quite a considerable number of folk were put to minor inconveniences, and quite a number of sampans were forced to remain at anchor for long periods waiting for nightfall. However, there has been no more cholera, so everybody can now congratulate themselves on the efficient manner in which the dire disease was coped with.

The China Station Rifle Meeting has been got over in very variable weather. The first day, August 4th, reminded most people of good Old England, but on the other three days the clerk of the weather was kind, evidently doing his best to atone for his first day's atrocity. The most outstanding feature of the Meeting was the remarkable performance of Sergt. Tugwell who by sheer ability and hard work carried off the China Station Championship (Rifle), R.M. Championship and Pistol Championship. The results, as far as the Royal Marines are concerned, in individual events are as follows:—

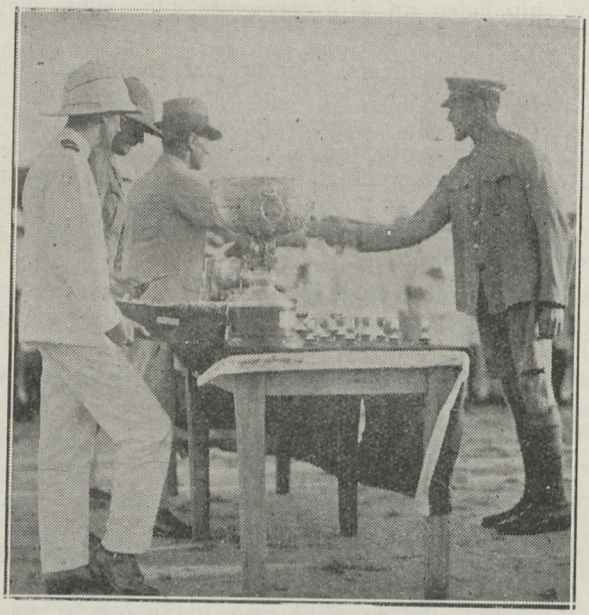
RIFLE EVENTS.

1. 200 Yards Deliberate.
   - Class I. 3rd, Capt. Sturges.
   - Class II. 2nd, Corpl. Day (*Vindictive*)
   - 3rd, Sergt. Tugwell
   - Class III. 3rd, Mne. Mackie (*Despatch*)
   - Class IV. 2nd, Mne. Piper (*Hawkins*)
   - 3rd, Mne. Durn (*Vindictive*)

2. 200 Yards Rapid and Snap.
   - Class I. 2nd, Capt. Leech-Porter (*Vindictive*)
   - Class II. 1st, Sergt. Tugwell
   - Class III. 1st, Mne. Bond (*Despatch*)
   - 2nd, Mne. Rodgers (*Hawkins*)
   - Class IV. 2nd, Mne. Durn (*Vindictive*)

3. 500 Yards Deliberate.
   - Class I. 2nd, Capt. De Berry (*Hawkins*)
   - 3rd, Capt. Sturges
   - Class II. 2nd, Corpl. Flack (*Vindictive*)
   - 3rd. Sergt. Tugwell
   - Class IV. 1st. Mne. Ballett (*Hawkins*)
   - 2nd, Mne. Mahone (*Hawkins*)

4. 600 Yards Deliberate.
   - Class I. 1st, Capt. Leech-Porter (*Vindictive*)
   - Class II. 2nd, Corpl. Day (*Vindictive*)
   - 3rd, Corpl. French (*Vindictive*)
   - Class III. 2nd, Mne. Mackie (*Despatch*)



SGT. TUGWELL, R.M., receiving The Championship Cups at Wei-Hei-Wei, from the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

5. Aggregate.
   - Class I. 1st, Capt. Leech-Porter (*Vindictive*)
   - 4th, Capt. Sturges
   - Class II. 1st, Sergt. Tugwell (C.-in-C.'s Cup)
   - Class III. 1st, Mne. Mackie (*Despatch*)
   - 2nd, Mne. Heather (*Durban*)
   - Class IV. 4th, Mne. Dunn (*Vindictive*)

8. R.M. Championship (Cup presented by R.M. Officers)
   - 1st, Sergt. Tugwell
   - 2nd, Corpl. Gilliam (*Hawkins*)
   - 3rd, Capt. De Berry (*Hawkins*)
   - 4th, Capt. Leech-Porter (*Vindictive*)
   - 5th Mne. Bond (*Despatch*)

Young Soldiers' Cup (presented by the Sergeants in the Fleet)
   - 1st, Mne. Sneddon (*Carlisle*)
   - 2nd, Mne. Rodgers (*Hawkins*)

This last event was a tie, and Mne. Sneddon won on a shoot off at 500 yards—two sighters and three shots to count. Still a tie, and Mne. Sneddon eventually got away with the Cup, shooting off shot for shot.

REVOLVER EVENTS.

1. 10 Yards Snapshooting
   - Class II. 3rd, Sergt. Tugwell
   - Class III. 3rd, Mne. Osborne (*Carlisle*)
2. 20 and 30 Yards.
   - Class II. 1st, Sergt. Tugwell
3. Six Figures and Six Faces—Rapid
   - Class II. 1st, Sergt. Tugwell
4. Revolver Aggregate
   - 1st, Sergt. Tugwell

In the team events there appeared, as always, a very fair sprinkling of Royal Marines, and in the final of the King Alfred (Tile) our Colonel and his assistant did yeoman service for a team of officers from *Hawkins*.

Judge to Witness: "Have you ever known this man to be a disreputable character?"

Witness to Judge: "No, sir."

Judge: "Have you ever known him to be a disturber of the peace.?"

Witness: "Well, if I can remember correctly he used to play in a Navy Band."—*The Hoist.*

NEW ZEALAND.

"Diomede."

A period of seven months has now passed since this ship arrived on the New Zealand station, and our movements from then onwards can be divided into two categories: a cruise round New Zealand, and a cruise around the islands of the Southern Pacific, during which we have visited most of the important towns and islands on the station.

Prior to the commencement of the first cruise, a considerable time was spent at Auckland, which town corresponds to a home port in England, and also in the Hauraki Gulf, where exercises and firings were carried out. It was whilst we were in the Hauraki Gulf that we met the Australian ships and the *Delhi*; these three ships were on a visit to New Zealand, and exercises and drills were carried out together, terminating in a regatta between the six ships present, which was won easily by the *Diomede*.

The first town that we went to during our cruise around New Zealand was Russell. It was the original British capital, 1839-1842, but was burnt down in 1843 during the Maori War. It is of interest to note that whilst we were here the graves were found of Clr.-Sergt. M. Garthy and Pte. Alex. May, both R.M.L.I., of H.M.S. *Hazard*, who were killed in the Maori War of 1845. At Russell a detachment football match was played against a composite ship's team, which we won 3—1. From Russell we went to Lyttleton, the port of Christchurch, which is in the centre of the Canterbury Plains; we were here for a week and then went to Dunedin. We were fortunate in being at Dunedin at the time of the Exhibition; it was organised on the lines of Wembley, and many enjoyable hours were spent here by all. Whilst at Dunedin we played a football match against the Marines of *Dunedin*; it was a most exciting and well contested game, and resulted in a win for us 2—1, most probably due to the excellent play of Mne. Dale, who is our goalkeeper. Our next port of call was Wellington, which has been the capital of New Zealand since 1864, when the seat of Government was removed from Auckland. We were here on the 25th April, when the Anzac Day celebrations were held, 5,000 officers and men, together with 100 seamen and 50 marines from the *Dunedin* and from us attended a short service, and afterwards marched through the town. The last place we visited during the cruise was Nelson, a small town in the north of South Island, and famous as most of the detachment say for its excellent brew of cider. At Nelson an assault-at-arms was given by the ship's company, in which the detachment gave a display of bayonet fighting and disarming. We returned to Auckland on the 2nd May, after having visited most of the important cities and towns of New Zealand. Wherever we went people were most hospitable to us; the various branches of the Navy League had, as at Auckland, treated us well, and the first of our New Zealand cruises had been most thoroughly enjoyed.

The island cruise commenced on the 10th May. The first port of call was Niue, a small island administered by New Zealand. It was too deep to anchor, but we were here long enough to go ashore to witness the native dances, given on the occasion of the visit of His Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand. From Niue we went to Apia, the capital of Western Samoa. These ex-German islands are now administered by mandate by the Dominion of New Zealand. The Governor General was here also at the time of our visit, and again we were able to see more native dances given for him; the dances were most weird, but exceedingly well done. A party of about thirty native chiefs, accompanied by the Administrator—General Sir George Richardson—came on board one day, and besides showing them round the ship, we gave them a demonstration of bayonet fighting and disarming; this impressed them immensely, and we are now wondering whether they will amend their war dances accordingly. The Administrator congratulated the detachment afterwards upon the smart way in which the drill was done. We next went to Pago Pago, which together with other islands in Eastern Samoa, belongs to America. The Americans were most hospitable to us during the five days that we were there, and besides various forms of entertainments which were given to us, some of us had our first experience of watching a game of baseball. Whilst we were here we held a swimming regatta, in which Corporal Heaton won the 220 yards and Marine Newton the 100 yards. At Pago Pago there is a Sergeant of the United States Marine Corps; he is the Chief of Police, in charge of the training of the native troops, and the only Marine there. He came on board whilst we were there, and it is understood that he agrees that the Sergeant-Major's tot is a good one. From Pago Pago we went to Suva, the capital of Fiji. There are excellent sports grounds here, which were placed at our disposal, and tennis, cricket, football and hockey were played regularly. After a stay of fifteen days we went to Lautoka and to Levuka, both of which are in Fiji, the latter being the old native capital of the Fiji Islands. Whilst we were at Lautoka the Commodore of the Squadron came on board to tell us the result of his inspection of the ship the report was very good, and it was gratifying that out of the reports of the various parts of the ship, he should select upon that of the detachment to be the only one to read to the ship's company. We returned to Suva for five days after Levuka, and then went to Bora Bora for a day, to Papeete for six days, and then to Moorea for one day, all three being French, in the Society Islands. Papeete is the capital of Tahiti, and the island was discovered by Cook in 1774; it became a French protectorate in 1842, and was formally annexed along with the neighbouring islands in 1880. A unique trip which one can make at Papeete within about a couple of hours is to go out in a glass bottom boat to see the coral reef. One can see every detail to a depth of about twenty feet, the coral itself is wonderful, but it is most interesting to see the strange coloured fish that live amongst it, and to watch the native divers go down, search for and spear them. We next went to Rarotonga for a day, where practically the whole ship's company were motored round the island. We then went on to Niue for a few hours, Vavau for three days, and then to Nukualofa for a week, the two latter places being in the Tonga Group, which was discovered by Tasman in 1643.

We returned to Auckland on the 20th August, after having had a most interesting, instructive and enjoyable cruise amongst the islands of the Southern Pacific. It was an eye-opener to see the very primitive way in

which the natives live, their customs and their ways of doing things ; too much could not be written on the subject, and yet, in spite of their backwardness, they are most of them Christians.

N.A. & W.I.

"**Calcutta.**"

Continuing our Northern Cruise, we have visited St. George's Bay, N.F., Charlottetown, P.E.I., Quebec and Montreal.

At St. George's Bay the detachments from *Calcutta* and *Capetown* landed to carry out a tactical exercise. Unfortunately it poured with rain the day previous to landing. The ground which we exercised over was covered with bracken and small bushes, which held the rain, consequently we soon got wet through and progress was somewhat slow. However, we soon forgot our discomfort when we returned on board to get into a dry change of clothing and to do full justice to our dinners.

Sea fishing was the order of the day at St. George's, and good sport over the ship's side was experienced. Plaice were in abundance, and it was difficult to find a " pitch," practically the whole of the ship's company having turned enthusiastic fishermen.

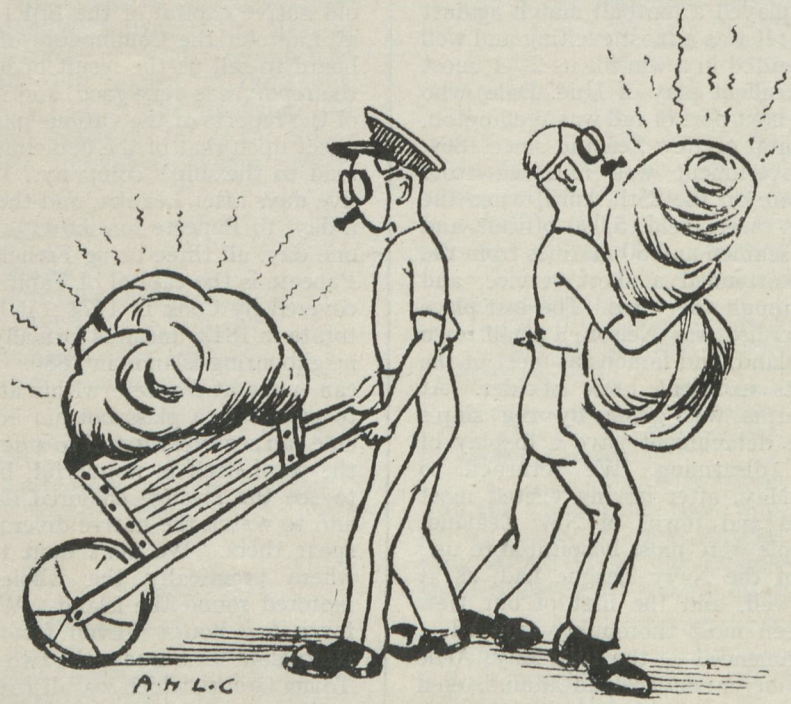
During our stay at the ancient city of Quebec we fired a shooting match with the Canadian Royal Ordnance Corps, and proved the winners by 762 points to 730. The shoot was carried out on a 30 yards indoor miniature range. We used our own rifles, with special ammunition for miniature range. The team consisted of Clr.-Sergt. Bentley, Sergt. Couzens, Mnes. Newton, Miles, Bones, and Fulbrook. The top scorer was Mne. Miles with 141. The captain of the C.R.O.C. team was Sergt.-Major Lazenby.

We spent rather a long stay of 18 days at Montreal. There was a great deal of interest to be seen in this great metropolis of Canada. Owing to the ship being thrown open to visitors a good many made friends, and our stay at Montreal proved enjoyable.

We had another shooting match, and this time our opponents were the Royal Canadian Machine Gun Corps. We were again the winners by 185 points to 162. Fired on a 30 yards indoor miniature range, with our own rifles. The team consisted of Clr.-Sergt. Bentley, Sergt. Couzens, Corpl. Harris, A/Corpl. Cooper, Mnes. Newton, Bones, Bovingdon and Fulbrook. Mne. Newton shot exceptionally well and obtained a possible—28.

On Thursday, Sept. 16th, by permission of Vice-Admiral Sir W. Cowan, Bart., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., the Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. Calcutta, under the direction of Bandmaster Herbert Wright, L.R.A.M., broadcasted a programme from the quarter-deck of the ship to stations Montreal and Ottawa, Ont. An added feature to the programme was the sounding of various bugle calls used in the Royal Navy, by Bugler R. Newman, who was complimented for the clearness and able manner in which he sounded the calls.

The band programme, which commenced at 9 p.m., consisted of eleven items, the final item being a medley of " Sea Songs of Old England," very skilfully arranged which concluded the programme at approximately 11.30 p.m. Bandmaster Wright was the recipient of many telegrams of congratulations from people who " listened in," also he received a number of letters of appreciation from those who enjoyed the concert.



DIVISIONAL ORDERS PORTRAYED.

No. 1392—Dirty Sheets and Bolster Cases

Will be exchanged from all Barrackrooms, Cubicles and Lobbies at 2 p.m. on Monday, 6th inst.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

An exchange of divisions has taken place between Major F. J. Hore and Major F. A. Ackerman, 1st Quartermasters of the Chatham and Plymouth Divisions respectively. In saying farewell to Major Hore we should like to place on record his work on behalf of the canteen of this Division which, through his energy and ability, has been put on a thoroughly sound footing.

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Another change on the staff of the Division is the relief of Surg.-Comdr. C. T. Baxter by Surg.-Comdr. R. F. MacMahon. Comdr. Baxter will be much missed as , apart from his medical work, he performed many little acts of kindness, the recipients of which were probably unaware of the source from which their good fortune had sprung.

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On Sunday 10th, the Dockyard Church held its Harvest Festival. The collection was taken on behalf of that most worthy object, the Mission to Seamen, which does so much for seafaring men throughout the world. It is pleasant to record that the sum of £25 has been forwarded in consequence to the Mission.

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On the 25th September, the Division was the scene of another Corps wedding, when Lieutenant W. Nonweiler was married at St. Mary's Church to Miss Betty Temple, daughter of Lieut.-Col. F. Temple, C.M.G. Members of the Sergeants' Mess pulled the car from the church to the Officers' Mess, where the reception was held.

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The winter issues of coal have been recommenced, but owing to restrictions still in force the allowance produces about as much heat as a bugler's tot would on a brewer's drayman.

PLYMOUTH.

THE MEDAL COLLECTION.

In the August issue was announced the addition to the collection of the Africa General Service Medal, 1902, with clasp " Jubaland," awarded to Ply. No. 8242 Pte. J. S. Miller, R.M.L.I. The publication of the paragraph in question has been the means of recovering through the courtesy of Colonel D. Hailes, O.B.E., R.M.L.I. (retd.), another medal belonging to the same man.

Col. Hailes who is an acknowledged Authority on medals and also a collector, writes : " His (Pte. J. S. Miller's) South African medal has been in my possession for some years, and I now enclose it to be put with his other medal. I hung on to it, hoping some day it could rejoin its mate, and I now feel so pleased it will do so."

The Corps in general will certainly share the satisfaction Col. Hailes has expressed at the happy turn of events and will appreciate his action in forwarding the medal.

Pte. Miller was serving in H.M.S. " Magicienne " when he earned both medals, which after a separation of so many years have now found a permanent and honourable resting place at his old Head Quarters.

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Mrs. M. H. Wade has forwarded the medals of her brother the late Po. No. 4529 Private H. C. W. Shute, R.M.L.I., whose wish it was that they should be offered to the Officers' Mess, Plymouth Division.

Lt.-Col. R. D. Ormsby, C.B.E., whose attendant for some years Pte. Shute was, writes : " Shute saw considerable service in South Africa where he was servant to Lt.-Col. A. C. B. Urmston, C.B. He had narrow escapes from being wounded, particularly at Graspan, where he was in at the finish. Shute was well-known at the Plymouth Division from 1904 to 1908, where he had many friends. He joined the Corps of Commissionaires on leaving the service and for some years was on duty at Princes Club, Knightsbridge. He was the best type of a Royal Marine, physically very powerful, always cheerful and ready to make the best of everything, and a loyal comrade."

His medals are the following—South Africa with four clasps, Belmont, Modder River, Paardeberg and Driefontein, the General Service Medal, 1914-18 and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

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An addition to the collection of more than usual interest is a case containing the medals and miniatures of the late Captain William Frederick Portlock Dadson which his daughter Miss M. Portlock Dadson has recently presented.

The medals are the Baltic, 1854-55 ; Crimea, 1854-56, with clasp " Sebastopol " ; China, 1857-60, with clasp " Canton, 1857 " and the Turkish medal for the Crimea.

While advancing with the scaling ladders at the storming of Canton, Lieut. Dadson was dangerously wounded, his right arm being shattered by a gingal-ball. He received a mention in despatches and was granted a life pension for this wound.

The leaden ball is in the case—a grim souvenir of his last campaign. The case also contains two other medals. One of these is the Crimean but without a clasp, upon the rim of which is engraved in Italian scrip the single name " Nep." The other is the Turkish General Service Medal engraved " 1st Lieut. W. F. Portlock Dadson, R.M.L.I." This is a silver medal of a different design to that given by the Turkish Government for the Crimea but with a ribbon of the same colours.

On referring to Colonel Hailes for a possible explanation, this officer writes: "I looked through Captain Portlock-Dadson's letters to see if I could find any clue to the mysterious Turkish General Service medal, or the second Crimea. However, I know about the latter. He told me that the medals arrived on board in a cask. There was no formal presentation but they were just handed out, and there being one or two surplus, he was given one for his dog "Nep," who had been ashore with him, and that the dog was invested and duly wore the medal on occasions attached to his collar.

I know he referred to this once or twice in letters, but I am afraid I have destroyed these as they were purely personal and not on the subject of medals. I remember quite well when he lived in Drayton Gardens his telling me about it one Sunday afternoon, but I cannot recall the Turkish medal or its story."

Possibly some other old officer may be able to give the history of this Turkish medal which was presumably awarded to Capt. Portlock Dadson, but which for some reason he never wore.

Obtaining his company in 1862, Captain Portlock Dadson retired a few months later. From '63-'69 he commanded the 7th Kent Rifle Volunteers, and from '69-72 served as a Captain in the West Kent Militia. He was in H.M. Royal Body Guard, the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, from '65-'77, and the next few years obtained employment under the Colonial Office in the West Indies, holding among other posts that of Superintendent of H.M. Penal Settlement at Massaruni, British Guiana jrom '81-'82, and in '86 being appointed a special J.P. for that Colony.

It was very largely due to him that the Medal Collection was instituted. His interest in its growth continued unabated until his death in November 1919. It is, therefore, peculiarly fitting that the medals of this gallant old veteran, whose affection for the Corps of Royal Marines seemed to grow as his years increased, should now repose in the Ante Room of his old division.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

NOTICE.

Serving and ex-Members of the R.M. Band Service are requested to forward to the Staff Office, R.N. School of Music, Eastney, any details they may know or have heard of concerning the employment of ex-members, with a view of compiling a list showing how members can be employed after discharge from the R.M. Band Service, and also to encourage recruiting.

MUSICAL WHISPERS.

Captain of H.M.S. "Make and Mend," after investigating damaged cello; "Alright Bandmaster, see the Chief Carpenter and have the instrument repaired.

Chippy enters the Band Room a week later with instrument and remarks:—"Finished this job, Bandy, and I bet that there pole inside won't give any more blinking trouble, I've screwed him up top and bottom."

ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

Lodge Hill.

A rather unique gathering of "Old Troops" (probably the first of its kind since the inauguration of the R.M. Police) took place at Lodge Hill on Wednesday, 22nd September, on the occasion of a Farewell Concert to five members who had been drafted from Chatham area. As there was a detachment of R.M. Police in R.M. Barracks that were "far from home," it was decided to invite them to an "evening out." An invitation was accordingly sent to Capt. Allen and his "merry men" to join the party. At 7 p.m. they arrived and were welcomed by their hosts, among whom they found many "old ships" (not scrapped yet). Before the concert commenced many battles were fought over again and experiences related since last they met.—What reading it would provide if it could only be put in print! However, after the "flowing bowl" had been passed round, the concert commenced as "notified in previous orders," under the chairmanship of P.S. Fox (Senior Sergt. Chatham Area). Among those present were Capt. S. W. Bucknall, R.M. (R), C.I. Chatham Area, and Capt. Allen, R.M. (R), the newly appointed C.I. for Rosyth. "The King" having been toasted with musical honours, "operations" commenced. At "speech time" Capt. Bucknall made a fitting but "guarded" speech to encourage the new coppers in their new sphere of life, giving them some tips worth backing, as gained from experience, mentioning a few pitfalls they may meet, and advising them to "look around the corners" before jumping into the "arena." Capt. Allen responded suitably. P.S. Fox, in proposing the health of the men "on draft," remarked that he hoped they would soon "pick up stations" and get settled in their new houses. P.S. Harwood replied. During the evening a census of service and medals was taken, and taking the fact into consideration that everyone present was still serving, may easily constitute a record and is worth recording. Among the 70 present they totalled 1,612 years' service and 328 medals.

The proceedings were brought to a close by clasping hands and singing "Auld lang Syne." The following contributed to the programme: Capt. Bucknall, Capt. Allen, P.S. Flowers, P.C.'s Sharp, Cooper, Page, Ward, Campbell, Knowley and Corpl. Light. The music was provided by "The Follies" from R.M. Barracks. P.S. Thorburn and the Entertainment Committee were responsible for the arrangements.

The following are the transfers from Lodge Hill:—P.C. Harwood (to Rosyth on promotion to P.S.); P.C. Smith (to Pembroke on promotion to P.S.); P.C. Carnell (to Rosyth); P.C.'s Catchpole and Gill (to Port Edgar).

Bull Point.

The Royal Marine Police at Bull Point held a Smoking Concert on the 21st September, 1926, in their Club Room. The guests of the evening were the Chief and Petty Officers of St. Budeaux Barracks; and the opportunity was taken to thank the guests for the splendid manner in which they entertained those members of the Royal Marine Police who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the recent St. Budeaux Barracks Sports.

Advantage was also taken to use this convivial gathering as a farewell to those members of the R.M. Police who are leaving for stations in Scotland and Wales, and to wish them the best of good luck at their new stations.

The good fellowship which exists between the Royal Marine Police and their neighbours at St. Budeaux Barracks, and the outstanding talent of the performers, combined to make the evening a very happy one, and a pleasant memory for those who are leaving the station.



ROYAL MARINES.
WINNERS OF WHITEHEAD REVOLVER CUP, BISLEY, 1926.

Webley & Scott Rep. D.-Major W. A. Gouge. Clr. Sgt. Ridding. Mne. W. Purdy. Sgt. R. L. Stapleton. Sgt. E. Abbott. Lt. P. R. Smith-Hill. Capt. F. R. Jones. Capt. T. H. Jameson, D.S.O. Lt. Col. M. Filmer Bennett. S.M. (W.O.) J. Bach. Sgt. A. C. Rutland, D.S.M.

COMBINED OPERATIONS AT SHANDWICK BAY.

A combined landing operation was arranged to take place on 27th September. The narrative of the exercise follows :—

RED has declared war on BLUE. BLUE force has no naval forces that can be in a position to attack RED battle cruisers before 1800 hours on 27th September, but it is known to have a small garrison near Nigg, and a small air base in the vicinity.

A RED force is despatched in two battle cruisers on 27th September with the object of effecting a landing and destroying an imaginary BLUE W/T station (to be denoted by a red flag and a ground " T ") situated some 1,000 yards to the west of the village of Castlecraig.

Composition of the forces engaged :—

RED force under the general direction of the Vice-Admiral Commanding, Battle Cruiser Squadron :

Battle cruisers *Hood* and *Repulse*, Aircraft carrier *Furious*—4 flights of aeroplanes. One brigade of Royal Marines, plus portable W/T. set and beach personnel, under the command of Major R. Sinclair, R.M.

BLUE force, under the general direction of Captain B. E. Domville, C.B., C.M.G.

One battalion of seamen under the command of Commander R. D. Binney.

Two flights of aeroplanes.

Composition of the landing force :—Bde. Commander, Major R. Sinclair ; Bde, Major, Capt. Spraggett, M.C. ; M.L.O. and Bde. Intelligence Officer, Capt. Williams. "A" Bn.—O.C., Major Welch ; Adjt., Capt. Sandall ; 3 Companies R.M. and 1 Company The Black Watch. "B" Bn.—O.C., Major Coode ; Adjt., Lieut. Woodington 4 Companies R.M.

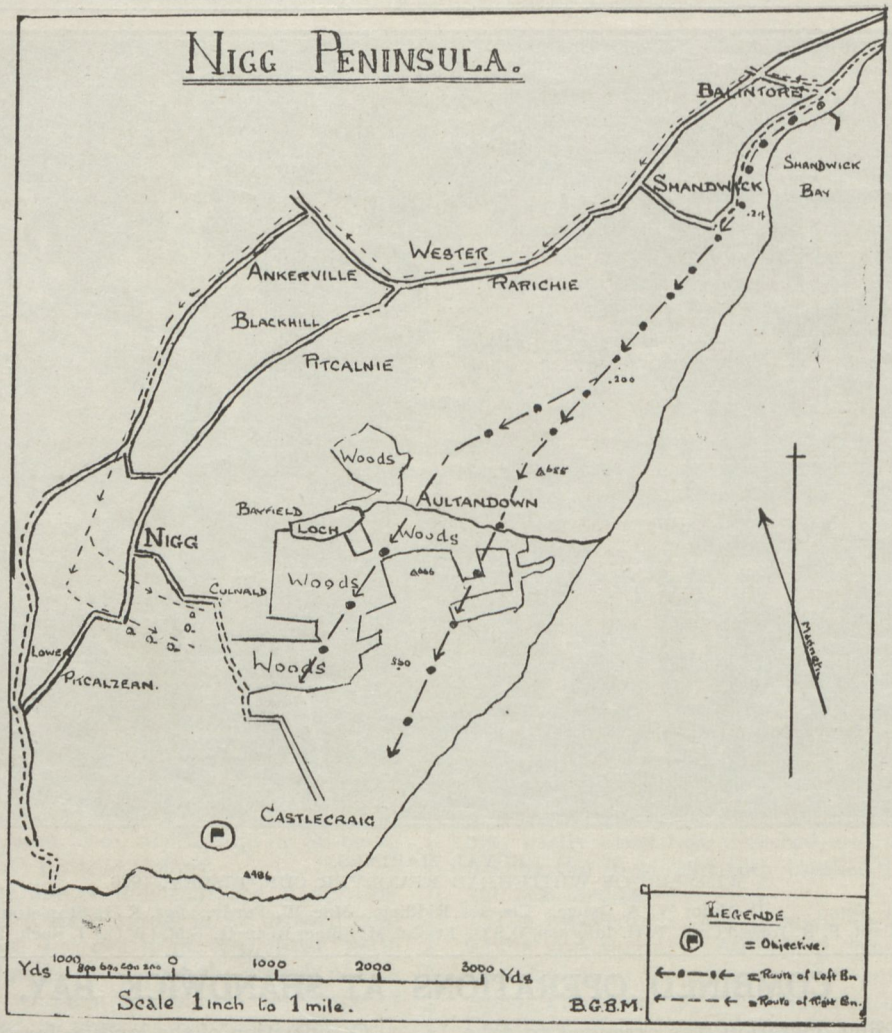
Four flights of 'planes from *Furious*.

Chief Umpire : Rear-Admiral R. R. C. Backhouse, C.B., C.M.G. ; Asst. Umpire : Major Briscoe.

Total strength of force : 760 R.M. and 160 Black Watch.

Unfortunately it was necessary to accommodate half of each battalion in *Hood* and half in *Repulse*. Such a division, even with peace conditions, inclines to make difficult the control of Headquarters and Units, as Battalion Commanders are unable to discuss with several of their officers the important last minute problems which invariably arise.

The troops were embarked by 1800 hours on 26th September, and, considering the small amount of surplus space available, admirable arrangements were made by all concerned for sleeping and feeding accommodation, and for the general comfort of the troops, who were only to remain on board for some twelve hours. While the light remained good, units were paraded at their disembarkation stations, and told off



complete for the cutters and tows. It was decided to land the two battalions, each of approximately 450 ranks, in two flights from each ship, each flight consisting of two tows of eight cutters, each four cutters towed by a picket boat.

Reveille was sounded at 0330 hours on the 27th, and after breakfast, units were fallen in at 0500 hours ready to disembark into their cutters.

It was decided that the landing should be effected at Shandwick Bay, which, with its admirable sandy beach and near approach to the main southern road, presented the most favourable conditions for the elementary training of the young soldiers, who like the majority of us had not previously taken part in a landing operation. It was for this reason, together with the necessity of considering the safety of personnel, that no consideration was given to the possibility of making a landing further south, where the approaches to the foreshore were in many cases dangerous and the rocky heights above precipitous.

The following is a brief summary of orders issued for the landing and subsequent advance :—

Two Companies of "A" Battalion will comprise the Covering Force and form a protective perimeter immediately on landing. "B" Battalion will advance along the Shandwick-Wester Rarichie-Nigg road, and endeavour to take the enemy position from the right flank. "A" Battalion less two compauies will seize the high ground to the immediate north of Aultandown and proceeding in a southerly direction endeavour to effect a surprise attack from the left flank. When the landing has been completed, the two companies of "A" Battalion forming the covering force will remain in position under the direct orders of the Briagde Commander.

NOTE.—It was arranged that there was to be no tactical embarkation, and on completion of the operations RED and BLUE forces would embark from Nigg pier. These two Companies were, therefore, ultimately to move forward as Brigade Reserve.

The landing and subsequent advance were to be supported by secondary armament fire from *Hood* and *Repulse*.

At 0515 hours the Vice-Admiral Commanding RED force ordered that the personnel originally planned to be carried in each tow was to be reduced by one half, on account of the heavy swell that was running. This meant that instead of getting the force ashore complete in two flights, it had to be done in four flights.

The first flight was successfully disembarked, leaving the ships at 0530 hours as dawn was breaking. On nearing the beach the enemy, who had anticipated the landing, put up a dense smoke cloud which, owing to the north-westerly wind, continued to obscure the beach for some time. This was apparently done to harass the

successful running ashore of the cutters, but had no effect.

Three of eight cutters containing *Hood's* first flight had been run so hard ashore by the heavy surf that the personnel available was insufficient so shove them off again, and owing to the falling tide they were beached high and dry.

The Beach Master ordered all subsequent flights to land at Balintore pier, the smoke screen providing effective cover from any fire the enemy might have been able to bring to bear. Many casualties were sustained from machine gun fire of low-flying enemy aeroplanes and by an armed " motor-car " which was operating along the near road running parallel to the beach as troops advanced from the foreshore. The latter was eventually put out of action by a certain gallant Plymouth officer (but not the one who refused to be put out of action).

The probability of effecting a surprise had now disappeared, and owing to the foregoing mishaps it was realised that some considerable time must elapse before the force could move forward complete.

At 0715 hours a defensive perimeter covering the beach had been established by troops of " A " Battalion and by 0800 hours " C " Company of " B ' Battalion had commenced to advance along the road to Wester Rarichie, while an advanced guard of two platoons of " A " Battalion was reported at 0817 hours to have reached a point some 700 yards to the south of Old Shandwick. Headquarters of both Battalions and " B " Company of " B " Battalion were now situated at the apex of the road immediately N.W. of the village of Old Shandwick. At 0714 hours and 0715 hours, messages were dropped by aircraft on " B " Battalion Headquarters, reporting that small bodies of the enemy were observed to be moving in a northerly direction about the line of the Castlecraig-Culnald road ; and at 0739 hours large numbers were reported to be in position 300 yards to the S.W. of Bayfield Loch. A further report at 0746 hours stated that the enemy appeared to be taking up a position along the southern edge of Bayfield Loch.

At 0825 hours artillery fire was brought to bear on the general line Bayfield Loch-Aultandown, and at 0856 hours on a defined area 1200 yards to the north of the first C in Castlecraig, where aircraft reported large bodies of the enemy massed. At 0817 hours " B " Battalion reported the line Ankerville Corner-Wester Rarichie School clear. Reconnoitring patrols of this battalion had reported enemy troops in the vicinity of Bayfield Loch ; movement along Wester Rarichie-Nigg Road was therefore restricted, and a diversion made along the Wester Rarichie-Ankerville Corner road. Advanced troops of " A " Battalion had now cleared Danish Fort.

The Brigade Intelligence Officer reported that at 0915 hours, enemy patrols were observed on the high ground to the immediate north and N.E. of Aultandown. Consequent on this information, " A " Battalion was ordered to make good the line Wester Rarichie fork roads—Pt. 600—Pt. 655, both north of Aultandown, with all speed, in order that the right battalion might proceed unobserved. This line was reported clear at 1000 hours.

Between 0900 hours and 0930 hours the enemy's observed main position was subjected to intermittent bursts of artillery fire. At 1052 hours " B " Battalion reported enemy forward troops on the line Culnald, second G in Hill of Nigg with patrols in wood half mile N.W. of first A in Aultandown. At this moment one platoon of " B " Battalion was in observation on Black Hill and one company on the Ankerville Corner-Pitcalnie road, with the two remaining companies of that battalion, were moving along the Shandwick-Nigg road, having completed their landing at 1030 hours and 1100 hours respectively.

Enemy reconnaissance aircraft were continually active, especially along the general line of advance of the right battalion; this rendered progress somewhat slow owing to the necessity for taking cover from time to time. The advance, however, was not hampered to any degree, for this battalion was unable to continue its general advance beyond Wester Rarichie until all its units were ashore complete and under the control of the Battalion Commander.

At 0930 hours, " B " Company of " A " Battalion took over the defensive perimeter from " C " Company of the same battalion, the latter being ordered to proceed and join " A " Battalion on the left flank. At 1130 hours, the Brigade Intelligence Office, reported two platoons of the enemy moving in a S.E. direction from Pt. 666 towards King's Cave. This was as a result of infiltration of units of " A " Battalion which had penetrated through the enemy's line some 1400 yards to the east of Bayfield Loch.

At 1120 hours " A " Company of " A " Battalion had landed and were ready to move off, and together with " B " Company of the same Battalion, which had now been ordered to withdraw from the perimeter, were ordered to move along the main road to Wester Rarichie, to which place Brigade headquarters was also moving.

The enemy's defensive line had been clearly defined and it was evident that the best chance of ultimate success lay in a strong right flank attack, to be delivered from the direction of Nigg towrads the left flank of the enemy's main position.

" B " Battalion was now complete with its four companies and making good progress along the covered approach Ankerville-Lower Pitcalzean road. On arrival of the Brigade Reserve at Wester Rarichie, " B " Company was despatched with all speed to reinforce the right flank attack.

At 1240 hours a message was received from " B " Battalion to the effect that the attack would commence from Nigg in an easterly direction at 1330 hours. Consequent on this, at 1330 hours the remaining company in Brigade Reserve was ordered to send a strong reconnaissance patrol along the Wester Rarichie-Pitcalnie road to observe progresss of the attack, while the remainder together with Brigade Headquarters followed in rear. The attack was ultimately launched between Nigg and the strip of wood immediately to the south. Enemy troops were observed to b retreating in a S.W. direction, being at the same time hard pressed by the left flank battalion's thrust towards the objective.

Just when all appeared to be going well the " Cease Fire " was sounded, and brought to a close what might well be considered to have been a very interesting and instructive day in the field.

ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH CHINA BRANCH.

The last of a series of shoots took place at Stonecutters. A combined Team and Individual Shoot—2 sighters and 10 rounds application, 2 sighters and 10 rounds rapid (1 min.) and 2 sighters and 10 rounds snap—all at 200 yards. A great effort was made to get a team of R.M. officers to shoot against, but Sergt. Tugwell had to be co-opted. The final scores were as under :—

R.M. Officers and A. N. Other.		R.M.O.C.A.	
Sergt. Tugwell	115	Comrade Gossett	115
Capt. De Berry	113	,, Blackman	110
Capt. Sturges	109	,, Johnson	104
Capt. Clayton	107	,, Clarke	95
Lieut. Day	97	,, Presley	93
Capt. Miles	92	,, Frith	91
Colonel Cantrell	88	,, Baker	87
Capt. Spicer	84	,, Kent	80
		,, Beattie	79
		,, George	47
Total	805	Best 8	775

An excellent tiffin, provided by Old Comrades, was enjoyed by both teams, so also was tea provided by the Chairman. This "tea," possibly on account of the hot weather, was very largely taken out of glasses. At the same time the party was livened up by tall war-time stories by Comrade Johnson, who, from his own account, anyway, must have been a second Private Paget.

A Challenge Cup has been presented to be competed for annually by members of the R.M.O.C.A., called "The Reynolds Cup,"* to commemorate the success of this celebrated quad:, and a replica was presented by Capt. West (who, alas, has gone home) to this year's winner.

In presenting the prizes, Colonel Cantrell said he hoped that this challenge cup would encourage these excellent Sunday shoots, and congratulated Comrade Gossett (his late Sergt.-Major, by the way) on his success. In bringing other members' names forward who had shot well, he especially noted Comrade Blackman, who for an elderly gentleman had not apparently lost any of his previous skill as a rifle shot.

* "Reynolds" is a pony owned and ridden by Captain R. G. Sturges, R.M., and from the attached notes on his performances, which his owner has kindly sent us, he must be a rare good 'un.

23/1/26	Played in K.O.Y.L.I. Cup Polo—Navy *v.* Army.
30/1/26	Played in Final of K.O.Y.L.I. Cup—Navy *v.* Civilians.
15/2/26	Third in Fanling National.
3/3/26	1st, Hong Kong Jockey Club Annual Meeting, U.S. Race.
14/3/26	3rd in Heavy-weight Point to Point (owner's fault, missed a flag).
3/4/26	1st, Polo Scurry at the 1st Extra Race Meeting.
5/4/26	1st, United Services Steeplechase.
1/5/26	2nd, Commonwealth Handicap in the 2nd Extra Race Mtg.
24/5/26	2nd, Fanling Open Steeplechase.
5/6/26	3rd, June Handicap in the 3rd Extra Race Meeting.

He was never sick or sorry, never in training for more than a week before any race meeting, but carried me either at polo or as whipper in the Fanling Hunt (sometimes two days running), in between the times that he was earning money to pay for the keep of my other three ponies. Now earning a well-deserved rest at Stonecutters, eating grass, and I trust he'll turn up again both on the flat and over the sticks next autumn before I get sent home.

LONDON BRANCH.

ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE.

The Annual Church Parade took place on Sunday, Sept. 19th in the Guildhall Yard, when over a hundred Comrades paraded under the command of Capt. R. H. Winne, for inspection by the Adjutant-General, Lt.-Gen. A. R. H. Hutchinson, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

After inspection the parade marched off to divine service at St. Sepulchres Church, Holborn Viaduct, headed by the band of Greenwich R.H. School, under Mr. J. S. Brown (lent by kind permission of Rear-Admiral L. R. Oliphant). The service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Ward, M.A. (Hon. Chaplain). The offertory was in aid of the Royal Seamen and Marines Orphan Homes, Portsmouth. After service the Comrades marched back to the Veterans' Club, where the Adjutant-General, addressing them, congratulated them upon their smartness on parade, and also on the fact that they had not forgotten how to march. General Sir W. C. Nicholls, K.C.B. was present at Church. The band were entertained to lunch and afterwards played a selection of music.

PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL DANCE.

The above dance took place at the Veterans' Club on Monday, October 4th, and was attended by a large party of Comrades and their wives and friends, the accommodation of the club being taxed to the uttermost.

The prize for the best ladies fancy dress was won by Mrs. Warner who represented the *Globe and Laurel*, which was most effective. The prize for gentleman's fancy dress was won by Mr. Billy Dee as a "Scarlet Pierrot." Prizes were also given for spot dances, etc. and much fun was caused during the progress of a dance when a shower of balloons (kindly presented by the *Daily Graphic*) descended upon the dancers from the roof. Finally, several pairs of silk stockings were handed to the Hon. Secretary to award to the ladies who could best fill them and "Oh boy" ! !

The Hon. Secretary is slowly recovering and will be able to resume duty shortly. The Rosonian Orchestra provided the music and a most successful evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

ED. :—May we tender our hearty congratulations to Mrs. Warner.

Sober (to inebriate who is trying to strike wrong end of match)—Why not use the other end ?

Not so Sober : Aw, anybody can do it that way.—*Hurty-Peck.*

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New Office Boy : I've added those figures up ten times, sir.

Employer : Good boy !

" And here's the ten answers, sir !—*Passing Show.*

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Judge (to victim of hold-up) : "While you were being relieved of your valuables, did you call the police ?"

Victim : "Yes, your honor, everything I could think of."—*Judge.*

OBITUARY.

COLONEL CYRIL VENN WILTON WILLIAMSON.

We deeply regret to report the death of Colonel C. V. W. Williamson, who prior to his transfer to the Indian Army, served in the R.M.L.I. He was born on the 18th July, 1858. He was granted a direct commission in the R.M.L.I. from candidates who passed for the Army on 27th January, 1876. As a subaltern he served at Chatham headquarters, and joined H.M.S. "Black Prince" in 1877, and H.M.S. "Sultan" in 1878, in the Channel and Mediterranean Squadrons respectively. In August 1878, he proceeded to the North American and West Indian Station in H.M.S. "Bellerophon," staying on the station till 1880. He was transferred to the Indian Army on the 23rd June, 1880.

LIEUT.-COLONEL ALEXANDER CLARK QUARTERMASTER, ROYAL MARINES.

It is with sincere regret that we have to announce the death on the 25th September last of Lieut.-Col. A. Clark, who had nearly 46 years service to his credit. He was born on the 14th June, 1856, was attested in 1870 and was promoted to Corporal, Sergeant and Colour-Sergeant in '74-'78 and '81 respectively, reaching the rank of Sergeant-Major in 1894.

In 1897 he was promoted to Hon. Lieutenant and Quartermaster, and was advanced to Hon. Captain in 1907 and Hon. Major 3 months later. He held the appointments of 2nd Quartermaster at the Depot and 1st Quartermaster at Chatham. In June, 1911, he was placed on the retired list for age but was recalled for service in the Great War in September, 1914, with the rank of temporary Major. On the 3rd August, 1919, he reverted to the Retired List with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Lieut.-Colonel Clark held the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the British War Medal.

SERGEANT GEORGE WILSON, ROYAL MARINES.

We much regret to announce the death of Sergt. George Wilson as a result of an accident at Devonport, at the early age of 31. The funeral with full military honours took place on the 11th October.

Sergt. Wilson saw service at Gallipoli and in France with the Royal Marines. He served in H..MS. "Hood" in the recent world tour, and at the time of his death was printer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth. Sergt. Willson leaves a widow and three children, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED during the period 1st to 30th September, 1926.

Name	*Pension No.*	*Rank*	*Div.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death*
AUSTIN, W.	4788	Mne.	Ports.	8592	11-9-26
BEVAN, W. ..	15813	Mne.	Ply.	745	25-9-26
EVANS, T. ..	2786	Mne.	Chat.	155	22-9-26
FESSEY, R. ..	7184	Mne.	Chat.	2384	9-9-26
JONES, T. ..	5716	Mne.	Ply.	2489	7-9-26
KING, C. B. ..	4989	Mne.	R.M.A.	7159	25-8-26
PENN, E. W. J.	11670	Corpl.	Chat.	9891	13-9-26
REES, E. E. ..	7253	Sergt.	Ports.	824	6-9-26
ROBSON, G. W.	7943	Mne.	Chat.	1349	21-9-26
TOOKE, W. ..	8218	Mne.	Ports.	6516	27-9-26
VALLANCE, D. T.	1099	Mne.	Chat.	608	25-9-26

UNVEILING OF THE DELVILLE WOOD MEMORIAL.

The unveiling of the South African War Memorial took place on October 10th, in the presence of a large and representative gathering, which included Prince Arthur of Connaught, Earl Selborne, Lord Gladstone, Earl Buxton (all of whom are former Governor-Generals), Earl Haig, the Marquis of Crewe, representatives of the French and Belgian Armies and Admiral Good-enough representing the Royal Navy.

Among the guests of the Committee were Lieut.-Col. H. L. Tripp, Majors H. C. Harrison and A. C. Rann, representing the R.M.A. who served with the South African Heavy Artillery.

It was a great day for South Africans, of whom there must have been at least 1,500 present. The hotels in Amiens were so crowded that many of the visitors, including the wife of our Editor, had to spend the night in the train.

The Chairman, Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, in his opening address made the following reference to the work of the Corps in connection with the S.A. Heavy Artillery.:—

"We remember the South African Heavy Artillery Brigade, not a single unit, but their batteries scattered over the whole front and under many high commands—always called for where most needed—and everywhere and always giving of their best. We remember them first in South-West Africa, then at Ypres where, at Hell's Corner, on the Menin Road, for ten days and nights without stop or relief, they carried on the duel against such odds; again on the Somme, at Vimy, Arras, Cambrai, and on many other memorable scenes.

We remember, too, those gallant officers of the Royal Marine Artillery who created and taught and led this highly specialised force and made the Heavy Artillery a South African unit of real value on this front."

ROYAL MARINE GRAVES AT GALLIPOLI.

To the Editor "Globe and Laurel."

Sir,

Having just returned from a visit to Gallipoli, I write to report to you that I found at Lone Pine Cemetery the graves of the undermentioned Marines of the Deal Battery, all well tended, and the cemetery itself, like every other visited on the Peninsula, in good order. The relatives will be glad to know this.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

HARRY MULLER.

Lieut.-Col. R. N. Bendyshe; Major G. F. Muller; Lieut. J. F. Moxham; Sergt. A. Marsh; Pte. J. H. Clare; Pte. B. J. A. Gibson; Pte. T. H. Guppy; Pte. R. Ingham; Pte. E. S. Manley.



CHATHAM.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The season is now well opened. We have entered for the Kent League Divs. I nad II., the English Cup, the English Amateur Cup, Kent Senior and Junior Cups, Chatham Senior and Junior Charity Cups.

We have been knocked out of the Navy Cup by the R.N.B., who beat us 2—1. In the Kent League, Div. I., we have lost three away matches, but have won three at home.

In the English Cup we have beaten Whitstable 2—0, and Sheppey 4—0. We meet Erith and Belvedere in the next round on the home ground.

In the Amateur Cup we defeated Bexley Heath Town 1—0.

The Junior team is considered pretty hot and is expected to finish high up in their several leagues.

SHOOTING.

The Garrison Cup, presented in 1869, for annual shooting competition between the Senior N.C.O.'s of the Chatham Garrison has been won by the Sergts. of this Division, with a score of 1,236. The Training Battalion, Royal Engineers, being second with a score of 1,096, and the Depot Battalion, Royal Engineers, third with a total of 1,052 points.

The Miniature Rifle Club has re-opened and it is hoped that this season will be even more successful than the last.

BOAT PULLING.

The results of the Inter-Company boat pulling race from Upnor Pier to the R.M. steps are as follows:— "C" Coy., 1st; "A" Coy., 2nd. "E" and "G" Companys also pulled.

The totals for the Athletic Shield in consequence, now are: "C" Co., 10½; "A" Coy., 7; "E" Coy., 6; "G" Coy., 3½.

RATTING.

On the 1st November that great annual festival, National Rat Week, opens and we are all urged to produce as many dead rats as we can. Unfortunately there are no prizes.

PORTSMOUTH.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

v. H.M.S. "Excellent" (away) played at Whale Island, Wed. 29th September. Won. 15 pts. to 6.

Excellent opened the scoring first from a breakaway by one of their outsides, but we soon retaliated, Mne. A. F. Merckel scoring after a round of passing by our threequarter's. Mne. Newcombe was the next to score, after a good individual effort, and after the half-time, 2nd/Lt. Hardy scored, Mne. Howard converting all three tries. The halves opened up the game well, but our threequarter's must try to run straight and take the ball on the run. The forwards were well led by Lieut. Garrett.

v. Portsmouth Casuals (at home) Sat., 16th October. Lost 23pts. to nil.

Our opponents must be congratulated on playing a very fine game. Although they employed the five-eight formation our pack failed to hold their seven forwards, who time after time literally swept through our ranks. There were too many passengers in the pack who failed to break up quickly although having the ball, and few in the team realised the necessity of collaring *low*. Corpl. Walker and Mne. Newcombe are to be congratulated on playing a good hard game.

v. R.A.F. (Fort Grange) Wed., 20th October. Lost 11 pts. to 10.

A hard game played on a hard ground in very cold weather. Lack of science on both sides made the game somewhat scrappy in parts, and few movements by the outsides were seen.

The R.A.F. opened the scoring early in the game and the try was converted. Our side woke up and pressed the R.A.F., the majority of the play being forward play. As a result Merckel scored under the posts for Lieut. Martyn to convert. As a result of a really good movement by our outsides, Merckel again scored for the same player to convert. Score at half-time 10—5 for us. On the restart the R.A.F. scored an unconverted try almost immediately. This should never have happened. No effort was made to prevent it, our team not having woken up after the interval. The R.A.F. had the best of the game territorially after this except on two occasions when our forwards really got going and attacked very strongly and well. The deciding try came from a line-out on our goal line. The try was unconverted and the game finished 11 to 10 against us with no further score.

Our forwards played well and hard, but continually lost the ball after they had got possession in the scrum, particularly when wheeling with the ball. Our threequarter's took too many passes standing, with the usual result. A word of praise is due to our halves who worked hard and pluckily.

2ND XV. GAMES.

v. H.M.S. "Fisgard (2nd XV.), Sat. 25th September. Won 9pts. to 3.

Played at the Hardway on a very hard ground. Our forwards played a good hard bustling game, scrumming very well indeed for beginners, amongst whom were noticed particularly Corpl. Bircham, Mnes. Kitchener, Bunce and G. A. Harris.

v. Portsmouth Casuals "A", Saturday, 2nd Oct. Won 12 pts. to 3.

At Paulsgrove. The Marines were the first to score, Martyn getting over for an unconverted try. Hodges relieved the Marines' pressure by touch-finding. Following strong forward play by the Casuals, Hardy made good for the Marines, being stopped near the line by Nuttall. Half-time—Royal Marines 1 try (3 pts.); Casuals Nil.

In the second half the Marines scored a dropped goal through Martyn and a converted try through Whitworth. Nuttall replied with three points for the Casuals. Final—Royal Marines 2* goals 1try (12 pts.); Casuals 1 try (3 pts.). * One dropped goal.

v. H.M.S. "Excellent" (2nd XV.), Wed., 13th October. Drawn 3 pts. each.

Played at Whale Island. Excellent opened the scoring soon after the start but failed to convert. Our play was very scrappy and although playing with the wind we were penned in our twenty-five. From a breakaway Capt. Whitworth scored for us just on half-time.

The second half found us again penned in our '25, and we were unfortunate in losing Capt. Collet and Mne Squires through injuries, but our luck held and we managed to keep them out. The following played well:—Corpl. J. Harris, Mnes. Kitchener, Bunce, Brown and Corpl. Bircham.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The season was opened auspiciously with a win over Gosport Athletic in the final of the Gosport Hospital Cup (Senior), followed by a Hants League victory at

Gosport. We have met with a fair amount of success since and defeated Ryde in the 1st round of the English Cup. In the 2nd round we journeyed to Portland, and after a splendid struggle emerged victorious by 4—3. This is easily the best performance of the season so far, and if the team keep to that form, we shall have something to show at the end of the season. The softer grounds are most suited to the team and their display at Portland was a great credit to them.

The 2nd team have not yet got into their stride, but when settled down will be a well-balanced side, and have longing eyes on the Hants Intermediate Cup.

The 3rd team are a real good side and have yet to lose a match. Going strong in the N.E. League and U.S. League Div. III., they are showing splendid form, and with a little more playing experience will be a valuable help to both 1st and 2nd teams later in the season.

WATER POLO.

Our final placings at this, the conclusion of the season are as follows :—Winners of the United Services League ; Runners-up in the Portsmouth and Distict League, Div. I.

In the County Championship we reached the semi-final and were beaten after a very close match, the result being 2—1 against us, in a game which filled the City Baths to its utmost capacity.

In this important match we were greatly handicapped by the loss of Tallent, who was suddenly taken ill an hour before the match. His place was filled by Lieut. Paine, who although a "back" consented to play "forward" in Tallent's place. Lieut. Paine only returned from leave a day or two before the match.

A very even game was witnessed, Corpl. C. Wood netting our only goal.

P. & D. League, Div. I.

R.M. *v.* H.M.S. "Dolphin"	won	10—0
R.M. *v.* H.M.S. "Vernon"	won	8—0
R.M. *v.* City Police	draw	1—1
R.M. *v.* Portsmouth S.C.	won	4—2
R.M. *v.* City Police	draw	1—1
R.M. *v.* Portsmouth S.C.	won	3—1
R.M. *v.* Portsmouth S.C.	lost	1—4

The Marines were well represented in the Navy team, for in the Inter-port and Navy *v.* Army matches, Corpls. C. Wood, Borrett and Mne. Davidson were selected on both occasions.

A glance at the results will show that we are still an important item to be considered in Water Polo, and although we have lost the County Championship Trophy (of which we were the holders) we are looking forward to regaining this trophy next year, given a "little more" luck, and a "little less" of the drawbacks we have experienced in the way of drafting and delays through the strike, etc.

On the 16th September we held our Annual Swimming Gala, which proved a great success.

The Bath was filled to its utmost limit, and the number of competitors was so large that the heats occupied two evenings.

The following were the results :—

4 lengths (2 back, 2 breast).—1st, Sgt. Chapman ; 2nd, Corpl. Bircham. 2 Lengths Handicap.—1st, Corpl. Curtiss ; 2nd, Band Boy Newman ; 3rd, Musn. Pipe. Diving Competition.—1st, Bglr. Thompson ; 2nd, Mne. Davidson ; 3rd, Corpl. Bircham. 2 Lengths Handicap (Officers).—1st, Lieut. Hayter ; 2nd, Capt. Whitworth ; 3rd, 2nd Lt. Hardy. 5 Lengths Club Championship.—1st, Mne. Davidson,; 2nd Band Boy Lashmar ; 3rd, Master J. Watts. 2 Lengths Handicap (Boys under 17).—1st, Band Boy Hughes ; 2nd, Band Boy Bance ; 3rd, Band Boy Palmar. Crocodile Race.—1st, Musn. Allingham and Curtiss ; 2nd, Band Boys Every and Herbert. Pillow Fight.—1st, Band Boy Herbert ; 2nd, Band Boy Lashmar.

During the interval, whilst the obstacle course was being rigged, our late Hon. Sec., Sergt. Ring, gave an exhibition swim in full marching order with steel helmet, rifle and bayonet, 150 rounds of ammunition, etc., for two lengths of the Bath, a feat which gained great applause.

Obstacle Race.—1st, Mne. Davidson, 2nd, Band Boy Lashmar ; 3rd, Band Boy Cole. Mop Fight in Punts (Officers').—1st, Lieut. Farrington ; 2nd, 2nd Lt. Hardy. Mop Fight in Punts (Open).—1st, Band Boy Herbert ; 2nd, Bglr. Thompson. Company Challenge Cup.—1st, A Coy. ; 2nd, R.N.S. of M. (B team). Cadet's Race.—1st, Hamilton ; 2nd, Belgrove ; 3rd, Ingram. Cork Competition.—1st, Band Boy Herbert ; 2nd, Bglr. Shaw. Open 220 yards Championship of Hants.—1st, G. Rodgers (Gosport S C.), 2 mins. 53 secs. ; 2nd, L. Pasey (Northsea S.C.), 2 mins. 55 secs. ; 3rd, Mne. Jolly (H.M.S. "Malaya"), 2 mins. 56 secs.

The Colonel-Commandant's Cup, to be won outright by the competitor gaining the most points in events Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 9, was won by Mne. Davidson with a total score of 12 points.

The Colonel-Commandant (Col. Finlaison) kindly consented to present the prizes, and concluded with a few helpful remarks on swimming.

The Second Round of the Hants Water Polo Championship then took place, the teams being Royal Marines *v.* Portsmouth S.C.

This proved a rare tit-bit and on time being called, a result of 2 each was announced, so extra time was played, in which the Marines excelled and scored another two goals making us the winners by 4 goals to 2.

This brought to an end a very enjoyable evening's sport.

SHOOTING.

The Portsmouth United Services Rifle Meeting which had been postponed earlier in the season owing to the Coal Strike, was held on the Tipnor Ranges from Sept. 21st to Sept. 24th. The first day was devoted to Individual Competitions both Rifle (S.R.A.) and Revolver, the remaining days to Team Competitions.

The weather conditions were ideal throughout the meeting and the entrants for the various competitions were an increase on previous years. The following units competed :—H.M.S. Victory, H.M.S. Excellent, Royal Marines, Royal Marines (Afloat), Reserve Fleet, R.S. Fusiliers, R.A.O.C., R.A.S.C., M.F.P. and R.A.F. At the conclusion of the meeting the prizes were presented by the Commander-in-Chief of the Port. The results attained by the Division are as follows :—

TEAM COMPETITIONS.

"R.M.L.I." Cup	1st,	Royal Marines	..	719 pts.
	2nd	H.M.S. Excellent	..	697 ,,
"R.M.A." Cup	1st	H.M.S. Victory	..	332 ,.
	2nd	Royal Marines	..	305 ,,
"C-in-C.'s" Cup	1st	H.M.S. Victory	..	57 hits
	2nd	H.M.S. Excellent	..	56 ,,
	3rd	Royal Marines	..	52 ,.
"Sartorious" Cup (Revolver)	1st	H.M.S. Excellent "B" Royal Marines k.o. 3rd round.		
"Nelson" Cup	1st	R.M.	Butts cleared	37 secs.
	2nd	H.M.S. Victory	do.	38-2/5 secs.

" St. George's " Cup	1st	Royal Marines	..	78 hits
(Young Soldiers)	2nd	H.M.S. Victory	..	65 hits
" Diamond Jubilee "	1st	Royal Marines	..	464 pts.
(Young Soliders)	2nd	H.M.S. Excellent	..	434 ,,
" Pike Spicer " Cup	1st	H.M.S. Excellent	..	240 ,,
(Officers)	2nd	Royal Marines	..	235 ,,
" Simmonds " Cup	1st	H.M.S. Excellent	..	205 ,,
(Officers Revolver)	2nd	Royal Marines	..	194 ,,
" Portsmouth " Shield	1st	Royal Marines	..	1237 ,,
(U.S.)	2nd	H.M.S. Excellent	..	1182 ,,
" General's " Cup	1st	H.M.S. Excellent	..	590 ,,
(Revolver)	2nd	Royal Marines	..	523 ,,
" Excellent " Cup	1st	H.M.S. Victory (A)		
		Royal Marines k.o. 2nd round.		

TEAM COMPETITIONS.

By the above the Division held their own, obtaining 5 firsts, 4 seconds and 1 third; it is also interesting to note, that in the Individual Competitions, of the 15 competitiors from our club, 12 appeared in the prize list.

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

At Longroom, September 18th, R.M. *v.* Truro City.—Truro won a very fast game by a goal to nil. On the run of the play, the winners were much the better balanced side, the Marines' team never being together during the whole of the match.

This is the first defeat for the season. Whitnell was sound at back, Slocombe seemed slower than usual. Amongst the halves, Perks got through much effective work in the centre, and of the forwards, Shewbrook alone shone, the others being weak in shooting.

At Torpoint on Sept. 22nd, R.M. *v.* Torpoint.—Torpoint won by 1 goal to nil.

At Saltash, Sept. 25th, R.M. *v.* Saltash.—The Marines gave of their best and defeated Saltash by 8 goals to nil (Wheeldon 4, Horn 2, Skipper 1 and Shewbrook 1).

At Longroom on Sept. 29th, R.M. *v.* R.N. Barracks.—The Barracks, who included Pay.-Lieut. Yates at centre-forward, were no match for the Marines who ran out easy winners by 4 goals to nil. Wheeldon completed his " hat-trick " and Shewbrook added the fourth.

At Saltash on 2nd Oct. (1st rd. P. & D. League Charity Cup).—R.M. *v.* Saltash.—The Marines met and defeated Saltash by 5 goals to nil. Skipper scoring 4 and Wheeldon getting the fifth.

At Oreston on Oct. 9th (P. & D. League match) R.M.*v.* Plymouth St. Thomas.—The Marines defeated Plymouth St. Thomas by 3 goals to 1. Shewbrook 2 and Wheeldon being our " marksmen."

The Reserves continue to do well in the Devon Wednesday League, their latest results being as follows: 22nd Sept. (home) *v.* Plymouth Wednesday, won 2—1; 29th Sept. (away) *v.* H.M.S. " Impregnable " won 2—1; 6th Oct. (home) *v.* Co-op. Athletic, won 2—1.

In the first Inter-Company League match " C " Company defeated " A " after a thrilling struggle by 4 goals to 3.

RUGBY.

The Rugger Season has once again opened with plenty of enthusiasm in the Division, many players turning up for the weekly practices and giving the committee much thought in the selection of teams. Some of our old players are still available and a great number of new faces have come foward, a pleasing feature being the number of recruits who are turning up, thus assuring the life and popularity of the code in the division for a good number of years to come.

In spite of the reputation of Plymouth in regard to its rainfall, the dry and summerlike period we have experienced has been all against Rugby, the majority of grounds being too dry and hard for a robust game. For this reason several matches have had to be postponed or cancelled. Others however have been played.

Sept. 11th on the Longroom *v.* St. Budeaux.—Our first match on a very dry and hard ground. A good sporting game in which our forwards took charge, our backs, however, missed plenty of scoring chances due to faulty combination. We ran out winners, however, by 1 goal 2 tries (11 pts.) to 1 try (3 pts.).

Sept. 18th *v.* Teignmouth at Teignmouth.—In a boiling sun and summer-like conditions, our opponents were much the better team on the day's play and stuck the very trying weather much better. We were unfortunate in losing Summerhayes with a dislocated shoulder and this no doubt influenced the result. The final score being, Teignmouth 4 goals 2 tries (26 pts.); Royal Marines 1 goal (5 pts.).

Sept. 22nd *v.* Plymouth Albion Reserves (away).—Again a very hard ground. We had much the better of the first part of the game and were leading by 2 tries to nil when Stapleton was injured and retired. Our own defence held out until the interval, but afterwards being a man short proved too great a handicap, and we had to acknowledge defeat by 3 goals 1 dropped goal (19 pts.) to 2 tries (6 pts.).

The same day our 2nd XV. journeyed to St. Budeaux. Another tale of misfortune, two men injured in the first five minutes, left only 13 to play the match. They played pluckily however, and made a splendid show although defeated by 26 pts. to 9 pts.

Sept. 25th, R. Marines 2nd XV. *v.* Dept. Y.M.C.A. XV., at the Longroom.—Our team put up a splendid show running out winners by 18 pts. to nil—showing there is plenty of talent available to fill gaps in the 1st XV.

Oct. 9th, R.M. *v.* Buckfastleigh, at the Longroom.—The best exhibition of the season, our team took command from the start and overwhelmed their opponents, some delightful passing by the backs being a great feature. Result—R.M., 31 pts.; Buckfastleigh, Nil.

HOCKEY.

Although the number of fixtures to date is small, owing to the absence of so many Regiments from the Garrison, we are looking forward to a good season.

For the first time for some years we have raised 22 players on the field at once, and have had three quite promising practice matches.

The Garrison Adjutant Captain E. Bowring, R.M., has organised an amazing team called the Garrison Wanderers, for whom quite a number of us have already played. On the last occasion six of our team played, and we were successful in defeating the Plymouth Hockey Club by 4 goals to 1.

TUCKEY CUP.

Tuckey Cup points to date are:—" A " Co., 1; " C " Co., 2; " E " Co., 5; " G " Co. 1.

BILLIARDS.

The newly formed Billiards Teams representing the

Recreation Room in the Plymouth and District League are meeting with considerable success.

That the innovation is much appreciated by the men, is shewn by the fact that the Billiard Room is crowded on the occasion of home matches. These are a source of great interest and the performances of both teams will undoubtedly be closely followed throughout the winter.

RESULTS TO DATE.

First Team.			Second Team.		
Opponents.			*Opponents.*		
Devonport Y.M.C.A.	H.	4—1	Devonport Y.M.C.A. II.	A.	1—4
Empire Services	H.	5—0	Met. Police (S)	A.	2—3
Plymouth Trams	A.	3—2	Ply. St. Thomas	H.	3—2
St. Georges	A.	3—2	St. Catherines	A.	1—4
Saltash	A.	3—2			
R.A.M.C.	H.	5—0			
Total Points		23—7	Total Points		7—13

DEPOT.

SQUAD BOXING.

By kind permission of the Colonel-Commandant, a Boxing Competition on a very big scale—in which the whole of the Squads from the 130th to the 142nd took part—was held in the Drill Fild on the 23rd September.

There were eleven rings, each having its full set of officials. The fighting commenced at 10 a.m. sharp, the time arranged, and the organisation was so complete that every man knew his weight, number of his ring, and first opponent before the time to commence.

The weather was beautiful, and the members of the Depot turned out *en bloc* to watch and cheer.

One of the most interesting points connected with the event was the outstanding success of the Senior Squads. Also the fact that the majority of the heavier weights were filled by the senior, and the lighter weights by the junior squads. For instance, the Senior Squad (130) had 15 in the middleweights and the junior (142) 3 only. On the other hand the 130th Squad had 2 only in the Featherweights and the 141st Squad had 12.

The recruits entered right into the spirit of the thing, and the fighting throughout was very keen, if lacking in science. There were a large number of knock-outs which is rather unusual in this type of boxing. All weights were fought through to the semi-final.

Points were awarded as follows:—Win, 2 points to Squad; Lose, 1 point to Squad; Byes (providing the competitor turned up for the next round), 2 points.

The semi-finals were fought off in the theatre before a packed house. Some very good fighting was also seen on this occasion, and in addition to the Recruit Semi-finals, the following gave exhibition fights:—Corpl. Trinder, Ex-Marine Piddock, Mne. Marston, Mne. Bates, Mne. Jackson and Rect. Bunker.

The finals will take place on Thursday, October 14th, when the following contests will also be staged:—Cpl. Trinder *v.* A. B. Willoughby; Mne. Marston *v.* L. A. C. Williamson; Mne. Bates *v.* Fusilier Carter; Ex-Marine Piddock *v.* P.O. Firth. A full report will be sent for next month's issue.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

First Team Results.

Folkestone and District League.

Sept. 11—Beds. & Herts. Regiment	H.	Lost	3—2
,, 18—Ramsgate Grenville	H.	Won	2—0
,, 22—Folkestone Reserves	A.	Won	10—1
,, 25—11th Hussars	H.	Won	2—1
,, 29—Queen's Royal Regiment	H.	Draw	5—5
Oct. 2—R.A.F.	A.	Won	5—0
,, 9—Lancashire Fusiliers	H.	Lost	4—1

Port Semi-Final Navy Cup.

Depot R.M. Deal beat H.M.T.E., Shotley, at Chatham, 2—1.

In the final we meet R.N. Depot, Chatham, at Chatham, on a date early in November.

Second Team Results.

Deal and District League.

Sept. 18—Junior Conservatives	H.	Won	5—0
,, 25—Richborough	H.	Won	9—1
Oct. 2—Ash	H.	Won	9—0
,, 9—Northbourne	A.	Lost	2—0

United Services League, Div. II.

Oct. 6—Beds. & Herts. Regiment	A.	Lost	10—1
,, 13—Queen's Royal Regiment	A.	Draw	4—4

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.

The School's team in Div. I. of the United Service League have not quite come up to expectations, but we hope to obtain better results as the season advances.

The Senior Boy's have commenced the season in a very convincing manner in both the U.S. League Div. IV. and the Portsmouth Lad's Wednesday League the following are the results up-to-date:—

United Service League, Div. IV.

Played	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*Goals For*	*Agst.*	*Points*
5	3	0	2	31	16	6

Lad's Wednesday League.

4	4	0	0	27	3	8

The Junior Boy's are again trying to uphold the reputation they held last season. Although most of last season's members are now ineligible owing to having reached the age limit in this competition, there is still plenty of talent in the younger boys.

The School's Own League which is entered by every boy in the school will be a very keen competition.

WATER POLO.

The School experienced a very successful season in the Portsmouth and District Water Polo League, Div. III., having run the leaders to a very close finish for the Championship only losing the envied position by a small margin on goal average. The following are the results of the School's team:—

Played	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*Goals For*	*Agst.*	*Points*
10	8	2	0	51	17	18

Runners-up medals are to be presented to the team. The chief goal scorers were: Bd. Boy Barrett 19, Bd. Boy Burnett 8, Musn. Pipe 8, Bd. Corpl. Lawrence 5.

The School did extremely well in the Inter Company League in which B Coy. (Boys) and A Coy. (N.C.O.'s and Musns.) finished first and third respectively. The boys are to be congratulated on winning the championship. The following are the final results of the league:—

	Played	*Won*	*Drawn*	*Lost*	*Goals For*	*Agst.*	*Points*
B Coy. R.N.S. of M.	5	4	1	0	21	13	9
A Coy., R.M.	5	4	0	1	26	11	8
A Coy., R.N.S. of M.	5	3	0	2	9	6	6
E Coy., R.M.	5	2	1	2	6	16	5
N Coy., R.M.	5	0	0	5	3	14	0
I Coy., R.M.	5	0	0	5	3	12	0



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Lieut.-Col. G. H Littleton, Qr.-Mr. to Retired List on account o age. Dated 17-10-26.

Capt. A. J. Dixon, Qr.-Mr., to Major on appt. as Asst. and Deputy Director of Naval Recruiting. Dated 17-10-26.

Co. Sergt.-Major J. Watts, to Lieut. on appt. as 2nd Qr.-Mr.-Deal. Dated 17-10-26.

Po. 211422 Q.M.S.I. (W.O. II.) A. A. Attwood, Po., to be Sergt.-Major (W.O.)Parade, vice Jarvis.

APPOINTMENTS.

Major G. Mathew, serving at Depot R.M., Deal, to be detached to Ports. Divn., R.N., and attachd. to Sch. of I,.A. Dated 4-10-26.

Capt. G. M. Crick (Supy.) Ch., to Supplementary Half Pay List, for a period of 15 months. Dated 1-10-26.

Capt. S. A. Field, Chat., I. of S.A., vice Haines. Date of taking over duties.

Lieut. F. R. Richardson, Ch., Asst. Instr. of S.A., vice Power. Dated 1-10-26.

Sregt.-Major (W.O.) E. C. Jarvis, Po., Office Sergt.-Major, vice Watts. Dated 17-10-26.

APPOINTMENTS TO SHIPS.

Capt. C. W. Adair (now in ship to remain), Lieut. C. L. Barcroft to *Tiger* on recommissioning.

Capt. G. E. Wildman-Lushington, *Eagle*, to *Eagle* and for full flying duties in 440 Flight on recommissioning. Dated 1-10-26.

Capt. K. A. B. Puckle to *Ramillies*, vice Field. Date of joining.

Capt. A. L. S. Harris to *Lowestoft*, on recommissioning.

Capt. V. G. Clayton to remain in *Durban* on recommissioning.

Capt. P. R. Smith-Hill to *Hood*, vice Spraggett. Date of joining.

Lieut. R. H. S. Teek, *Eagle*, to *Eagle* and for deck landing training in 440 Flight, on recommissioning.

Lieut. A. G. Warren, *Eagle*, to *Eagle*, and for full flying duties in 441 Fight, on recommissioning.

Lieut. G. Hill to *Hermes*, vice Sillitoe. Date of joining.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTIONS.

Major H. B. Inman, M.C. to *President* (addl.) for Senior Officers War Course. Dated 11-9-26.

Capt. F. M. Bramall to *President* (addl.) for six months study in Czecho-Slovakia. Dated 27-9-26.

Lieut. L. Priestley obtained "Distinguished" at a Regimental Instructors Course, Chemical Warfare School, South Porton. The Adjutant-General noted with satisfaction the high standard attained by this officer.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To be Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. S. Richardson (Depot R.M.).

APPOINTMENTS.

Clr.-Sgt. W. G. Marshall nominated C.Q.M.S. A Coy.

Sergt. R. Cottam and F. Robinson and Corpl. Voller appointed to Gun Batt. Staff.

Corpl. A. G. Williams nominated appointment Supt. Fort Borstal Canteen.

Divisional Cookhouse 3 months, Sergt. J. Woodland.

Steward W.O.'s Mess, Sergt. T. H. Hayward, confirmed.

Recreation Room, Mne. P. S. Tickett.

Mne. J. Emerson, batman to Comd. Gr. Sparks and Fiary.

Commandant's Office, Mne. J. H. Reid.

Mne. F. Lavender, appointment confirmed. Allot : office.

DISCHARGES.

1st period.—Mnes. C. Johnson, J. R. Dickman, S. A. Freeborn. E. A. Elliott, C. F. Crisp.

2nd period.—Corpl. W. J. Dyer, Corpl. M. J. Seal.

By Purchase.—Mnes. S. F. Botley, A. W. Truman, E. G. Peacock,

Invalided.—Mnes. F. C. James, J. McRae, C. W. Ings, A. Nilson, J. Shaw, W. J. McCurdy, L. M. Atkins, L. L. Wills.

EMBARKATIONS.

Vulcan—Mnes. J. F. Gibbs, F. Rumbelow, R. Bartholomew, Cpl. A. Leslie. **Malaya**—Mne. H. King. **Tiger**—Mne. F. W. Rogers. **Shotley, T.E.**—Bglr. W. J. Goddard. **Warspite**—Mne. M. Morris. **Pembroke**—Mne. R. Crey, G. W. Rodshaw, A. B. Clarke. **Defiance**—Mnes. W. Cathbertson, G. Smith, A. P. Hitchcock. **Emperor of India**—Mne. R. W. Dridge. **Furious**—Mne. W. A. Bainbridge.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Vulcan—Mne. H. Gooch. **Victory II.**—Mne. J. McRae. **Malaya**—Mne. W. H. Davis. **Ajax**—Mne. H. G. Poppy. **Constance**—Corpl. F. G. Flinton, Mnes. A. H. Hayward. T. J. Rumble, W. Callis, J. A. Rucll, S. E. Baker, W. Butterfield, R. Bartholomew. **Caster**—Sergt. L. Pond, Mnes. A. W. Scott, W. A. Hawkins, F. E. Bilson, J. W. List, F. Grum, A. E. Williams, J. W. A. Franklin, N. F. Graham. **Hermes**—Mne. W. Bishop, Clr.-Sgt. F. Buston. **Marlborough**—Mne. A. M. Atkins. **Pembroke**—Corpl. H. Carter. **Shotley, T.E.**—Bglr. G. T. B. Ward. **Canterbury**—Mne. G. Fisher.

PORTSMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sgts.—H. J. Kinch, J. H. Perkins, Frank Hill, A. P. Saunders, G. E. Stokes, C. E. Budd.

Sergts.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, Harry Smith, F. A. Albury, G. D. Snook, A. J. Dawkins.

Corpls. qualified for the rank of Sergt.—L. E. Lock, E. S. Weeks, W. A. Fowler, A. L. Hockin, F. W. G. Brimer, A. W. Brinkman.

Marines qualified for the rank of Corpl.—J. Reynolds, H. Phipp, H. Turner, F. J. S. Gibson, C. E. Rappe, F. L. Jago.

PROMOTIONS.

To Q.M.S.I.—Sergt. J. E. Kersey.

To Sergt.—Corpl. F. Studwell, W. Avery.

To Corpl.—Mnes. C. Pope, W. E. Davey.

APPOINTMENTS.

Rangeman, S.A. School, Browndown.—Mne. F. J. Chalmers.

M.O.A. to Lieut. J. H. C. Wills.—Mne. Herbert Green.

M.O.A. to Major (Bt. Lt.-Col.) W. S. Poe, D.S.O.—Mne. H. Jarman.

Batman to Cd. R.M. Grs. Waters and C. W. Ryman.—Mne. J. H. Weare.

Storeman, School of Land Artillery—Mne. R. S. Pope.

Barrack Storeman.—Mne. G. Walder.

Gunnery Instr. (Coast Wing) School of Land Artillery.—Sergt. Albert Roseblade.

Electrican.—Mne. Thomas Botting.

AWARDS.

L.S. and G.C. Medal.—Sergt. C. J. Elliott.

DISCHARGES.

Purchase.—Mne. E. Lathe, G. Carre.

Invalided.—Mnes. W. H. Longman, W. Dutton, W. E. Newman, G. F. Watts.

1st Period.—Mnes. W. Venables, C. F. Polston, H. Gould.

2nd Period.—Sergt. A. Bartram, Q.M.S.I. Eden, Mne. A. Anstis, A. Walker, C. Sackson, G. T. Johnson, Q.M.S.I. T. Bland.

EMBARKATIONS.

Despatch—Mne. W. Warner. **Greenwich**—Mne. L. F. Seldon. **Tiger**—Mnes. E. C. Dallar, Sergt. W. Giles. **Malaya**—Mne. T. W. Allen. **Victory**—Sergt. S. H. Day, Mnes. A. Irving, H. Harfield, G. C. March, Corpl. G. A. Brown. **Champion**—Sergt. H. Stevens, Mne. A. Lewis. **Renown**—Mne. F. Ringrose. **Assistance**—Corpl. J. Ripley. **President**—Corpl. E. Wright. **Fisgard**—Corpl. A. J. Webb, Mnes. W. N. Cox, H. G. Simpkins. **Excellent**—Corpl. C. Gordon, Bglrs. Ranner, Morris, Ward. **Dryad**—Mne. C. Puryer, Corpl. Chrichton. **Cardiff**—Mne. E. Holman. **Royal Sovereign**—Mne. R. R. Skinner. **V. & A.**—Mne. H. J. V. Cook. **Vernon**—Mne. V. G. Smithe. **Dolphin**—Corpl. C. A. Tawney, Mnes. Archibald, Burns, E. F. Lang. **Weymouth**—Mne. J. W. Mogford. **Yarmouth**—Corpl. W. R. Willcox, W. H. Vagg.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Malaya—Sergts. J. W. Hansler, P. C. G. Richardson, A. Roseblade, A. W. Waller, Corpls. C. V. Martin, G. A. Brown, B. Piggott, W. J. Betteridge, Mnes. D. E. A. Renouf, S. G. Blow, W. J. Tixard, C. Longley, E. W. Russell, H. S. Blaxall, H. Ambrose, J. W. Marsh, A. Odey, L. E. Bollam, A. T. G. Rand, A. Anderton, G. T. Goadby, H. T. Digweed, G. W. Nurse, M. C. Watson, L. E. Rappe, V. L. Coleman, E. Stares, J. N. Gough, D. C. Fincher, W. E. Newman, F. L. Pressley, H. Green, H. E. Kelly, J. Lleddlie, D. A. V. Burgess, W. Johnson, D. Rind, R. P. J. Leal, F. Sherlock, C. Farnham, A. Brown, A. T. Buckland, A. E. Thompson, G. W. Combes, D. Cross, S. A. Reid, J. T. A. Muckett, W. V. Jenner, J. Scotter, L. W. Mountford, W. P. P. Williams, W. J. Willis, W. E. Hollingsworth, W. A. Smith, G. F. Watts, P. W. Ludlow, A. C. Wellman, F. G. W. F. Stone, S. R. Press, J. T. Jennings, W. Cooper, W. R. C. Dicker, S. Carter, H. G. Bartlett, A. Mansbridge, F. Barton, A. H. Griffin, E. A. Prior, F. A. Samways, E. Catterall J. Bull, J. Patey, Bglr. W. E. F. Wilkinson. **Curacoa**—Mne. William Cordell. **Columbine**—Mne. John Atkinson. **Barham**—Mne. E. Bosworth. **Tiger**—Mne. F. W. Smith, Clr.-Sgt. H. Hill. **Furious**—Mne. W. J. Lymes, R. M. Stinn. **Assistance**—Corpl. F. Chadwick. **Renown**—Mnes. W. Willis, P. Brown. **Champion**—Sergt. Wardle, Mnes. C. Callin, C. A. Wigg, G. J. H. Scarlett. **Weymouth**—Mnes. H. Gould, Sidney White. **Warspite**—Mne. C. Creighton. **Victory**—Clr.-Sgt. Goulding, Mnes. L. S. Downing, A. Passell, C. F. Harris, F. Hearn, F. Jennings, E. Fakey, **Dryad**—Mne. Sergt. G. Horan, F. H.Studwell. **V. & A.**—Mne. C. Hine, F. Weyman. **Fisgard**—Mnes. J. Reeveson, W. Vagg, C. Horton, Peter Reynolds. **Excellent**—Corpl. A. Simpson, Bglrs. L. Davies, R. Leonard, H. Collins. **Ganges**—Corpl. A. T. Sampson. **Egmont**—Mne. H. Penny, W. C. Annetts, W. L. Stoner, C. Laker, Sergt. B. W. Casson. **Dauntless**—Mne. H. F. Fudge. **Eagle**—Mne. C. W. Sizer, H. J. Green. **Dolphin**—Mnes. G. Stenning, J. Odey, Corpl. H. Newton.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

Iron Duke to Fisgard—Mne. W. H. Pendleton. **Fisgard to Iron Duke**—Mne. William Williams. **Assistance to Cardiff**—Mne. Frank Russell.

TRANSFERS.

To Plymouth.—Corpl. W. G. Stone.

From Plymouth.—Corpl. James Short.

From Army.—Mne. N. C. Smith.

PLYMOUTH.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergts.—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, Jack Burnett, Herbert Gane, J. Plowman.

Corpls.—N. V. Bishop, Geo. Oliver, H. J. Leese, C. F. Gill, A. J. Hooper, F. J. Pritchard.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sgt.—Sertts. E. J. H. Precious, W. J. Ralph, Frank Radford, F. J. Knill, C.G.M., H. G. Coombes, G. Finch, D.S.M.

To Sergt.—Corpls. Geo. Wilson, A. Branton, R. Carruthers.

To Corpl.—Mnes. A. E. Dunn, Richard Burnett.

APPOINTMENTS.

Company Cook.—Mne. A. V. Lee.

Shoemakers.—Mne. A. E. Holly, A. G. Piper.

Bath House Man.—Mne. S. O. Clark.

Storemen, Barrack Dept.—Mnes. F. Vicary, W. Jones.

2nd Waiter, Sergts. Mess.—Mne. W. Stone.

TRANSFERS TO RANKS.

Buglers.—B. F. F. Radford, W. F. Lord, H. J. Kelly, J. Button.

DISCHARGES.

2nd Period of Engagement.—Q.M.S. H. J. Eastaway, Mne. F. A. L. Hyne.

1st Period of Engagement.—Mne. R. L. Pavey.

Invalided.—Mne. Wm. Willets.

Not likely to become efficient.—Mne. S. Carpenter.

MEDALS.

L.S. & G.C.—Mnes. H. Talbot, J. Hole, Musn. A. B. Millgate.

EMBARKATIONS.

Alecto—Corpl. W. S. Sykes. **Carysfort**—Sergt. E. J. Humphries, Mnes. E. J. Smith, J. Clarke, A. K. Streams, E. A. Collier, E. J. Fulcher, H. Ransom, J. Miles, T. H. Putt, C. T. Nelmes, J. C. Rixon, H. Oxborrow. **Colossus**—Mne. R. P. Mashford. **Defiance**—Mnes. F. W. Cousins, T. S. Lowe, J. J. Hopkins. **Dartmouth**—Sergt. W. H. Norgrove, Mnes. C. R. T. Wallbridge, R. Brown, W. J. Lowry, F. Pugh, W. Roberts, W. J. Morgan, W. J. Westlake, P. Hosegood. **Erebus**—Mne. A. C. Cafe, Bglrs. W. J. Hine, E. D. Parr, Mne. H. E. Shewbrook. **Frobisher**—Sergt. J. L. Potter, Mne. Wm. Smith. **Fisgard**—Mnes. H. G. Blacker, E. Rogers, W. J. Hunt. **Hood**—Sergt. W. C. Hopkins, Corpl. F. J. Pritchard, Mnes. L. Holsworth, T. Moran. **Impregnable**—Mne. W. E. Stanley. **Maidstone**—Mnes. H. J. Harris, R. H. Morrow. **Malaya**—Clr.-Sgt. J. P. Cridland, Sergts. W. P. Thompson, J. McCone, C. Tanner, W. G. Elliott, Corpls. C. F. Clark, J. W. P. Goodhall, C. H. Marriott, A. G. Wiltshire, H. J. G. Cross, G. Edmunds, H. Durden, Bglrs. F. Francis, G. W. R. Hartland, Mnes. T. Greenslade, W. G. Allstaff, T. E. Lang, W. G. Carruthers, B. Knapton, S. Blackwell, W. W. Weston, A. J. Abbott, J. Andrews, H. P. Jones, A. E. Smith, W. H. Chedgey, H. W. Hill, C. B. Fallows, J. C. Letts, H. S. Brown, C. A. R. Smith, T. S. Liddington, J. Roscoe, E. Pennington, E. Wesson, H. Kealey, G. Hutchings, R. D. Nicholas, W. A. Hutchings, G. F. Waldron, J. A. Tough, A. J. McNickle, W. T. Comstock, J. W. Wild, C. McCarthy, G. E. Wall, G. N. Dance, J. F. Boyle, J. A. Bullock, H. T. Saunders, A. Hurley, J. Beal, H. J. Kempton, S. C. White, E. Holden, W. Parkin, J. Hunt, R. M. Johnstone, T. Dunn, J. E. Weaving, A. Evans, J. E. Townsend, G. H. Tuberfield, R. T. Wess, G. P. McGrath, F. J. Evans, F. Hoyle, M. G. Camp, R. Ley, W. H. Whitworth, J. Richardson W. C. Beeby, W. King, W. L. Davies, G. Girvin, H. G. Stevens, V. T. Powell, A. V. Symes, J. Hallam, H. W. Russell, G. Pollett, W. Malcolm, J. Clemans, A. G. Hucker, H. King,

F. Kirk, E. G. Gosling, L. H. Smith, W. C. Dickens, S. Crampton, A. G. Trebell, W. Conway, W. J. Rowter, A. Parsons, G. Franks, J. M. Robertson, H. G.Cartledge, C. Coles, L. A. Foale, C. McN. Feeney, H. R. Jolley, R. Williams, A. H. Woodward, F. G. Soper, G. Bishop, N. Wardley, J. Bonegal, J. Hadley, G. E. Davies, A. R. Notley, W. J. Wheeler, J. Hannaford, Corpl. T. H. Clements. **Pegasus**—Mnes. G. D. Hambleton, C. Kingdon, B. C. Parsons, W. B. Moreton. **Ramillies**—Mne. J. H. Edwards. **Tamar**—Mne. S. Row. **Victory**—Mne. T. W. Cresswell. **Valiant**—Sergt. G. E. Mellor. **R.A.F. Base, Leuchars**—Mnes. A. E. Smith, C. Prescott, T. Jenkins, J. Cave, J. Keevil, A. E. Lee, E. E. Pearce, F. G. Poolman. **H.Q.E., Woolwich**—Sergt. H. Cort. **Depot R.M., Deal**—Sergt. S. H. Johnson, Mnes. J. Whaley, C. Tucker, C. F. Wimble, A. J. Kerslake, R. J. Witham, P. Urch. **H.Q.E., Portsmouth**—Mnes. E. Taylor, E. C. Hodges, W. T. Cole, A. E. Cowdry, F. D. Christie, S. J. Weale.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Ramillies—Sergts. P. O'Brien, G. Bowrie, R. Pue, J. A. Gordon, Corpls. T. J. Cann, C. J. Wathen, D. E. Price, J. Keery, C. T. Williamson Mnes. J. W. Burton, H. G. H. Dore, H. G. Marshall, W. Buck, A. Board, C. Burke, J. H. Densham, G. H. Holland, G.O. Aggett, F. W. Clements, F. James, W. J. Brown, G. McGauley, F. T. Saunders, S. S. Williams, W. J. Evans, A. E. Westcott, A. Hill, F. A. Mewhort, W. C. Haggett, H. C. Willis, W. J. Counter, F. W. Dixon, A. Bull, R. C. Brook, H. M. Brown, H. J. Lambert, T. Price, A. W. Jacques, F. J. Smith, R. S. Wilson, J. E. Hobbs, G. W. Praill, M. Rogers, J. G. Dormer, J. Trebell. F. A. Holway, R. Moore, W. Jones, E. Gove, W. E. Barrett, B. M, McLoughlin, C. B. Thorne, H. A. Luckett, A. E. Fudge, E. G. Gibbons, F. Conyers, E. E. Woon, H. S. Lawrence, C. H. Thyer, J. Stevens, J. W. Ratley, A. C. Chidgey, G. C. Moore, E. H. Thomas, C. Hodgson, R. J. Shepherd, W. E. Shepherd, W. Lawrenson. **Hood**—Sergt. H. L. Saunders, Mnes. T. Moran, J. Fleck, A. Crear, C Black, L. Holsworth, Corpl. W. Prodger. **Tiger**—Sergt. J. Stokes, Corpls. C. Nadin, W. Bevis, H. G. Pyke. **King George V.**—Mnes. J. McKee, H. Cottrell, R. Bishop. **Erebus**—Corpl. J. L. Dyble, Mnes. G. H. Jones. W. Davidson, S. Cornelius. **Defiance**—Mnes. A. Preece, C. Jakes, T. W. Hambly. **Ramillies**—Sergt. W. McLean, Mnes. R. Rampton, F. Keenor, H. Dyer. **Herald**—Corpl. G. Werran, Mnes. T. Andrews, R. Dixon, W. Blakemore, H. H. Lang. **Alecto**—Corpl. A. H. Tull. **Maidstone**—Mnes. A. E. Forster, J. Sowden. **R.A.F. Base, Leuchars**—Mne. G. M. Berwick, **Ramillies**—Mne. R. L. Pavey.

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Attdt. to Capt. Lucas.—Mne. T. H. Cooper.
Cook.—Mne. J. W. Beasley.
Clerk Staff Office.—Mne. J. A. Waller.
Armour (Small Arms).—Corpl. W. I. Everett.
Clerk, Pay Office.—Clr.-Sgt. E. G. Williams.
Cook Sergt.—Sergt. F. Miller.
Attedt. Recreation Room.—Mne. J. J. Ireland.
Bath House Man.—Mne. J. W. Croppper.
G.M. Policeman.—Mne. P. F. Pepper.
Clerk, 1st Q.M. Dept.—Corpl. J. Leary.
M.T.I. (P.).—Sergt. E. E. Holloway.
Attdt. Officers' Mess.—Mne. F. G. Tucker.
Recruits' Staff, P.R.T.—Corpl. W. J. Trinder.
Attdt. Officers' Mess.—Mne. C. Jenkins.
Clerk, Staff Office (tempy.).—Mne. S. G. L. Bates.

PROMOTION.

To Clr.-Sgt.—Sergt. F. J. Knill.

MOVES.

To Chatham Div.—Corpl. A. J. Aldous, Mnes. J. C. Redford, W. Lount, B. Barton, W. J. Crunden, Bglr. G. W. T. Badson, Corp,. C. E. Wildey, Mnes. J. Pearce, F. J. Vine, J. C. O'Brien, Bgrl. H. R. Day. **To Portsmouth Div.**—Mne. A. J. Ford, Corpl. F. W. Miller, Sergt. H. Smith, Mnes. A. W. Marsh, A. H. Hornsey, A. E. Wellsteed, Corpl. F. A. Lyons, Sergt. A. J. Dawkins, Mne. G. G. Marsh, Mne. G. W. H. Smith. **To Plymouth Div.**—Mnes. J. H. Keeler, J. W. Beasley, F. H. Townsend, J. L. White, W. G. Mewhort, F. Cooper, R. J. Edwards, H. S. Hanford, W. L. Pizer, G. V. Catchpole, Corpl. A. Moyse, Sergt. W. G. Hawke, Corpl. H. J. Parker. **To H.M.T.E., Shotley.**—Corpl. E. V. Tunnell. **To Gosport (H.M.S. Fisgard).**—Mne. Sydney Lelliott. **To R.N. College, Greenwich.**—Sergt. J. Moyse, Corpl. E. Wright.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension.—Mne. Wm. Sullivan, Mus. E. W. Brown, Clr.-Sgt. H. H. R. Camfield, Clr.-Sgt. P. F. Smart, Clr.-Sgt. R. T. Chilton, Mne. T. A. Fletcher.

By Purchase.—Mne. J. P. Carter, Chas. Williams, J. C. O'Brien A. W. Truman, E. C. Lathe, C. E. Carre.

Termination of 1st period.—Mne. B. A. Furston.

N.L.B.E.—Mnes. A. G. Fifield, C. J. Whitehouse.

Invalided.—Mnes. J. S. Batchelder, A. H. Piper, A. F. Laming, F. C. Willis.

R.N. SHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

To Bandmaster 1st Class.—B.M. H. William Martyr.

To Bandmaster 2nd Class.—Band Corpls. W. N. Davis, R. E. Compton.

To Band-Corpls.—Musns. J. G. Carter, A. G. Houlton, E. N. Williams (conditionally on passing the prescribed examination), Henry Jones.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

The following are the six senior candidates on the respective Promotion Roster :—

Bandmaster Second Class (for promotion to Bandmaster 1st Class)—G. L. Read, J. W. Relph, Sidney Dennis, S. A. Howse, E. W. Donne, Walter Pryce.

Band Corporal (for promotion to Bandmaster 2nd Class)—J. W. H. Ferry, A. E. McCormick, W. W. Turner, T. A. Webb, W. A. Firminger, W. F. Overbury.

Musician (for promotion to Band Corporal)—A. J. Stedman, R. L. Moncur, H. G. Rule, J. H. Williams, W. H. W. Reul, Frank Penrose.

EMBARKATIONS.

Royal Sovereign—Musn. L. W. East. **Tiger**—Musn. J. H. Bell. **Eagle**—Band-Corpl. L. B. Cater, Musns. W. H. Perkins, Samuel Bray. H. E. Pickett, William Corridge, F. W. Grainger, E. V. Mann, F. R. Peters, A. A. Boyes, Band Boys Stanley Cottrell, W. L. Herbert. **Impregnable (C.-in-C.)**—Band Corpl. Bertie Barnes, Musns. W. H. G Curd, William Howard, E. H. Skinner, Samuel Nightingale, Charles Henderson, E. W. Tucker. **Victory (R.N.B.)**—Band Corpl. L. J. Maskell, Musn. C. J. Adams.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Ramillies—Bandmaster 1st Class Walter Burrans, Band Corpl. W. E. Kohlar, Musns. M. A. Kirk, E. M. Lacey, Christopher Ralph, H. F. D. Broughton, J. H. Sholl, Samuel Nightingale, E. H. Skinner, Charles Henderson, A. T. Cooper, Edward Laughton, A. A. Boyes. **Eagle**—Band-Corpl. A. A. Mansfield, Musns. Henry Dines, C. D. Gibson, J. E. Roberts, A. G. Draper, S. H. Taylor, J. A. Cook, T. E. Chapman, A. T. Still, E. W. Tucker, L. J. Lee. **Barham**—Musn. G. J. Young. **Impregnable**—Band Corpls. V. C. Hardy, L. J. Maskell, Musns. George Cockcroft, G. R. Watts, Norman Mead, A. H. J. Browne, A. T. Sharp, William Croft. **Victory (R.N.B.)**—Band Corpl. P. D. Evans, Musn. C. E. Brand. **Emperor of India**—Band Corpl. B. H. Smith, Musn. A. E. Booker.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of their second period of engagement.—Bandmaster 1st Class Walter Burrans, Bandmaster 2nd Class Frederick Higgins, Band Corpl. E. T. Evered.

Not finally approved.—Band Boy A. C. Channing.

EXAMINATIONS.

The undermentioned N.C. Officers qualified for the rank of Bandmaster 2nd Class at the examination recently held at this Establishment Bandmasters 2nd Class C. E. F. Prior, F. T. Bonner, W. H. Tibble, G. J. Maulkin, H. W. Ford, W. N. Davis, R. E. Compton.

A young man enlisted in the Army upon the advice of his father, who believed that close order drill, physical exercise, and vocational training would be the making of his son. He felt certain that at the end of a 12-month period his son would agree with him, and asked his son whether he liked the Army or not at the end of the year.

The son sent the following telegram : "Yes."

The father having forgotten the request and not knowing what the telegram was all about, wired back : "Yes, what ?"

The soldier sent the following reply : "Yes, sir."—*El Morro News.*

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Barber : Wet or dry ?

Customer : You cut my hair and never mind what my politics are.—*Leatherneck.*

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Colonel-in-Chief, The King

EDITORIAL NOTES.

On behalf of the "Globe & Laurel" we wish all Royal Marines, past, present, and future, the Heartiest and Happiest Xmas possible.

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We take this opportunity of thanking most warmly those who have so kindly contributed matter to the *Globe and Laurel* during the past year.

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The year 1926 which is drawing to a close has been punctuated by notable successes for the Corps in the world of sport, notably at the Royal Tournament where the Portsmouth Division secured the 130 and 110 stone Tug-of-War Championship and the Bayonet Fighting Championship, and at Bisley where the Corps Teams won two out of three open Inter-Service events, *i.e.*, the S.R.b Twenty Competition, and the Whitehead. Not a bad record—and a fine incentive for further efforts in 1927. It is a pleasure to see also the keenness in sport that exists in all R.M. Detachments who are good enough to send us their news.

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In the historical section we reproduce a letter which appeared in the *Times* on Trafalgar Day. Enquiries as to the services of Captain Buckston have unfortunately been unsuccessful, and all that is known of this officer is that he served in the Royal Marines from 11th December, 1755 till he was placed on half-pay on 28th September, 1763.

Readers of this Journal who are desirous of obtaining our 1926 bound volume, could assist greatly by sending their order to the Secretary without delay. The price of this volume will be 7/6, plus postage.

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We reproduce two small photographs kindly sent by the mother of one of our officers now serving in China.

We read daily of the chaos in China and are all now familiar with the name of Chang Tso Lin, the Manchurian War Lord. The snapshots show a typical patrol of Chang's cavalry on their hardy Manchurian ponies, and some of Chang's infantry digging a trench.

Chang Tso Lin, who may now be considered as a factor in world politics, is a remarkable example of a self-made man, and the following details of his early career may be of interest.

He was originally a pig-gelder, and subsequently in the neighbourdood of Neuchwang he acquired considerable fame as a vet. The local innkeeper on the trade-route and he were "in business" together. When traders stopped at the inn, Chang used to dope their horses overnight and in the morning the traders found their horses sick, and the innkeeper used to say that he knew a useful vet in the neighbourhood who might be able to cure them. Chang, who had the antidote for the dope he used, was sent for and prescribed it for the sick horses with the result, of course, that the horses were cured. Chang collected the vet's fees and the innkeeper made money over the delayed departure of the traders.

In the *Leatherneck*, the journal of our brothers-in-arms, the U.S. Marine Corps, the following paragraph appears :—

" Now that the football season is on I have a noble idea for the wind-up of the season. Have the Marine Team play the Royal Marine Soccer Team a dual game on neutral territory. The first half to be Soccer and the second half good old American football."

Perhaps the N.A. and W.I. Squadron will do the necessary.

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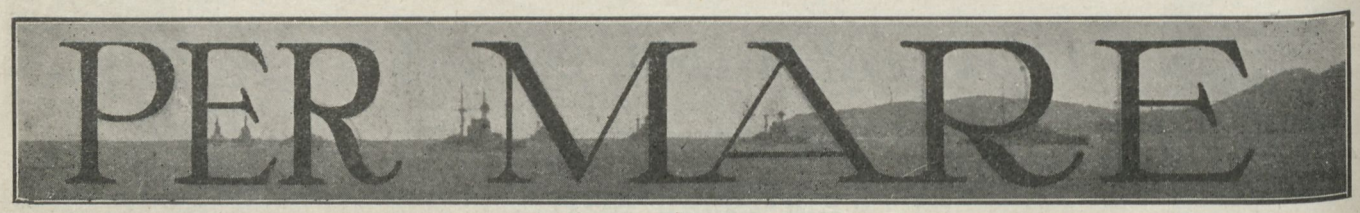
Many of the complaints received by us are enough to make any Hon. Editor leave his " honorary" situation. " A " complains that he ordered x copies when we have a letter on our desk ordering y copies. B, C, and D want to know why their parcels don't arrive by a certain date. Such inquiries should go to the G.P.O. The parcels for each ship are sent off by the same mail from here *as soon as possible* after receipt of the journal from the publishers, who assist us in every way to produce the journal on the 1st of the month. Our readers may rest assured that if the journal is late it is due to some purely natural cause such as the non-delivery by our correspondents of their matter for publication by the date on which they have been asked to forward it, or acute illness in the printer's or Hon. Editor's family.

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Many individuals want to know why their copies have. not arrived. The reason is practically always because, either (1) they have not notified their change of address, or (2) they have not paid their subscription. The marked prevalence of cause (2) is no doubt due to the high cost of living.

For the benefit of some complainants we would point out that in addressing us in our Honorary capacity we expect the same courtesy that we try to extend to them.

More general benefit would be obtained if instead of slinging destructive dingbats at the piano player everybody joined in a constructive chorus.



ATLANTIC FLEET.

There seems to be very little to say this month that has not already been said with liberal (and, of course, stirctly accurate) embellishments by the contemporary Press.

The visit of the Dominion Premiers was about a record day, even for the Navy. But everything really did go off with a click, and there is plenty of life in the old Fleet yet.

Gunnery being now dormant, we are doing a highly concentrated course of tables " R " and " L " in the sort of weather in which the R.M. usually does fire his annual course, and the West Country ships are feeling quite at home. Detachments are living at the range for three days at a time and getting thoroughly well ventilated.

Captain Hollis, Lieuts. Hume and Woods, and Mne. V. Hamilton have played for the Fleet teams at hockey, golf, rugger and soccer respectively.

" Revenge."

The Detachment shows up very well in the Gunnery Efficiency Returns for 1926 ; the percentage is obtained by placing the number of salvos fired over the number that should have been fired. The Left of " X " (Mne. Thick) tied with the Right of " A ", and the Left of " B " for the " Thompson " Shield (for the best gun in the ship) with 100% each, we therefore held it for four months ; our turret tied with " B " turret with 97.1% (both missed one salvo in 32). In the case of the 6-in. Part-of-the-Ship Groups, the Royal Marines (Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 guns, Port) were top with 89.4%, Corporal Baxter and his jolly foemen of P.4 just missed being best 6-in. gun in the ship losing to S.3 (Fxle-men) by .2%, *i.e.*, 95.1% to 95.3%, which might be termed " hard cheese," because Corporal Baxter owns the cleanest casemate in the ship, and his mess turns out in force for all sports.

However, by the time the *Oaks* and *Resos* read this, all these guns will have a good coat of " vas," and the first watch of gunners will be on 14 days of the best, while the second watch will be fingering all the "dough" they have saved in Scotland, and watching the clock.

During October we shifted billets to Rosyth, and at that port one item on the agenda was the Part-of-Ship Marathon. With sad memories of the Part-of-Ship Football, we decided that we would not take back any more " cans " through excessive mess-stool training, so we got down to proper training, and when the race was run, the R.M. detachment had a good win, being over 300 points above the next team (Boys' Division) ; 40 Marines started, 39 finished, one fell by the wayside in the thistles, but we had a full muster last pay day, so he must have got out all right. The course was 4½ to 5 miles long, and the 20 Marines to count for points were all in the first 79 home.

On 30th October, at Portland, the *Revenge* entertained the Dominion Premiers on board. Observing 250 guests had to be served with lunch and tea in the 6-in. batteries, the preceding week does not bear description. We reduced " Putty's " ready-use supply to zero, wore out all his brushes, made a substantial increase in the " divvies " to go to Bluebell shareholders, and reduced the factor-of-safety of all steel fittings by excessive use of emery, the text for the week being : " Keep your —— maulers off it." On the day, our already large

staff of W.R.A.'s was increased by additional waiters and runners, etc., which mopped up practically all the detachment. "X" Turret (Sergt. Kingswell) was in "Review Order," and its interior evoked many compliments, especially from the ladies. Everything went well and the guests were obviously very much pleased, and we received praise from many highly-placed personages of the British Empire; what the troops valued most, however, were the personal thanks of the C.-in-C. of the Atlantic Fleet, given on the quarter-deck the day after the event.

The appearance of this article in cold print will be the last opportunity for the officers, n.c.o.'s and men of this detachment to extend to their comrades in all parts their Best Wishes for the Good Season, and the Best of Luck in 1927. As we sit up in our nautical couches on the 25th, and take all the good things from our "Pussers" socks that "Stripey" has put in them, we shall give a thought to the Royals serving foreign, whether they be stalking goats in Strada Reale or chasing "Chinks" up the Yangtse.

"Hood"

Now that *Hood* has arrived at Plymouth and is safely tied up alongside the wall, we can look back on the autumn cruise and smile. After all it could have been worse. At least, so say the natives as they wait for "Liberty men fall in on the Jetty."

On October the 18th, the Ship's Concert Party "The Hoodwinks," gave a show at Cromarty in aid of the Inverness General Infirmary. Doubtless that Institution will testify to the success of the venture. The Detachment provided the humorist, and jolly good he was too. I have been asked to leave out his name, but not for one moment will it be a secret to the Devonport manned ships. The concert was repeated for the benefit of the Ship's Company, and the Quarter Deck was hardly big enough.

We left Invergordon on the 24th of October, and after various manoeuvres and exercises arrived at Weymouth on the 28th.

The 30th saw us again under weigh. this time to take part in the firing and exercises which were witnessed by the Dominion Premiers. Reports were given in the daily and Sunday papers. The Marines' Turret was one of the two who fired all their rounds. On the 16th of November, the right gun of X carried out an experimental shoot, fourteen rounds were fired. That concluded our gunnery programme for the autumn cruise.

Inter-part football has finished until the commencement of the Spring cruise. The Marines "A" and "B" teams are well placed in the league.

During our stay at Weymouth, the Detachment, in two parties, was landed for a three day musketry course. A silver and bronze medal sent by the R.M.R.A. were presented to the two highest scorers, Mne. Blay with 129 won the silver medal, and the bronze went to Corpl. Sutton with 126.

The Ship's Company are busy de-ammunitioning, prior to our re-fit which commences on November 22nd.

I regret to announce that *Hood* was well beaten by *Revenge* in the marathon. Of course we still have the "Cock."

"Renown"

The aeroplane referred to in my last letter successfully accomplished the feat of flying off the Royal Marine Turret, though a considerable delay occurred owing to lack of wind. Though now almost a normal proceeding, it was an interesting experience for this Detachment.

We left Invergordon to join the Atlantic Fleet off Rosyth, but the various exercises arranged had to be cancelled owing to abnormally adverse weather conditions and the Fleet was ordered to concentrate at Portland. Uncomfortable as the passage was, nevertheless it proved a valuable experience for the 50% of our Detachment who have had no previous sea-time, and it should be an excellent preliminary to the long voyage ahead of us.

After a two days stay at Portland, the Fleet proceeded to sea to carry out a series of demonstrations in Naval Warfare for the Dominion Premiers. The latter were spectators in *Revenge* but amongst the sightseers were a large number of Army Officers, a portion of whom were accomodated in *Renown*. The Royal Marine Turrets Crew gave these officers a demonstration of turret drill before the actual Gunnery Practice took place. It is interesting to note that this Gunnery Practice was part of a tactical operation designed to illustrate certain features of the Battle of Jutland, though the only ships to fire the main armament were the three ships of the Battle Cruiser Squadron.

After a night at Portland we proceeded to Portsmouth to carry out the necessary preparations for the Royal Tour. These preparations are perhaps on a larger scale than usual, as this is the first time for many years that a Royal Lady has taken passage in one of H.M. Fighting Ships. Omitting the instance of the *Hampshire* on the occasion of the P. and O. S.S. *Delhi*, it is believed that the battleship *Renown* was the last to claim this distinction.

Life on board cannot at the moment be described as comfortable, for while the sailors are busy on the ship's side chipping and scraping paint work, the Royal Marines inboard work under adverse conditions owing to Dockyard and other personnel building temporary wooden structures as cabins and offices for those who have had to make room for the Royal Party and their Staff, not to mention the work in preparation of the Royal Apartments. Even Close Order drill ashore, and the fitting of clothing at Eastney come as a relief.

Still everybody on board is very cheery and we are looking forward to our tour. We are glad that we have taken our part in the Atlantic Fleet Autumn Exercises, for it makes us feel that we really are a man-of-war and not a yacht.

Our R.N. School of Music Band is to be augmented to a total of 35, and have left the ship for the R.N. School of Music, where with 14 buglers specially detailed for the Royal Tour, they are to be trained for the very important role they will have to fulfil.

We congratulate our Captain of Marines, Captain A. N. Williams on his appointment as Adjutant to Eastney, and we wish him every success. His place has been taken by Major T. L. Hunton, O.B.E., R.M.

"Repulse."

This is our first effort to tell your readers what we have been doing since we commissioned. On July 8th the main body of the detachment joined the ship in Portsmouth dockyard, and then settled down to start the "working up period." On July 28th we left Portsmouth for Portland and commenced the gunnery programme on our own. September 2nd we left Portland, and joining up with our squadron leader in the *Hood*, proceeded to Scarborough, where we stayed from the 4th until the 7th, and were open to visitors, drawing, we believe, a record crowd of sightseers. The townsfolk gave the lads a very hearty welcome, and everyone enjoyed their stay immensely.

We left Scarborough for Cromarty on the 7th, to work up for our autumn programme. The detachment were allotted "B" turret and one (No. 3) 4-in. Triple and two 4-in. H.As. Up to the time of writing No. 3 gun has fired every time during the programme, and has not yet missed a salvo or had a missfire. (We touch wood.) "B" turret is also doing very well and hope to carry away the prize in the competition shoot which we are doing for the Dominion Premiers at Portland.

On the second week in September we were joined by our sister ship *Renown* and *Furious*, and for the first time for four years the B.C.S. has been together.

The detachment promises to do well in sport, and are training hard to meet *Hood's* Marines racing cutter's crew. As this crew won the "Rodman" cup at Torbay this year, we have a tough proposition in hand.

We were expecting Admiral's inspection during the next month, but our expectations are not to be fulfilled, as *Repulse* goes into dock early in November with (in the words of our "skipper") "a dose of pyorrhoea in our starboard high-pressure turbine."

Our next effort for the Corps Magazine will contain more detail of the detachment, as at present we have been working hard to bring the ship to the standard of efficiency required. The lads are at present nicely settled down. (Some on the mess stools and others under the table.—Snores, loud and long !)

MEDITERRANEAN.

"Valiant."

The greatest event of the year to us has been the exchange of the ship's companies of *Valiant* and *Queen Elizabeth*. *Valiant* was due to pay off in England in March 1926, but *Queen Elizabeth* was sent home instead, manned by the old "Vals."

We notice in Divisional Orders that several of the old detachment have been serving with distinction since their return to Headquarters.

The *Q.E.'s* came over to us with great traditions, which they have well upheld.

As regards sport, we are always well to the front and have a pretty healthy array of "Pots" in the Cup Case. The Detachment brought over with them the Gibraltar Cup and H.L.I. Cup (110-stone Tug-of-war, Med. Fleet), which were won by them whilst in the *Queen Elizabeth*. The 110-stone team entered for the La Vallette, 2nd Olympic Sports Meeting, and won the Challenge Cup ; a combined team of marines and sailors also entered for the Catchweights, but were beaten by the *Malaya's* Marines in the final. Both teams were trained by Sergeant Wyatt.

At the Pulling Regatta at Volo in September, our crews were well trained, and gave a very good account of themselves. During the preliminary ships' races, the Marines "A" cutter (Sergt. Wyatt) pulled an eliminating race against the Seamen's Three-mile Cutter, to decide which crew should represent the ship in the Open Cutters (Illustrious Cup). The Marines won with a fairly good margin, but lost the Fleet race. The "A" Cutter won the 1st Battle Squadron Race for R.M. Cutters (two miles) and the "B" Cutter (Sergt. Wenlock) finished fifth. On the second day of the Regatta the "A" Cutter pulled in the Squadron All-comers' Race, and put up a fine show by coming in seventh in a single banked cutter, and also being the second cutter to finish. They pulled again the next day in the Open Cutters and "Ramillies" Cup, and finished second, being beaten by the *Barham* by about seven strokes. This was a little disappointing to us, in view of the fact that we had already beaten this crew in the Squadron race ; our critics were also of the opinion that the crew had over-exerted themselves by pulling in the All-comers on the day before. However, we had a good race and congratulate the *Barham* on their victory.

The Whalers all came in well and gained a good share of marks towards the ship's aggregate, "B" whaler (Corpl. Fagents) was third, and "C" whaler (Corpl. Crane) fourth. In the Band whalers our boat (Mus. Webb) was second.

We had a very interesting race against a crew of the United States Navy. The U.S. Destroyers *Breck* and *Toucey* visited Malta whilst we were refitting there, and challenged the ship to a whaler race. Our crews at that time were just starting to train for the Regatta, and the Marines' "A" whaler (Corpl. Stubbley) was chosen to represent the ship. We lost an excellent race ; our opponents were a splendid crew, and we offer them our very hearty congratulations. After the race our crew were invited to dinner in the *Breck*, where they were entertained with the very greatest of hospitality and made many new friends in the U.S. Navy. Our only regret is, that owing to their short stay in the port we were not able to return their hospitality.

The Football season is now well started ; we have won all our inter-part matches up to date and have five of our players in the ship's team.

We had to refit in Malta in the summer, and so missed the Adriatic Cruise. However, everyone had a week at the Rest Camp at Gozo, with plenty of bathing and cricket, etc. Time is now getting short, and our thoughts begin to turn towards "paying off." The embarkation of canaries is already well advanced, and many of us are getting up our oilskins, in order to give them a thoroughly good overhaul. Although we are not allowed to give away the movements of the ship too far in advance, we feel that the preceding remark may afford some slight clue as to our destination, and we hope to arrive there one morning in the early days of March.

"Frobisher."

We left Malta for the second part of the Summer Cruise on August 23rd. The places visited were not on the whole of much interest, but gave us very good opportunities for training for the Regatta. The first place we called at was Port Sigri, in Mitylene—an old Turkish village, now inhabited by Greek refugees repatriated from Asia Minor. While at Sigri an oppor-

tunity was given for a visit to Gallipoli. The destroyer *Waterhen* was detailed to leave Sigri at 2330 on Monday, August 30th, and arrived at Seddel-Bahr the next morning at 0930. On disembarking at the pier the men were split up into small parties, and made their way to the historic "V" beach, and thence to the memorial at Cape Helles, which commemorates more than 20,000 men, whose last resting places are unknown. Leaving the memorial, the parties went on down the Flat Plateau, passing the old Marine Rest Camp, to Skew Bridge Cemetery, where so many of our comrades lie buried. Everywhere were traces of that terrible conflict. Amidst piles of old bully-beef tins, rotting equipment and unspent rifle ammunition lying outside the cemetery, the simple memorials of white English stone pay their tribute to the undying memory of those who gave their all. It may be some slight comfort to their relatives to know that their graves, beautiful in their simplicity, are carefully tended by the staff of the Imperial War Graves Commission, and that under their guardianship these acres of foreign soil " that are for ever England," will continue to be protected.

The Cruiser Regatta was held at Volo on the 21st and 22nd September. The Aggregate Cup was won by the *Frobisher* with a total of 402 points against the *Caradoc's* 380. Towards this total the good performance put up by the Marines' cutter, coxswained by Cr.-Sgt. J. Boyle, and the Marines' whaler, coxswained by Mne. E. Wales, added a substantial number of points, finishing fourth and fifth respectively. In the Fleet races the Marines' cutter, after a very strenuous pull, again took fourth place. The detachment was represented in the " All Comers " by Mne. Hill, who pulled in the centipede gig. This race made a very exciting finish to the Regatta, three boats coming in neck and neck, *Calypso* being declared the winner, followed by *Frobisher* and *Dragon* a dead heat.

We left Volo on Sunday 26th September, and after carrying out exercises, we parted company and proceeded to Syra. On the way there we made a stay of a few hours at the Island of Delos in the Cyclades. According to mythology, Delos was originally a floating island, which Zeus fixed to the bottom of the sea, in order to provide a safe abode where Leto could give birth to Apollo and Artemis. The island is very interesting from an archaeological point of view, and the ruins are still in a good state of preservation. Many interesting relics have been unearthed and excavations are still proceeding. Among the principal ruins may be mentioned the " Hall of the Bulls," " The Precincts of Apollo " and the " Altar of Horns." Although it is quite a small island, it became a big trading centre circa 150 B.C., and it is said that more than 10,000 slaves were sometimes sold there in a day, and the old slave market can still be seen with the auctioneer's rostrum.

The ship's company were all given the opportunity of going on shore, and a great number availed themselves of this privilege. The ship then left for Syra, a great place for " Turkish Delight," and after a stay of four days returned to Malta on the 4th October.

" **Cardiff** "

Our three weeks stay at Ghain Tuffieha was much enjoyed by all ranks, and everyone returned to the ship " braced up " to meet the work of refitting. The weather during our stay was good and every opportunity was taken of swimming and our football team got in plenty of training. We played numerous games and met with defeat once, the *Barham's* detachment, who were our companions at Ghain Tuffieha, beating us 1—0. We turned the tables in our next game, however, by beating them 3—1. The *Lucia's* detachment kindly sent their team to give us a game and although we beat them 5—2, a very enjoyable time was spent. Since our return to the ship we have won all our inter-part games to date and stand with six points to our credit. To turn to the more serious side of our stay at Ghain Tuffieha, the shooting of the detachment was good, but not out of the ordinary, the general opinion being that the new course is harder than the old one. Corpl. Mansfield made our top score with 123 points, A/Cpl. Chandler being second with 122 points. Before closing I should like to say how much we enjoyed the concert arranged by the *Barham's* detachment.

" **Caradoc.**"

Since our last communication we have got over Admiral's and Major's inspection, also a week's gunnery which included a shoot at the *Agammenon*, in which the *Ceres* and ourselves did very well.

On 22nd October we had a football match with the Marines of the *Valiant* for experimental purposes, as we changed the forward line and goalkeeper at half-time, losing 9—0. We are now at Ghain Tuffieha and hope to put in plenty of practice. On Sunday, the 31st Oct., we had a game with the *Calypso's* Marines, winning 4—0. The score, however, flattered the forward line. Just before going to Camp, we played the first match in the Inter-Part Billiards League, winning by five games to one. Lieut. Reiss-Smith made the highest break, 34.

The following are some extracts from the Plymouth Devonport and Stonehouse Herald, November 19th, 1853, now in my possession, which might prove of interest :—

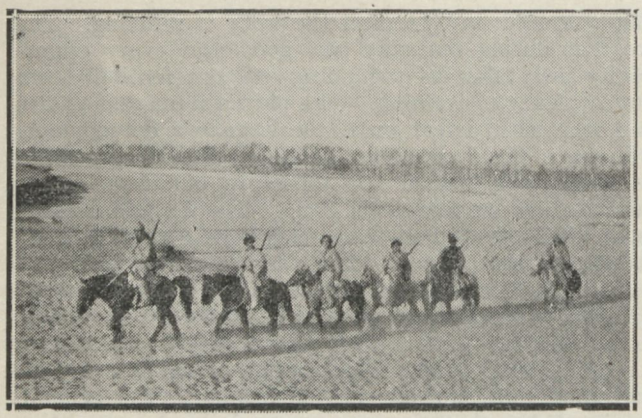
1. Two Royal Marines belonging to the East Devon Militia and the Devon Artillery, were summarily convicted before a Court of Inquiry on the 16th inst., of having been enrolled to serve the Militia previous to their enlistment in the Royal Marines, and were adjudged to forfeit a penny a day for 18 calendar months, under the 61st clause of the Marine Mutiny Act.

(One wonders to what hardship losing a penny a day meant to these two Royal Marines, it is certainly interesting reading.)

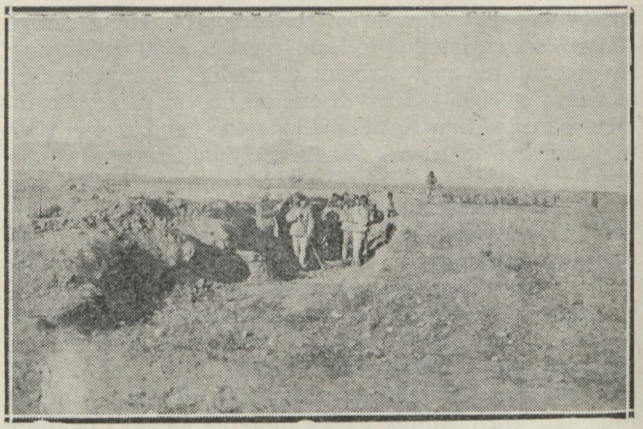
2. There is a rumour that a number of men well acquainted with their duties will be selected from each of the four divisions of Royal Marines, to proceed to Malta, where they will be formed into a battalion for service there.

3. The crew of the *Impregnable* were paid six months' wages on Tuesday.

All the gals are getting these mannish hair cuts. Hard to tell (on the beach) whether it is a boy or a girl inside of a bathing suit. At Venice they just walk up to the party wearing the suit and swear. If it blushes—it's a boy—*Leatherneck*.



ADVANCE PATROL OF CHANG TSO LIN'S CAVALRY ENTERING CHINGWANGTAO, 19th January, 1926.



CHANG TSO LIN'S TROOPS DIGGING TRENCHES TO DEFEND CHINWANGTAO, 22nd January, 1926.

CHINA. "Vindictive."

Having finished our Annual Weapon Training Course on July 2nd, and with the arrival of the rest of the Squadron at Wei-Hai-Wei at about the same time, we settled down to a month of Gunnery Practices and General Drill, etc. These completed, we turned our minds to the Squadron Regatta and Rifle Meeting, both, unfortunately, coming about the same time, which meant that practice for both was interfered with. However, the results at both meetings were very good. In the Regatta we won the Marines' Whaler, and were third in the Marines' Cutter. The ship won the "Hawkins" Cup for racing gigs, and four of the six oars were members of the detachment, namely, Mnes. Staunton, Kelly, Robinson and Beard. These four, with Mnes. Callender and Hudson, formed the whaler's crew.

At the Rifle Meeting several individual prizes were won by members of the detachment, including two cups won by Captain Leech-Porter and Corporal Day respectively; a second by Corporal Flack, who tied for first prize, but was counted out; a third by Mne. Durn, in the Young Soldiers' class.

The ship was inspected by the Commander-in-Chief on the 10th August, and we sailed for Tsingtao the same evening a very pretty place, the Germans having spent a considerable amount of money on it during their occupation. We gave twenty-four hours leave to each watch, which no doubt was enjoyed by all after several months at Wei-Hai-Wei. We returned to Wei-Hai-Wei on the 21st and carried out more gunnery practices.

From the 29th August till 13th September the ships of the Squadron gradually dispersed, owing to the position on the Yangtse, only *Vindictive* being left behind, much to our annoyance. The next news we got was that we were off to Japan for a month's cruise, arriving Yokahama about October 10th. We sailed on the 14th for Chemulpo (Korea) and stayed there three days, some of us going up to Seoul and visiting the Palace, part of which is still inhabited by members of the Korean Royal Family. On the 16th we sailed for Nagasaki and remained there till the 21st, when we got sudden orders to proceed to Hong Kong, where we arrived on the 26th, and still remain in the midst of the typhoons.

As regards football, the detachment team is still going great guns, and we hope to win the inter-part. The following members of the detachment are regular members of the ship's 1st XI.: Corpl. Holt, Mnes. Little, Frearson, Frame, Hayward, with Corpl. French and Mne. Howard members of the 2nd XI.

N.A. & W.I. "Capetown."

On September 28th we completed operations at Forteau Bay, and left for Halifax, arriving 30th. During our stay we landed for a rehearsal of the march to be carried out at Philadelphia.

From 11th until 16th October *Capetown* and *Calcutta* were at Philadelphia for the British day at the Sesquicentennial Exposition.

Pennsylvania is looked upon as the cradle of the United States, therefore it was very fitting that the 150th Anniversary of the U.S. independence should be celebrated in that State.

The Exhibition is on the same lines as Wembley, but although it covered a much greater area, did not appear to us to be either as interesting or well patronised.

The 13th was "British Day," and the two ships provided a battalion—6 platoons of seamen and 2 of Royal Marines. After marching about a mile or so we formed column of platoons and marched past, the salute being taken by the British Consul General, supported by the British and American C.-in-C.'s, the Mayor and other City officials. We afterwards formed battalion mass in front of "Founders Forum," where a short service and several speeches were got through.

The "Royals" marched very well throughout and their line was as straight as a ruler. Unfortunately the whole proceedings were rather marred by a drizzling rain which fell most of the time.

Our stay on the whole was very interesting. The Exhibition was thrown open to us, and the Stanley Company of America gave us the run of all their theatres. Trips through the City and also to Atlantic City were other attractions.

The 43rd Company, 5th Regiment, United States

Marine Corps, which is giving drill displays at the Exhibition, were our hosts on the 16th. They are living in the grounds in a model camp, and I think it could probably give Willsworthy a few points—and win.

The ships' companies entertained the British Section on Thursday, between three and four hundred attending a concert and dance.

Taken all round, I think everybody was sorry when at 9.30 Saturday evening we started down the Delaware river en route for Bermuda.

Arrived Bermuda, Tuesday 19th. Friday the 22nd was of course the day of the hurricane. Enough of this has been said in the papers. The only thing one does hear is that all are unanimous in not wanting to be in another one.

On the 31st *Ormonde* left for England to pay off, and *Colombo* arrived from her South American cruise.

At present everybody is training hard for the regatta, which takes place on November 3rd and 4th.

" **Curlew.**"

Everyone is extremely sorry to return to Bermuda after our summer cruise in the Pacific. It is certain that British Columbia left a very strong impression on everyone, and seems to be an ideal country to settle down in on taking one's pension. After spending ten weeks up North we sailed for San Diego, California, where we spent a week. Several of the detachment went over to the large Marine Corps base and also entertained a party of U.S. Marines on board. The chief form of entertainment at San Diego seems to be a visit to Tia-juana, Mexico. We next called at San Jose, Guatemala. Large preparations had been made to entertain the ship's company in the capital, but the visit had to be cancelled owing to the death of the President. At La Liberdad, Salvador, two parties managed to get up to the capital, which was a pleasant change from the ship, lying in a heavy swell in the tropics.

Panama and Jamaica were both visited again on our return. We consider we hold a record for the former, as we had no less than three American Generals and a Governor on board at the same time.

Sergt. Bowden has rejoined the ship again after being in hospital for some months. Unfortunately we had to leave Mne. Ward in hospital in Victoria, as the result of a motor accident.

PER TERRAM

CHATHAM.

During the past month there have been several changes in the Divisional Staff. Captain S. A. Field has relieved Captain Haines as I. of S.A., and Lieut. F. Ryder Richardson has taken Lieut. Power's place as A.I. of S.A. The Rev. J. Archibald has been relieved by the Rev. T.Crick, M.V.O., as Chaplain to the Division. Mr. Crick will be remembered as junior chaplain at the Depot some years ago. We understand that Mr. Archibald is joining *Ramillies* on recommissioning, and wish him every luck in his new ship.

Our Honorary Colonel-Commandant, General Sir H. E. Blumberg, K.C.B., has paid us his annual visit. He was received by a guard of honour under the command of Capt. Broadwood, Lieut. P. Phillipps carried the Regimental Colour. In the afternoon the General witnessed a tactical scheme at Borstal, and in the evening dined with the officers.

On Armistice Day, a Guard of Honour of 100 file proceeded to London under the command of Major C. B. Mullins, for the ceremony at the Cenotaph. The Band and Buglers also attended.

Locally a Guard of Honour paraded at the Naval War Memorial, when the C.-in-C. laid a wreath on the steps of the Memorial in the presence of the Colonel-Commandant and a large gathering of Naval and Royal Marine officers. Later the Colonel-Commandant laid a wreath at the foot of the Memorial tablet in barracks, other wreaths also being deposited by representatives of the Sergeants' Mess and Recreation Room.

It was with very great regret that we learnt of the tragic death of Col. E. Wray. He finished his service at this Division, and during this latter part of his service he took the greatest interest in the sport of the Division. He presented a Corps flag to each Division, which are always flown at cricket matches, and which remain to remind us of a good sportsman and genuine friend of the Corps.

On Sunday, 7th November, the Division paid its annual visit to the parish church of St. Mary, instead of worshipping as usual at the Dockyard church. This is an old established custom and must date back to the early days of the Division before the Dockyard church was built.

A most successful small dance has been held in the officers' mess. It is hoped that it will be repeated in the spring.

The annual collection has been taken for the Trafalgar Orphan Fund, and the amount collected totalled £20, of which £5 5s. was subscribed by the officers' mess, and over £7 was added by the Divisional Fund. It is a pity that this most worthy object is not supported more liberally by the rank and file, who derive the benefit from the Homes. The local Home for girls is most excellently run, and is deserving of more suppport from the rank and file, whose children will benefit should death or disaster overtake them.

PLYMOUTH.

Colonel 2nd Commandant Hugh D. E. O'Sullivan, C.B.E., who has voluntarily retired to facilitate the promotion of younger officers, has a distinguished record of 34 years' service particularly in the near East. In Egypt and the Sudan in troublous times he made a mark for himself, obtaining the rank of Bey, frequent mentions in despatches, and the foreign decorations of the Osmanieh, Medjidie, and the Order of the Nile. From 1901 to 1911 he was attached to the Egyptian Army, and for the last two years of this period he held the post of Governor and Officer Commanding Troops of the Upper Nile Province. During the Great War, either as Staff Intelligence or Political Officer Colonel O'Sullivan was employed on the Staffs of the Naval Commanders-in-Chief of the East Indian and Egyptian Station and the Mediterranean. Colonel O'Sullivan is also an F.R.G.S., and the author of "Dinka Laws and Customs," published under the auspices of the Royal Anthropological Society.

DEPOT.

We are pleased to record that a series of entertainments have commenced and Monday, 8th November, saw the opening performance of Mr. Fred Roma's Musical Revue "All Happy" which up to the present has proved a great success. The week commencing 15th November will be occupied with Miss Violet Nava's Musical Comedy Revue "Revels." It is too early to forecast that the continuance of these popular entertainments is certain, but given a little encouragement, the management are out to see that this fine building does not lie empty while there is a chance to make it do its bit towards driving our dull hours away.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The Boys' weekly Dancing Classes have now started and are attended by a great number of the boys, who with the able assistance of their relatives and friends, are able to execute the Charleston and other up-to-date dances.

The N.C.O.s' Social Club held a dance in the concert hall, which was attended by a large gathering, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

As usual the School did its share towards the annual appeal for contributions towards the R.N. & R.M. Orphans; two bands under Bandmasters J. E. Burnett and J. N. Messer, took part in the Trafalgar Pageant. Bandmaster Messer's band, in the uniform of the 1820 period, visited the outlying districts, and did yeoman service for this much needed charity.

The Armistice Day ceremony was held on the Divisional Parade Ground, the School amalgamating with the Division for this service. A band under Bandmaster Herbert Kenward, with two companies of N.C.Os., musicians and boys took part, and a very impressive ceremony was witnessed by a very large gathering of relatives and friends of past and present members of the R.M. Band Service.

A band has been detailed to embark in H.M.S. Renown early in the new year, on the occasion of the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia. We greatly appreciate the honour conferred upon us. The band will be under the able directorship of Bandmaster (W.O.) Arthur Pragnell, A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M., R.M.B.

We heartily congratulate C.S.M. George Keen, L.R.A.M., on successfully passing the examination held at the Royal College of Music for the Degree of A.R.C.M., and also Bandmaster 2nd Class P. F. Grace, on obtaining the medal of the Worshipful Company of Musicians for the best student of the year.

ROYAL MARINE POLICE.

Lodge Hill.

Our winter programme of entertainments commenced on Monday, Oct. 10th, when, by kind permission of Capt. S. W. Bucknell, R.M. (R.) C.I., Chatham Area, the first weekly whist drive took place in the Police Recreation Buildings. These drives, which are much appreciated by the police and their families, are carried out by the Entertainment Committee (President, Sergt. Flowers). The prize winners for October were:—

Oct. 18th—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Sharp; 2, Mrs. Flowers; 3, Miss Steer; Sealed No., Mrs. Steer. Gents: 1, P.C. Tomlinson; 2, P.C. Page; 3, P.C. Durling; Sealed No., P.C. Nixon.

Oct. 25th—Ladies: 1, Mrs. Winter; 2, Miss Steer; 3, Mrs. Rowan; Sealed No., Mrs. Sharp. Gents: 1, P.C. Rowe; 2, P.C. Trivett; 3, P.C. Napper; Sealed No., P.C. Fox.

The prize given by the C.I. for the best shot in the Revolver Course was won by P.C. Gibbs, after a tie shoot, there being four "possibles": P.C.'s Gibbs, Moon, Rowan and Winter.

GRAVES OF ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERYMEN KILLED IN THE CARLIST WARS.

General Sir A. Paris was recently at San Sebastian, and when walking round Mt. Orgull, on the top of which stand the ruins of the old fortress which Wellington captured and the Carlists failed to take, he came across the cemetery of British officers and men who fell in these two wars. The cemetery is at a wonderfully picturesque spot, amongst wild rocks, facing the Bay of Biscay. Some of the tombstones are much obliterated, but the lettering on the marble slabs, which are let into the rock, are still perfect.

On one stone General Paris found the following names:

John Newman, Gunner, R.M.A., 10th Dec., 1836.
David Howard, Gunner, R.M.A., ? July, 1837.
John Gates, Sergt., R.M.A., ? Aug., 1837.
Ben Smith, Gunner, R.M.A., ? July, 1837.
? Died at Fontarabia.
James Keate, Gunner, R.M.A.
? Jordan, Gunner, R.M.A., ? Nov., ?

The stone is much weather-worn and it is not too easy to read the names.

Medical Officer: "Now, really, my man, in civil life would you come to me with a trivial complaint like this?"

Marine: "No, sir, I'd send for you"—*Leatherneck.*



CHATHAM.

DIVISIONAL ATHLETIC SHIELD.

The results of the Inter-Company Cross Country Run are as follows:—1st, E Coy., 3 points; 2nd, C Coy., 2; 3rd, A Coy., 1; 4th, G Coy., 1.

The first three men in were A Coy., Mne. G. Garbett; C Coy., Corpl. C. B. Duncan; and E Coy., Mne. M. Bilton.

The points up to date for the Shield are, A Coy., 8; C Coy., 12½; E Coy., 9; and G Coy., 4½.

The following competitions have been held so far: Bayonets, Tug-of-War, Boat Pulling, Swimming and Cross Country Running.

Miniature Rifle Shooting and Football Competitions are now being held.

BOAT PULLING.

The Inter-Company Boat Pulling Shield was held on the 28th September, over a course of about a mile, from Upnor Pier to abreast of Marines Raft. The race was pulled in 12-oared cutters borrowed from the Royal Engineers. All crews finished the course, "C" Co. finished first, gaining 3 points, with "A" Co. second, gaining 2 points, "E" and "G" Cos. 1 point each.

BOXING.

At a recent boxing meeting held at the R.N. Barracks the following Marines took part, all doing well:—

SPECIAL HEAVY-WEIGHT CONTEST.—Mne. Smith was k.o. by P.O. Spiller
MIDDLE-WEIGHT FINAL.—Mne. Baker k.o. Shipwright Angus in 1st rd.
WELTER-WEIGHT FINAL.—Cpl. Duncan beat Ldg. Cook Everett on pts.
LIGHT-WEIGHT.—Ply. Mne. Fraser won in the 1st series, but was beaten by St. Edwards in the final.

MINIATURE RIFLE CLUB.

The Club started off the season on the 1st October. Much more interest has been shown than last season, and quite a few "dark horses" have been brought to light. Two teams have been entered for the Rochester and District Miniature League, and we are looking forward for a good season and hope to go one better than last year and finish top of the league. Two post matches have been fired, one with the Depot Club and one with H.M.S. Pembroke, and we managed to win both; Sergt. Walker making the score of 98 in each of the matches, which is exceptionally good on the new target.

Quite a little interest has been taken in the weekly sweepstake and monthly medal competitions.

Scores for matches shot:—

R.M. Chatham, 764; R.M. Depot, 750.
R.M. Chatham, 768; H.M.S. Pembroke, 759.

Winner of the Monthly Medal for October, C Company, Mne. Willetts.

O'Brien: "By golly, I'm tired to-night."

Mrs. O'Brien: "There you go again, you are tired, here I be standing over a hot stove all day, and yuo working in a nice cool sewer."—*Leatherneck.*

PORTSMOUTH.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

October 23rd, Saturday. *v.* Portsmouth E.R.A.'s. Lost 10 pts. to 3.

Played at Eastney. The early exchanges were confined to the forwards, the E.R.A.'s maintaining a steady pressure. A bout of passing by the E.R.A.'s "threes" ended by Longman being brought down on the line. Merckel and Kitchener brought temporary relief for the Marines. The E.R.A.'s were showing better form behind the scrum, and a good movement resulted in Hood getting over for Edwards to convert. Taking up the pressure Sharplin scored for the E.R.A.'s after a fine cut through, Edwards again converting. Half-time:—

	G.	T.	P.
E.R.A.'s	2	0	10
Royal Marines	0	0	0

The Marines showed up better in the second half, and after a good run Lieut. Hardy scored for Lieut. Martin to convert. Final:—

	G.	T.	P.
E.R.A.	2	0	10
Royal Marines	1	0	5

October 30th, Saturday. *v.* United Services IV. Lost 19pts. to 3.

At Eastney. Not as one-sided as the score suggests. Our forwards held a heavier pack well, but failed to get the ball, with the results that our three-quarters saw little of the ball. Towards the end of the second half our team combined much better, A. H. Merckel scoring an unconverted try after a good three-quarter movement. Congratulations to Lieut. Hayter, Mne.s Newcombe, Merckel and Corpl. Walker for their hard play.

November 4th, Thurs. *v.* H.M.S. Vernon. Lost 10 pts. to 5 pts.

At Eastney. A very close game, marked by good forward play. Our halves failed to open up the game, with the result that our three-quarters rarely had a chance. 2/Lieut. Hardy scored a fine try in the second half, which was converted by Corpl. Harris. The following played a good game: 2/Lieut. Harvey, Moulton, Lieut. Garrett, Corpl. Bircham and Mne. Newcombe, also our opponents' full-back.

November 10th, Wednesday. 2nd XI. *v.* E and W. School R.A.F., at Flowerdown. Lost 9 pts, to 3.

Played in a strong wind, which made rather a scrappy game. Owing to a mishap en route we were only able to field 14 until half-time. The airmen made full use of the wind during the second half, with the result that much good forward play on our part was frustrated by the kicking of the opposing three-quarters. Mne. Squires played a very sound game at full-back and Mne. Brown was noticeable in the three-quarter line.

"My lad, I hope you try to save half of what you earn."
"I don't get that much, sir"—*Leatherneck.*

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The patient appeared to be in a bad way in the evening and the doctor on leaving instructed the patient's wife to take his temperature every hour. The doctor called early in the morning and to his surprise found the bed empty. On asking the wife what had happened, the good lady replied "As there was no thermometer I used the barometer. It registered "very dry," so I gave him two pints of beer and he has gone to work!

PLYMOUTH.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* LOOE.

At Looe, on the 14th October, the Royal Marines made history by defeating the League Champions of the past two seasons both home and away. Both teams were at full strength. Wheeldon and Shewbrook went very close from the start, and a very hard fought out first half arrived with the score sheet blank. On resumption, from a pass from Horn, Sherliker scored with a brilliant drive. Near the end Looe were awarded a penalty, but Davidson saved E. R. Bowden's (the Plymouth Arygle amateur) terrific drive, the game ending : Looe, nil ; R.M., 1 goal.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* TAVISTOCK, at Tavistock.

On the 16th October. Clever passing, in a game played in rain, gave the Marines a five goals to two victory against Tavistock, at Sandy Park. After scoring within two minutes, through Tulip, the Marines were placed on the defensive by Parrash and Wheterdon. The Marines netted their second before the interval, Skipper beating a defender and centring with deliberation for Tulip to head in. The Marines attacked more persistently in the second half, but Tavistock succeeded in reducing the lead. Tavistock were placed further in arrears, Bowman deflecting a shot from Stratton past his own goal-keeper. Sherliker and Tulip—the latter always dangerous—netted the Marines' fourth and fifth, but the homesters never left off trying, and their second goal came when Barkell netted. Tulip at centre-forward (vice Wheeldon injured) thoroughly justified his inclusion.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* ST. AUSTELL.

At Longroom, 23rd October. Before a record gate we met the only undefeated team in the P. & D. League in St. Austell, and after a very hard fought out game had to admit defeat by 2 goals to 1. In the first half, numerous scoring chances were missed by our forwards, but after Brown had given St. Austell the lead, Skipper equalised. In the second half both teams fought hard to gain the lead, and from George's centre, Hunt secured and scored for St. Austell with a fine header. Result : R.M., 1 goal ; St. Austell, 2 goals.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* ROYAL NAVY.

In the Annual Match for the " Trafalgar " Cup, played at Home Park on the 27th October, the Royal Navy were very fortunate to win by 4 goals to 3. The game opened up sensationally, the Navy going off with a rush and scoring. Stung by this reverse the Marines attacked and after splendid passing, Wheeldon equalised, the same player adding two more goals, the interval arriving with the score R.M. 3 goals, R.N. 1 goal. In the second half a very strong wind blew right down the field, consequently the Marines had to play on the defensive, and the Navy succeeded in scoring three goals, thus winning the cup once again.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* ORESTON.

At Oreston on the 31st October. We were without Wheeldon, injured in the Trafalgar Cup match, and Handford who deputised for him, did not come up to expectation. At the interval Oreston led by two goals to nil. On resumption Oreston scored again, but a fine rally by the Marines saw Skipper and Shewbrook both score, time arriving with the score : Oreston, 3 goals ; R.M., 2 goals.

In the Inter-Port Cup Competition the following have been selected to play for Devonport *versus* The Atlantic Fleet at Weymouth on 10th November : Corpl. Stratton and Perks, Mnes. Horn, Wheeldon, Whitnell and Sherliker.

ROYAL MARINES *v.* ORESTON ROVERS.

At New Park. The Marines broke away at the outset and Bickford had to save from Handford. The Rovers retaliated and Jackson just missed the target by inches. A centre by Walters was well gathered by Davidson, and a foul by Rickard on the goalkeeper relieved matters. A flying kick by Alcock sent the ball dead in the goalmouth, where Jackson met it. A run by Walters on the right wing brought about a melee, in which Rickard sent in a shot which Davidson failed to hold. Half-time : Oreston, 2 ; Marines, 0.

The game restarted vigorously, Rickard being cautioned. A well-placed corner-kick by Skipper was well cleared by Bickford. Hitchens was placed with an open goal, but sent the ball across to go behind. Jackson broke away and gave Rickard the pass, from which he scored the third goal. He was later fouled in the penalty area, but Davidson saved. Skipper, in taking a corner hit the upright, and the ball entered the net. Shewbrook scored the Marines' second goal with the last kick of the match. Result :—Oreston Rovers, 3 ; Marines, 2.

The Reserve team continue to play well in the Devon Wednesday League, their latest results being as follows :

v. Metropolitan Police, away, won 5 goals to 4.

In the Devon Wednesday Cup Competition *versus* the Co-operative United (last year's finalists), won by 3 goals to 2.

The Inter-Company League results are :

G Coy. defeated E Coy. by 2 goals to 1.
C Coy. defeated E Coy. by 3 goals to 1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

v. H.M.S. Defiance (home), Oct. 28th. Won 15 pts. to 3.

A good open game, with our team, especially the backs, showing good combination.

v. C.Y.M.S. (home), Oct. 30th. Won 6 pts. to 5.

A fine open sporting game, enjoyed by all. The Catholics are a fine side and play attractive rugby. This game was no exception.

v. 1st S.W. Borderers (home), Oct. 20th. Lost 5 pts to 24.

Our opponents, the Army Cup Winners of last two seasons, gave a delightful exposition of Rugby as it can be played. Individually there was very little to choose, but when it came to combination, the Borderers showed us the advantage gained by playing together for several seasons. Our team played well and hard right until the final whistle, but the perfect understanding of our opponents prevailed.

v. " Erebus " Cadets (at Trevol), Oct. 20th. Lost 6 to 21.

Our second string crossed the water to Trevol to play the Cadets of H.M.S. Erebus, and a bright clean game ensued. We were superior forward, but weak in passing in the back division, and lost many scoring chances. We had as much of the game territorially. However, it was a clean and thoroughly sporting game, enjoyed by all, and the kindly thought of taking us to tea in the gunroom of H.M.S. Erebus with our opponents was much appreciated.

v. Brixham (away), Oct. 23rd. Lost 3 pts. to 14.

Our first team went to Brixham, and although losing by 14 points to 3 points, were extremely unfortunate not to have won. It was one of those days when every right thing went wrong and vice versa. Try as they would, the final transfer went astray, or the corner flag was knocked down. On at least three occasions the ball hit the uprights in attempts for a dropped goal.

v. Y.M.C.A. (St. Budeaux), Oct. 23rd. Lost 5 pts. to 8.

Our second team carried out the chief's fixture with the Y.M.C.A. at St. Budeaux, and with the assistance of Captain Reading, who was unable to get to Brixham, put up a surprisingly good show.

v. Salcombe (away), Won 11 pts. to 10.

We journeyed to Salcombe by road, and after a rather adventurous journey by motor, we arrived there an hour late. However, to make amends for their long wait the spectators were awarded by seeing one of the best games on their ground for a considerable time. Both sides played bright open Rugby, and with everyone going all out, it was a great struggle, with the result always in doubt until the final whistle the result being a very good indication of the run of the game.

v. C.Y.M.S. (home)

After a hard game the Marines won by six points to five. The Catholics were early aggressive and Hingston ran strongly to the home " 25," where, from a scrum, Spry got through cleverly and sent Flood across with a try, Burns converted. Good work in the loose saw the home forwards severely test the Catholics' defence, but Rogers continued to have the best of play. The visitors were always attacking before the interval, and Green and Spry just failed to score. Soon after the resumption the heavier Marine forwards began to assert themselves, and some fine work in the loose by Boylan paved the way for Neale to score near the corner flag. This success inspired the Royals, who kept within fighting distance of the line, and faulty tackling on the part of the Catholics let Penny get over with a try from a line out. Before the end, however, the visitors rallied splendidly, and once again assumed the aggressive.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Miniature Rifle Club recommenced on the 5th October. A few new faces were noticed, but a good many of the old faces were absent. Up to the time of

writing these notes the Club is fourteen strong. A strong fixture card has been arranged and members will have to shoot hard and true to have better results than last season.

On Tuesday, the 26th October, 1926, a friendly match was fired between the Club and the local branch of the R.M.O.C.A. Quite an enjoyable two hours was spent in the shooting gallery and it was a lesson in itself to see the "Old Hands" laying down (old style) and digging themselves in. They put up a good show.

After the conclusion of the match a small souvenir was presented to the unfortunate bottom man of each team. A return match is eagerly awaited by both sides.

R.M.O.C.A.		M.R.C. (Ply. R.M.)	
Mr. A. R. Sturdy	94	Sergt. N. Stacey	96
„ W. H. Meatyard	95	Q.M.S. W. Croke, M.M.	94
„ F. R. Timewell	92	Lt.-Col. L. C. Lampen	91
„ J. Bailey	86	Q.M.S. C. Cross	91
„ A. E. Lawrence	85	Sergt. G. Reed	90
„ E. Symons	84	C/Sgt. J. Burnett	84
„ G. Adams	84	2/Lieut. J. Moulton	82
„ J. Rice	74	Mne. W. Warne	78
	694		706

The "Times" Certificate for 1926 was won by Sergt. N. Stacey with 96.

SHOOTING.

R.M.R.A. MEDAL.

Officers' Competition.

Shot with miniature rifles on Thursday, 11th Nov., 1926. Conditions :—2 sighting shots and 10 shots at S.M.R.C 5, bull target, H.P.S. 100.

12 Officers took part.

Lieut.-Col. M. Filmer Bennett	94
Lieut.-Col. L. C. Lampen	90
Lieut.-Col. H. Ozanne, D.S.O.	90
Capt. N. K. Jolley	89
Colonel G. L. Raikes, C.B., D.S.C.	85
Capt. F. W. Dewhurst	85
Lieut. H. S. Baker	85
Lieut. H. C. G. Blandford	84
Capt. E. M. C. Parker	76
Capt. E. T. N. Farmer	76
Lieut. R. S. Lansdale	49
Lieut. P. S. G. O'Donnell, M.V.O.	32

HOCKEY.

R.M.	*v.*	R.N. Barracks (Won 5—3).
R.M. 2nd	*v.*	Hampshires' 2nd (Lost)
R.M.	*v.*	Plymouth Hockey Club (Won 7—2)
R.M.	*v.*	R.N.C. Dartmouth (Lost 3—7)

TUG-OF-WAR.

The Inter-Company, for points which count for Tuckey Cup, took place on the Longroom on Friday, 5th November, the result being :—

Semi-finals : E Coy. beat G Coy., 2 pulls to 1.

Final : C Coy. beat E Coy., 2 pulls to nil.
C Coy. get 2 points ; E Coy. get 1 point.

Companies have now obtained the following points towards the Tuckey Cup :—

E Coy.	6 points
C Coy.	4 points
G Coy.	1 point
A Coy.	1 point

DEPOT.

BOXING.

The finals of the 100% Recruits' Boxing Competition were held in the Drill Shed before a packed house. The audience, included General Hutchinson, the A.G., R.M., the Colonel Commandant, and a very large gathering of other officers. In addition to the recruits' finals a very attractive programme of contests was arranged.

Results:

Bantam .. Recruit M. Vaughen, Winner ; Runner-up, Recruit McKinlay. This proved a very disappointing fight, due no doubt to ring shyness.

Feather .. Recruit S. Bunker, Winner ; Runner-up, Recruit V. Hildersley. A very splendid fight, both lads punched hard and used their heads. Bunker has had considerable previous experience, and used his left to great advantage. He should be earmarked for future Corps Boxing Championships.

Light .. Recruit Rogers, Winner ; Recruit W. Stewart, Runner-up. Rogers was a very forceful fighter, but somewhat careless in the delivery of his blows ; given sound instruction and cleaner methods, he should develop into a very hard plucky fighter of "Charlie Braddocks" type. He knocked his opponent out in the 1st round.

Welter .. Recruit Sheehan, Winner ; Runner-up, Recruit Woolford. A hard slamming fight, in which both gave and received heavy punishment. Sheehan won by a narrow margin.

Middle .. Recruit J. Harbut, Winner ; Runner-up, Recruit Reid. Another hard slam from start to finish, but lacking in science.

L. Heavy .. Recruit Nicholson, Winner ; Runner-up, Recruit Welton. The latter was in hospital ; Nicholson was awarded the verdict and given a contest as under :

3-rd. Contest Recruit Nicholson *v.* Recruit C. Roy. This proved a very fine contest for Recruits. Nicholson won on points, but had a big advantage in weight. Roy did not box in the competition, on account of the late formation of his squad. The latter is a real find and should go far if encouraged. Nicholson also has the making of a fine boxer.

Special 6-rd Contest Mne. Bates, R.M. *v.* Fusilier Carter, Lancashire Fusiliers. A very clean fight. Carter proved a little fitter and better boxer, winning on points.

Special 6-rd Contest Corpl. Trinder, R.M. *v.* A.B. Willoughby, R.N. The first round was fairly even, but Willoughby led slightly. In the 2nd round Trinder got home some heavy punches and left his man groggy when the gong sounded. In the 3rd round Trinder quickly followed up his advantage and sent Willoughby down for the count with a smashing blow to the jaw.

Special 6-rd Contest Mne. Marston, R.M. *v.* L. A. C. Williamson, R.A.F. This proved such a close fight that it was very difficult to select the winner, but Marston proved slightly the aggressor, and probably won for this reason. Both men were extremely quick in and out of distance, and kept hard at it from start to finish. It is hoped that this contest may be staged again at our next meeting.

Special 6-rd Contest Petty Officer Firth *v.* Ex-Mne. Piddock. The first round was fairly even, but during the 2nd round Firth's superior weight began to tell, but Piddock fought a clever and uphill fight through the remaining rounds, and lost a very plucky fight on points.

Recruit S. Bunker (Plymouth), Recruit Rogers (Plymouth), Recruit Roy, Recruit (ex-Bugler) Jetton and Recruit F. Nicholson should be earmarked by Divisions.

A Squad Boxing Competition has been arranged, the Finals of which will take place in the first week in December, Instructors training and selecting their teams. Conditions :—

Each team to consist of the following weights : One Bantam, one Feather, one Light, one Welter, one Middle, one L. Heavy, one Welter as Leader. The competition will be on the Knock-out System. Winning teams will receive cups ; runners-up will receive Medals.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the A.G., R.M., presented the prizes, and congratulated all concerned in the successful meeting. He remarked that the

recruits fought very pluckily, and those that won had thoroughly earned their victory, considering the number of fights they had to win before getting into the final.

The number entered were :—35 Bantams ; 96 Feather; 207 Lights ; 209 Welters ; 122 Middles ; 17 Light H.—Total 686.

Great assistance was rendered by the Parade Staff in arranging for tickets and seatings for the Squads. Over 600 recruits took tickets and were found accommodation. The meeting was a financial success.

BOWLING.

The Annual Bowling League is now in full swing. The following teams have entered :—P. & R.T. Staff, 2nd Q.M.'s Barrack Dept., Band 1st Q.M.'s Musketry Dept., Staff Office, Parade Staff.

Result of matches to date : P. & R.T. Staff beat 1st Q.M.'s ; 2nd Q.M.'s beat Musketry Dept.

Bowls is a most excellent exercise and an ideal indoor winter game. It would be most suitable for a Division like Chatham, which has no playing ground of its own, to get a few minutes' exercise in before dark.

(By an Old Chatham Marine)

1ST TEAM.

Oct. 16 Folkestone & District League—Dover United Away. Won 4-3
,, 20 U.S. League, Div. I.—Beds. & Herts. Regt. Away. Lost 1—3
,, 23 Folkestone & District League—Margate Amateurs. Home. Won 3—2
,, 27 U.S. League, Div. I.—Royal Air Force. Home. Lost 0-1
,, 30 Folkestone & District League—South Staffs. Regt. (Army Cup Winners, 1925-26) Away. Lost 1—8
Nov. 6 Folkestone & District League—Royal Tank Corps. Away. Match abandoned owing to bad light.
,, 13 Folkestone & District League—Dover United. Home. Match abandoned, ground unfit.

2ND TEAM.

Oct. 23 Deal & District League—Betteshanger Colliery. Home. Lost 2—5
,, 30 U.S. League, Div. 2.—The Buffs Regt., Canterbury. Away. Lost 8—0
Nov. 3 U.S. League, Div. 2—Royal Air Force. Home. Lost 2—11.
,, 6 1st round of the Deal Walmer and District Junior Hospital Cup versus Betteshanger Colliery, played on the Depot Ground, resulted in a draw 3—3.

On November 24th, we journey to Chatham to play the RN. Depot in the Port Final of the Navy Cup, and we are hoping that we shall meet with success.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

FOOTBALL.—The School has been doing fairly well in U.S. League Div. I., and also have managed to qualify for the 2nd round of the U.S. Charity Cup, by defeating the R.A.F. by 4 goals to nil. We hope the present form will be maintained.

The Boys are doing exceedingly well in their respective Leagues, and the local league is in full swing, the boys being very keen in the various contests.

Aberdonian out for a walk, to his son :—Are those yer new boots, Angus, ye're wearing.

Son : Aye, faither.

Aberdonian : Then tak' longer steps.

ROYAL MARINE CADET CORPS.

SCHOMBERG CUP COMPETITION, 1926.

	200 yds.	500 yds	Total	
Deal	143	150	293	Present Holders
Plymouth	145	146	291	
Chatham	136	145	281	
Portsmouth	105	108	213	

PORTSMOUTH CUP COMPETITION, 1926.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total	
Plymouth	194	196	194	584	
Deal	193	193	186	572	Present Holders
Chatham	176	181	169	526	
Excellent C.C..	113	126	67	306	

THE ROYAL MARINES OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

The Duke of York was the principal guest at the 13th annual dinner of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association, at which the President, Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Drury presided, at the Hotel Russell, London, on Saturday night, 23rd October.

There were nearly 300 old comrades and guests present, including the Col.-Commandant of the Plymouth Division and several serving representatives from the Stonehouse Barracks.

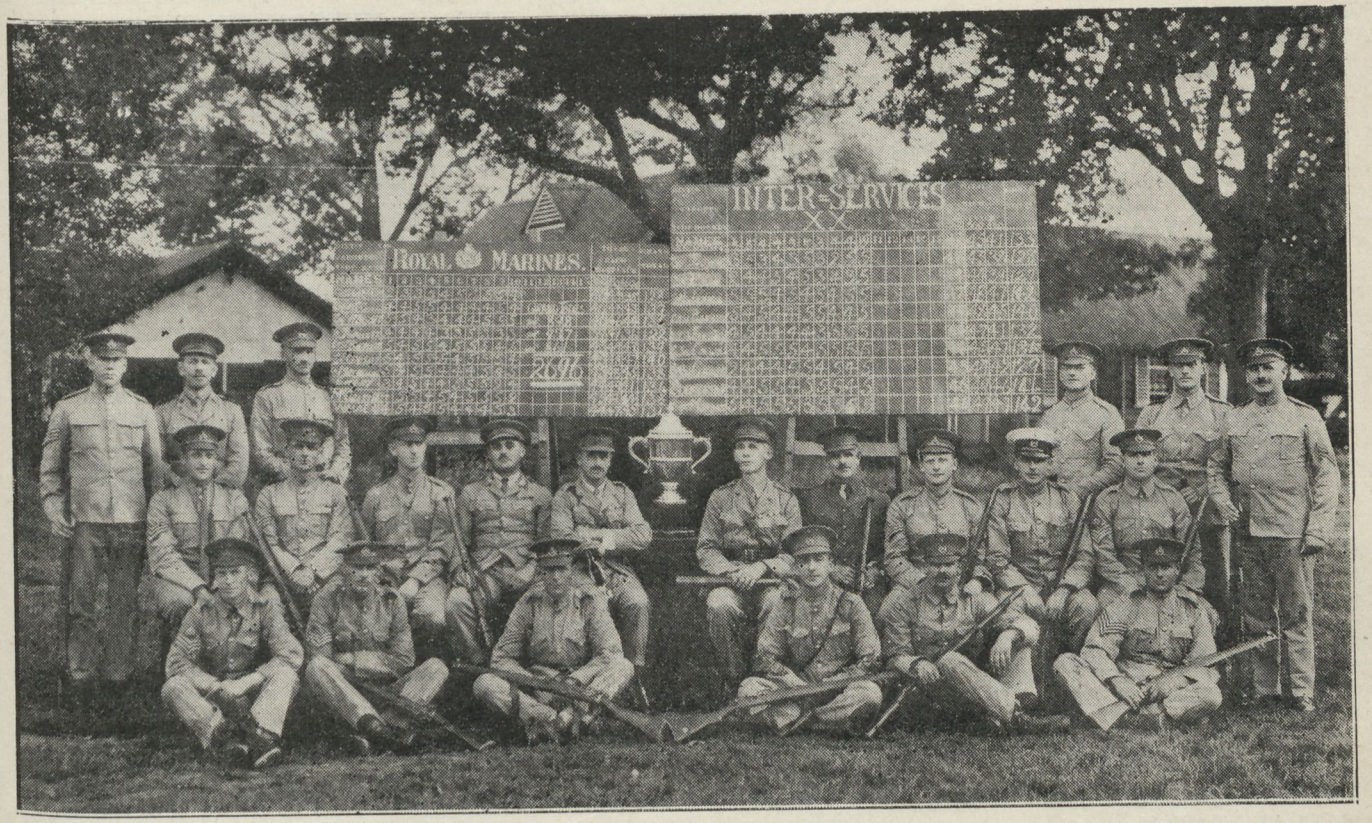
The Duke of York, who was accompanied by his Equerry, Capt. B. V. Brooke, R.N., was received by Col. Drury while the company sang the National Anthem.

Proposing the toast of the Duke of York and the Royal Family, Lieut.-Col. Drury expressed on behalf of the Old Comrades and of the entire Corps the deep sense of the honour which the Duke had conferred upon them by coming as their guest, and thus setting the Royal seal to their work of helping lame sea dogs over stiles.

" I wish this gathering could have been arranged next Thursday instead of to-night," he went on, " for that day will be the 262nd anniversary of the birth of the sea regiment. On October 23rd, 1664, King Charles II. affixed his seal to the Order in Council, which was in effect the birth certificate of our Corps, and which is still preserved in the officers' mess at Chatham. Officially we were named the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot.

" To the London apprentices who ran to the shop doors to see the new regiment pass down the street we were known less cumbrously as the ' Duke's Yellowcoats,' and one hot summer's morning, June 2nd, 1666—the year of the Great Fire—200 of them marched through the City to the waterside. I should like to think that their ghosts were with us to-night, for they were the first detachment in the history of the corps to embark for service in the Fleet.

" Awaiting them at Blackwall was a jovial gentleman in a great periwig and a black silk suit, who was never far away when anything new was afoot. In that delightful, but libellous, diary of his he tells us that most of the detachment were drunk and ' letting off their guns,' an exhibition he lightly dismisses as ' strange sport.' To-day we should call it by another name, but I fear that Mr. Samuel Pepys, Secretary to the Admiralty though he was, occasionally gave similar displays of ' strange sport ' himself.



ROYAL MARINES. WINNERS OF THE INTER-SERVICES XX. MATCH.

Front row—Clr.-Sgt. Collins, Sgt. Walker, Sgt. Abbott, Q.M.S. Cross, Q.M.S. Carlton, Sgt. Burnett.
Middle row—Sgt. McCalpin, Sgt. Crosbie, Sgt. Morgan, Lt. Gumm, Capt. Jones, Lt.-Col. Filmer-Bennett, S.M. Jarvis, Sgt. Stapleton, Q.M.S. Bonnett, Clr.-Sgt. Barrett.
Standing—Sgt. Bowie, S.M. Bach, Q.M.S. Harding, Clr.-Sgt. McColl, Sgt. Emery, Sgt. Macauley.

" The Duke of York of that day, afterwards King James II., served at sea with those ' yellowcoats ' of his in more than one action against the Dutch. He was a gallant naval officer, who knew a good thing when he saw it, for he shared Mr. Pepys' admiration for the Marines. More than two and a half centuries have passed and history has repeated itself. Another Duke of York, who is with us to-night, has served at sea with the Marines, and—may we venture to hope—has inherited something of his Royal predecessor's liking for us. As a naval officer he is familiar with our many virtues. Obviously I cannot add ' and with our vices,' since it is common knowledge in the Navy that the Marines have none.

" As all the world knows, the Duke and Duchess of York will shortly sail on one of those Royal progresses which are so happily strengthening the ties between our scattered Commonwealth of Nations and the British Crown. I know that you would wish me to take this opportunity of expressing our loyal hopes that their Royal Highnesses may have a pleasant voyage, that their mission may be crowned with a full measure of success, and that they may return in safety to receive that national welcome of which every home-coming member of our Royal Family is so well assured.

" Since we last assembled in this room there has made her entrance on the world's stage a little lady who bears the greatest feminine name in English history, who in the mists of the dim future may conceivably be called on to fulfil a high destiny, and whose tiny hands have already clutched the heart of the nation. In the years to come it may please her to know that while she was still in her cradle a kennelful of old seadogs in London Town wished her long life and happiness, and prayed ' God bless their little Princess Elizabeth.' "

The Duke of York, in a brief reply, said that in the years he had spent in the Navy he had learnt to know many of the Marines. " Many of them are my personal friends, so in this gathering I feel at home rather than a stranger. I wish every member of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association the best of luck during the coming year."

Lieut.-General A. R. H. Hutchison, Adjutant-General, R.M., replying to the toast of the Corps, said there was a tendency among old soldiers to imagine that the young soldiers who succeeded them were letting the Corps go to the dogs. " Let me assure you," he said, " they are doing their best to maintain the glorious traditions of the Corps."

Amongst those present were the following officers connected with the regiment: General Sir W. T. Adair, General Sir W. C. Nicholls, General Sir C. N. Trotman, General Sir H. E. Blumberg, Lieut.-General E. J. Stroud, Lieut.-General H. D. Farquharson, Lieut.-General A. R. H. Hutchison (Adjutant General), Major-General H. S. H. White, Brig.-General G. B. Stevens (Indian Army, late R.M.L.I.), Colonel R. H. Morgan, Colonel R. C. Temple, Colonel R. O. Paterson, Colonel F. H. Mountsteven, Colonel C. H. Willis, Colonel J. A. M. A. Clark, Colonel J. E. Garrett, Colonel G. V. Robinson,

Colonel A. G. Little, Colonel C. L. Mayhew, Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Evans, Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Langford, Lieut.-Colonel E. T. Daniel, Lieut.-Colonel M. C. Festing, Lieut.-Colonel H. N. H. Houghton, Lieut.-Colonel W. P. Arbuthnot, Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Darwall, Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Godfrey, Lieut.-Colonel A. Peel, Lieut.-Colonel J. Simpson, Major A. K. Evans, Major H. L. Jones, Major J. McF. Mitchell, Captain H. A. C. Webber, Captain R. H. Winne, Captain J. S. Nicholson, Captain J. C. J. Joby, Lieut. J. G. W. Gillman, and Lieut. R. F. Rogers. Other guests included Admiral Mark Kerr, Rear-Admiral L. R. Oliphant, Captain B. V. Brooke (Equerry to the Duke of York), Surgeon-Captain B. F. Parish, Lieut.-Commander S. W. Brooks, Lieut.-Colonel S. W. Neighbour (Officer Commanding Artists Rifles), Dr. J. N. McBean Ross (hon. surgeon), the Rev. W. H. Ward (hon. chaplain), Paymaster-Lieutenant R. V. Sitters, Mr. Arthur Drury, Mr. W. A. Northmore, Mr. W. A. Stone, Alderman J. P. Hamilton (Deputy Mayor of Acton), and Mr. C. E. Marshall (chairman, Dinner Committee).

LEG OF MUTTON SUPPER.

A Leg of Mutton Supper was held at the Veterans' Club on Friday, November 12th, when nearly a hundred comrades, with their wives and friends, sat down to a splendid repast, which was afterwards followed by a Concert given by our old friends the "Exceptionals," who were in their usual splendid form, and the proceedings did not terminate until 12.30 a.m.

ARMISTICE DAY.

At the request of My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty a party of twelve Old Comrades attended the ceremony at the Cenotaph on November 11th, when a large wreath was deposited on behalf of the R.M.O.C.A., the design being the Globe and Laurel surmounted by a crown, and our thanks are due to Comrade A. C. Carter for the time and trouble he took in obtaining such a splendid specimen of the florist's art.

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FOR "KING EMPEROR."

By G.R.H.

"But 'twasn't merely this an' that (which all the world may know),
'Twas how you talked and looked at things which made us like you so." (Kipling)

The value of a rifle in parts of Arabia made the smuggling of arms as lucrative to scheming fearless Arabs as boot-legging was to the adventuring type of men when the Prohibition Laws were first introduced into America. In pre-war days this gun-running provided the Royal Marines in H.M. ships serving on the East Indies Station with more excitement than their less fortunate companions on home stations, who had to be content with gunnery exercises and the monotonous routine drills.

The commencement of the war in 1914 reversed this state of affairs and focussed almost all attention on European operations, making it easy to imagine the keen desire of men serving in obsolete cruisers in the Red Sea to get away from the gun-runners and nearer the real scene of operations.

The chance to "pull their weight," however, came to most of them before the world war had lasted very long and this is a brief account of one of the many short, sharp, but highly successful encounters that occurred in the Near East, and one which proves that the Royal Marines can become very attached to a Native Regiment.

Most Marines can visualise the Sinai Peninsula. After a comparatively narrow strip of sand and gravel, the land rises into the Siniatic mountains, which form a triangle, and culminate in the two peaks of Mount Sinai and Gebel Katarina, which are 9,000 feet high. Most maps of Arabia contain only two names, those of Mount Sinai and the Gulf of Akaba ; but a map with any wealth of detail will go to the trouble of marking the three following small towns : Tor, Abu Zenima, and Akaba. The incidents related here took place in the first named of these places in the beginning of 1915, a short time before the Turks carried out their unsuccessful attack on the Suez Canal.

The Sinai Peninsula is one of those places that cannot attract any but the hardiest of British settlers, consequently it was with a certain amount of surprise that we found that a Britisher was at the head of all things that mattered. It is proverbial that Scotsmen will be found in any and every part of the globe, and the one Britisher who greeted us at Tor hailed from north of the Tweed. This particular hardy Scot was sore distressed by the turn of events in his particular sector of the universe. A force said to number 200 Turks and hostile Arabs had unexpectedly arrived and made a camp too near to his home to be pleasant ; this in itself was bad enough, but worse was to follow : the few native police in the town had deserted in a body to join the opposition, no doubt fearing for their safety if they remained in Tor ; as these police knew so much about the local conditions, they would be invaluable to the enemy.

Accordingly the Scot sent an urgent message for help, and H.M.S. "Minerva," one of the ships patrolling the Red Sea, was sent with all speed to Tor. A party of Egyptian soldiers, under Colonel Parker, arrived at about the same time.

The Marine detachment landed at once, supported by a seamen's 12-pdr. field gun's crew, and hastily placed the town in a state of defence. Tor possessed a power station of sorts which provided the necessary juice for two of the ship's searchlights, which had been landed and mounted ashore, and supplied illumination to aid the defenders in the event of a night attack. This passive state of warfare could not continue for long ; the enemy position could be clearly seen from Tor, and it was only a question of time before one side or the other made some sort of a move. The order to prepare to attack the enemy position eventually arrived. The Marines and the Native soldiers were to attack, supported by the fire of the naval field gun. The enemy must have decided to execute some plan at precisely the same time, because the whole of his force could be observed on the move to our flank. The attack did not prove such a success as was anticipated, the enemy attempt



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to work round our flank seemed to upset all previous plans, and to the horror of the Royal Marines, it was found that our Native troops were retiring on Tor. Who gave the order, or why it was given, nobody quite knew. The Marines were hastily organised into a rear guard, and the retirement to Tor was carried out in quite an orderly manner, although almost at the rush. Possibly it was realised that the mopping up of that Turkish force was going to be too costly an affair, since the chance of a surprise attack had been lost.

After spending one more uneventful day, and an equally uneventful night, the whole of the landing party rejoined the ship. During the time the Marines had been serving on shore there had been no noticeable display of friendship between the detachment and the coloured soldiers, but merely considerable interested curiosity. One incident that happened provided much amusement for the " Royals," at the same time causing one member of the detachment to express his opinion of all natives in a forcible manner. Amongst the N.C.Os. was one person whose views on temperance did not exactly coincide with those of Pussyfoot Johnson. It is safe to say that his daily tot of rum could not be begged from him by his greatest friend whilst serving at sea ; therefore after dashing about on the beach under a scorching sun, the idea of parting with the tot under any conditions did not bear thinking about. Believing that the natives would not touch alcohol, he offered his tot of neat rum to one of the black soldiers standing around. It is doubtful whether he would have parted with one drop if the man had asked for it. The language of the N.C.O. on discovering that whilst he had been away to get some water to add to his precious drink, the native had gulped the tot, and even drained the basin, was indescribable.

On arrival back to the ship there was much talk as to what would happen at Tor. When the " Minerva " got under weigh, it looked as though the naval authorities had decided to leave the inhabitants of the place to the care of fate. This however was not the case ; at about 10 p.m. on the day of arrival at Suez, half a company of the Ghurkas mysteriously and silently arrived—this solved the riddle that had set the ship's company guessing as to why the hands had been ordered to spread all available canvas into screens round the upper deck, thus concealing the occupants of the upper deck from any prying eyes.

As is well known, the Ghurkas possess a great love for Highland regiments, and in India these sturdy black soldiers are often quartered near the Highlanders. It appeared to be a great novelty for these men to find themselves serving with the sailors, who they seemed to like intensely, but this friendliness could not be compared with that shown towards the Marines. Possibly they recognised they had so much more in common with the Sea Soldiers than they had with either the sailors or stokers, but in a miraculously short space of time the Marines and the Ghurkas became the staunchest of friends. In every corner of the upper deck could be seen men of the detachment chatting with the Ghurkas, whilst the sailors and stokers seemed to be content with standing aside on the fringe of the little groups, silently wondering at this amazing display of friendliness between the Marines and their new friends. The

Marines knew of the reputation earned by the Ghurkas for deadly work with their peculiar shaped knives when they arrived at close quarters with the enemy, and admired them because of this.

The plan of attack was made and explained whilst the ship was proceeding from Suez to Tor, the knowledge obtained by the detachment previously being made full use of. The landing was to be carried out under cover of darkness, at a point some distance from Tor, on the flank of the Turkish force. The night selected for the attack turned out to be quite as dark as could be expected, but the sea was just unkind enough to make most of the Ghurkas very sick, whilst proceeding from the ship to the shore. There is something almost uncanny about being towed towards a beach containing hostile troops in the dead of night—at least that was my impression, cramped up in an awful position alongside a maxim gun in the bows of a steam pinnace, as the indistinct outline of the land slowly began to appear ahead. Once on " terra firma " our companions soon lost all trace of the ill effects of their sea trip, their complete silence and orderly assembly served as an object lesson to us all.

The advance had to be carried out quickly, to obtain the cover of darkness, and by 3 a.m., whilst still quite dark the raiding party had arrived in a position suitable for carrying out the assault. To the great joy of the raiders they were assisted by the Turks in a manner hardly to be expected in modern warfare ; for the enemy had still a couple of camp fires smouldering, which served as a guide at the longer distance, and then silhoutted plainly two not very watchful sentries. At a given signal the sentries were rushed and dispossessed of their arms, before they had the chance to alarm their comrades or even had any idea of what was actually happening. The fact that the enemy had piled their arms suggests that they either expected a good night's sleep or reasonable warning of any attack, consequently they were totally unprepared for the fierce onslaught that followed, when a rushing mass swept over them, disturbing their slumber, without giving them any chance to make such defence as they would have been capable of had they been given any real warning, or opportunity to get at their rifles.

A description of the enthusiasm of the Ghurkas during this assault needs an abler pen than mine. Mere figures of the enemy casualties cannot quite convey a true picture either, although when the Marines took a hand in burying the 68 enemy dead the following morning, we thought we had a fair idea, and the sailors, too, were prepared to believe us when they saw the 112 prisoners, including one Turkish major, marched back to the ship under a strong escort of Royal Marines. The carrying out of such a successful attack without any loss seems almost impossible, yet this feat was nearly accomplished, the raiding party casualties were one Ghurka killed and one wounded. The loss of half of the landing party could not have made a deeper impression than did the death of this one brave Ghurka. The detachment in silent sorrow dug a grave within a short distance of the spot where he met his death, and it seemed the only fitting end that the Royal Marines, in their old-fashioned stained helmets and Condy's coloured uniform, should have the honour of providing the firing party. The interest, admiration and comradeship which existed between the detachment and the Ghurkas impressed everybody.

The Ghurkas were greatly impressed by the sympathy shown by the Marines, and it seemed quite natural that the only floral tribute of any kind should be a hand-made wreath of wild leaves from tropical plants, skilfully made into the shape of a kukri, bearing the words " In memory of a gallant soldier of the King Emperor.—From the Royal Marines." This last mark of respect touched the Ghurkas deeply, possibly because of its simplicity. The men of the detachment looked on it as their right to be allowed to provide the cot party to convey the wounded Ghurka to the Hospital at Suez.

When eventually the time came for our coloured comrades to leave the ship, and the Captain cleared lower deck to give the Ghurkas three cheers, it was a very considerate action on the part of the Commander to allot the position of vantage at the ship's side to the detachment. From the jetty the Ghurkas, led by one of the white officers, gave three cheers for the crew of H.M.S. Minerva. Was it our imagination or conceit that made us imagine that the extra cheer called for by one of these hardy soldiers from the State of Nepal, seemed louder and more sustained than any of the previous cheers ?

The arrival of the Australian soldiers to take the prisoners to Cairo, and the actual departure of these prisoners, appeared to have very little interest for any Marines other than the actual escort. The departure of our Ghurka friends eclipsed everything else that was happening.

There is no doubt that the Marines who served with the Ghurkas during those few days were convinced that the Highlanders who became so greatly attached to this particular regiment are wise judges of character and soldierly qualities.

NOTES ON TRANSPORT OF MACHINE GUNS—AFLOAT.

By D.P.A.

The mobility of a force is equal to that of its slowest unit. For this reason the subject of transport for Machine Guns in the Royal Marines afloat is an important matter of study and consideration.

The weight of a sub-section of Vickers Machine Guns is approximately 1250 lbs. The heaviest article in the load is the tripod of 52 lbs. ; the lightest is a cleaning-rod of 1 lb. Altogether there are 55 separate pieces to be carried, four of which are 48 lbs. or over, and thirty-three are 20 lbs. or over. This load is obviously too much to be handled by the Sub-section, consisting of 1 Sergeant, 2 Corporals, and 15 Marines.

The Sub-section cannot be split up, for to separate the guns from each other would make each useless. It must be remembered that each sub-section has only one range-finder, one director and stand, one lamp-box for night firing, one spare part box, and one field plotter. If a set of the equipment is supplied to each gun, the weight of each gun and its gear would become approximately 1150 lbs., whilst the weight of the sub-section would have been increased out of all proportion. In addition, under most conditions we should be unable to obtain fire effect with only one gun.

Now suppose H.M.S. Nonsuch is ordered to land a

sub-section of M.Gs. on a hostile shore, to support two companies of Royal Marines. The two companies have been ordered to seize a position roughly 3½ miles from the landing place, and under cover of the guns of the ship. Beyond the 3½ miles the country is unknown. There is no transport of any description to be found on shore.

The Sub-section Sergeant finds himself in the position of having to man-handle 1,250 lbs. for a distance of at least 3½ miles—no easy job. Extra men may have been asked for and been supplied. These, however, though lightening the individual loads, will not increase the speed of the force to any extent. The Infantry will attain their objective in about one hour. The Sub-section with their guns, etc., cannot get there in under two hours. One hour of valuable time has been lost ; the presence of the two guns may have been urgently needed. To go further the success of the operation may depend on their support.

It is clear that if Machine Guns are going to be landed for work with the forward troops, they must be as mobile as the Infantry. This suggests that some form of transport is required.

The writer considers that the transport should fulfil the following requirements :—

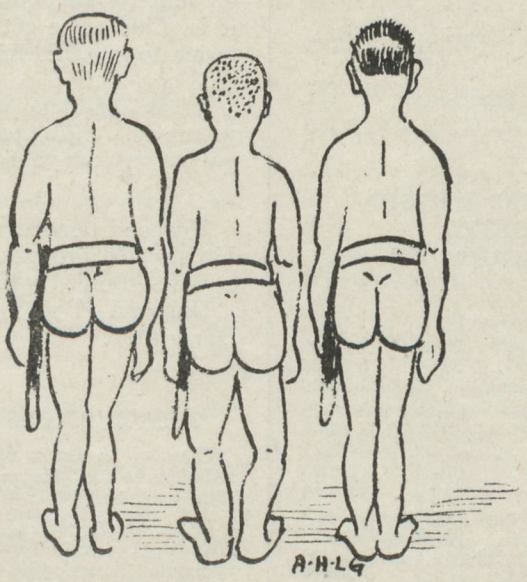
1. Easily stowed in H.M. ships, *i.e.*, taken to pieces.
2. Take up little room in boats full of troops, or better still, to be capable of being towed ashore (less guns, etc.).
3. Capable of standing a rough journey on shore, and to be drawn by the gun detachment.
4. Easily and quickly assembled on reaching the shore.
5. Easily and quickly dismantled to cross obstacles.
6. Some simple method of packing the limber.
7. Must be sufficiently mobile to keep up with the forward troops.
8. Capable of being towed by Mechanical Transport for training on shore in peace time.
9. Economical to make and maintain.

It is further suggested that the limber could be fitted with a canvas cover, capable of being slung between poles. This could be used for carrying the heavy parts forward for a few hundred yards, when it is impossible to move the transport any further.

It will be observed that the question of the Pack Mule has not been considered. Saddlery will perish quickly in H.M. ships without constant use and care. Besides the Marines storeroom is not suitable for stowing mules.

These points will give the R.M. Officer some idea as to what is required and the difficulties he will have to contend with.

It is an interesting subject, and much more could be written about it. Space, however, forbids. The writer feels that the sword is mightier than the pen.



DIVISIONAL ORDERS LITERALLY INTERPRETED.

No. 3456—Pay Parade.

"J" Company will parade with Belts and Side-arms at Pay Parade to-morrow.

OBITUARY.

MAJOR & Bt. LIEUT.-COL. JOHN BERNARD, ROYAL MARINES (retired).

We deeply regret to report the death of Major and Bt. Lieut.-Colonel John Bernard on the 27th September last. He joined the R.M.A. as a probationary 2nd Lieutenant on the 1st September, 1879, and was transferred to the R.M.L.I. subsequently as a Lieutenant. From the Plymouth Division he joined the *Orontes* in the Mediterranean in June 1882, and saw service in the Egyptian Campaign. He was landed at Alexandria, and was present with his company protecting the R.E. working party engaged in repairing the breach in the Cairo Railway, under the guns of the Egyptians on the night of the 20th July. He subsequently took part in the Reconnaissance in force on the 5th August, and the occupation of Ismailia. He was present at the actions of Tel el Mahata, Mahoameh, Kassassin (28th August), Kassassin (9th Sept.), and Tel el Kebir on the 13th September, 1882, and was later in garrison at Cairo. From Egypt he returned to Plymouth, and was seconded from 1885 to 1890 with the Commissariat and Transport staff. He was promoted to Captain in 1889, and in 1890 returned to the Portsmouth Division, embarking in the *Nelson* for two years from 1891 to 1893. From 1895 to 1897 he served in the *Devastation* at Devonport, and received his Majority in November of the latter year. From 1897 to 1902 he was seconded as Adjutant of the 4th Middlesex Rifle Corps. As a Major he served in the *Gibraltar* on the Cape Station from February 1903 till June 1904, and returned to the Portsmouth Division. He became a Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel in November, 1904 and retired in January, 1905.

During the Great War Lieut.-Colonel Bernard was appointed a Temporary Lieut.-Colonel in the Army Service Corps in August, 1915, and for his services was mentioned in despatches.

As a subaltern, John Bernard married Enid Mortimer Farmer in October, 1887.

Lieut.-Colonel Bernard was in possession of the Egyptian Medal with Tel-el-Kebir clasp, the Egyptian Bronze Star and the British War Medal.

ROYAL MARINE PENSIONERS WHOSE DEATHS WERE REPORTED during the period 1st to 31st October, 1926.

Name	*Pension No.*	*Rank*	*Div.*	*Regtl. No.*	*Date of Death*
BROUGHTON, W.	18895	Mne.	Ports.	10773	2-10-26
BYE, J. C. ..	12046	Cr,-Sgt.	Chat.	16 Co.	7- 9-26
CHAMPION, J. ..	12543	Mne.	Ply.	38	8-10-26
CONVOY, J. J. ..	12275	Cr.-Sgt.	Chat.		11-10-26
EDWARDS, C. ..	3368	Mne.	Ply.	1548	22-10-26
FLETCHER, H.	7424	Corpl.	Ply.	3629	14-10-26
HARDING, H. ..	21261	Mne.	Ply.	9 Co.	30-10-26
HARRIS, P. ..	12165	Mne.	Ply.	584	14-10-26
HICKLING, J. ..	15068	Mne.	Chat.	17 Co.	3-10-26
LOWERS, G. W.	10215	Mne.	Chat.	14149	29-10-26
MACK, W. ..	18725	Mne.	Chat.	15090	20-10-26
PEARTON, J. H.	11256	Bandr.2	R.M.B.	831	12- 7-25
ROBERTSON, R.	10667	Mne.	R.M.A.	5284	19-10•26
RUNCHMAN, A. E.	8366	Mne.	Chat.	2245	9-10-26
TALLENT, J. ..	7199	Mne.	R.M.A.	2046	12-10-26
THOMPSON, H. W.	724	Corpl.	Chat.	2615	28-10-26
TRAVERS: W. ..	7329	Mne.	Ports.	3017	17-10-26
WARD, J. ..	9831	Corpl.	Ports.	16908	22-10-26
WOOD, J. ..	9732	Cr. Sgt.	Chat.	45 Co.	24-10-26
WOOD, A. ..	10982	I. of G. 1st class	R.M.A.	216	7-10-26

RETIREMENT OF A PENSIONER RECRUITER.

The Recruiting Staff of the R.N. and R.M. have recently lost the services of a valuable member through the discharge, on account of age, of Clr.-Sgt. Thomas Morton, M.S.M., Plymouth Division.

He was the senior N.C.O. of the Manchester area and had served in that capacity since 1904.

He enlisted on the 18th August, 1885, and was discharged from the Recruiting Service, 30th September, 1926.

He was a very successful and popular recruiter, and as a mark of the esteem in which he was held, was entertained to a farewell dinner at Manchester, by the Recruiters of that area.

The Recruiting Staff Officer and members of the Recruiting Staff—which included Ch. Clr.-Sgt. Fred Williams, Ply. Q.M.S. I. Samuel Browne-King and Po. Q.M.S. Stanley Foster—were present and during the evening, Clr.-Sgt. Morton was presented with a handsome clock, subscribed for by the members of the Staff, and suitably inscribed in record of the occasion, also with a handbag for Mrs. Morton.

Clr.-Sgt. Morton expressed the pleasure it gave him at being honoured by the Staff as the guest of the evening, and thanked them on behalf of himself and Mrs. Morton for the gifts they had been presented with.

Clr.-Sgt. Morton is succeeded by Clr.-Sgt. Williams, and Ply. Clr.-Sgt. M. Pennington has joined the Staff vice Morton.

A revival was raging in a coloured church. The fruits had been considerable. One obdurate soul, however, resisted the efforts of the elder. Called to account for his reluctance, he replied: "Yo' see how it is, Elder, I'se got a problem. I don't see how I'se gwine to git mah shirt on ovah mah wings when I gits to Glory."

"Dat ain't no problem," retorted the exhorter promptly. "Yo' problem is how is yo gwine to get yo' hat on ovah yo' horns."—*St. Louis (Mo.) Pepper Box.*

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Husband (loaded with luggage, at railway station)—I wish we'd brought the piano, dear.

Wife—Don't try to be funny, George!

Husband—But I left the tickets on the piano!—*Hurty Peck.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "GLOBE AND LAUREL."

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions to the *Globe and Laurel*, received between 1st October and 12th November, 1926.:—

£6 18s. 4d., *Emperor of India*; £2 11s. 8d., *Royal Sovereign*; £2 1s., *Malaya*; £1 16s. 8d., *Ramillies* and *Durban*; £1 15s., *Cairo*; £1 12s. 3d., Plymouth Division; 16/-, *Tamar*; 12/4, *Enterprise*; 12/1, RM.O.C.A. Greenwich; 10/-, B. L. Desbarres; 10/6 *Effingham*; 11/4, R.M. Office; 9/-, *Cleopatra* and *Calypso*; 8/8, Shotley; 5/-, *Coventry* and *Diomede*; 6/- *Conquest*; 6/8, *Repulse*; 5/4, *Ganges*; 5/-, Messrs. McQuillan, Porter, Weshaw, Rogerson, Col. Rumbulow Pearse, Lt.-Col. Gritton, Surg.-Comdr. Baxter; 4/6, Sorenso & Co., Majors. Eady, Rowe, Hill & Huskisson, Cols. Kitcat and Harmar, Capt. Goldring, Lieut. Young and Messrs. Huxtable, E. G. Smith and Willmot, Army and Navy Veterans' Club, Gillingham; 4/-, Lieut. T. Kirby, Lt.-Cdr. Minter, Messrs. Payne, Lewis, Ovenell, Long and Jones.



CORPS GAZETTE

PROMOTIONS.

Major-Gen. G. J. H. Mullins, C.B., to Lieut.-Gen., vice Phillipps. Dated 3-12-26.

Col.-Comdt. R. H. Morgan, C.B.E., A.D.C., to Major-Gen., vice Mullins. Dated 3-12 26.

Col. 2nd Comdt. P. Molloy, to Col.-Comdt. Chatham, vice Morgan. Dated 3-12-26.

Lieut.-Col. G. L. Raikes, C.B., D.S.C., to Col. 2nd Comdt. Plymouth, Dated 31-10-26.

Lieut.-Col. R. V. T. Ford, C.B.E., to Col. 2nd Comdt., vice Molloy, and borne supy. whilst holding appointment of A.A.G., R.M. Dated 3-12-26.

Lieut.-Col. F. H. Griffiths, to Col. 2nd Comdt., Depot R.M., vice Ford. Dated 3-12-26.

Major (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) B. C. Gardiner, C.B., Po., to Lieut.-Col. Dated 31-10-26.

Capt. G. E. Wildman-Lushington (Flying Officer, R.A.F.) to Flight-Lieut. Dated 13-10-26.

Proby.-Lieut. J. C. Cairncross, Ply. Confirmed as Lieut. Dated 1-4-26.

APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut.-Gen. Picton Phillipps, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., to Retired List at own request. Dated 3-12-26.

Col. 2nd Comdt. H. D. E. O'Sullivan, C.B.E., Ply., at own request, in order to facilitate promotion of younger officers. Dated 31-10-26.

Major E. E. G. Cheeseman, Supy. List, R.M. (W/T.) to *Victory* for f.p.s.l. for period 1st Oct. to 9th Dec., 1926, inclusive.

Major J. T. de S. Washington, Po., to Corps Duty, and absd., vice Gardiner. Dated 5-11-26.

Capt. R. C. A. Glunicke, Ch., absd., vice Haworth-Booth. Dated 19-11-26.

Lieut. G. H. Morris, Po., to Corps Duty. Dated 10-11-26.

Lieut. R. C. Bullock to Depot, R.M., Deal, for duty, vice Capt. Lucas. Dated 12-11-26.

Commd. Bandmaster R. Walker, R.N.S. of M., to Retired List. Dated 20-10-26.

APPOINTMENT TO SHIPS.

Major H. E. Ravenshaw to transfer from *Resolution* to *Royal Oak*, and Lieut. V. H. Deane from *Royal Oak* to *Resolution*, on transfer of flag of Rear-Admiral, 1st B.S.

Capt. W. G. Quianlan, *Canterbury*, to transfer to *Marshal Soult* (and for duty on Staff of S.O. Reserve Fleet). Date of joining.

Capt. K. A. B. Puckle, Lieuts. F. P. C. Lordon, and H. R. D. Woods to *Ramillies* on recommissioning.

Capt. G. E. Wildman-Lushington, *Hermes*, to *Eagle*, and for full flying duties in 441 Fight. Date on relief.

Capt. C. P. Sparrow to *Despatch*. Date of joining.

Lieut. R. W. Gordon to *Furious*, addl. for deck-landing training in 421 Flight. Dated 1-9-26.

Lieut. C. J. Fell to *Canterbury*, on recommissioning.

Lieut. A. G. Warren *Eagle* to *Hermes*, and for full flying duties in 440 Flight. Date of joining.

R.M. Gnr. W. F. Weightman to *Hood*. Dated 15-12-26.

CHATHAM.

PROMOTIONS.

To Sergeant—Corpl. W. J. H. Haines.

To Clr.-Sergeant—Sergt. W. Clarke.

To Acting Corporal—Mne. S. W. Trappitt.

Reversion—Corpl. V. J. Haines to Marine; Acting Corpl. G. W. Sharp to Marine.

APPOINTMENTS.

1st Qr. Master's Dept.—Mne. K. Hiles, vice Mne. A. Hipkiss.

Mne. H. Haynes, as Attendant to Capt. Harris.

Supt. Fort Borstal Corpl. A. G. Willans.

Mnes. F. J. Clark and T. H. Kibord, att. Shoemakers' Shop for training.

Divl. Cook House—Mne. F. Mackie.

Dining Hall Attendant—Mne. G. H. Dunnett, *vice* Mne. F. J. Clark.

App. Printer—Corpl. F. C. Howse, *vice* Sergt. C. L. Williamson to duty C.Q.M.S. "A" Coy. app. con. Clr.-Sergt. Marshall.

Comdt's Office, training as Clerk—Mne. H. A. Hayden.

Storeman, 1st Q.M.'s Dept.—Mne. G. H. Fittall, *vice* Mne. A. G. Blackburn.

Pay Office, training as Clerk—Corpl. A. G. Smith.

Mne. H. W. Palmer, nom. for app. as Motor Driver this Division, *vice* Mne. J. W. Culloden to duty.

Fort Borstal Camp Duties—Clr.-Sergt. G. Rushworth.

Comdt's Office, app. Clerk—Mne. C. H. Vernon.

Marker, Fort Borstal—Mne. J. James.

Sergt. W. Beale, nom. for app. H.Q. Recruiter, vacancy which will occur 23rd instant.

Orderly Room Training Clerk—Mne. P. H. Harris.

Steward, Sergts' Mess—Sergt. A. Wilson.

DISCHARGES.

1st Period—Mnes. C. Davis, W. Butterfield, W. J. Harrington, G. Townsend, J. A. Potter.

2nd Period—Sergt. P. Rawson, Mnes. H. J. Gooch, G. H. Huxtable, W. J. Bristow, Clr.-Sergt. J. Calvert.

Invalided—Mnes. C. A. G. Hill, A. Scott.

MEDALS.

L.S. & G.C.—Sergt. F. Robinson and Mne. A. W. Hipkiss and Sergt. P. Curtis.

EMBARKATIONS.

Royal Oak—Sergt. W. T. Whitmore. **Pembroke**—Mnes. J. Bright, C. Higginson, S. W. Barrett, H. J. Tims, T. A. Hancock, J. Wright, W. Smith, J. Finney, J. A. Hansford, P. L. Mussett, W. B. Smith, A. Kellard, N. Foster, W. G. Jones, D. P. Delaney, A. Heal, R. Greer, W. Wise, P. L. Dixon, W. J. Probert, W. F. Lyall. **Benbow**—W. M. Davis, G. F. Lewis. **Royal Sovereign**—W. H. Childs. **Marlborough**—E. M. Perrin. **Repulse**—F. H. G. Kenney. **Renown**—A. E. J. V. A. E. A. Brown, A. T. Welsh. **Malabar**—C. E. J. Webb, H. Thomasson, A. W. Gardiner, T. F. Driers, W. D. Florance, E. W. Amson. **Hood**—E. E. Warren. **Shotley T.E.**—G. Smith. **Canterbury**—Sergts. W.E.F. Pledger, A. E. Stuart, Corpl. F. L. Hale, Mnes. G. Harmer, A. T. Tilney, L. J. Lew, R. G. Cook, H. A. Blackman, A. C. Wisdom, I. T. Jones, J. C. Harrison, W. E. Wells, T. Bell, G. W. Betts, W. E. Martin, A. E. Batson, L. S. Davis, A. G. Seymour, J. Byers, F. Deplidge, L. E. Hollingshead, H. J. Claydon, B. Smith, S. A. Harris. **Cleopatra**—Corpl. J. J. Devereux, Mnes. W. J. Bassett, W. Cole, C. D. Maybanks, F. W. Hunt, W. Callis, W. Cuthbertson, P. S. Nicholls, W. J. Purcell.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Pembroke—F. W. G. Barber, C. Rose, M. A. Raven, H. H. Harris, J. W. Williams, W. H. Saunderson, R. Cray, C. A. Ranshaw. **Endeavour**—J. Cuncliffe, A. W. Longs, B. Forester, G. F. J. Fullager, H. P. Cockcroft, H. Dadson, C. D. Maybanks, H. P. Romans, W. J. Grun, E. W. Taylor. **Royal Sovereign**—Mnes. F. Mackie, F. G. Attridge. **Benbow**—Mnes. J. L. Mead, H. Perkins. **Ramillies**—Mne. W. H. Pinwell. **Cyclops**—Corpl. A. G. Smith. **Defiance**—Mnes. A. B. P. Hitchcock, G. Smith, W. Cuthbertson. **Marlborough**—Mne. W. E. Birch. **Shotley T.E.**—Mne. J. H. Stringer. **Columbine**—Mne. J. Arbuckle. **Ajax**—Sergt. S. G. Groves, Corpl. W. T. Cooper, A. J. Scovell, Mnes. S. Bennett, J. S. Hughes, G. W. Sharp, T. Robson, A. G. S. Prout, P. H. Hart, C. E. Harber, D. H. Reynolds, H. Wright, W. Cobbett, H. Hetherington, G. J. S. Rickwood, W. Shipley.

PORTSMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Sergt.-Major (W.O.)—Q.M.S.I. A. A. Attwood.

To Q.M.S.I.—Sergt. C. McKnight, nominated for the appointment of Q.M.S.I., Land Service.

SENIORITY LIST.

Clr.-Sergts.—H. J. Kinch, J. H. Perkins, Frank Hill, A. P. Saunders, P. E. Stokes, C. E. Budd.

Sergeants.—W. B. A. Harbert, C. F. Fletcher, Harry Smith, F. A. Albury, G. D. Snook, A. J. Dawkins, W. J. Mustoo.

Corporals qualified for the rank of Sergeant.—E. H. Alyward, L. E. Lock, E. S. Weeks, W. A. Fowler, A. L. Hockin, F. W. G. Brimer, A. W. Brinkman, A. G. Crowther.

Marines qualified for the rank of Corporal.—J. Reynolds, H. Phipp, H. Turner, F. J. S. Gibson, C. E. Rappe, F. L. Jago.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C. Medal.—Clr.-Sergt. Hambly, Sergt. McKnight, Clr.-Sergt. E. H. Woods, Corpl. Newbold, Mnes. W. Phelps, J. Odey.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mne. E. M. Groom, as Groom to Captain A. P. Dawson.

Mne. G. H. Godwin, as Rangeman, Browndown.

Mne. R. W. Slough, as Clerk 2nd Quartermaster's (Ordnance) Dept.

Clr.-Sergt. P. W. Buckingham, to Orderly Room Duties, Fort Cumberland.

Mnes. A. E. Prior and V. Harvey, to Pioneers, Fort Cumberland.

Corpl. H. Duffett, N.C.O. i/c Barrack Stores at Fort Cumberland.

Mne. C. R. Magus, appointed Temporary Attendant Recreation Rm.

Extension of Appointment.—Sergt. Bird is extended until 6-12-27.

Sergt. C. W. Morgan to M.T.I. S.A. School.

Sergt. B. W. Gasson, as M.T.I. S.A. Depot.

Mne. E. E. Ireland, Pioneer, vice Mne. H. Nash, expiration of appointment.

Mne. R. McCurrach, as M.O.A. to Major Rutledge, to duty.

DISCHARGES.

Purchase.—Mnes. E. B. Bargent, F. C. Sheppard, N. M. Davies.

Invalided.—Mne. E. Bosworth, W. J. Pattle, G. M. Dallaway.

D.D.—Mnes. Higgins, C. J. Perry (H.M.S. Barham).

1st Period.—Mnes. W. J. Willis, Sydney White, Thomas Godley.

2nd Period.—Mnes. H. Moss, F. W. Collyer, A. E. Passell, F. D. Weyman, C. H. Day, C. E. Hine, W. N. Blundell.

TRANSFERS.

From Plymouth.—Mne. J. E. Collins.

From Chatham.—Q.M.S.I. C. R. Collins.

From Portsmouth.—Clr.-Sergt. Burt, to Depot, Deal.

From Portsmouth.—Mne. A. T. Kitchener, to Chatham.

From Chatham.—Mne. F. W. Warner, to Portsmouth.

CHANGES AFLOAT.

Dauntless to Dragon.—Mne. F. C. Riches.

Despatch to Durban.—Mne. C. F. Marshall.

Adamant to Lucia.—Mne. A. J. Brett.

Curlew to Calcutta.—Mne. Alfd. Martin.

EMBARKATIONS.

Barham—Mne. W. J. Priestley. **Alecto**—Corpl. J. H. Ripley; Mnes. W. H. Taylor, T. A. Culley, C. W. Sizer, A. Ackerman, J. T. A. Muckett, A. E. Garrett, G. Roberts, C. E. Taylor, W. J. Smith, A. R. Dummer, S. V. Kirby. **Dolphin**—Mne. F. Bowles. **Ramillies**—Mne. F. J. Stratford. **Victory**—Corpl. A. E. Ayling; Mnes. G. J. Day, T. J. Gale, Job Patey, F. W. Chapman. **Fisgard**—Mne. Harry Norris. **Iron Duke**—Mnes. A. E. Wellstead, J. H. Brown, N. F. Gale, J. Ainscough, W. J. Clissol, R. H. Harding, E. Chaplin. **Dryad**—Mne. A. R. Kimber. **Renown**—Corpl. Cornish. **Lucia**—Clr.-Sergt. W. H. J. Brockwell. **Furious**—Mne. W. J. Painter.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Vernon—Mne. W. E. Evans. **Assistance**—Clr.-Sergt. A. P. Saunders; Corpls. Bertie Chaffey, H. C. Proctor, Harry Duffett, W. R. Ramson, B. R. Millard, J. H. Ripley; Mnes. Thomas Molloy, Jessie Hammond, W. A. Normen, H. A. W. Dymott, F. R. Smith, E. A. Lammas, C. W. Richards, F. W. Woodhouse, A. E. Freeman, Bugler W. F. White. **Fisgard**—Mnes. Harry Frost, F. E. Branson. **Yarmouth**—Corpl. W. N. Blundell, Mne. John Doughty. **Dolphin**—Mne. Waldron. **Victoria and Albert**—Buglers F. Webb, C. H. Bucksey. **Revenge**—Mne. G. M. Dallaway. **Victory**—Sgt. F. W. Taylor, Mne. Andrew Irving. **Despatch**—Mne. C. F. Marshall. **Dolphin (Alecto)**—Corpl. J. H. Ripley, Mnes. H. Taylor, T. A. Culley, C. W. Sizer, A. Ackerman, J. T. A. Muckett, A. E. Garrett, G. Roberts, C. E. Taylor, W. J. Smith, R. Dummer, S. Kirby. **Effingham**—Corpl. Docherty. **Renown**—Mne. MacThomas.

PLYMOUTH.

PROMOTIONS.

To Clr.-Sergt.—Sergt. Jack Burnett.

To Sergeant—Corpl. Frank Brett.

SENIORITY LIST.

Sergeants—F. J. Oakes, C. J. Standlick, R. O. Pughe, H. Gane, J. Plowman, Chas. O'Farrell.

Corporals—N. V. Bishop, Geo. Oliver, H. J. Leese, F. C. Gill, A. J. Hooper, F. J. Pritchard.

AWARDS.

L.S. & G.C. Medal.—Sergt. James Hayton.

APPOINTMENTS.

Attendant to Lt. R. C. Bullock—Mne. G. Reed.

M.T.I. (2nd Class)—Sergt. H. Gane.

TRANSFERS.

To Royal Dragoons—Mne. F. W. Wilsher.

From Somerset L.I.—Musn. O. F. H. Budina.

PENSIONER RECRUITER (MANCHESTER).

C.S.M. J. Pennington.

DISCHARGES.

To Pension—Clr.-Sergt. W. P. Cook, Mne. B. Packer.

1st Period of Engagement—Mnes. S. C. Kirby, A. E. Harris, R. Stephenson.

Invalided—Mnes. F. W. H. Woodley, E. E. Woon.

By Purchase—Mne. G. W. Praill.

EMBARKATIONS.

Comus—Corpl. A. J. Hooper. **Colossus**—Sergt. W. T. Dempsey, Corpl. A. H. Symons. **Defiance**—Mnes. W. Hall, A. Hopkins, J. A. Jones, F. S. J. Smith, C. V. Partridge, H. W. C. Short, A. S. Chambers, J. Hodges, H. P. Kingsford, W. Grice, C. Tucker. **Emperor of India**—Mne. F. Johnson. **Eagle**—Lieut. H. A. Bass ; Clr.-Sergt. T. A. Cooper, Sergt. J. Warren, Corpls. W. H. Field, E. J. Walker, J. Levins, J. H. Morse, Mnes. G. E. Hutchby, A. H. Dennett, R. Gregory, J. T. Joy, T. H. Cummings, G. Ford, D. Robertson, W. Hannaford, J. H. Northcott. S. G. Smith, W. Leathem, F. D. McColgan, R. A. Wootton, J. M. Howell, A. F. Rogers, F. C. Johnson, F. G. Bryant, Wm. Trim, J. J. McGauran, R. Williams, E. Tucker, J. D. Evans, C. R. M. Gibbons, E. J. Coles, F. H. Green, R. Blandford, C. Berriman, R. Bolger, W. Summers, J. Henwood, E. A. Patterson, C. M. Atkins, W. N. Brown, S. Beresford, F. W. Smith, T. A. Freeman, A. Moran, E. Springhall, G. W. Winspear, P. A. Scully, Buglers M. Towsend, T. C. Baker. **Erebus**—Mnes. D. Knowles, W. E. Ellis. **Impregnable**—Corpl. R. Tillier, Sergt. W. G. Hawke, Mnes. J. Cose, E. J. Dugdale, J. H. Johns. **Maidstone**—Corpl. A. H. Tull, Mne. W. H. N. Dorrell. **Pegasus**—Sergt. O'Brien. **Ramillies**—Mne. E. F. J. Neal. **Tamar**—Sergts. J. Jenkins, S. W. Wallbutton, W. Riddler, A. J. Quaintance, Corpls. J. A. Beckford, H. A. Jenkins, E. R. Godwin, W. H. Squires, Mnes. W. C. Rolf, C. C. Matthews, C. W. Mears, E. J. Sims, F. J. Mewhort, W. Willows, A. Jones, W. Hooper, F. G. Jones, T. H. Adams, D. E. Price, B. A. Whelan, J. T. Forward, S. R. Perriam, H. Kelly, A. K. Mann, B. J. Palmer, H. Hillier, W. T. Springett, Wm. Wills, T. J. Wood, R. Atkinson. **Valiant**—Prob. Lieut. J. S. Martin, Mne. C. A. White. **Vernon**—Mnes. J. E. Mallett, W. J. Thompson, T. J. Hill. **Command Deal**—Clr.-Sergt. A. Dillon, Mnes. H. P. Kingsford, H. J. Kelly, B. F. F. Radford, W. F. Lord, J. Button.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Eagle—Clr.-Sergt. R. S. Bray, Sergts. A. Brace, C. R. Walsh, Corpls. W. Morse, H. Hewitt, Buglers J. Vince, D. Dodd, Mnes. C. W. Ford, W. Warrilow, F. Chadwick, I. Hobbs, H. Smallshaw, G. Foxall, G. A. Evans, W. Salter, L. Snow, Jno. Cartney, W. Hyman, J. Jall, R. V. Johns, R. V. Williams, A. Libby, T. Weir, J. Perry, G. Towse, E. Cooper, E. Roden, P. Thomas, W. Wolstenholmes, P. J. L. Allum, W. R. Field. **King George V.**—Sergt. C. J. Standlick, Mnes. W. J. Bowlcott, G. C. Graham, S. T. Hampton, J. A. Parker, A. W. Docerill, J. E. Townley, J. McKee, H. Cotterell, E. R. Bishop. **Alecto**—Corpl. W. S. Sykes, Mnes. J. S. Gardiner, F. Boon, A. Greenslade, C. Bellamy, J. Packer, W. Turner, A. Sanders, G. Mansfield, A. Strange, C. French, W. Courage. **Defiance**—Mnes. W. McQuade, W. Hall, A. Hopkins, C. V. Partridge, H. W. C. Short, J. A. Jones, F. S. Smith, A. S. Chambers, H. P. Kingsford. **Victory**—Mne. F. W. Cresswell. **Pegasus**—Sergt. W. J. Kelly. **Colossus**—Sergt. W. S. Dempsey, Mne. A. A. D. Pack. **Comus**—Corpl. R. J. Healy. **Ramillies**—Mne. W. Jones. **Impregnable**—Mnes. J. Penwarne, A. E. Siddall.

DEPOT.

APPOINTMENTS.

N.C.O. i/c Recreation Rooms (South).—Corpl. E. G. Tucker.

N.C.O. i/c Recreation Rooms (East).—Corpl. S. Gutteridge.

Rects. Staff, P.R.T.I.—Sergt. H. W. Dean.

Barber.—Mne. A. Chiswell.

M.T. Driver Mechanics.—Mne. F. Watkins.

Attendt. to Lieut Watts.—Mne. R. J. Slator.

Attendt. to Surg.-Comdr. Kelly.—Mne. W. H. Peters.

Bath-house Man.—Mne. C. B. Lansdowne.

Attendt. to Col.-Comdt. R. C. Temple, O.B.E.—Mne. G. Murby.

Clerk Staff Office.—Corpl. G. S. Burridge.

M.T.I. (M.).—Sergt. C. R. Walsh.

PROMOTION.

Po. Clr.-Sgt. R. C. Burt, D.S.M., to Bk. Q.M.S.

AWARD.

L.S. & G.C. Medal presented to Mne. R. J. Slator.

MOVES.

To Chatham—

Mnes. R. MacMahon, S. H. Newell, F. W. Gates, A. E. Batson, A. C. Stevens, J. W. Humphreys, Sergt. H. G. Waring, Bglrs. A. G. J. Bumpus, L. A. Mann, Mnes. Ed. Barnes, Fredk. Rolls.

To Portsmouth—

Mne. H. S. Hansford, Sergts. A. Combes and J. Taylor, Clr.-Sgt. A. Duffield, Mne. L. N. Mason, Sergt. F. V. Roue, Mne. A. E. Malcolm, Bglrs. J. G. Bowles and W. H. R. Clayton, Mnes. L. I. Lane, D.S.M., Thos. Hunter, T. H. Cooper.

To Plymouth—

Mnes. I. J. Davis, S. Evans, L. E. C. Elliott, Bglrs. S. J. L. Chapman and W. A. Thomas, Mne. F. J. F. Pinwell.

DISCHARGES.

N.L.B.E.—Mnes. A. Jones, A. Kennedy.

Purchase.—Mnes. F. G. Sheppard, J. A. Davies.

Pension.—Bk. Q.M.S. S. Dolding, Mne. G. H. Huxtable.

Invalided.—Mnes. M. Lawes, R. G. Hatherall, C. R. Buckle, T. M. Goffin.

R.N. SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

PROMOTIONS.

To Bandmaster. (W.O.).—C.S.M. C. J. L. Hamilton, L.R.A.M.

To Company Sergt.-Major (on probation).—B.M.I. Elsom Clayton.

To Bandmaster 1st Class.—B.M II. G. L. Read, J. W. Relph.

To Bandmaster 2nd Class.—Band Corporals J. W. H. Ferry, W. W. Turner, A. E. McCormick.

To Band Corporals.—Lance-Corpl. A. E. Collier, Frank Penrose.

PROMOTION ROSTER.

To Bandmaster 1st Class.—B.M. II. Sidney Dennis, S. A Howse, E. W. Donne, Walter Pryce, M. H. Lane, G. C. Holloway.

To Bandmaster 2nd Class.—Band Corporals T. A. Webb, W. A. Firminger, W. F. Overbury, G. H. Lightfoot, C. R. M. Robinson, A. A. Davies.

To Band Corporal.—Musicians A. J. Stedman, H. G. Rule, J. H. Williams, W. H. W. Rule, A. H. Sturmy, Wm. Lang.

DISCHARGES.

Termination of his second period of engagement.—Bandmaster 1st Class F. G. Stagg.

Purchase.—Musician L. S. Robberts.

Invalided.—Band Boy A. J. Hunt.

EMBARKATIONS.

Renown—Bandmaster 2nd Class Job Allen, Band Corporal E. W. Thomas, Musicians W. A. Carter, H. T. C. Goddard, F. C. Harding, Wm. Sturtivant, R. H. W. Hales, C. A. Hastings, T. E. Pittard, A. G. Draper, George Cockcroft, Frank Wilkinson, W. J. Wilson ; Band Boys James Beecham, P. G. Renn. **Pembroke**—(R.N.B.)—Musicians C. J. Allingham, H. W. Burley, J. H. Warnes, C. L. Partridge, A. G. Mann, A. E. Spuffard, G.A.Procter, Leonard Venning, John Ladyman, Henry Daines, C. D. Gibson, T. E. Chapman ; Band Boy E. W. J. Goater. **Iron Duke**—Band Corporal V. C. Hardy. **Pembroke** (C.-in-C.)—Mus. J. E. Roberts. **Repulse**—Band Boy F. P. Guy. **Impregnable** (T.S.)—Bandmaster 2nd Class C. E. F. Prior. **Benbow**—Musician W. H. Baker. **Tiger**—Musician G. R. Watts. **Furious**—Musician H. M. Lacey. **Impregnable** (C.-in-C.)—Bandmaster (W.O.) Samuel Taylor, L.R.A.M.

DISEMBARKATIONS.

Renown—Bandmaster 2nd Class Walter Pryce ; Band Corporal B. A. Stevens ; Musicians W. S. Walters, W. J. Branchflower, Charles Smith, W. A. J. Perry, S. A. Bushell, H. H. Smith, A. H. George, Derrick Collier, A. E. Ridout, James Williams, J. L. Freeman, Robert Moncur, R. M. Law, **Pembroke** (R.N.B.)—Musicians Vernon Furneaux, G. T. Pullinger, Frank Wilkinson, A. C. Norris, W. D. Read, J. W. Fairs, A. V. Knights, Roland Page, F. H. Stoner, James Jenkinson, R. E. Burke, George Jackson, W. J. Wilson, **Victory** (R.N.B.)—Band Corpl. P. D. Evans ; Musician C. E. Brand. **Emperor of India**—Band Corpl. B. H. Smith ; Musician A. E. Booker. **Furious**—Musician John Costigan. **Iron Duke**—Band Corpl. A. J. Jones. **Pembroke** (C.-in-C.)—Musician L. S. Robberts. **Benbow**—Musician Sidney Williams. **Impregnable** (T.S.)—Bandmaster 1st Class Wm. Martyr. **Tiger**—Band Corporal A. D. Scott. **Royal Oak**—Band Corporal Wm. Knight. **Impregnable** (C.-in-C.)—Bandmaster (W.O.) Henry Lodge.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Hewlett-Bourchier.—An engagement is announced between S. J. Hewlett, Esq., of London, and Miss Mabel Bourchier, daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. Bourchier, Royal Marines, late of South Brent, Devon. The wedding will take place at Bath on January 27th, 1927.

Bearcroft-Rees.—A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between E. C. L. Bearcroft, Royal Marines, and Miss Enid F. C. Rees, sister of the late J. L. Rees, Royal Marines.

YORKSHIRE TRAIN WRECK

Daily Mail .

Pays Sergeant's Widow £3,500

Under the "Daily Mail's" offer of Free Insurance a sum of £3,500 was recently paid to the widow of

Sergt. A. Newbolt, M.M.,
1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I.,
Broadlees, DOVER,

who was killed in the railway smash at Rotherham on November 19 last.

A further sum of £3,500 was paid to the widow of Mr. Zachariah Bailey, 9, Willow Park, Pontefract, who was killed in the same accident. Three payments of £3,500 have been made this year, the previous payment having been made in connection with the fatal accident to a train at Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, during the general strike last May. In addition to the three payments of £3,500 this year four others of £1,000 have been made since January 1.

There have also been 180 other cases in which death benefits of £250 each have been paid since January 1—a total of 187 fatal accident claims this year.

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